

Truman Proposes Five-Point National Health Program

Weather
 FORECAST: Cloudy with occasional rain tonight. Partly cloudy Tuesday with snow flurries in mountains. Slightly cooler tonight.
 Temp.
 Highest Yesterday 56
 Lowest this Morning 40
 Prec. to 8 A. M. Today .44

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INSURANCE PLAN TO PAY MEDICAL COSTS IS PHASE

Fortieth Year



(Acme Telephoto) Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, naval commander at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked (left), and Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, the Hawaiian Army commander of 1941, listen as special congressional Pearl Harbor committee begins the first public inquiry into the Pearl Harbor disaster. Both are listed as key witnesses among the 30 tentative witnesses to appear before the committee.

Who Ordered Battleships Massed at Pearl? Investigators Seek to Fix Responsibility

Washington, Nov. 19—(U.P.)—Pearl Harbor investigators sought today to determine who ordered most of the battleships of the Pacific fleet to be anchored in a close formation in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, where they proved to be an easy target for Japanese planes.

Rear Adm. T. B. Inglis, chief of U. S. navy intelligence, said that "presumably" Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, who was commander in chief of the Pacific fleet at the time, issued the order governing disposition of the ships in the harbor.

Heavy Loss Result
 Inglis had testified previously that a large part of the Pacific fleet was anchored opposite Ford Island in the harbor the morning the Japanese struck. He said the Japanese sank four battleships, a medium cruiser and an auxiliary vessel, heavily damaged one battleship, two cruisers and three destroyers, and lightly damaged two battleships and a light cruiser.

Rep. Bertrand W. Gearhart, R., Calif., asked Inglis about the battleship orders as the hearing went into its fourth day.

It was announced that former Secretary of State Cordell Hull—previously listed as a probable witness—would be called as a witness later this week if his health permits. It was presumed that Hull would be asked to testify about this government's interpretation of intercepted Japanese diplomatic messages. Inglis said he had no knowledge of the interpretation of the messages.

Turn Back Provided
 Earlier examination of Inglis by Sen. Owen Brewster, R., Me., brought out that the Japanese force which struck Pearl Harbor had instructions as late as Dec. 2 to turn back if diplomatic negotiations were successful in gaining Japanese ends.

In testimony Saturday, Inglis referred to the "turn back" provision in connection with an order issued Nov. 25, 1941—the day before the Jap striking force steamed out of Hitokapu bay toward Hawaiian waters.

Order Coded
 On Dec. 5 the Japanese force

D'GAULLE VOTED ANOTHER CHANCE TO SOLVE CRISIS

Paris, Nov. 19—(U.P.)—The French assembly by a vote of 358 to 139 decided today to give Gen. Charles DeGaulle another chance to solve the critical government crisis caused by the split between DeGaulle and the communists.

The vote came after a bitter attack upon DeGaulle by Jacques Duclos, communist party secretary. The communists—largest party in the assembly—abstained from voting on whether DeGaulle should have another chance.

The decision to let DeGaulle try once more to organize a coalition government of socialists, communists and popular republicans came largely through the plea of the socialists that France not drop her war-time leader without giving him one more opportunity to put a government together.

The decision, in effect, gives DeGaulle a breathing spell to attempt to work out a solution but there was no indication in the fiery speech of Duclos that the communists were prepared to back down on their demand for a major cabinet post—foreign affairs, war or interior.

This demand, rejected by DeGaulle, caused the crisis.

SIX MEET DEATH IN BUS SMASHUP

Tooele, Utah, Nov. 19—(U.P.)—Civilian and military authorities today sought clues to the identity of two servicemen and a civilian whose charred bodies were recovered yesterday from the twisted wreckage of a Pacific Greyhound bus.

Three other victims, a soldier and two sailors, were identified last night by scorched bits of paper in their wallets. The names were withheld, however, pending notification of next of kin.

The victims—charred beyond recognition—were pinned in the blackened wreckage and burned to death when the diesel-motored vehicle careened off the highway and completely overturned, witnesses said.

The driver said he had been traveling east at 42 miles an hour when the left front tire blew, throwing the bus out of control on the ice-coated highway.

MERRILL, GUNGER TAKEN TO PRISON

Robert Ben Merrill, convicted by a circuit court jury last week of assault and robbery, was sentenced to the maximum term of not to exceed 20 years in state prison by Judge Herbert K. Hanna Saturday. With Eddie Gungor, navy sailor, sentenced to a year in state prison on an auto theft charge, Merrill was taken to the state institution Saturday afternoon.

Merrill, possessor of a long criminal record, showed no emotion when sentenced but according to authorities was deeply depressed. Before sentence was passed Merrill told the court his wife had nothing to do with his escape from the county jail last August, a few weeks after his arrest on the robbery charge. He was sentenced to a year in the county jail on the jail break charge.

Merrill, testimony in his trial showed, assaulted Dave Hicklin, with a beer bottle, after a tour of local taverns. Hicklin was in the hospital with head injuries for a time after the attack. Merrill for a number of years did orchard work in this section.

Gungor, stationed at Camp White, stole an auto here and later was arrested. He entered a plea of guilty.

PRINTERS TIE-UP SEATTLE PAPERS

Seattle, Nov. 19—(U.P.)—Seattle residents were without newspapers today as a result of a strike of members of the Seattle union of the International Typographical union (AFL), who left their jobs in support of demands for wage increases.

The Hearst morning daily the Post-Intelligencer, and two evening publications—the Star and the Daily Times—all were affected by the action.

Representatives of the publishers issued a statement that they "stood ready to resume negotiations with the union at any time."

"The union demanded an increase in pay from \$10.35 a day, an increase of \$2.95 or 28 per cent. In addition, the proposal demanded conditions which would greatly increase the cost of operations."

Vivian Lindquist Latest Entry In Bond Queen Race

Latest entry in the Victory Queen contest is the Junior Chamber of Commerce's candidate—Vivian Lindquist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lindquist, of route 2, box 18-B.

At present employed as secretary to L. A. McCormick, manager of the Big Y, the attractive, brown-haired Miss Lindquist is a graduate of Medford high school in the class of 1944. With the backing of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, she is expected to be among the leaders in the final judging.

Clubs and organizations may still submit names of candidates and any girl desirous of entering the contest may secure application blanks at the Chamber of Commerce or Craterian theater. Ballots and ballot boxes have been placed at both banks, Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan Assn., Grocerteria No. 1, Postoffice and at Camp White.

RESCUERS BATTLE THROUGH DRIFTS

Walla Walla, Wash., Nov. 19—(U.P.)—Rescue parties attempting to bring out 58 stranded hunters from the mountain wild 15 miles south of Pomeroy, Wash., battled with snowsheds today to open up two miles of road choked under 18 feet of snow after a rotary snowplow stalled beyond its depth, rangers said.

Rescue of the group of hungry, chilled hunters, snowbound for 19 days, was further delayed when a tractor used by a small group of soldiers and forest rangers who broke through on snowshoes to the party last night, ran out of gas before contact with the snowplow was made.

LEGION'S HELP MAY BE OFFERED IN MERGER ROW

Investigating Committee Talked For Study of Nation's Armed Force Unity

Chicago, Nov. 19—(U.P.)—The American Legion may offer its services in making an unbiased investigation of the proposal to merge the nation's armed forces.

The resolution committee of the Legion's 27th annual convention, was reported today to be considering urging the formation of an investigating committee to report on the merger question before the next session of congress.

Adm. King Heard
 The Legion, divided within its own ranks on the controversial unification of command issue, last night heard one of the foremost opponents against a single department of national defense.

Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the U. S. fleet, sounded the navy's opposition to the proposed merger yesterday, when he recommended that a presidential commission investigate the plan.

King, speaking before the opening session of the Legion's 27th annual national convention, declared that before any action is taken the problem should be studied by a special board of civilian and military leaders.

Favor Training Plan
 In addition to the unified command argument, the Legionnaires favored action on a recommendation to endorse President Truman's request for one-year universal training.

The parade of high army and navy officers will continue throughout the convention with General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower scheduled to appear tomorrow. Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle of the army air forces and Brig. Gen. Kenneth C. Royall, undersecretary of war, will address the convention on Wednesday.

NEW CAR PRICES ABOUT SAME AS IN JANUARY '42

Ford Up 2, Studebaker 9 Per Cent—G.M. Products 2.5 Lower; Chrysler up 1

Washington, Nov. 19—(U.P.)—The car-hungry public was told today that new 1946 model automobiles will sell for about the same average retail prices that prevailed in January of 1942.

The OPA, after a series of delays, finally announced its "anti-inflation" reconversion pricing formula but included specific dollar and cents ceilings for only two companies, Ford and Studebaker. On other makes, however, it gave the public definite information on what to expect.

In general, Fords will sell at two per cent higher than in 1942; Studebaker, nine per cent higher; General Motors products (Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Buick and Cadillac) 2.5 per cent lower; and Chrysler products (Plymouth, Dodge, DeSoto and Chrysler) about one per cent higher.

Some Unpriced
 Information still is being prepared on Packard, Nash and Hudson prices.

The OPA did not explain specifically why average General Motors prices would be lowered while others were increased. It said only that the move was indicated by information submitted by GM itself.

"Price Chief Chester Bowles said that average factory prices, apart from extra costs for specification changes, would be 3.5 per cent higher than in 1942. But to the buying public he gave this assurance:

"This increase in factory prices will not be passed through to the car buyer.

"Dealers normal pre-war initial margins will be uniformly reduced by 2.5 per centage points, which will assure the 1942 retail prices on the average for all cars. Because of the elimination or reduction in the losses which they formerly were forced to take on used cars, dealers are, however, assured margins considerably above those actually realized before the war."

CHINA COMMUNISTS WIN IN RACE FOR MANCHURIA

Chungking, Nov. 19—(U.P.)—China's communists have won the race for Manchuria and are deploying 500,000 well-equipped troops to hold the vast northern territory against the central government armies, informed sources said today.

Changchun, capital of Manchuria, and virtually every other key city in the territory were reported in communist hands after an almost bloodless coup that nationalist sources tacitly blamed on Russia's "passive intervention."

Government spokesmen admitted the loss of Changchun, but they were silent on the reported communist seizure of Mukden, Chinchow and Antung in southern Manchuria and Harbin and Lung Kiang in the north.

If confirmed, the communist triumph appeared to signal the end of the protracted peace negotiations in Chungking that so far have limited China's civil war to a series of relatively small skirmishes along the Manchurian border.

Three powerful nationalist columns already were on the march against the communists. One was inside Manchuria and moving slowly northward toward Mukden after breaching the great wall at Shanhaikwan, on the eastern coast.

HELLO GIRLS IN ILLINOIS STRIKE

(By United Press)
 An operators' strike disrupted telephone service in Illinois today, and the nation's labor troubles grew as representatives of 350,000 automobile workers met in Detroit to consider calling a strike.

About 308,000 workers were idled throughout the nation in strikes and shutdowns.

In New York, the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees union (CIO) delivered what it termed a "final message" to the Montgomery Ward & Co. The union offered to withdraw demands for union shop and dues checkoff if the mail-order firm consented to arbitration of other disputed issues.

NAZI STRICKEN ON EVE OF HEARINGS

Nuernberg, Nov. 19—(U.P.)—Ernst Kaltenbrunner, number-one hatchet man of the Nazi gestapo, suffered a cranial hemorrhage in his cell last night that will prevent his appearing in court if the war crimes trials open on schedule tomorrow.

Kaltenbrunner, who has been charged with ordering the deaths of thousands of concentration camp inmates, showed some improvement this morning after doctors had worked over him throughout the night.

Kaltenbrunner's sudden illness injected a new complication into the allied prosecution plans, already upset by Russian and French threats to walk out of the trial unless some representative of German big industry is added to the roster of defendants.

Gen. Eisenhower At Ill Wife's Bedside

Boone, Ia., Nov. 19—(U.P.)—General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower today maintained a vigil beside the bedside of his wife, under treatment at the Boone County Hospital for bronchial pneumonia.

Mrs. Eisenhower, 49, was stricken Saturday night and taken to the hospital just two hours after arriving here for a visit with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Joel E. Carlson. X-ray plates showed some congestion in both lungs.

Prowler Leaves Telltale Prints

Portland, Ore., Nov. 19—(U.P.)—Jack Parker, 29, today was charged with prowling his employer's store after he was arrested at his nearby room.

Parker had stepped into a pile of plaster, leading the police direct to his room via large and clear white footprints.

Parker confessed the burglary.

BLAST-INJURED MAN IN FAIR CONDITION

The condition of Joseph Proctor, about 45, who was injured shortly after noon Sunday when 25 dynamite caps exploded, was described as fair by today by officials at Community Hospital.

Proctor was working for Guerrin Brothers, contractors, at Union Creek, when the caps with which he was preparing to set off a blast exploded, according to George Davis, who brought the injured man to the hospital in the Perl ambulance.

The Irish language must be taught in every national school in the Irish Free State.

Legion Honor To Late President

Chicago, Nov. 19—(U.P.)—The Roosevelt family today added the American Legion's highest award, the distinguished service medal, to the late president's many tributes.

Cmdr. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., accepted the medal yesterday for his father before thousands of Legionnaires at the opening session of the annual convention.

SHIPPER DIES

Portland, Ore., Nov. 19—(U.P.)—Hector M. Hunt, 56, shipping executive on the west coast and in the Orient, died today in a Portland hospital. Funeral services will be held Wednesday.

Stingeroo!



(Acme Telephoto) Whole hive of stingers made a bee-line for Jimmie Allison, 2, San Bernardino, Calif., when he stumbled into their honey home while playing. Now, swollen but wiser about the ways of bees, he is recovering from critical case of poisoning and shock after he was given adrenalin.

Jap Colonel Boasts Order To 'Kill Americans Cruelly'

Manila, Nov. 19—(U.P.)—A Japanese colonel boasted in court today that he ordered his troops to "kill Americans cruelly" and to slaughter Filipino women and children if necessary.

Col. Masatoshi Fujishige, a prisoner of war who commanded 6,000 Japanese soldiers in the Batangas area south of Manila, was brought into court as one of the final prosecution witnesses in the atrocity trial of Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita.

Squinting sullenly at his American interrogators, the shabby little colonel bragged that he had ordered his men to fight without mercy in the final days of the Luzon campaign.

"I issued an order to kill the Americans cruelly and not with one stroke," he said. "Also to shoot guerrillas, including women and children."

Maj. Robert M. Kerr, Port-

Federal Aid For Hospital, Health Center Construction Recommendations

Washington, Nov. 19—(U.P.)—President Truman today proposed a broad five-point national health program, recommending that congress adopt a compulsory national health insurance system for the prepayment of medical costs.

Stressing that what he was recommending was "not socialized medicine," the president set forth his program in a lengthy message to the house and senate.

Federal Aid Advocated
 Mr. Truman's basic recommendations for legislative action were:

1. Federal aid for construction of hospitals, health centers and other facilities where they are needed.
2. Increased use of federal funds to expand cooperative state-federal public health, maternal and child health service.
3. Federal aid to support more adequate professional education and the advancement of research on the cause, prevention and cure of cancer and mental illnesses.
4. A compulsory national health insurance system to assure prepayment of medical costs under a plan which would leave patients free to choose their own doctors and hospitals.
5. Disability insurance for protection against loss of wages because of sickness and disability.

Early Action Asked

The president urged congress to give careful consideration to his program now. The nation's economic productivity, he said, will increase in direct ratio to improvement in the national health.

"Appreciation of modern achievements in medicine and public health has created widespread demand that they be fully applied and universally available," the president told congress.

"By meeting that demand we shall strengthen the nation to meet future economic and social problems; and we shall make a most important contribution toward freedom from want in our land."

The president, saying that all American citizens should have ready access to all necessary medical and hospital services, recommended that the basic problem involved be solved by distributing the costs through expansion of the existing compulsory social security insurance system.

Mr. Truman proposed compulsory health insurance which would cover medical, hospital, nursing and laboratory services, and dental care.

His plan would call for establishment of a national health fund which he said would assure adequate support for doctors and hospitals everywhere.

Local Administration

He proposed that the nationwide system be highly decentralized in its administration with local administrative units adapting local services to local needs and conditions.

Repeatedly emphasizing that his plan would not amount to socialized medicine, the president said the people should remain free to choose their own doctors and hospitals. Removal of financial barriers between the patient and the doctor, he asserted, "would enlarge the present freedom of choice."

At the same time, he added, the people would remain free to obtain and pay for medical services outside the health insurance system.

COL. LUKE LEA DIES

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 19—(U.P.)—Funeral arrangements were being made today for Col. Luke Lea, former U. S. senator and newspaper publisher who made a sensational attempt to capture the German kaiser at the end of World War I. Lea, 66, died at Vanderbilt hospital yesterday after a brief illness.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

J. C. (Mairzy Doats) Deaver bemoaning the fact that his vocal aspirations were completely overlooked this year by both the press and officials for the Armistice day celebration.

Sgt. Dan Hull wishing he was home for 53 years instead of a mere 53 days.

U. S. National bank bookkeepers carrying on business by candlelight this morning.

Victory Loan Drive
 "E" Quota \$525,000
 "E" Sales to Date
\$130,644
 Remainder to sell.....\$394,356