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GEN. MARSHALL TO TESTIFY MONDAY IN PEARL PROBE

Rep. Gearhart Says Full Facts Not Told Yet — Eye Message Delay

Washington, Dec. 1 (U.P.)—Gen. George C. Marshall may go before the Pearl Harbor investigating committee Monday to give his version of why we were whipped in the war's opening battle.

Sen. Walter F. George, D. Ga., said tonight that the former chief of staff—who will be leaving for China soon as diplomatic successor to Patrick J. Hurley—may go on the stand Monday afternoon.

One of the republican committee members, Rep. Bertrand W. Gearhart of California, said he would ask the five-star general: "Where were you on the night of Dec. 8, 1941?"

Gearhart said he didn't know where the staff chief was on the eve of Pearl Harbor and would like to find out. Meanwhile, the running political fight between republicans and democrats which has accompanied the committee's investigations broke out anew with a charge by Gearhart that the evidence is being given "spoon-fed."

"This will not be the last Pearl Harbor investigation," Gearhart predicted, "because all we are being given is spoon-fed evidence. We aren't getting all the facts."

Sen. Scott W. Lucas, D. Ill., praised committee counsel William D. Mitchell and Gerhard A. Gesell for their handling of the case. He said they are doing "a magnificent job."

Lucas said the committee will lay before the public "every possible shred of evidence on Pearl Harbor" before it concludes its investigation.

George said the state department is "very anxious" to have Marshall testify as soon as possible on his version of the events leading up to the sneak attack of Dec. 7, 1941.

He said the committee plans to abandon its regular order of testimony to accommodate Marshall so that he may leave at the earliest possible moment for Chungking.

Marshall, who held top responsibility in Washington for the army's preparedness to meet any onslaught, was criticized in a special army investigating board report for his part in the Pearl Harbor tragedy.

He was defended by President Truman and former Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, both of whom denounced the army board report for its criticism of the chief of staff.

George said he expected the committee would want to ask Marshall "very thorough questions, running back well before Pearl Harbor and on up to the present time."

He said he thought Marshall would probably be on the witness stand "at least three or four days."

Committee members are expected to question Marshall closely on his decision to withhold from Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, army commander in Hawaii, intercepted Japanese code messages revealing espionage against Pearl Harbor.

Maj. Gen. Sherman Miles, head of army intelligence at the time of the attack, testified Thursday that general staff policy was to withhold the messages from overseas commanders lest the Japs find out that the United States was breaking their code.

Miles told the committee Marshall wanted the messages withheld because the fact that the code was being broken was the "top secret" of the war.

Committee members want to find out from Miles, who will return to the stand Monday morning, why there was so much delay in translating the messages in Washington. Some messages containing vital information were delayed in translation as much as 22 days.

Miles said this was due to lack of personnel and equipment in the signal corps intelligence division, but members indicated dissatisfaction with this reply.

Lucas said that "the whole story" of army intelligence hasn't come out yet, and other members were equally critical. They promised extensive cross-examination of the former G-2 head.



A Coulee Dam diver prepares to submerge into the cold waters of Lake Chelan, Wash. to search for the wreckage of the ill-fated school bus that plunged from the icy road during a heavy snow storm to carry 16 persons to their death.

KLAMATH COUNCIL VOTES TO REJECT MILL WORK HIKE

The Klamath Basin District Council, in its meeting here Friday and Saturday, voted unanimously to reject the 12 1/2 per cent wage increase offered by the Pine Industrial Relations Committee. Thomas Grey, president of Lumber and Sawmill Workers Local No. 2715, said yesterday.

Delegates of the affiliated locals are opposed to inclusion of any "strings" or conditions on any settlement which might be made, Grey said. The council went on record as favoring the type of settlement made in the fir area which establishes a minimum rate of \$1.05 per hour with corresponding increases for all jobs "straight across the board."

Operators failed to include any mention of a union shop in their offer, it was stated.

In their Saturday meeting sawmill workers voted to support their local unions making demands for union shop contracts with operators. These demands in conjunction with wage demands were the direct cause of the strike vote which led to the district council AFL's participation in the industry-wide strike, Grey said.

The meeting had been called for the Klamath Basin area, which includes the region east to Lakeview, north to Bend, south to McCloud, Calif., and west to Medford, in the hopes of reaching a settlement in the nine-week-old lumber strike which is paralyzing the industry throughout the northwest.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 1 (U.P.)—AFL strike policy leaders will meet here Monday to map out a campaign for pine areas in the five northwest states, representing almost 50 per cent of the industry still shut down in the two-month-old Pacific northwest lumber strike.

John Christensen, strike policy chairman, reported only a few pine plants have agreed to the compromise providing a 15-cent-an-hour raise. The pine operations are located in Montana, Idaho, central Washington, central Oregon, southeastern Oregon and part of northern California.

Meanwhile, strike headquarters disclosed that all AFL fir workers and employers have reached a settlement, with the exception of 2,100 men in the Tacoma area, where the first 15-cent compromise was reached.

FORMATION ITALY CABINET CLOSER

Rome, Sunday, Dec. 2 (U.P.)—Prince Humbert announced early today that Alcide de Gasperi has reported he hopes to complete formation of a new Italian cabinet before tonight.

De Gasperi reported to Humbert on the results of his first day's efforts to break the political crisis. It was believed that optimism over his chances of forming a new cabinet was increased by strong support granted him at the eleventh hour by socialists and communists.

YAMASHITA AIDE SAYS HE UNAWARE CAMP ATROCITIES

Manila, Dec. 1 (U.P.)—The prosecution questioned Col. Hideo Ishihara, adjutant general for Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, today in an effort to prove Yamashita knew about the prosecution and execution of Filipino guerrillas, but the witness proved more of a help for the defense than the prosecution.

Yamashita, charged with personal responsibility for atrocities committed by his forces, had testified Friday that he was so busy with military affairs he knew nothing about the slaying of prisoners and civilians.

Ishihara said that when Yamashita left Fort McKinley for the mountains when it became apparent Manila could not be held, there were so many guerrilla prisoners in the stockades that it was impossible to carry out the usual trials.

"So I suggested to Yamashita that we carry out mere investigations by military police," the witness said. "Yamashita did not make any suggestions, he did not even talk, he just nodded."

There were 1,000 guerrillas tried but only 600 were executed, Yamashita did not sign any sentences because there was not enough time.

The military commission trying the case ordered that both rebuttals be finished quickly. It was expected a verdict would be rendered by next Saturday.

HURLEY GATHERS MASS OF DATA TO SUPPORT CHARGE

Washington, Dec. 1 (U.P.)—Patrick J. Hurley, resigned ambassador to China, assembled a mass of documents tonight to support his charges that pro-communists in the U. S. foreign service undermined state department policies in China.

The documents will be submitted to the senate foreign relations committee when he appears before it on Wednesday, probably in an open session.

The exact nature of the documents will be kept secret until they are presented to the committee, Hurley's associates said but it was assumed they would include correspondence between the American embassy in Chungking and the state department.

Hurley's aides predicted fireworks at the hearing when he cites specific cases of what he considered deliberate violations of the official American policy in China.

JOHNSON AGAINST ANY HASTY LAWS FOR LABOR PEACE

Washington, Dec. 1 (U.P.)—President Eric A. Johnston of the U. S. chamber of commerce conceded tonight that the labor-management conference fell short of its goal but warned against "hasty or ill-conceived" legislation to compel industrial peace.

He issued the warning in a radio address as congress appeared ready to speed action on labor legislation as a result of the conference's failure to produce a specific formula for preventing strikes.

"We must not allow the pressures of this difficult moment to stampede us into national policies which we shall have cause to regret and bewail later," Johnston said.

"In our anxiety for some short cut answer to an immediate question, we must not lose sight of the long-range goal, which is the preservation and improvement of the American system of life. The temptation is strong, at a time like this, to evade the responsibility of voluntary action by resorting to official coercion."

"I do not want to be understood as saying that perhaps no legislation is necessary. Maybe it is. What I am saying is that whatever we do should not be hasty or ill-conceived. It should be well thought out."

GEN. WAINWRIGHT FOR PEACE ARMY

San Francisco, Dec. 1 (U.P.)—Compulsory peacetime military training today received the endorsement of Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, commander of American forces during the days of retreat on Bataan.

He stated that "a large reserve of trainees would, more than any other one thing, keep us out of war."

The general, ending a speaking tour for the Victory Loan drive, said he favored unification of the armed forces to "insure permanent and complete cooperation, economy and great efficiency in ordering supplies."

BETTY HONEYMOONS San Francisco, Dec. 1 (U.P.)—Screen Actress Bette Davis and her husband, William G. Sherer, arrived here tonight at the St. Francis hotel to spend one week of their honeymoon following their marriage yesterday in Los Angeles.

Salem Felons Flee In Laundry Truck Salem, Ore., Dec. 1 (U.P.)—Prison guards and state police today were searching for two convicts believed to have escaped from the state penitentiary here around noon in a Portland laundry truck.

Warden George Alexander said the two men may be on the prison grounds and guards were searching the area, while state police attempted to find the truck. The two escaped convicts are Roy L. Wagner, 24, imprisoned for assault and robbery, and Elmer Riley Lane, 32, convicted of bank robbery.

BEARS WIN Berkeley, Calif., Dec. 1 (U.P.)—University of California's basketball team won its first game of the 1945 schedule tonight with a 51-38 win over St. Mary's Prep. Flight.

LAKE CHELAN BUS NEAR SURFACE; 5 MORE RECOVERED

Divers Pry Open Jammed Door and Make Lines Fast to Vehicle

First Creek, Wash., Dec. 1 (U.P.)—The body of Jack Randle, 24, driver of the school bus that Monday carried him and 15 students to their death in a plunge into Lake Chelan, was among five recovered from the school bus tonight by a diver.

Walter McCray was the diver who brought up the bodies after the bus had been hauled into shallower water so that it was within 20 feet of the surface, where a barge was in operation. An earlier plan of towing the bus underwater to Lakeside, Wash., nine miles toward the outlet end of the lake, was changed when it was found possible to pry open the jammed door of the bus.

The bodies were being brought by boat to the Lake Chelan Boat Co. Dock at Lakeside, from where they will be taken to the city hall at neighboring Chelan, Wash., for identification.

The bus was found under 210 feet of water earlier today by a navy diver, C. E. Meyer. He telephoned his discovery from the depths of the lake, stating he had found the bus lying on its back, headed toward shore on a 65-degree slope.

It was virtually like groping in the dark to discover the bus, as Meyer's light illuminated only four feet in front of him. Because of the intense pressure, Meyer was forced to ascend almost immediately and to go into a decompression chamber. The five navy and one commercial divers worked in relays in making lines fast to the bus.

The bus, from Twenty Five Mile Creek, slipped over a 20 foot embankment Monday morning en route to the Chelan school. A woman and five students broke windows and escaped from the bus as it lay in shallow water before plunging again to its resting place.

CHINA DEMOCRATS SEEK MEDIATION IN CIVIL STRIFE

Chungking, Dec. 1 (U.P.)—A group of Chinese democratic leaders today appealed to the Big Three powers to mediate China's civil strife.

They urged that both nationalist and communist troops be withdrawn from Manchuria.

Members of the group, delegates to the forthcoming consultative council meeting here, said they favored international mediation of internal disputes but objected to foreign troops of any country being stationed in Chinese territory, particularly during civil war. American marines are in North China.

They proposed that police forces under a coalition local government keep order in Manchuria after soviet troops withdraw.

As the proposal was made public, an official announcement said that a delay of one month in the withdrawal of soviet troops from Manchuria will permit Chungking government personnel to "carry out the mission with which they are charged" before the Russians leave.

BREAD SOLD ARMY OVER OPA PRICE Los Angeles, Dec. 1 (U.P.)—The OPA today accused four Los Angeles wholesale bakeries of violating ceiling prices in supplying bread to army camps in southern California.

The suit asks triple damages totaling \$87,033. The OPA complaint claimed the companies overcharged the army in bread sales from Dec. 2, 1944 to Oct. 2, 1945.

State 'E' Bond Sale Over Halfway Mark Portland, Ore., Dec. 1 (U.P.)—State E bond victory purchases passed the half way mark today with total sales reaching \$11,990,000, or 53.3 per cent of the Oregon goal.

76 TYCOONS CREATED WAR MACHINE NABBED

British Round Up Leaders in Luxury Where Million Germans Starve

Iserlohn, Germany, Dec. 1 (U.P.)—British military police swept the Ruhr and Rhineland during the night, rounding up 76 Nazi tycoons whose wealth and industrial power helped build the German war machine.

For nine hours the raiding shuttled through wrecked cities and flame-scattered countryside to pluck a virtual "who's who" of German industry from palaces and mansions crammed with vast stocks of food, wines and coal in poverty-stricken areas where millions of starving German civilians live in cellars and huts.

One man was arrested in bed with his blonde mistress; another was asleep with his wife, to whom he introduced the raiders before climbing from bed; a third was seized in the midst of a champagne party and a fourth insisted on playing a lullaby on his violin for his little son "for the last time."

The British net dragged in the designer of the Tiger tank; the man who built the guns for the mighty battleships Bismarck and Tirpitz, both sunk by the British; and the second richest man in the Ruhr.

It was stated that the action was part of the policy of the Allied control commission, in carrying out terms of the Potsdam declaration, that German militarism and nazism must be wiped out. It was the biggest single blow yet aimed at the industrial brains of the shattered German war machine.

Orders were issued for the arrest of 84 industrial leaders in Ruhr and Rhineland cities from Cologne to Dortmund. The search still was on for the rest, who were expected to be arrested within 48 hours.

A thorough investigation of industrial magnates who operate under the British military government had been in progress for some time. At 11 p. m. Friday orders went out to stage the raids. Security police, under direction of high allied intelligence officers and aided by German police, struck in the Essen, Cologne, Dortmund, Dusseldorf and Bochum areas. The last arrest was made at 7 a. m. today.

NAVY ASKS HALT CIVILIAN TRAVEL

San Francisco, Dec. 1 (U.P.)—The navy appealed today for a "drastic" curtailment of civilian railroad travel in order to break the log-jam of home-bound servicemen on the west coast.

Declaring that unless more trains are provided the "army and navy might as well stop bringing home men from the Pacific," a report to the headquarters of Adm. Royal E. Ingersoll, western seafleet commander, demanded immediate government action to halt all non-essential civilian travel so that servicemen could get home for Christmas.

Lack of railroad equipment would make it impossible to move men for long periods of time, the report said, and facilities for feeding and housing the increasing back-log of men here are insufficient.

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Victor O. Schmidt, Pacific coast conference commissioner, said USC had been chosen by a telegraphic poll of the member schools of the conference.

The choice was made almost inevitable by Southern California's convincing 26 to 15 win over the University of California at Los Angeles before 103,000 fans here today.

USC lost one game on its conference schedule, to Washington early in the season. It lost a later game to non-conference St. Mary's but that defeat did not count in the polling.

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HESS HELD SANE TO STAND TRIAL; NAZI GUILT TOLD

Ex-Spy Chief Reveals German War Plots — Good Word for Von Papen

Nuernberg, Dec. 1 (U.P.)—Rudolf Hess' own story of his fantastic flight to Britain in May, 1941, reveals that he hoped to bring King George VI back with him to Germany for a secret peace conference with Adolf Hitler, the United Press learned today.

The former deputy Nazi fuhrer, in a statement volunteered to his allied interrogators at Nuernberg, confirmed much of the information already given out by the British government and added a few hitherto-unknown details about his mysterious mission.

Hess revealed that Hitler knew nothing of his plans until he discovered a letter which Hess left for his fuhrer just before he took off from the Munich airport for Britain.

Before leaving, Hess also wrote a similar letter in German to the Duke of Hamilton, the Scottish peer of whose country estate the Number-Two Nazi later landed.

"The Hamilton letter he had translated into English by Ernc. Bohle, a secretary in the foreign affairs ministry, for delivery to the duke.

Nuernberg, Dec. 1 (U.P.)—Rudolf Hess, smirking at the success of an amnesia hoax that tricked the world for more than four years, today won his strange fight to be adjudged sane and to stand trial for the war crimes of Nazi Germany.

Lord Justice Sir Geoffrey Lawrence, presiding judge of the United Nations war crimes tribunal, ruled Hess sane at the opening of today's session, to the obvious satisfaction of the former number two nazi and the amazement of his 19 fellow-defendants.

Hess put himself voluntarily in the shadow of the gallows by confessing, over the objections of the defense and prosecution alike, that he had been faking insanity since the day he parachuted into Scotland on a "peace mission" in May, 1941.

His surprise move came on the blackest day of the trial for the accused nazi ring leaders, who heard themselves branded by an ex-German spy chief as the men responsible for World War II.

Their accuser, Maj. Gen. Erwin Lahousen, was called back to face a bitter defense cross-examination on his testimony of yesterday.

He refused to be shaken from his damning story that the men in the prisoners' dock were directly responsible for the mass killing of Russian captives, had ordered the murder of French generals Henri Giraud and Maxime Weygand, and had faked border "incidents" to provoke war with Poland.

Lahousen, former second in command to the slain Adm. Wilhelm Canaris of the German counter-intelligence service, showed his hatred of the defendants as he told the inside story of their wartime and pre-war plots.

They glared viciously back at him and muttered angrily when the court refused to let them cross-examine him personally. Lawrence ruled, however, that the defendants could ask permission to take the stand themselves and that they would be allowed to make individual statements at the end of the trial.

Hess, dropping the mask of careful disinterest he had worn through the early days of the trial, followed every move. Repeatedly he glanced around the courtroom with a self-satisfied air, obviously enjoying the sensation created by his surprise confession.

Dr. Egon Kuboschok, counsel for Franz Von Papen, was the only man to score for his client. He asked whether the witness was aware that his superior, Canaris, knew that Papen was opposed to the more violent Nazi policies.

"According to my memory of the Canaris-Papen conversation held at Berlin," Lahousen replied, "Papen reproved Hitler's violent methods."

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