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AUTO UNION HEAD ASSAILS TRUMAN'S STAND ON LABOR

President Accused of Seeking Abrogating Right to Strike in Peace Appeal

Detroit, Dec. 8 — (U.P.) — In sharp rejection of a White House appeal for end of the General Motors shutdown, the United Automobile Workers union (CIO) tonight accused President Truman of using a "policeman's club" to abrogate labor's right to strike.

UAW President R. J. Thomas sternly warned the president that he was "striking at the heart" of the program which led to a democratic election victory in 1944.

As the powerful union mobilized its 650,000 members for a fight against the administration's labor legislation proposals, the wage dispute paralyzing General Motors appeared no nearer settlement than when 175,000 workers struck 93 GM plants 18 days ago.

A conference of 200 delegates representing GM local unions bitterly spurned the company's repeated offer to increase wages by 13 1/2 cents an hour, or approximately 10 per cent.

The conference said the strike would not end until its 30 per cent wage gain demands had been "fully satisfied."

Then the delegates angrily defied Mr. Truman's appeal for an immediate return to work in a "display of patriotism" to maintain reconversion production at wartime levels.

A resolution adopted by unanimous vote of the conference reiterated the charge of CIO President Philip Murray that "the federal administration yields in abject cowardice" to the "arrogance of industry."

"We are asked to retreat from economic democracy as furthered under the courageous leadership of Franklin D. Roosevelt," the resolution said.

In another resolution, the conference asked 25,000 members of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers union (CIO) at five GM plants to join the strike "if the company persists to negotiate in bad faith."

Walter P. Reuther, UAW vice president directing the union's strike strategy, said the actions will be reported back to local units immediately and unanimously approved of the conference resolutions is expected by Tuesday night.

Thomas keynoted the union attitude in condemning administration requests for compulsory fact-finding boards and a mandatory 30-day "cooling off" ban on strikes.

Thomas virtually charged the president with a strike-breaking movement when he cited the difference between the railway labor act signed by President Coolidge and the new administration proposal.

"President Coolidge broke no strike when he signed the railway labor act in 1926," he said. "There was no major railroad strike at that time. The proposal of President Truman is completely and utterly different."

Gen. Marshall Testifies at Inquiry



Gen. George Marshall, newly-appointed ambassador to China, tells Pearl Harbor Investigating Committee, Washington, D. C., that he ordered a full-time alert of the Army command at Hawaii June 17, 1940, because certain "magic" intercepted messages indicated possible threat to the islands.

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Ferguson wanted to know how using the telephone could have been called an overt act.

"I think the Japanese would have grasped at any straw to prove to such sections of our public as doubted our integrity that we had committed an overt act," Marshall said.

He added that the Japanese might have intercepted the message if it had been telephoned.

2 MEDFORD MEN LISTED DEAD IN TRANSPORT CRASH

Maj. Roy Craft, Former Well Known Resident, Lt. Anthony Alansky Killed

Great Falls, Mont., Dec. 8 — (U.P.) — Capt. Harry Decker, public relations officer of the Great Falls army air base, tonight announced the names of all but seven of the 17 veterans of World War II killed in the crash of a C-47 army transport early today one mile south of the Billings airport.

Dead: Maj. Roy K. Craft, Raymond, Wash. First Lt. Anthony W. Alansky, Medford, Ore. Staff Sgt. Thomas A. Thomson, Walla Walla, Wash. Sgt. Charles E. Ennen, Manchester, Wash. T/4 Virgin E. Kinne, Coeur D'Alene, Ida. T/4 Fred Chapman, Vancouver, Wash.

Tech. Sgt. Glenn C. Marr, Wenatchee, Wash. Cpl. Lowell L. Cassell, Forks, Wash. Pfc. Maceo M. Hobbs, Los Angeles. T/5 John M. Marshall, Portland, Ore.

Maj. Craft was a former CCC officer here and well-known locally. His wife lives in Carmel, Cal. Lt. Alansky's mother works in a local restaurant, it was reported.

Billings, Mont., Dec. 8 — (U.P.) — The second of six surviving servicemen from a C-47 army transport which crashed and burned one mile south of Billings airport early today during a blinding snow storm, died tonight in St. Vincent's hospital bringing the death toll to 19.

Seventeen were killed outright in the crash while the 18th victim died at St. Vincent's this afternoon. Hospital attendants reported that both of the latest victims died of severe burns.

Many of the bodies, scattered over a wide area with the wreckage of the plane, were charred beyond recognition. They were recovered after local firemen extinguished the flames while hundreds of spectators who heard the crash watched the grisly process.

Spectators said some of the injured were found stumbling around in the blinding glare of the blazing wreckage as help arrived. They were taken to St. Vincent hospital, where they were reported in "very favorable" condition.

The plane was on a routine flight from Newark, N. J., and was carrying the servicemen, all overseas veterans, to west coast distribution centers for discharge or reassignment. Names of the soldiers were withheld pending notification of the next of kin.

FOUR-BITS CAUSES SMELTER STRIKE

East Helena, Mont., Dec. 8 — (U.P.) — Over 200 employees of FH American Smelter and Refining Plant here tonight voted a general walkout in sympathy with a union member who reportedly was not paid union scale wages for a pipe fitting job. William Mason, international representative of the mine, mill and smeltermen's union (CIO) announced.

The decision was reached at a mass meeting of the membership of local No. 72. R. J. Graham, financial secretary of the local, said the mass meeting was called after the company allegedly violated the union scale when it offered a pipefitter \$8.00 a day for a job that required \$8.50.

POLICE DROP QUIZ
 San Francisco, Dec. 8 — (U.P.) — Police tonight discontinued an investigation into an alleged tip-off of a raid on a million dollar abortion "mill" Mrs. Inez Burns has been charged with operating.

CRANK'S CAUSE ANGUISH
 Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 8 — (U.P.) — Two more telephone calls, both believed made by cranks, were received tonight by the distraught parents of six-month old Ronald Carlan who was kidnapped nine days ago.

NORBLAD, ASTORIA VETERAN, PICKED FOR MOTT'S POST

First District Committee Makes Selection — Assembly to Nominate

Salem, Ore., Dec. 8 — (U.P.) — Walter Norblad, Astoria attorney and World War II veteran, today was nominated by the first Oregon Republican congressional committee to run on the GOP ticket in the January 11th special election for U. S. representative.

In an open ballot, taken among members of the committee, Norblad won the party nomination over Eugene Marsh, McMinnville attorney, Dan Harmon of Newberg and Captain Ernie Conn, Forest Grove war veteran.

The name of Lt. Warren Minnime, former district attorney of Tillamook county now serving in the navy, was withdrawn after being suggested to the committee.

Speaking before the committee and observers prior to the balloting, three of the candidates said they would withdraw from the race if not chosen by the committee. Harmon did not definitely commit himself.

The group agreed that an assembly should be set up to nominate Norblad and Marsh offered his assembly already called for December 14 in McMinnville. Marsh had called the assembly for the purpose of having himself nominated.

This double-barreled nomination method would assure the candidate a place on the ballot even if legal complications should arise out of an official party nomination.

According to a ruling from the attorney general's office, candidates nominated will be classed as independents on the ballot, even though running under a party banner.

MOSCOW MEETING OF BIG THREE TO PACIFY RUSSIA

London, Dec. 8 — (U.P.) — British observers today viewed the Big Three foreign ministers conference opening in Moscow next Saturday as an all-out bid by Britain and America to clear up their misunderstandings with Russia before releasing the atomic bomb secret.

There appeared little likelihood that the atomic weapon would be given outright to Russia at the forthcoming meeting, or that a binding agreement to that effect would be made. But well-informed sources looked for a determined effort by the three powers to dissipate suspicions as the first big step in that direction.

The official announcement of the meeting made it clear that the discussions would be informal and exploratory, thereby avoiding direct offense to France and China, who would not be bound without prior consultation by any major policy decisions emerging from the conference.

It was understood that both British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes intended to limit themselves to a discussion of general principles and would not commit themselves on anything in which China and France had direct interest.

FILIBUSTER FOR LABOR BILL DUE

Washington, Dec. 8 — (U.P.) — Administration leaders predicted tonight that some pro-labor congressmen would stage a "filibuster" within the house labor committee to delay action on the administration's bill to set up fact-finding boards in major labor disputes.

Nice Trip for Ike

Washington, Dec. 8 — (U.P.) — Comdr. Ike Hashimoto, Japanese submarine captain who boasted he sank the U. S. cruiser Indianapolis, will testify at the court martial trial of Captain Charles B. McVay, III, the navy announced today.

The navy is flying Hashimoto from Japan to testify against McVay, Indianapolis captain who is charged with incompetence and neglect of duty. The cruiser sank in the Philippines sea last July 30 with the loss of 880 officers and men.

Hashimoto left Tokyo yesterday by naval air transport plane and is expected to arrive in Washington Monday or Tuesday.

FREAK ACCIDENTS OVER LAND THIS YEAR VERY SCREWY

Chicago, Dec. 8 — (U.P.) — Freak accidents across the nation this year were wackier than ever.

Scores of freak accidents which amazed the 1945 public were reported today by the national safety council's magazine, Public Safety.

In one of the most unusual accidents, Stanley J. Bonner, Houston, Tex., was shot in a fracas with a duck. He took his pistol into the back yard to shoot a couple of domestic ducks and knocked one off with the first shot. But the second duck leaped at him, jarred his arm enough to discharge the gun and sent a bullet into his knee.

In Baltimore, a soldier Frank Chlan was so glad to see his Mom when he returned from overseas that his greeting hug snapped several of her ribs.

Another unusual accident occurred while Mrs. Edward Comfort, Brooklyn, and her 15-month-old baby were driving through Virginia. The baby, resting in a basket in the front seat, suddenly stopped drinking milk from a nursing bottle and slammed the bottle over its mother's head. The blow dazed her and the car overturned in a ditch, neither was injured.

The indestructible man of 1945 was Charles Anderson, Los Angeles. While he was repairing a wall, a concrete block fell from a fourth-story scaffold and cracked him on the head. That sent him reeling into the street just in time to be struck down by a motorcycle. He recovered satisfactorily from both accidents.

Mrs. Axel Soder, Makinen, Minn., ran into trouble trying to replace a pin that broke off her washing machine. She found what appeared to be a good substitute and was hammering it into the machine until the "pin" blew up and knocked her across the room. She had selected a stick of dynamite.

194 WAR PLANTS BECOME SURPLUS

Washington, Dec. 8 — (U.P.) — The war department announced tonight list of 194 more government-owned war plants valued at \$1,781,000,000 which have become surplus.

This brought to more than 70 per cent the number of government-owned plants which the army has released for sale, lease or other disposal.

The list was in addition to 252 other plants, valued at \$1,484,352,337, listed Aug. 23 as being shortly available for disposal. Of these 252, all except 15 have now become surplus. Of the remaining 15, six are scheduled to be declared surplus early next year. Disposition of nine other plants on the original list still remains indefinite.

'MIXMASTER' SETS NEW SPEED MARK ACROSS COUNTRY

Flies Non-Stop from Long Beach to Washington in 5 Hours, 34 Minutes

Washington, Dec. 8 — (U.P.) — An odd-looking airplane with two engines in its belly and twin propellers in its tail, the Army's Douglas XB-42 "Mixmaster," flew here nonstop from Long Beach, Calif., in five hours, 17 minutes, and 34 seconds today for a new cross-continent speed record.

The Mixmaster, a medium bomber in wartime and a 46-passenger transport in peace, left Long Beach at 1:22 p. m. EST and buzzed the army's Bolling field here at 6:39.34 after a 2,295-mile flight on which it averaged 432 miles an hour.

In so doing it broke the unofficial record of six hours and three minutes set by a Boeing C-97 transport in a recent flight from Seattle to Washington.

The new record, too, is unofficial, inasmuch as the Mixmaster's route was not plotted by the national aeronautical association.

Pushed most of the way by a tail wind provided by nature in addition to that generated by its own counter-rotating propellers, the Mixmaster made the cross-country dash two minutes faster than its pilots expected it to.

The plane was piloted by Lt. Col. H. E. Warden, chief of the air transport command's bombardment branch, his co-pilot and the only other occupant of the craft was Capt. Glen W. Edwards. As a medium bomber the XB-12 would carry three crew members.

After buzzing the field and being clocked in the Mixmaster landed . . . and immediately developed mechanical trouble. It was supposed to taxi to where a large group of photographers, army officials, and Douglas Aircraft Corp. officials were waiting to greet the pilots.

The plane, which took Army and Douglas two years to develop and has been a closely watched military secret up to now, made the flight at an average altitude of about 25,000 feet.

Warden, a native of McKenney, Tex., said it was a "damn good flight, smooth as silk, but we got a little cold." He said the average cockpit temperature was 13 degrees below zero.

The two men "split the trip in two." Warden said, each doing half the piloting.

ADM. KING FLAYS MILITARY MERGE IN LAST REPORT

Washington, Dec. 8 — (U.P.) — Adm. Ernest J. King declared flatly tonight that U. S. seapower whipped Japan and that the war's No. 1 lesson was that attempts to unify the armed forces at the top would be "ill-advised and impracticable."

The five-star fleet admiral who directed this country's war at sea made these declarations in his third and last report as chief of naval operations to the secretary of navy. His successor in the navy's top post is Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

King said "unity of command at the highest military level" never was seriously considered during the war. It is a matter of record, he added, that the system which was used—the joint chief of staff—"proved his worth." This war, King said, produced no one man qualified to be "military commander of all the armed forces."

Three Boards Hit By California CIO
 San Francisco, Dec. 8 — (U.P.) — Delegates to the 8th annual California CIO convention here charged today that four government agencies—U. S. employment service, civil service commission, federal housing authority and social security board—are hamstringed by legislation or incompetent personnel.

WOODBURN GUARD SAYS 2 INMATES BEATEN FOR HOUR

Portland, Ore., Dec. 8 — (U.P.) — The story of an hour-long beating administered to two teenage boys at the Oregon State training school for boys in Woodburn was told today by a guard who resigned in protest against the beating.

The guard, who asked to remain anonymous until completion of a proposed investigation, said the boys were whipped for running away from the institution on Thanksgiving day.

"They used a leather strap about three feet long," the former guard said. "Four big men whipped those boys from 7 until 8:15 and when they finished, blood dripped off both boys' hands and one left red puddles wherever he stepped."

After resigning his position, the Albany guard brought the beating to the attention of Albany residents who requested the governor to make full inquiry into the affair, he said.

FAITHLESS WIFE MAY HIDE CHILD UNDER ADOPTION

Sacramento, Dec. 8 — (U.P.) — A Serviceman's wife who bears an illegitimate child while her husband is overseas may place the child for adoption without his knowledge, Attorney General Robert W. Kenny ruled today.

The ruling settled an issue brought up in the recent legislative session with the introduction of a bill to permit such adoptive proceedings. The bill was defeated following a flare-up of protest by California servicemen that received nationwide publicity.

The adoption may be completed under present state laws which provide the mother of an illegitimate child has sole custody over the child, Kenny said.

If the child can be proved illegitimate by the fact that her husband was out of the country when the child was conceived, the courts may accept the consent to the adoption of the mother alone.

The ruling answered a question by Charles M. Wollenberg, state director of social welfare. The director reported that adoption agencies are faced with a "growing problem" of obtaining necessary consents to the adoption of a child born to a married woman by a man other than her husband.

BRITISH LAUNCH DRIVE TO CRUSH JAVA REBELLION

Batavia, Java, Dec. 8 — (U.P.) — The British have received sweeping new authority to restore order in Java, it was reported today, as British troops opened a new offensive in the summer capital of Bandoeng.

The powers were granted to British Lt. Gen. Sir Philip Christison, allied commander in the Netherlands Indies, at a conference Thursday at the Singapore headquarters of Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten, allied commander for southeast Asia.

The report came after reliable sources had said that another British division, and 30,000 Dutch troops, might be diverted to Java to crush Indonesian extremists fighting against a return of Netherlands rule to the East Indies. The British have two divisions in Java.

Dr. Hubertus J. Van Mook, acting governor general of the Indies who headed the Netherlands delegation at the Singapore meeting, asserted that the door was still open to discussions with Indonesian leaders. He said that he saw a much greater possibility than in recent days for a resumption of meetings with the Indonesians.

The British spokesman said Christison would take all necessary action to carry out his mandate because he believed the Dutch and "all moderate and enlightened Indonesian leaders will welcome the action about to be undertaken." Word to that effect has been communicated to Premier Sutan Sjahrir of the self-proclaimed Indonesian republic.

GIRL, 2, SURVIVES HEART OPERATION

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 8 — (U.P.) — Pretty two-year old Judy Hackman of Buckley, Wash., underwent a delicate heart operation at Johns Hopkins hospital here today which doctors hoped soon would permit her to run and play like any normal youngster.

The operation required two hours, and the hospital reported that, although Judy was "doing nicely," it would be at least three days before results can be fully evaluated.

Doctors diverted an artery from another part of Judy's body and attached it to her lungs to step up the blood supply from her heart. The tiny girl has been suffering from a rare condition which made it impossible for her heart to pump enough blood.

PULP WAGE PARLEY
 Portland, Ore., Dec. 8 — (U.P.) — Representatives of 14,000 pulp and paper workers on the Pacific coast reopened negotiations today, with manufacturers for 20 per cent wage increase demands.

Victory Loan Drive
 "E" Quota \$525,000
 "E" Sales to Date
\$363,516
 Remainder to sell \$161,484