

Legal Staff Resigns Account Time-Wasting In Pearl Harbor Probe

Washington, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—The Pearl Harbor committee's legal staff resigned today with a charge of time-wasting and Chairman Alben W. Barkley, D., Ky., threatened to resign.

Chief Counsel William D. Mitchell told the House-Senate investigating committee that he and his three colleagues would quit as soon as they could be replaced.

He said the hearings were dragging on much longer than he had expected them to and that he and his staff had not yet been permitted to present new data hitherto never made public.

BARKLEY MAY ALSO QUIT COMMITTEE
Barkley expressed regret at the legal staff's decision. He added, however, that the time also had come when he must determine whether his duties on the committee outweigh his responsibilities as democratic leader of the senate.

"If I must conclude that my duties in the senate outweigh my duties here I shall thereupon resign from the committee," Barkley announced.

Mitchell notified the committee at the start of today's session that the hearings had reached a point where "a complete replacement of the committee's legal staff is necessary."

He said the legal staff has worked day and night and Sundays for two and a half months preparing pertinent evidence that has never been produced at any previous inquiry about Pearl Harbor.

NOT ABLE TO PRESENT EVIDENCE GATHERED
"We are all depressed," he said, "that because of the course of the proceedings we have not been able to present it."

The decision climaxed a running battle between the legal staff and republican members of the committee which began even before public hearings were opened a month ago.

"Since the start of the hearings it has become increasingly apparent that some members of the committee have a different view than that entertained by counsel, either as to the scope of the inquiry or as to what is pertinent evidence," Mitchell said.

"This has been reflected in the extensive examination by some members of the committee far beyond what the legal staff anticipated."

REPUBLICAN MEMBERS PROLONG EXAMINATION
Mitchell mentioned no names. But there was no doubt that his remarks were addressed at three of the four republican members of the 10-man committee.

Members of the legal staff and some democratic members of the committee had made no attempt to hide their irritation at the lengthy questioning conducted by Sen. Homer Ferguson, R., Mich., and Reps. Frank B. Keefe, R., Wis., and Bertrand W. Gearhart, R., Calif.

Sen. Owen Brewster of Maine, fourth republican on the committee, has been absent recently because of the death of his father. During the early stages of the investigation, however, he frequently criticized the legal staff's methods.

Mitchell said that a month of public hearings has convinced the legal staff that the inquiry cannot be completed by early January as all of them had contemplated it would.

He said that at least 60 witnesses remain to be examined.

REPORT BACK TO CONGRESS DUE
Mitchell said the resolution setting up the congressional investigation requires a report back to congress on Jan. 3.

The legal staff's resignation came as new doubts were raised before the committee that Japan ever sent a mysterious "winds" broadcast before the Pearl Harbor attack.

Naval evidence submitted to the committee piled more confusion on confusion already existing in connection with the message.

One witness at a naval inquiry, the data disclosed, gave nearly testimony that Gen. George C. Marshall, former army chief of staff, ordered destruction of evidence that the vital message was intercepted before Pearl Harbor. Others said they had no information that the broadcast ever was made.

The message, if actually sent and intercepted, would have been a tip-off that Japan meant war.

C. I. O. Pickets Let G. M. Office Workers Through

SENATE DEFEATS PROPOSED RAISE IN CONGRESS PAY

Amendment to Add \$3,300 Defeated 45-23; Senator's Expense Is Also Defeated.

Washington, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—The senate today defeated, 45 to 23, a proposal to raise congressional salaries.

The vote was on an amendment to the first deficiency appropriations bill by Sen. John H. Bankhead, D., Ala.

The amendment would have raised congressional salaries from \$10,000 to \$13,300, but it was modified on the floor to apply only on the six months from Jan. 1 to next June 30. The measure also would have boosted the salaries of the vice president and speaker of the house to \$19,950.

Excess Defeated
Earlier, by a vote of 47 to 24, it had struck from the first deficiency bill a proposal to give each senator an extra \$2,500 for expenses. House members now receive an expense allowance of that amount.

In the vote on the Bankhead pay raise amendment, three republicans and 20 democrats voted for the raises, and 24 republicans, 20 democrats and one progressive voted against them.

The vote was preceded by an appeal by Sen. Glenn H. Taylor, D., Ida., for passage of the amendment. Taylor cited the treasury reports that Louis B. Mayer, motion picture executive, got \$900,000 last year.

"That's more than the whole senate got," Taylor said, adding, "of course, maybe he's worth more."

NATION RUSHING TOWARD CRASH! SAYS CIO CHIEF

Worse Economic Disaster Than 1929 Warns Murray in Opposing Strike Control

Washington, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—The senate labor committee today postponed until after the holidays consideration of labor dispute fact-finding legislation which President Truman wanted passed by Christmas.

Washington, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—CIO President Philip Murray declared today that the nation is rushing toward an economic disaster more catastrophic than the crash of 1929.

He said that a decline in workers' take-home pay combined with corporate profit hoarding could lead only to a depression far more severe than the havoc which followed the crash of 1929.

Opposes Control
Murray appeared before the house labor committee in opposition to President Truman's proposal for a 30-day cooling off period before strike action to permit study of labor disputes by fact-finding committees.

He called the president's proposal false, deceptive and amoral. He charged that the president had backed down from his original program of maintaining high wages and regretted what he termed Mr. Truman's lack of "fortitude and courageous action."

As Murray spoke members prepared to go into executive session to consider two alternative proposals. They are (1) shelving of the president's request for enactment of his anti-strike program, and (2) limitation of committee hearings in an effort to comply with administrative requests for passage of the measure before the Christmas recess.

WIVES OF GI'S IN HOLDUP ARRESTS

Los Angeles, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Two wives of servicemen in Germany were jailed today with male companions on parole from San Quentin, and charged with 25 robberies.

Mrs. Dorothy Hester, 23, mother of two; Mrs. Carolyn Kaylor, 24; John Stewart, 23, and Charles Thorn, 31, were arrested after a nightwatchman grappled with Howard during an attempted hold-up.

Police said the men confessed to holding up liquor stores to gain the \$200 a day they "needed" to keep the quartette in liquor and the women in clothes.

Both Stewart and Thorn are on parole from robbery sentences and Thorn is wanted for car theft and forgery charges in Eureka, police said.

Allies to Leave All of Italy But Northeast Corner

Rome, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—The scheduled allied withdrawal from Italy, except from a small northeastern corner, added further confusion today to the nation's actual status.

Italy still has no peace treaty. The allied commission, however, announced today that all remaining Italian territory under allied government, except Venezia Giulia and Udine provinces, would be returned to Italian administration about Dec. 31.

**MRS. MANSFELDT SOBS
AS PENALTY IS ASKED**

San Francisco, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Mrs. Annie Irene Mansfeldt wept today as Prosecutor Norman Elkington asked a jury of six men and six women to find her guilty of first degree murder in the jealous shooting of Mrs. Vada Martin, a conviction which carries a mandatory penalty of death or life imprisonment.

Tule Lake Japs May Change Mind

Washington, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—The justice department is considering a plan to hold hearings in the case of many Tule Lake Japanese who previously renounced American citizenship, a spokesman said today.

The spokesman said the attorney general has the plan "under consideration" but that there is "no comment at this time." It was said that some of the Japanese have relatives and families in this country and that certain other mitigating facts may make it advisable to hold hearings.

Four Missing as Fire Razes Hotel

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Four persons were reported missing today after an early-morning fire which destroyed the Hotel Glenwood. At least eight others were injured.

C. R. McCarthy, owner of the hotel, said he had been unable to account for three persons listed on the register, and another whom he was sure was in the building at the time of the fire but whose name he did not know.

JOE CRONIN TO ACT Hollywood, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Joe Cronin, manager of the Boston Red Sox, has been signed for a role in "Play Ball, Son," movie version of the book by Bert V. Duncie. Producer Herb Lamb announced today.



Fact-finding board appointed by President Truman to investigate General Motors auto strike are (left to right) Milton Eisenhower, president of Kansas State College; Judge Walter P. Stacy, chairman of recent labor-management conference, and Lloyd K. Garrison, chairman of WLB. Stacy is chief justice of North Carolina Supreme Court and Eisenhower is brother to U. S. chief of staff.

"Trail of Tragedy" Evidence Is Assembled in Cline Case

San Francisco, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Evidence concerning Alfred Leonard Cline's transcontinental "trail of tragedy" was assembled at a conference of San Francisco and Portland, Ore., police here today in a preliminary attempt to establish a basis for a possible murder charge.

Cline, 55-year-old ex-convict held in the city prison on suspicion of forgery, challenged investigators to try to prove that he had murdered any of the eight persons who died or disappeared after associating with him. Investigators accepted the challenge.

Police Inspector Gene Ferguson and Detective C. H. Robertson of the Portland police department conferred with District Attorney Edmund Brown of San Francisco and other investigating authorities.

Nationwide Trail
"Although it looks as though we may have a murder case, we'll have to go back to Portland and talk to the district attorney before we take any action," Ferguson said.

The inquiry into the deaths and cremation of Cline's elderly, well-to-do women companions, now extended throughout the nation. Various aspects were under investigation in California, Oregon, Florida, Georgia, Texas, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

At Macon, Ga., it was disclosed that the ashes of a woman believed to be the "missing link" in the chain of deaths had been found at a mortuary under the name of "Mrs. Alma Carter." Police believed "Mrs. Carter," cremated at the request of an "F. A. Klein," actually may have been Alice W. Carpenter, Bloomington, Ind., missing widow of Cline.

Jesse B. Hart, Macon mortician, reported that "Mrs. Carter" died in her hotel room Feb. 19, 1944, shortly after arriving here with "Klein," who was listed as her nephew.

PATTON TO LIVE DOCTORS ASSURE

Heidelberg, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Gen. George S. Patton today was pronounced by his physicians out of danger "barring unforeseen complications."

Col. R. G. Shurley, Louisville, Ky., Patton's physician, added, however, that Patton still faced the possibility of partial paralysis for the remainder of his life.

"Barring unforeseen complications," he said, "Patton is out of danger at this moment. But the general is not out of danger of partial paralysis for the rest of his life."

Patton is not yet able to move either his hands or his legs but has regained control of his right shoulder.

U. S. Airlines Face Low British Quota

Washington, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—United States Airlines will be permitted to fly only 500 passengers a week into Great Britain under a "temporary" quota set up by the British government.

This policy is strongly opposed in principle by the United States. It refused to accept a similar stipulation at the Chicago aviation conference.

Bigger, Easier G. I. Loans Assured As Congress Agrees on Amendments

Washington, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Bigger and easier-to-get loans and more liberal education benefits virtually were assured veterans today as house-senate conferees agreed on amendments to the G. I. bill of rights.

The amendments, springing from widespread dissatisfaction with some of the provisions of the original bill, now go to the respective houses for approval.

The changes in the bill would: 1. Permit the government to guarantee veteran real estate loans up to \$4,000 instead of the present maximum of \$2,000. Loans also would be granted for a wider range of purposes. In addition they would be easier to get, through making "reasonable value" of property the basis for the loan instead of the "normal reasonable value." The latter provision has made it difficult to obtain approval of loans since it does not allow for present high price levels.

2. Raise subsistence allowances for veterans taking educational or training courses from the present \$50 a month for single veterans and \$75 for married veterans to \$65 and \$90 a month. Disabled veterans would get \$105 a month instead of the present \$92, with extra allowances for dependents. The age limit would be lifted on veterans wanting to go to school and they would be permitted to take correspondence courses and short-period, high-cost technical courses.

3. One major change, accepted by the conferees after a bitter debate, is expected to cause thousands of additional ex-servicemen to apply for G. I. bill benefits. The amendments eliminates the provision of the G. I. bill deducting from any future bonus and payments made under the bill. Many veterans refrained from taking advantage of benefits for fear they would lose future grants.

ELECTRICAL UNION VOTES TO STRIKE FOR \$2 DAY BOOST

Walkout Would Affect 200,000 Workers in G. E. and Westinghouse Plants.

By United Press
CIO United Auto Workers pickets let non-striking office workers enter five General Motors plants today. Picket lines were relaxed for the first time since the start of the strike at Flint and Pontiac, Mich., Janesville, Wis., Linden, N. J., and La Grange, Ill.

At Cleveland, O., Common Pleas Judge Frank S. Day ruled that strikers must limit their picketing at the GM Fisher body plant, allowing some plant entrances to remain open.

The CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers union announced that its workers had voted overwhelmingly to strike if necessary to enforce demands for a \$2 a day wage boost. The strike would affect some 200,000 workers in plants of the General Electric Co., Westinghouse Electric Corp., and the electric division of General Motors in 16 states.

Late unofficial returns showed that 111,860 voters favored the strike and 23,817 opposed it.

472,000 Idle
For more take-home pay to cushion the loss of high wartime earnings kept 472,000 U. S. workers away from their jobs and complicated the reconversion program.

At Chicago, contract demands of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen had stalled the biggest labor agreement negotiations in history.

Intervention of the national railway mediation board was asked by representatives of the nation's major rail systems, acting under authority of the railway labor act.

Railroads spokesmen said the three-week negotiations were stalemated, by demands of engineers and trainmen for "a half hundred rule changes."

"The rules opposed by the brotherhoods," the carriers said, "range from demands for two-hours' pay for the employees' time in having their watches inspected, to limiting the length of freight trains to 70 cars and passenger trains to 13 cars."

On other labor fronts, the acid test was to be applied to President Truman's plan of naming fact-finders to probe trouble spots. The General Motors Corp. announced it would aid a board appointed Wednesday to investigate the strike of CIO automobile workers throughout the GM system.

In this way, the president could try out the key tool in his labor program without waiting for legislative sanction. Mr. Truman has admitted, however, that without congressional power the board could not examine General Motors books.

The union has contended that GM officials should allow study of its financial records to show whether or not the corporation could pay the 30-percent wage increase asked without raising prices.

There appeared little hope for settlement of the Greyhound bus line strike, crippling transportation in 19 northwestern states and expected to continue through the holiday rush season.

International Typographical union demands that its members be paid in full during a current 26-day strike-closure of three Seattle newspapers were termed unreasonable by publishers, who repeated offers to resume negotiations of wage demands.

FAR EAST RELATIONS MAIN BIG THREE ITEM

Moscow, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—A settlement of far eastern relations among Soviet Russia, United States and Britain, particularly the control of Japan, stood forth today as one of the great foreign ministers meeting tomorrow.

It ranks second only to the knotty problem of atomic energy control on the highly elastic agenda, observers believed.

NEW COLD WAVE MARCHING EAST

By United Press
A new cold wave is close on the heels of the nation's first general snow, which blanketed most of the northern half of the country from coast to coast, and the weather bureau predicted today.

Thermometers were expected to drop below zero in many areas of the midwest and east during the weekend as cold winds moved south and east from Canada.

Snow flurries, almost over in the midwest, continued in eastern states. Erie, Pa., registered seven inches of snow today. Cleveland, O., had six inches and Chicago's had measured four inches.

At least 27 persons were dead and scores injured as slippery roads and sidewalks made traffic hazardous.

The coldest city was Big Piney, Wyo., where thermometers plunged to 27 below zero. But Miami crowds basked under a warm sun as the temperature remained in the middle 70s.

MERCURY SLIDES TO YEAR'S LOWEST

Valley residents continued shivering in below freezing temperatures today when the thermometer dropped another three degrees early this morning, bringing the year's lowest temperature of 16 degrees, according to the local weather bureau.

Camp White reported 18 degrees there.

Warmer weather beginning Saturday night or Sunday morning was forecast, with increasing cloudiness tomorrow over the state.

Wholesale Fraud Charged Against Insurance Firm

Denver, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—A "wholesale conspiracy" to defraud the United States government and the veterans' administration, under the supervision of "Mrs. Alice W. Carpenter," now believed to be Mrs. Cline, District Attorney Edmund Brown said he expected to file a forgery complaint against Cline as a stalling action pending further investigation of the deaths and disappearances.

More than 300 insurance policies were alleged by the government to have been sold to newly-inducted members of the armed services under the pretext that the premiums would be borne by the federal government, through the veterans' administration.

California Crowded
Los Angeles, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—California-bound veterans can count on neither a home nor a job here if they continue to arrive here at the present rate, the United States employment service warned today.

Present Assistant Veterans' Employment Representative Roy Stockton said, "we must advise residents of other states who consider moving to California to make sure first that they have both a home and a job waiting for them."

BELSEN "BEASTS" FILE TO GALLOWES

British Headquarters, Germany, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Josef Kramer, beetle-browed czar of the Belsen concentration camp, and 10 other Belsen officials including three women were hanged in the red brick prison of Hamelin yesterday, it was disclosed officially today.

For more than six hours the 11 marched in turn to the gallows and were executed for committing mass murders and atrocities in the camp where thousands of Jews, Poles and other inmates died in the months before British troops reached it.

Kramer and Dr. Fritz Klein, SS doctor who picked the victims for the Oswiecim gas chambers, swung to their deaths simultaneously at 12:11 p. m., the announcement said.

Ted Gamble Earns Club's Gold Medal

Philadelphia, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Ted R. Gamble, national director of the war finance division, U. S. treasury, will be presented the Poor Richard club's gold medal of achievement for 1945 at the organization's annual banquet Jan. 17.

Club President Roger W. Clipp announced last night that Gamble would be honored for his work in directing sale of government securities to the people during the war loan drives.

Earth Slides Add Defusing Danger

Croydon, Eng., Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Earth slides in a 43-foot crater added new perils today to the task of two young engineers toiling at the bottom of the dank hole to neutralize a giant nazi bomb.

The soggy earth shifted menacingly when the engineers hoisted the bomb into a vertical position preparatory to opening it with surgical precision and tapping its 3,000 pounds of TNT.

Legal Verbiage Confuses Solon

Washington, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Sen. Harry Flood Byrd, D., Va., said today there ought to be a law that laws must be written simply.

He riffled through a fat bill on disposal of surplus cargo ships. He took a deep breath. He began to read, starting with line 4. He came to the end of the sentence 13 lines later.

"It's all very clear when you begin, but you need a half-dozen Philadelphia lawyers to tell where you are when you finish," Byrd said.

"THE BODY" SEPARATED Hollywood, Dec. 14—(U.P.)—Mario McDonald, whose luscious curves earned her the nickname "The Body" and motion picture agent Victor Orsatti have separated and will "probably" be divorced, Orsatti said today.

The parting was apparently an amicable one, the separation was due to a "difference in temperament," Orsatti said. They were married Jan. 10, 1943.

Victory Loan Drive
E' Quota \$525,000
E' Sales to Date \$445,026
Remainder to sell \$79,974