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PEACE ULTIMATUM GIVEN CHINA

TRUMAN BLUNTLY WARNS UNITY IS KEY TO U. S. HELP

New Chinese Policy Framed—World Peace Depends On Civil War Ending

Washington, Dec. 15 (U.P.)—President Truman tonight bluntly told the Chinese to stop fighting each other and get together at once if they want U. S. help in their economic crisis.

The president announced this country's policy toward China in a tightly-packed 1,200 word statement as his newest diplomatic envoy, Gen. George C. Marshall, flew toward Chungking in a four-engine C-54 Skymaster.

Marshall, replacing Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, carried with him a detailed directive from the president based on the policy statement made public by the White House.

Mr. Truman prefaced his statement with the declaration that this country is staking its hopes for world peace and prosperity upon "the ability of the sovereign nations to combine for collective security in the United Nations organization."

With that as his text, he called upon China to cease internal hostilities immediately and arrange a national conference of all major political elements to unify the country democratically. One of Marshall's first tasks presumably will be to bring these two things to pass.

A strong, united and democratic China, the president said, is essential to the success of the "United Nations and for world peace."

China therefore has "a clear responsibility to the other United Nations," he said, "to eliminate armed conflict within its territory as constituting a threat to world stability and peace."

"The government of the United States," the president said, "believes it essential:

"1. That a cessation of hostilities be arranged between the armies of the national government and the Chinese communists and other dissident Chinese armed forces for the purpose of completing the return of all China to effective Chinese control, including the immediate evacuation of the Japanese forces.

"2. That a national conference of representatives of major political elements be arranged to develop an early solution to the present internal strife—a solution which will bring about the unification of China."

Mr. Truman repeated this country's intention of dealing solely with the present national government of China, the only one recognized by any of the United Nations. He declared that the continued existence of the communist army in China makes Chinese political unity impossible. All armed forces in the country, he declared, must be "integrated effectively into the Chinese national army."

But, the president said, the present one-party government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek must be "broadened to include other political elements." And at the proposed national conference, he said, these other elements must be given "a fair and effective representation in the Chinese national government."

The president stated and restated that this government is opposed to interference in the internal affairs of other countries.

The president said this country would leave details of steps toward internal unity up to "the Chinese themselves." He said intervention by this or any other foreign country "would be inappropriate."

But he made it clear that China need not expect U. S. economic help in her reconstruction unless she "moves toward peace and unity along the lines" he suggested.

Resign From Pearl Harbor Investigation



Protesting against the course and length which the Pearl Harbor investigation hearings have already taken, Chief Committee Counsel William D. Mitchell (right) announces his resignation, along with three others on the counsel (left to right), Jule Hanneford, John E. Maaten, Gerhard A. Gesell.

MANSFELDT CASE IN JURY'S HANDS SLATED TUESDAY

San Francisco, Dec. 15 (U.P.)—The trial of Mrs. Annie Irene Mansfeldt for slaying a nurse love rival was in its third weekend recess tonight amid indications the case would go to the jury next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Arguments of defense counsel Vincent Hallinan, which began late Friday, were expected to be completed late Monday or early Tuesday with Judge Edward P. Murphy's instructions to the six-man, six-woman jury taking at least half a day.

Hallinan began his final defense plea yesterday by shouting that his client was the "wife of a bad, unfaithful husband who wasted her life."

Dr. John Mansfeldt, prominent physician, committed suicide hours after his wife brought the body of Mrs. Vada Martin to a hospital in the Mansfeldt automobile on Oct. 4.

The defense has sought to prove that Mrs. Mansfeldt, mother of three children, was in a state of "hysterical amnesia" when she admittedly shot the nurse in the heart. That state, the defense contends, was induced both by an overdose of sleeping powders administered by the doctor and by her fears that her husband was having an affair with the nurse, who witnesses testified was seen frequently with Dr. Mansfeldt, and on occasions in his arms.

Earlier yesterday State Prosecutor Norman Elkington demanded that the 45 year old San Francisco socialite and ex-actress, be convicted of first degree murder. He charged that the one-time California beauty queen "executed" the nurse.

BRITAIN'S LABOR PARTY URGED TO AID AUTO STRIKE

Letter Appeal Sent Atlee—London Owns General Motor Stock

Detroit, Dec. 15 (U.P.)—The CIO United Auto Workers, in a dramatic appeal to Prime Minister Clement Atlee of Great Britain, tonight called on Britain's labor government to support the union's strike-enforced bid for a 30 per cent wage boost from General Motors Corporation.

R. J. Thomas, UAW-CIO international president, made the request in a letter to Atlee, as the union disclosed it was receiving "ample contributions" to carry on its system-wide strike of 175,000 workers in the nation's largest industrial empire.

Thomas based his appeal to the prime minister on "reliable" information that the British government owned 434,000 shares of GM common stock. He said such support from a labor government "would be a welcome demonstration of the solidarity that binds together the working people of all nations."

The UAW chief said he did not believe GM management reflected the interests of its stockholders in its stand that profits were not the concern of "either the workers or the owners of the corporation."

"Convinced that this attitude did not reflect the opinion of the British labor government," a substantial holder of General Motors shares, Thomas asked that Atlee "make known to the management of General Motors your belief that profits are, indeed, the concern of the workers and owners of any company."

TORNADO SCORES 35-32 WIN; ROSS NETS 16 POINTS

Medford high's cage quintet made it two straight over Eugene high by downing the Axemen, 35-32, in a closely contested battle on the local court last night.

The score was close most of the way with the Black Tornado holding the biggest lead, 30-24, after a third quarter rally that put them ahead for keeps. Eugene was in front, 18-17, at the midway mark.

Jerry Ross looped in 16 tallies for the victors to lead the scorers. Derrell Riggs was next with eight and Don Ruth paced the Axemen with seven.

At the four minute mark Medford took the ball out after Riggs had scored on Harold Walker's technical infraction and initiated a stall that lasted two and one-half minutes before Ernie Wilde of Eugene drove in to break it up.

Medford (35) Eugene (32)
 Ross 16 f Wilde 6
 Watson 1 f Lovelace 2
 Riggs 8 c Hendrickson 6
 Cave 5 g Miner 1
 Stelle 4 # Rider 1

Substitutions: Medford—Singer, House, Bestwick, Eugene—Hubbard, Walker, Ruth 7.
 Referee: Norman Worthingly and Cliff McLean.

CIVILIAN TRAVEL DELAYS SOLDIERS

Washington, Dec. 15 (U.P.)—The war department said tonight that serious congestion in passenger traffic out of west coast ports is forcing homeward bound soldiers to remain aboard troopships as long as six days after they arrive from overseas.

"Staging areas in the San Francisco region are filled to capacity and it will be necessary temporarily to house troops on board transports moored at piers," a war department statement said.

"Similar conditions exist at Los Angeles and San Francisco. Delays averaging from 48 hours to six days in movement home out of these ports can be expected."

NO MORE WHIPPINGS
 Salem, Ore., Dec. 15 (U.P.)—The storm revolving around the whipping of two youthful inmates of the state training school for boys at Woodburn subsided somewhat today with the statement by M. D. Wolley, superintendent of the school, that he was discontinuing the use of a strap to punish inmates of the institution.

State Auto Deaths Gain in November

Salem, Ore., Dec. 15 (U.P.)—Traffic fatalities in Oregon last month were increased 86 per cent over the November total in 1944, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., reported today.

Forty-one were killed on Oregon streets and highways during last month, Farrell said.

The November total brought to 299 the death toll for the first 11 months of this year, an increase of 38 per cent over the death list of the first 11 months of 1944, Farrell said. The 11-month toll this year exceeds by 21 per cent the number of fatalities for the entire year of 1944.

Chains Needed For Mountain Journeys

Anyone making an automobile trip over the Green Springs or Siskiyou mountains is advised to carry chains, state police headquarters here said last night.

There is a considerable amount of snow on the road and the highway is slippery, police stated. Only those finding it absolutely necessary to make the trip were advised to attempt it, according to police.

Corona, Cal., Dec. 15 (U.P.)—Fire today destroyed the packing house and three cooling plants of the Corona Citrus association.

CHELSEA MOTHER HELD FOR MURDER IN KIDNAP HOAX

Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 15 (U.P.)—Sobbing and alone, pretty Rose Carlan, inventor of a kidnap hoax that enlisted the nation's sympathy for 16 days, today was formally accused of murdering her six-month-old baby and committed to a psychiatric hospital for a 10-day test of her sanity.

No where was any of her relatives, particularly her youthful sailor husband. He never saw the babe who, according to the mother, died unattended in his crib almost three weeks ago and whose body was under a cupboard in his mother's bedroom while police were searching for a kidnaper.

Last night when he learned that his baby had been dead all along and his 23-year-old wife had been lying and was to be charged with murder, he leaped at her, shrieking he would kill her. But later he hugged and kissed her and said he would be faithful in her trouble.

Whether the ultimate charge will be murder will depend upon a thorough scientific examination of the body of baby Ronald. She pleaded not guilty to the charge today. The hearing was held over until Dec. 24, the day before Christmas, pending the psychiatric examination.

MPHA Commissioner Philip Klutznick said that the agency has already agreed to move 25,595 units to college campuses and large cities.

SECRET MESSAGE ROOSEVELT SENT CHURCHILL TOLD

Cruiser Boise Sighted Mystery Ship Week Before Pearl Harbor

Washington, Dec. 15 (U.P.)—The U. S. cruiser Boise twice sighted mysterious ships in the western Pacific more than a week before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, the congressional Pearl Harbor investigation committee was told today.

It was disclosed, however, that the navy does not now believe those vessels were part of the Japanese task force which hit Pearl Harbor because they were 1,400 miles off the course followed by the striking force.

One of the ships appeared to the Boise to be a Japanese cruiser, so the U. S. warship changed its course and manned battle stations.

The Boise's log was submitted to the committee by Assistant Counsel Gerhard Gesell as a result of a series of questions asked at the outset of the investigation by Rep. Bertrand W. Gearhart, R., Calif.

The committee earlier had completed its examination of Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, who was chief of the army war plans division, at the time of Pearl Harbor.

Meanwhile, there was no indication what the committee would do about getting new counsel.

In addition to the Boise log, the committee made public a hitherto secret message in which the late President Roosevelt told former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill in mid-August, 1941, that he had warned Japan against further aggression.

The Boise log showed that a "darkened ship" first was sighted Nov. 27, 1941.

Mr. Roosevelt said he had told Japanese Ambassador Kichisaburo Nomura he expected Japan to "readjust its position and embark upon a peaceful program" if U. S.-Japanese conversations on Pacific relations were to be resumed.

The prime minister and president had agreed on "parallel action" at the Atlantic charter conference earlier in August.

"The statement I made to him (Nomura) was no less vigorous than, and was substantially similar to, the statement we had discussed," Mr. Roosevelt told Churchill.

"I dwell," the secret message said, "on the principles of peaceful, lawful and just international relations which this government has emphasized and I suggested that if the Japanese government is prepared to readjust its position and embark upon a peaceful program this government would be prepared to resume the exploratory conversations."

DEMOCRATS FAIL TO PICK MAN FOR DISTRICT 4 RACE

Spaulding Endorsed. But Middle Exists—Spurn G.O.P. Procedure

Salem, Ore., Dec. 15 (U.P.)—Failure to assemble 250 electors today threw a serious hitch in the democrats' plan to nominate a candidate for U. S. representative from the first congressional district of Oregon to run in the Jan. 11 congressional election.

However, an advertised assembly which turned out to be an unofficial party meeting endorsed Bruce Spaulding, Salem attorney, for the candidacy by giving him a major vote as the sentiment of those attending the gathering.

Spaulding received 66 of the 109 votes cast. Hanley Wilson of Clatsop county received 25 and Jack Bain, Oregon City resident and Portland night club owner, was given 16. Two ballots were blank.

All three said they would support the choice of the meeting. Roll call of the attendance produced only 132 names. This disqualified the meeting as the nominating assembly.

The district congressional committee of the party met after the meeting and added its endorsement to Spaulding's candidacy. Only 13 regular and proxy members of the committee were present, one being proxy for two committee members. The fact remains, however, that no democratic party member has yet been nominated for the office. Spaulding will decide himself how he will be nominated.

This may be done by petition or by calling another assembly, Spaulding said. He explained that he wanted to consider the matter further. The names of nearly 4,000 registered voters are required before the petition method is valid. The democrats apparently have spurned the procedure followed by the republicans last Saturday in which Walter Norblad, Astoria attorney, was nominated by the republican district congressional committee. He was nominated on the strength of an opinion by Attorney General George Neuner which said that Secretary of State Robert Farrel Jr., "has no authority to go back on a valid nomination."

Bulletin

San Francisco, Dec. 15 (U.P.)—Thomas Henry McMonigle, 35-year-old ex-convict who confessed to the FBI the kidnap-slaying of 14-year-old bobby-soxer Thora Chamberlain was spirited away from here tonight and lodged in the death row at San Quentin by Santa Clara County Sheriff William J. Emig. Emig, apparently fearing the residents of San Jose, Calif., would attempt to lynch the former San Mateo, Cal., truck driver and armored car guard—as they did in a previous kidnaping—sped the manacled McMonigle away four hours after the justice department announced his confession.

Los Angeles, Dec. 15 (U.P.)—The Southern California Trojans ran up their fourth straight basketball victory tonight, defeating the San Diego Naval Training Station 44-41 in a nip and tuck game.

The Trojans jumped into an early 8-2 lead but at half-time the navy team trailed only two points, 22-20. In the second stanza San Diego tied the score three times.

Washington 44, Oregon 41.

AMERICA CHOSEN PERMANENT HOME UNITED NATIONS

Boston and San Francisco Favorites for Site—Britain Opposes

London, Dec. 15 (U.P.)—The United States was selected as the permanent home of the United Nations organization today.

For the first time, world machinery designed to keep the nations at peace will be centered in the "New World."

America was voted the honor by the technical committee of the preparatory commission now laying the groundwork for the first meeting of the full UNO assembly in London next month. The vote was 36 to 14.

The committee will meet Monday afternoon to begin consultations on a specific site in the United States for the headquarters. No procedure for selection has been agreed to, but it was possible that a series of secret straw ballots might be taken to decide which of a number of American cities and areas bidding for the site will be selected. Many delegations already have presented arguments for their areas before a sub-committee.

San Francisco and Boston seemed to be slight favorites. San Francisco, where the UNO was born last spring, seemed to have the best chance should the committee decide to set up a strong UNO branch in Europe. Otherwise, it was regarded the permanent site would go to the eastern seaboard to soothe the Europeans. The preparatory commission was expected to approve the decision before adjournment, now scheduled for before Christmas.

The United States won out after a two-hour uproarious session in which Britain and Canada fought to the last to prevent the U. S. getting the necessary two-thirds vote.

Stores To Close At Regular Hour

Most of Medford's stores will observe regular closing hours this week, according to an announcement by the Merchants association. The decision not to remain open in the evenings for holiday shoppers was influenced by the shortage of store help and merchandise, it was stated. The stores will remain open to 8:30 p. m., the regular closing time, next Saturday.

Ample Rubber Seen By End Next Year

New York, Dec. 15 (U.P.)—Paul Litchfield, chairman of the board of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, predicted today on his arrival here from Europe that there will be an ample supply of natural rubber in the world pool by the end of 1946. He said the rubber industry would use both synthetic and natural rubber in the future.

KONOYE, 3 TIMES JAPAN'S PREMIER, TAKES OWN LIFE

Depressed Over Arrest As War Criminal, He Swallows Poison

Tokyo, Sunday, Dec. 16 (U.P.)—Prince Fumimaro Konoye, three time premier of Japan and facing arrest as a war criminal, committed suicide last night in his Tokyo residence.

The announcement was made by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters at 9:45 a. m. MacArthur's officer said the prince, who was to have surrendered today at Sugamo prison on war criminal charges, took poison.

Headquarters said the information came through allied counter intelligence corps, which received word through the Japanese central liaison office, presumably had a first hand account from Konoye's home.

Konoye's intimates said the prince, known as one of the youngest of Japan's "elder statesmen" had been agitated and depressed since he was named in the war criminal list of Dec. 6.

Konoye, 54, was a member of the Fujiwara family next in rank to the imperial family and has been referred to frequently by allied documents as "effete, a voluptuary, lazy and cynical."

Konoye succeeded where Tojo failed. Tojo tried to commit hara kiri by shooting himself in the stomach on Sept. 11 while American officers were en route to his house to arrest him as a war criminal. Tojo recovered and is now in prison awaiting trial.

Although known as a clever politician, Konoye tumbled from the premiership for the third time in Oct. 1941—about three weeks before Pearl Harbor—when he failed to negotiate an agreement with the United States on Japanese terms. He was succeeded by Tojo.

After Japan surrendered Konoye claimed that he always had striven for peace with the United States, but that his policies had been defeated by Japanese militarists. However, it was recalled that he was premier during Japanese aggression in China.

Konoye was unusually tall for a Japanese, standing over 6 feet in his stocking feet, a fact which gave him added "face" among his little countrymen. He loved good western music and read English and French better than he spoke them.

Konoye returned to Tokyo a few days ago from Karuzawa but secluded himself and refused interviews.

The arrest order set December 16 as the deadline for his apprehension.

Konoye said when his arrest was ordered that he was not surprised that he was placed on the war criminal list since it seemed many Japanese were demanding it presumably because he had been unable to end the war in China and subsequently failed to "prevent" Pearl Harbor.

SENATORS FAVOR RELIEF FOR AXIS

Washington, Dec. 15 (U.P.)—Thirty four senators appealed to President Truman tonight to carry out immediately a program, including creation of an independent U. S. relief mission, to relieve "the appalling famine in Germany and Austria."

In a letter to Mr. Truman the senators, including democrats, republicans, and one progressive, suggested that he:

"Give orders at once to our armed forces in Germany and Austria to raise food rations above the present starvation level in the U. S. zone of occupation and restore immediately mail and postal service."

GAMBLE, FIRST CITIZEN
 Portland, Ore., Dec. 15 (U.P.)—Ted R. Gamble, national director of the United States treasury department war finance division, was named today as Portland's first citizen of 1945.