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JAPAN DENIES OFFENSIVE MOVE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

JAPAN'S reply to FDR'S question as to why Jap troops are being massed in French Indo-China is delivered in Washington this morning.

The drift of it has not been given out as these words are written (shortly before noon) but Kurusu tells the reporters he thinks the number of Japanese troops in Indo-China has been "exaggerated," and the reporters (usually astute guessers) draw the conclusion that this is the substance of the Japanese reply.

KURUSU (Japan's special crisis envoy) says nothing DEFINITIVE has yet been decided.

Nomura (Jap ambassador to U. S.) offers this contribution to the newsmen:

"As far as we are concerned, we are always willing to talk—for, after all, we are a FRIENDLY nation."

The reporters interpret this as an indication that Japan desires no precipitate action — JUST NOW.

DRAW your own conclusions. They are as good as any other outsider's.

This writer (guessing, like everybody else on the outside) surmises that Japan wants to know how Hitler is going to come out in Russia before she goes any farther out on the limb.

LONDON hears today the Germans are taking reinforcements (Continued on Page Two)

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

One Year Ago—British files bomb Turin, Italy, and Duesseldorf, Germany. British house of commons rejects peace motion, 341 to 4.

Two Years Ago—Soviet Russia rejects truce in conflict with Finland.

Twenty-Five Years Ago—Germans occupy Bucharest. Asquith resigns as British prime minister.

Russians Continue Gains

DONETS DRIVE PRESSING ON GERMAN HEELS

New Offensive Near Moscow Produces Bloody Fight

MOSCOW, Dec. 5 (AP) — Red army advance troops, reaching the Mius river in south Russia, are watching Russian bombers rain high explosives on 1500 German army trucks massed around pontoon bridges for a crossing, the Moscow radio reported tonight.

By The Associated Press

Soviet Ukraine armies late today were reported approaching Mariupol, 100 miles west of Rostov-on-Don, in the vanguard of a smashing counter-offensive that has already recaptured 4000 square miles and wrested "hundreds" of villages from the fleeing Germans.

A British broadcast said the Russians had bypassed Taganrog on the north, leaving troops behind to mop up Nazi forces still holding out there.

New Offensive On the central front, the Russians admitted that Gen. Fedor Von Bock had unleashed a violent new offensive against Moscow from the north.

The Moscow radio reported that German artillery had been shelling the capital, but said the Russians had silenced the German batteries.

Presumably the nazis were using their long-range "big Berthas," since their closest approach to the red capital so far has been reported at a point 31 miles north of Moscow.

The German push, it was reported, broke through red army defenses just below Klin, 50 (Continued on Page Two)

Mail Robbery Discovered in Attic Cache

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5 (AP) Three sacks of mail, apparently hidden 89 years ago by a robber, today held high hopes for philatelists and historians—and the reason why love affairs and business dealings inexplicably went awry in the fall of 1852.

Mr. and Mrs. James Heugh, young commercial artists, discovered the cache among attic covers while renovating an old house they recently purchased in downtown Philadelphia.

Among the 100 pieces of mail was a copy of the New York Herald for November 2, 1852, election day. Postal inspectors believed this dated the robbery (Continued on Page Two)

49TH STATE EFFORT SEEN BEARING FRUIT

Inquiries on Claimed Resources Follow "Secession"

YREKA, Calif., Dec. 5 (AP) — Proponents of the campaign for formation of a 49th state — or construction of adequate roads in the California-Oregon border counties — said today their efforts were showing promise of bearing fruit.

An "acting governor" and a territorial "cabinet" were chosen here yesterday to lead the fight which has as its goal development of the vast mineral and timber resources of the "frontier counties."

Among the hundreds who crowded onto the Siskiyou county courthouse lawn to witness the "inauguration" of Superior Judge John L. Childs of Del Norte county as acting governor, was E. A. Von Goertitz, a mining (Continued on Page Two)

AXIS RETAKES LIBYAN TOWN IN NEW PUSH

British Declare Two Assaults Beaten Near Tobruk

By The Associated Press British North African armies were credited today with beating off two heavy axis attacks on Ed Duda, in the bloody battle zone south of Tobruk, but a new setback was acknowledged in the loss of the Gambut supply base 40 miles east of Tobruk.

Authoritative London quarters conceded that axis troops had re-occupied Gambut, which the British captured on the second day of Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham's 18-day-old offensive into Libya.

Gain Slightly British Middle East headquarters said axis troops attacked Ed Duda in three waves, suffering heavy casualties in the first two assaults and gaining slightly in the third.

Imperial counter-attacks were declared to have regained most of the lost ground, however, with the axis forces again suffering heavily in killed and wounded. A British bulletin said New Zealand troops mopping up along the Egyptian-Libyan frontier had routed the remnants of a German-Italian column, which fled westward.

The German high command, stressing aerial attacks against the British desert forces, said axis soldiers repulsed imperial reconnaissance forces in relatively light ground operations during the day.

Planes Active A Nazi military spokesman said British tank losses under (Continued on Page Two)

Court Reverses Sentences of Bund Speakers

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 5 (AP) — The New Jersey supreme court today reversed the sentences of nine men accused of making or promoting anti-Jewish speeches at a German-American bund rally, and held the state's race hatred law was invalid because it conflicted with constitutional guarantees of free speech.

Among the nine were Wilhelm Kunze, the bund's national leader, and August Klapprott, leader for the eastern seaboard states. Klapprott was also manager of Camp Nordland, in rural Sussex county, where the rally was held.

To denounce one's fellows or (Continued on Page Two)

STIMSON ASSAILS WAR PLAN STORY

Patriotism Lacking in Publication, Says War Secretary

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP) — Secretary of War Stimson denounced today as "wanting in loyalty and patriotism" the publication of a purported secret army plan for an American expeditionary force to Europe.

Stimson told his press conference that documents published by the Chicago Tribune represented "unfinished studies of our production requirements for national defense which have been carried on by the general staff as part of their duties in this emergency." He added:

"They have never constituted an authorized program of the government."

"While their publication will doubt be of gratification to our potential enemies and a possible source of impairment and (Continued on Page Two)

THREE NATIONS REJECT BRITISH NOTES ON WAR

Finland, Rumania and Hungary Refuse to Abandon Axis

BERLIN, Dec. 5 (AP) — The Rumanian government tonight rejected what was described as an ultimatum from Britain to stop fighting Russia by midnight or face a declaration of war.

LONDON, Dec. 5 (AP) — The midnight (3 p. m., PST) deadline set for the replies of Finland, Hungary and Rumania to a British note calling on them to withdraw from the war on Russia approached tonight with increasing indications that all three would reject it.

The Budapest radio announced that the Hungarian government had decided to disregard "the British ultimatum." Hungarian Foreign Minister Laszlo de Barossy, it said, told parliament Britain had informed Hungary that unless Hungarian troops were withdrawn from the front by midnight Britain would consider herself at war with Hungary.

Not Ultimatum British sources still insisted that the notes did not constitute an ultimatum although the midnight-limit for responses to what was called a last British attempt to "stabilize relations" was admitted.

The German radio in Paris was heard by NBC declaring that Finland had sent Britain a negative reply. There was still no indication of Rumania's reaction although there was no expectation that she would withdraw from her anti-Russian alliance with Germany.

The notes were transmitted by the United States. British authorities were careful to avoid calling the notes ultimatums and asserted that Britain would not automatically be at war with the three countries at midnight if no replies were received.

Paris Cyclist Shoots, Wounds German Major

VICHY, Dec. 5 (AP) — A German major was shot and seriously wounded in Paris today while an unsuccessful attempt was made on the life of another officer in a new flareup of anti-Nazi attacks.

The major was hit twice by bullets fired by a cyclist in the Rue de Seine in the Latin quarter.

The second officer was fired at by attackers at Issy-Les-Moulineaux, workers' suburb near the Versailles gate. He was unhurt.

Prefect of Police Rear Admiral Rene Bard appealed to Parisians to help police apprehend those responsible for the recent series of attacks for which German authorities have threatened severe reprisals.

BOMBER FOR RAF CRASHES, BURNS

Pilot Killed as Big Plane Hits Hill at Vancouver

CAMAS, Wash., Dec. 5 (AP) — One of a flight of 18 Douglas medium bombers destined for Britain's RAF buried itself in a hillside near here today, killing Lt. Harry O'Neil, the pilot.

Witnesses said the ship struck Prime hill with motors roaring, 75 feet from a farmhouse. They said fragments of a body were found but it was impossible to determine whether there was more than one person in the ship.

Explosion, Burns The ship exploded at the impact, and the accompanying fire made immediate investigation impossible. Army men said, however, that it was likely only the pilot was aboard.

The flight of bombers was roaring into Columbia gorge, north of here, under command of Lieut. Charles E. Wilkins. It subsequently was forced back (Continued on Page Two)

TROOPS SENT TO INDO-CHINA HELD GUARDS

Tokyo Says Friendly Negotiations to Continue

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP) — The Japanese ambassador, in a statement released by the White House, informed the United States government today that Japanese troops in French Indo-China had been reinforced principally as a precautionary measure against the Chinese.

The statement added that Japan had taken no steps that "may transgress the stipulations of the protocol of joint defense between Japan and France."

Reply to F. R. Handed to Secretary of State Hull earlier in the day, the statement was relayed by the state department to the president.

It was in reply to an inquiry made by the government, at the president's behest, as to the purpose of strengthening of Japanese forces in the French colony which adjoins Thailand (Siam).

Tokyo's two envoys required 25 minutes to give Secretary of State Hull their government's answer and after their departure it was rushed immediately to Mr. Roosevelt's desk. The president also arranged a luncheon with Hull for a personal discussion of the document.

A conclusion drawn by experienced observers was that the Japanese reply declared that their troops in Indo-China were there under an agreement with the Vichy French government and their number did not exceed (Continued on Page Two)

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Approach of Holiday Finds Weed Under Pall of Strike

By BOB LEONARD

As one of the greatest national booms in the history of the world's greatest nation spreads its holiday song of plenty across the war-touched but yet unscarred land of the Americas, the tiny mill town of Weed, California, walks today to the shadowed dirge of possible want.

With the great mill of the Long-Bell Lumber company, chief employer of the town of 5000, blighted by a complete strike since October 20, 1200 employees and their families today face Christmas, 1941, with hope and enough food but with rapidly-emptying pocketbooks, growing dissension, and the increasing prospect of stalemated negotiations.

The strike is 35 working days old today. It has reduced the majority of Weed's wage earners to dependency upon union subsidies. It has torn the little community into separate factions, one of which is vociferous in its stand—others of which keep their own counsel.

It has caused merchants to talk of leaving, and others to swear they'll see it through with the workers. It's ruining the trade of both.

The shutdown is tying up the resources of Long-Bell—and depriving the town of an \$8000 daily payroll.

It's plunging virtually every man, woman and child in Weed into debt. And the end is apparently not yet in sight.

But the strike is also bringing faith, determination and belief to the surface of Weed.

In the hall of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers union (AFL), the spirit is evident on the humming lips of the ladies' auxiliary, in the tone of men's voices.

On the street, in scattered shops, it's evident in the angry tones, the complacent tones and the approving tones of other beliefs. It's echoed in the gaunt, smokeless yet adamant stunts of the silent mill.

Meanwhile the community goes on living—but in a different pattern. One store and one cafe do most of the business now. Both are managed by the strikers.

Both, lying nearly adjacent to union headquarters in the Moose club on Main street, are operated on a socialized pattern. Supplies are union-purchased through donations from International headquarters of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and sympathetic locals up and down the coast.

They're purchased from the union commissary and soup (Continued on Page Two)



In The Pictures:

Pictures by Wesley Guderian of The News-Herald photography staff demonstrate life in Weed during the Long-Bell strike.

No. 1—A shot taken of an actual meeting of the union picket committee when Jack Tuman (at table in center) was elected chairman.

No. 2—Men of the picket line are fed coffee and sandwiches from the commissary travelling truck.

No. 3—J. M. White, manager of Long-Bell's Weed unit.

No. 4—The commissary where strikers "buy" food with welfare committee approval cards or strike duty slips.

No. 5—Bill Cryder, president of the AFL Local 2907, which voted the strike's beginning on October 20, nearly seven weeks ago.