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FDR Loath To Add Strength To U. S. Fleet

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (AP)—The late Navy Secretary Frank Knox predicted on Jan. 24, 1941 that if war with Japan occurred, hostilities might begin with a surprise attack upon the Pacific fleet or the naval base at Pearl Harbor.

His prediction was made in a letter to Henry L. Stimson, then secretary of war, and was disclosed in an exchange of correspondence made public today by the congressional Pearl Harbor investigating committee.

Introduction of the Knox letter was one of several developments at the day's sessions. Others included:

1. Admiral J. O. Richardson, commander of the Pacific fleet until 10 months prior to the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor, testified the late President Roosevelt was "rather loath" to increase the manpower of the fleet in the mid-summer of 1940.

2. Committee aides said that Admiral William D. Leahy, Mr. Roosevelt's chief of staff during the war, would be called to testify during the day.

Admiral Richardson also told the committee that after July, 1940, series of conferences with President Roosevelt, Secretary Hull and others, he left Washington "with the distinct impression that there was an opinion in Washington that Japan could be bluff."

This came up when committee Counsel William D. Mitchell asked Richardson what Hull told him, with reference to Richardson's insistence that the fleet should not be massed at Pearl Harbor.

"Mr. Hull very completely and comprehensively presented his views on the relations between the United States and Japan," Richardson said. "He felt that we should take a very strong position, and that retention of the fleet in Hawaii was a reflection of that strong attitude." Then the admiral added his remark about the bluffing opinion.

Air Patrol
Under questioning by Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) Admiral Richardson said that on April 10, 1940, he started an air patrol from Hawaii which continued until Dec. 30, when he was notified he was being relieved of command.

At first the patrol planes (Continued on Page 2, Column 1)

Changchun Entered By Red Troops

By SPENCER MOOSA

CHUNGKING, Nov. 20 (AP)—Chinese communist troops were reported invading Manchuria's capital in force today in a race with rival nationalist soldiers, already 35 miles inside the vital industrial territory after a breakthrough in the south.

The China Times declared that 4000 communist troops had entered the capital of Changchun, but failed to say whether Russian occupation forces still were in the city.

The Times also asserted without confirmation elsewhere that new conferences between China and Russia on the tense Manchurian situation would begin soon, either in Moscow or Chungking.

Conditions

Unofficial reports in Chungking said the Russians had laid down 20 conditions which the nationalists must meet before being allowed to fly troops into Manchuria, making an overland drive necessary.

Chungking newspapers asserted this drive already was well under way, with nationalist troops racing 23 miles almost unopposed beyond positions a dozen miles inside Manchuria to within 190 miles of the great industrial city of Mukden.

With these well-equipped, American-trained troops apparently on the loose after having broken through the Chinese communist line along the Great Wall, the communist press leveled new charges at the United States.

U. S. Scored

The United States is converting China into "an American colony," the communist Daily News charged.

The activities of the American forces have enraged all patriotic Chinese, the newspaper asserted. It compared it with the "imperialism" of the British in India, French and Indo-China and the Dutch in the Netherlands East Indies.

Noticeably the criticism was issued swiftly after the other Chungking papers had reported the overnight nationalist advance along the Tientsin-Mukden railroad.

The nationalists occupied the railroad town of Sulchung, 35 miles northeast of Shanhaikwan.

Gen. Eisenhower May Head Army

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (AP) President Truman announced today the immediate retirement of Gen. George C. Marshall and the nomination of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to succeed him as chief of staff.

The president also announced to a news conference that he had selected Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz to succeed Gen. Eisenhower as chief of naval operations. This change will be made effective shortly after Christmas at a date to be agreed upon by Nimitz and King.

The president said General Joseph T. McNarney, one-time deputy chief of staff, will succeed Eisenhower immediately as commander of United States forces in Europe, and as American representative of the allied control commission in Europe.

New Language?

MANILA, Nov. 20 (AP)—Out of all the languages and dialects—at least 10—used at Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita's war crimes trial, the general's ear caught one word which persistently puzzled him. Today he asked surprised defense counsel, "Who's this fellow Jackson?"

Momentarily stumped themselves, defense attorneys figured out that Yamashita had misunderstood their oft-shouted "objection."

Case Against Nazis Opened By Military Tribunal

Jap Baron Commits Hara-Kiri To Escape Arrest

20 Germans Face Trial For Crimes

Followers Of Hitler Hear Reading Of Indictment

By DANIEL de LUCE

NUERNBERG, Nov. 20 (AP)—A strangely assorted score of gloomy nazis sat dejectedly today before an international military tribunal and heard themselves formally accused of Nazi war crimes, the murder of 10,000,000 Europeans, plunder, horror and torture.

Throughout the opening session of the historic trial for their lives, Hitlerian followers such as corpulent Hermann Goering, vague Rudolf Hess and defiant Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel listened through earphones while spokesmen of the nations which crushed their hierarchy recited crimes the world had never before witnessed.

Charges Read

By turns, prosecutors of the United States, Great Britain, France and Russia drew out through the four counts of the 24,000-word indictment accusing the last of the leading nazis of conspiracy to commit crimes against the peace, actual commission of crimes against the peace, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Even the appendices containing individual charges against the 20 defendants were read, meaning that the men who terrorized Europe only a year ago (Continued on Page 2, Column 1)

Expert Doubts Crater Action

PORTLAND, Nov. 20 (AP)—One of America's outstanding volcanologists looked doubtfully today at the possibility that Crater lake has begun to act like a volcano again.

Dr. Howell Williams, University of California geological head who wrote an expert treatise on the Crater lake region, commented on the tremendous smoke clouds observed over the lake.

Volcano gas, if forced from the lake floor with sufficient pressure to form smoke, would probably cause waves in the lake, he said. Such waves have not been observed.

If the gas were being released slowly enough to prevent waves from forming, he added, the gas would have been absorbed by the deep water—not released above the surface.

He advanced a tentative theory that submarine volcanic activity might be forming currents and sending warm water to the lake's surface. But that explanation, too, has a drawback: It would have killed the fish and destroyed the lake's famous blue-green, he said.

Yamashita Pleas Denied; Ordered To Begin Defense

MANILA, Nov. 20 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, defeated in his latest attempt to escape death as a war criminal, must begin his defense tomorrow.

Yamashita appeared composed and once smiled broadly today although his pleas for a "not guilty" verdict and for a delay in presentation of his defense both were denied by the U. S. military commission trying him.



Wreckage Of Chicago-New York Train
Passenger and freight cars lie across the tracks of the New York Central railroad near Lydick, Ind., after the New York-bound Advance Commodore Vanderbilt sideswiped a westbound freight train. (AP Wirephoto).

Housewives Cry In Aprons Over Sharp Rise In Price Of Thanksgiving Dinner

By LOIS STEWART

Housewives went about their Thanksgiving dinner shopping today, muttering to themselves. They didn't have to haul out their pocket calculators to find out that this year's Thanksgiving dinner was going to cost a whole lot more than it used to.

In fact, according to our figures, the 1945 Thanksgiving spread will cost in the neighborhood of \$10.50, as compared to a \$6.12 outlay 10 years ago.

Looking back through The Herald and News of November, 1935, a traditional holiday dinner including turkey and the trimmings, set the budget back \$6.12. That same dinner, with but few changes to take care of what isn't on the shelf now, costs 72 per cent more!

Russians Halt Iranian Troops

TEHRAN, Nov. 20 (AP)—Iranian troops dispatched to Azarbaijan province to quell separatist disturbances there were halted at Kazvin today by Russian authorities and ordered to return to Tehran, the Iranian government said.

Four battalions of troops and kendarms had been moving slowly northward from Tehran, apparently with the tacit consent of the Russian army commander, to quell the outbreak in which seven already have been reported killed.

Kazvin is about 100 miles northeast of Tehran and approximately one-third of the distance between the Iranian capital (Continued on Page 2, Column 3)

Bulletins

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (AP)—The government today ordered all airlines operating eastbound flights from the west coast to allot 70 per cent of their space to army and navy personnel returning from the Pacific. The order is effective December 3.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (AP) Admiral J. O. Richardson today told congressional investigators that in October, 1940, a state department adviser "was exercising greater influence over the disposition of the (Pacific) fleet than I was."

First, here's the 1935 menu and the cost per dish: turkey—a 10-pounder and probably a hen—with stuffing, \$3.85; shrimp cocktail, 30 cents; celery and olives, 30 cents; potatoes, 25 cents; cranberry ice, 22 cents; hot rolls and butter, 35 cents; apple and carrot salad, 25 cents; pumpkin pie, 26 cents; cheese and coffee, 25 cents. (This was for a family of six which is pretty small punkins when it comes to sitting down to a Thanksgiving dinner.)

Turkeys have jumped in price, just to start in with, and the 1945 bird and dressing will cost around \$5.50 or an increase of 43 per cent over 10 years ago. Shrimp—there aren't any—so we took a fresh oyster cocktail and the going opinion that such a cocktail would cost for six, in the neighborhood of \$1.30 or \$1.50. Celery and olives aren't obtainable for a mere 30 cents these days with celery 15 to 16 cents a pound and a three-pound head the average purchase. This makes those little items, figuring olives at 27 cents for a 4 1/2 ounce bottle, add up to 72 cents.

Hold onto your hats—we're just getting started. Potatoes seemed just about the same and you should get enough on the table for two-bits. But cranberry ice, figured at 22 cents 10 years ago, isn't available either. But the homemade variety should be on hand to serve as a compliment to the gorgeous bird and the makings will set you back around 85 cents. The average housewife figures on a generous pound of butter for a Thanksgiving meal with seasoning and vegetables, putting a hunk in the dressing, and slipping some in between the hot rolls. Butter is 55 cents a pound and the rolls will run around 20 cents per dozen. Add six-bits to the list.

Apple and carrot salad was given in the 1945 menu and although we don't like it we'll have to serve it on this menu. It cost 25 cents back in 1935, but this year will cost you 35 cents, that is if you can find any mayonnaise. The pumpkin pie that once cost 26 cents will cost at least 40 cents now, with eggs hitting around seven cents apiece. Cheese and coffee is another 40 (Continued on Page 2, Column 3)

Lane Official Target Of Suit

SALEM, Nov. 20 (AP)—Suit questioning the right of State Rep. Earl H. Hill, Cushman, Lane county, to serve on the state fish commission was filed in Marion county circuit court today by Sheldon F. Sackett, Coos Bay publisher.

The suit is similar to that filed 10 days ago by Sackett against State Sen. Merle Chessman, Astoria, who also is a member of the state highway commission. Both suits are based on a constitutional provision that no person may hold positions in any two branches of the state government.

Bulletins

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 20 (AP)—The Willamette Valley Operators' association reinstated an earlier offer of a 12 cent wage boost for striking AFL lumber workers today.

A similar offer was rejected several weeks ago by the AFL strike policy committee. George Metzger, Willamette group secretary-manager, said the operators were again making the offer because workers in the area had previously agreed on the amount, but had rejected the bid because of differences over rates for fallers and buckers.

Honjo Led Nips Into Manchuria

Officer Found Lying In Pool Of Blood In Office

By RUSSELL BRINES

TOKYO, Nov. 20 (AP)—Baron Gen. Shigeru Honjo, accused war criminal and reputed ring-leader in the conquest of Manchuria, committed hara-kiri today less than 24 hours after he was ordered arrested.

The baron was lying on his right side in a pool of blood in his office at the former Japanese war college when allied reporters and photographers arrived.

Blood still oozed from the body and the hilt of his ceremonial sword was thrust up from the sheet, which partly covered the body.

The old-line officer performed the Japanese hara-kiri ritual by slashing his stomach crosswise, then cutting his throat.

But instead of the ritualistic kimono, Honjo wore his army uniform. His upthrust boots were highly polished.

War Leader
Honjo, one of 11 war leaders of the past imperialistic decade ordered imprisoned yesterday, died shortly after his secretary found his slashed body on his office floor.

"I cannot endure as a soldier of our country to appear before a court of allied powers," Honjo said in a letter written shortly before he killed himself.

This is the only way of apologizing to his majesty and bringing my nation to such a miserable state of affairs.

"It grieves my heart when I think of the surviving families of our men who died on battlefields, therefore have decided to seek death."

Honjo's Desire
The letter, addressed to his secretary, Kawamura, said it was Honjo's desire that his eldest son, Kazuo, not succeed to his title of baron.

The retired general, who was serving as president of the organization for relief of demobilized soldiers, had gone to his office early this morning as usual although the organization had been ordered abolished by MacArthur.

The 69-year-old Honjo's eldest son told Kyodo news agency that his father learned of the arrest order only when he read a morning newspaper and feared he would be tried as a war criminal.

Holiday Weather Forecast Clear

Prospects for a clear, brisk Thanksgiving loomed for the Klamath area as the weatherman forecast frost at night and early mornings, but clear skies for the day.

A number of football fans planned to eat their turkey in the Rogue river valley after taking in the Medford-Grant high school football tilt.

British Thunderbolts Bomb Indonesian-Held Roadways

BATAVIA, Java, Nov. 20 (AP) Indonesian-held roadways into Semarang were bombed by six RAF Thunderbolts today and fighting between native and allied forces broke out in several sections of Batavia.

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Fire Damages Local Laundry

Fire partially destroyed the cleaning plant of the Superior-Troy laundry at 4th and Klamath late Monday night. Damage to the corner building, equipped with modern machinery, was estimated at between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Origin of the flames, which swept through the plant at about 11:48 p. m., was not definitely placed. It was thought to have been caused by a smoldering cigarette left in the drying room. No one was on duty in the plant at the time.

The establishment is owned by Estlin Kliger, Marion Grant and Bert Farris. Owner of the building is Ivan Farris.

Building Damage
Damage to the building was thought to be in the neighborhood of \$5000, the balance damage to racks of cleaning and bundles (Continued on Page 2, Column 4)

Snow Falls On Willamette Pass

Three inches of new snow fell on the Willamette pass Monday night bringing the total to 63 inches on the mountain route from the Klamath area to Eugene. Plows have kept the road in good winter driving condition. The weather was reported clear in the valley and Thanksgiving travelers were urged to drive with caution as the falling temperatures resulted in slick roadbeds.

Roads were normal to Medford where many Klamath folks plan to spend Thanksgiving and see the Medford-Grant game next Thursday. There was no new snow and the highways were clear but slushy in spots.

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Allied authorities had lost control of the railway stations. The action about Semarang was the first aerial offensive against the city in the current fighting.

The Indonesians had barricaded themselves across three roads which formed the only contact between two Indian forces which

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FOUR battalions of Iranian troops, headed for the province of Azerbaijan to quell the "revolt" mentioned yesterday, are halted by the Russians and ordered to return to Tehran.

All this happened in IRANIAN territory. It LOOKS as if Russia has designs on Iran—or at least a part of it.

WHAT should WE do about it? Well, Iran adjoins Russia. It might be just as well for us to remember that when we were having spats with Mexico Russia stayed strictly out of it.

"Spheres of influence" is a wicked term these days, but the cold fact is that under the Monroe Doctrine we regard the Western Hemisphere as OUR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE.

So far Russia hasn't butted in.

DAILY we scan the skies for some HOPEFUL sign as to Russia. Admittedly such signs are few and far between these days, but General Eisenhower (temporarily in this country) mentions one today.

He announces that he has completed an agreement with General Zhukov for exchange press tours in the German military zones occupied by the Russians and the Americans. That is to say, we will permit the Russians to send reporters into OUR zone and the Russians will permit us to send reporters (properly chaperoned, presumably) into THEIR zone.

It isn't much, but ANY such concession on the part of the Russians is at least faintly hopeful because it indicates, even if it is in a small way, SOME breaking down of their very obvious suspicion of us.

ASKED if he expects any TROUBLE with Russia, Eisenhower replies: "No, OF COURSE I don't expect any trouble with Russia. If I did, I'd want every soldier I could keep there."

That comes from Eisenhower, who is in contact with the Russians every day.

WE still seem headed for a showdown in China.

Chungking and communist troops are reported today to be staging a RACE for Changchun, capital of Manchuria, which the Russians (who took it from the Japs) appear to be slowly evacuating.

Unofficial reports in Chungking say the Russians have laid down 20 conditions (unnamed) that Chungking troops must meet before being allowed to FLY troops in American planes) to the city. Failing to fly their troops in, the Chungking Chinese must move them in OVERLAND—which they seem to be starting to do. They are reported to have boomed in 23 miles from the border.

WHAT we're curious about is whether the Russians are going to BACK the Chinese communists against Chungking. That is why we are watching all these reported developments that filter through the screens of censorship and propaganda.

THE tone of the Chinese communists toward US is increasingly bitter. They say today we're "converting China into an American colony, similar to British imperialism in India, French imperialism in Indo-China and Dutch imperialism in the Dutch East Indies."

Reading between the lines, one guesses that their bitterness might be due to a conviction that they are LOSING OUT.

WHAT we want to know, above all else, is whether Russia will come to their aid if they ARE losing out. If that all important point were not ALWAYS present in the situation, we'd figure that the solution is to let Chungking and the northern communists fight it out to a conclusion.

ONE can't help feeling (we are TOLD nothing) that a dangerous game is being played over there. If it should wind up with us backing Chungking and the (Continued on Page 2, Column 3)

Arriving In United States

By The Associated Press
Dorset Gifford, Cpl., Klamath Falls, arrived on SS Island Mail due in San Francisco November 17.
Virgil Lady, Cpl., 500 Oak Klamath Falls, arrived on USS James O'Hara due in San Francisco November 17.
Richard H. Gallagher, 1st Lt., Rt. 2, Klamath Falls, arrived on General Pope due in San Francisco November 19.