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GM Offers To Meet With Conciliators

"Illegal" Picketing Hot Issue

225,000 Auto Workers Idle Because Of CIO Strike

DETROIT, Nov. 29 (AP)—C. E. Wilson, president of General Motors, said today the corporation has offered to meet with federal conciliators to discuss the strike of CIO United Automobile Workers which has made 225,000 G. M. employees idle.

He reiterated, however, that General Motors would not resume negotiations with the union on the strikers' demands for a 30 per cent wage increase unless what he described as "illegal" picketing ceased and the union modified its wage demand.

Wilson said that in a telephone conversation with Edgar L. Warren, chief of the U. S. conciliation service, he offered to send Harry W. Anderson, GM vice president in charge of personnel, to Washington for a conference, and suggested also that Warren might come to Detroit.

"Probably Best" Regarding this last suggestion, Wilson told a press conference today, "probably that would be best, anyhow."

Wilson said he told Warren "the first thing to be taken care of is this illegal picketing. We think that can be handled here better than in Washington, particularly since the union said this question is up to the locals."

Speaking only a few hours after President Truman in Washington expressed belief G. M. executives should sit down and talk over the wage dispute with UAW-CIO representatives, Wilson said the corporation was not willing to do this until the union modified what he termed its "30 per cent or else" demands.

Iran Rebels Abandon March

TEHRAN, Iran, Nov. 29 (AP)—Azerbaijani insurgent forces, swerving suddenly in their push down the main railroad toward Tehran, apparently had abandoned today any attempt to march upon the Iranian capital itself, but Iranian government troops maintained a vigilant watch in the capital.

An official Iranian government communique said last night a small force of Azerbaijanians was marching on the town of Resht, 15 miles from the Caspian sea, after taking and then evacuating the town of Takistan. The insurgents turned northeast toward the Caspian after reaching Takistan, the communique said, instead of continuing toward Kazvin—on the route to Tehran.

Good Prospect!

THE DALLES, Nov. 29 (AP)—Sheriff Harold Sexton, driving a convicted forger to the State Penitentiary, was surprised by a burst of questions as the two drove through Gresham.

"What are you so interested in this town for?" he asked the prisoner.

"Oh," said James Smith, "I just thought this would be a likely town to pass some checks after I get out."

Fala Hospitalized After Imprudent Tiff With Blaze

RHINEBECK, N. Y., Nov. 29 (AP)—Fala, the late President Roosevelt's Scottie, was in a dog hospital today, victim of an encounter with Elliott Roosevelt's 135-pound bull mastiff, Blaze.

Fala was brought to Dr. Thomas Sheldon's hospital last Saturday suffering from loss of blood and numerous tears and bites, which required several stitches.

The little Scottie, which had been staying at Rhinebeck with Miss Margaret Suckley, the late president's cousin, visited the Roosevelt's Hyde Park estate on Saturday and met Blaze on the lawn. Growled insults were exchanged, then bites.

Following relapses, Fala will be discharged Sunday. Blaze was uninjured.

Speech, Queens, Hams Spur Kiwanis Bond Sale



Captain Brent Foster, U. S. army, whose speech sparked the Kiwanis Victory bond sale today noon, is shown here planting a nice kiss on one of the hams that drew heavy bidding from the service club men. Admiring the captain in the picture are Klamath's queen candidates—Betty Steinman, Agness Winters, Virginia Lee Benoit and Marie Dorlaque, from left to right.

Army Predicted Two Days Before Pearl Harbor That Japs Sought To Avoid War

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (AP)—Congressional investigators learned today that army intelligence officers predicted two days before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor that Japan's leaders wanted "to avoid a general war in the Pacific."

This estimate of Japan's intentions was included in military documents given to the senate-house group investigating the Pearl Harbor disaster December 7, 1941. These records also showed, among other things:

1. Army intelligence officers thought 10 days before the attack that Japan's next military move would be an invasion of Thailand. Maj. Gen. Sherman Miles, then acting chief of intelligence, made this prediction in a memorandum to Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff.

2. Gen. Marshall sent a last-minute alert to Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, army commander in Hawaii, which was received there about an hour before the Japanese struck. This message, sent by commercial cable because army radio facilities were not working properly, was not delivered to Short until three hours later.

3. Marshall's committee was given a chance to question Gen. Marshall about these and other matters soon. Chairman Barkley announced Marshall will be called as a witness before he leaves for China as President Truman's special envoy within two or three days.

As the committee turned to military phases of the investigation, after hearing diplomatic angles discussed for several days, they learned that American naval attaches in Japan and some areas of China were notified three days before the Pearl Harbor attack to destroy their codes.

Gerhard Gesell, committee counsel, presented a dispatch sent to the attaches December 4 by Admiral Harold R. Stark, then chief of naval operations. This instructed them to "destroy this system" at their discretion.

State Rests In Mansfeldt Case

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29 (AP)—The prosecution today completed its murder case against Mrs. Annie Irene Mansfeldt and the 45-year-old society matron started her fight to prove she was innocent.

Mrs. Mansfeldt appeared bright and concerned with proceedings for the first time during her trial for the slaying Oct. 4 of Mrs. Vada Martin, 36-year-old nurse whom she accused of having an affair with Dr. John H. Mansfeldt. The physician committed suicide shortly after the nurse's slaying.

"Malaya Tiger" Denies Charges

MANILA, P. I., Nov. 29 (AP)—Direct examination of Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, testifying in his own defense on war crimes charges, concluded today with the former Philippines commander steadfastly denying any knowledge of atrocities committed by his Japanese army subordinates.

In response to questions by his defense attorneys, Yamashita admitted close liaison with his various chiefs of staff but snapped an emphatic "no" to a question whether he ever issued any orders for killings or brutal treatment of civilians.

Chief Denies Black Market Activities

HERFORD, Germany, Nov. 29 (AP)—Leo J. Margolin, chief of the United Nations' relief and rehabilitation administration's information bureau in Europe, said in a statement today that 600 UNRRA employees had been dismissed for incompetence within the past few months.

He said most of those dismissed were nationals of European countries. Margolin declared he wished to correct a previous Associated Press report which quoted him as saying 600 UNRRA workers, a majority of them Americans and British, had been dismissed, suspended or arrested.

(In London the European office of the UNRRA said the previous report that the dismissals were in connection with a two-month investigation into black market activities in Germany "is completely inaccurate.")

"The facts are that 600 UNRRA officials in Germany have been removed for unsatisfactory service in the process of strengthening personnel engaged in displaced persons activities," the UNRRA statement said.

"By some misunderstanding this seems to have been linked up with the announcement that one UNRRA worker of Czech nationality has been imprisoned for theft and that others have been suspended."

Dismissed Margolin said that during the past few months the 600 employees had been dismissed for incompetence as part of a reorganization put into effect by Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick A. Morgan, UNRRA director in Germany.

"UNRRA officials are doing everything in their power to ferret out any incompetence and dishonesty in the ranks," Margolin's statement said. "The overwhelming majority of the UNRRA workers in Germany are honest, sincere and loyal and dedicated to the care of displaced persons who are innocent victims of war," his statement concluded.

Police Nab Two Heuvel Witnesses

Picked up by police at Antioch, Calif., yesterday, Willie Mae Collins, 17, and her sister, Margaret Collins Ruland, 20, have been released on their promise to come to Klamath Falls and appear as material witnesses against Earl Heuvel, former chief of police, in connection with a contributing to the delinquency of a minor charge, an Associated Press report disclosed today.

The younger girl is the complaining witness against Heuvel on the contributing charge. He was indicted by a grand jury last January.

Heuvel was acquitted of a morals charge involving another girl recently, but is still under indictment on three counts and is free on \$16,000 bail.

At the time of the signing of her complaint, Willie Mae Collins charged that the peace officer made improper advances toward her after she had been picked up in Klamath Falls for vagrancy. At the time Heuvel was chief of police.

She also accused him of making improper advances toward her sister, Margaret, who was picked up at the same time.

Girls Released After signing the complaint the Collins girls were released by officials here with the understanding that they would return for the trial. Heuvel disappeared from Klamath Falls shortly before the indictment was returned, but was brought back from Arkansas to face the four counts against him.

The first trial, which was a four-day sensation in circuit court here, was concluded two weeks ago and Heuvel was found not guilty by a unanimous vote of the jury.

It is understood at the courthouse that Judge Arlie G. Walker of McMinnville, who is hearing the cases, has set January 28 as the date for the next Heuvel trial but there has been no announcement of which charge will be tried next.

Steel Workers Favor Walkout

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 29 (AP)—With nearly complete returns from the steel workers' strike ballot showing a heavy majority in favor of a walkout, the CIO-United Steel Workers today issued a call for its wage policy committee to meet here December 10 to consider the action of its members.

The union is demanding a \$2 a day increase in wages. Unofficial returns to the national labor relations board from hundreds of polling places in 27 states showed a nearly 5-to-1 vote favoring a strike. The vote this afternoon stood:

For a strike 391,457; against 80,930. This vote included complete returns from the populous steel centers of Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and several other states.

Hess To Take Office LA Grande, Nov. 29

LA GRANDE, Nov. 29 (AP)—Oregon's newly appointed U. S. district attorney—Henry Hess of La Grande—said today he expects to take office January 1, succeeding Carl C. Donagh.

Hess reported he had not yet been officially notified of his appointment, confirmed Tuesday by the senate.

Unique "Blind Date" Party Sponsored By Klamath USO

Want a date with a pretty girl? If you're a serviceman, the USO will give you a chance. The local USO club is sponsoring a blind date party at 6 p. m., Saturday, and three lucky servicemen will not only get dates but dinner at Sari's and tickets to the dance at the armory. All at no cost to them.

Three girls have been chosen from the Junior Hostesses who will select their blind dates. From a group of six servicemen who will be chosen Saturday night, the girls will single out their escorts, "sight unseen." None of the people participating in the affair will see one another, but they will be allowed to talk from behind screens. Each of the three girls will choose one of two men, and their evening of dining and dancing will begin.

Another USO activity which is getting special attention from servicemen is the ping pong tournament. Each weekend the winner is given a long-distance call to his home or any place of his own choosing, and the bill is paid by the USO.

8 Men Die, 16 Hurt In Plane Crash

AUBURN, Calif., Nov. 29 (AP)—Eight men, including three crewmen, were killed and 16 were injured, all seriously, in an army C-47 transport plane crash near here last night, the DeWitt Army General Hospital reported today, after a recheck of casualties.

First reports that nine had been killed resulted from the counting of one very badly burned Japanese-American combat veteran passenger as both dead and injured, it was explained.

Aside from the crew, those on the plane were, with one possible exception, all Japanese American combat veterans making their last flight before discharge.

The big craft, en route to McClellan field, Sacramento, from Palm Springs, Calif., plunged into a mountainside in rain-swept darkness about 7:20 p. m. (PST) and immediately caught fire.

All of the 22 passengers aboard are believed to have been Japanese-Americans who fought with the ninth air corps in Italy and were on their way to Camp Beale, Calif., separation center for discharge before being sent to their homes in Hawaii.

Identified The dead have been identified tentatively as the plane's three crewmen and five of the passengers, Lt. Victoria Le Fevre, DeWitt public relations officer, reported.

No names of casualties or injured will be released until next of kin have been notified.

Five bodies were found in or near the wreckage soon after nearby ranchers reached the scene. Three other bodies were located hours later. The ninth man died in the surgery at DeWitt hospital as he was being treated for injuries, Lt. Le Fevre said.

The 16 survivors were given emergency attention at DeWitt and are expected by attending physicians to live.

Kiwanis Bond Sale \$46,675

Kiwanis club members, spurred by a hard-hitting speech from an anti-aircraft captain, purchased \$46,675 in E Victory bonds at a rousing session at noon today at the Willard.

Captain Brent Foster, who served in the European theater and was a prisoner of war, told the Kiwanis of the need for "finishing the job," pointing out that if the employees of a business quit an hour early every day, they wouldn't finish the job but they would probably finish the business.

Bob Thompson was auctioneer, with hams, bacon, candy, cigarettes, cigars, whiskey and a year's pass to local theatres offered on the block. Highest bid was \$5000—the individual limit—for a ham.

The bond queue candidates were introduced.

Violent Storms Hit Northeast

By The Associated Press Winter struck the most severe blow of the season to the northeastern section of the nation today, with snowfall up to 16 inches and at least three known deaths.

In some places violent rainstorms preceded the snow and sent streams out of their banks. Rainstorms, approaching hurricane violence in the Boston area, tossed boats ashore, uprooted trees, downed wires and caused other damage, while surging rivers spilled over into New Jersey towns.

In Lakewood, N. J., Mrs. Clara Hyman, 50, was crushed to death when a six-foot chimney was blown down onto the roof of a room in which she was sleeping.

Two New York deaths were attributed to the storm. In both cases the victim reported struck by automobiles during the gale.

BOND SALES JUMP

PORTLAND, Nov. 29 (AP)—Sales of E Victory bonds jumped substantially yesterday—to \$10,340,000—46 per cent of the quota.

Sales of all issues to individuals in Oregon hit \$29,150,000—73.8 per cent of the goal.

Arriving In United States

By Associated Press William E. Bouska, T/S, Klamath Falls, arrived on the Wilson Keene due in Boston November 28.

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