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WEATHER NEWS

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 Max. (Dec. 2) 43 Min. 35
 Precipitation last 24 hours Trace
 Stream year to date 3.97
 Normal 2.84 Last year 3.66
 Forecast: Rain tonight and Tuesday.
 Tuesday Shooting Hours: Klamath-Tulelake—Open 7:08 a. m. Close 4:27 p. m.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
 ACCORDING to a survey just completed and reported on by U. S. intelligence officers, German resistance against American occupation methods is developing gradually into BITTER HATRED, which is giving rise to increasing talk of resistance.

THAT isn't good news. We could probably stamp out any resistance that might be attempted, but the stamping out process would let loose new hatreds that would still further complicate our problem in Germany. It is complicated enough already.

THE survey, whose results are embodied in a 20,000-word report just made public, offers this interesting opinion:

"An outstanding source of resentment (among Germans) is the conviction that the American military administration is suffering from a LACK OF POLICY which the Germans hold responsible for much injustice and confusion."

That is to say, we have a bear by the tail in Germany, but don't yet know what we're going to do about it.

When you have a bear by the tail, nothing can be much more dangerous than INDECISION.

IN Germany, we are dealing with DEFEATED people who are both idle and hungry. That is a dangerous combination.

The situation that faces us hasn't arisen suddenly. The German defeat came some six months ago. It was apparent almost immediately that unless decisive steps were taken to provide food starvation would stalk Germany when winter closed down. It was equally apparent that unless steps were taken to provide fuel thousands of Germans would freeze to death.

It should have been equally apparent that unless something was done with a little delay as possible to get German industries to going the danger of idleness (which is a historic mischief breeder) would be added to the dangers of cold and hunger.

All of these things were plain to any casual observer.

YET tragically little seems to have been done. Within the past week or so it has been reported that German industry is operating at less than ten per cent of capacity—which certainly doesn't provide many jobs. General Eisenhower has warned repeatedly that hunger is GROWING in Germany. There is nothing to indicate that fuel is any more plentiful.

JUST a word here about fuel.

COAL is obviously the sick man of Europe. Coal production in England is inadequate—and England is a victorious, not a defeated, country. Nowhere near enough coal is being mined in France. It isn't particularly surprising, when everything is taken into consideration, that coal should be short in Germany.

But coal isn't the only household fuel available in Germany, which is a heavily forested country. It is true enough probably that the Germans will need their forests for the future rebuilding of the country, but their need for fuel NOW to keep them from freezing to death is more immediate than their FUTURE need of lumber and other wood products.

Yet, up to a month or six weeks ago, little if anything had been done to organize the cutting of wood for fuel in German communities. Wood cutting would have provided EMPLOYMENT for idle hands and the fuel thus provided would have stayed off freezing in many a German house.

THE whole thing seems to provide confirmation of the German suspicion, mentioned in the intelligence report just made public, that we lack a policy in Germany.

THERE have been problems, of course. In Germany, we don't stand alone. We have the British and the Russians to consider. But even that doesn't excuse what appears to have been our apparent drifting along from day to day, without any definite plan, in the zone of Germany that we are occupying.

This is a time for American leadership in world affairs. If we don't provide the kind of leadership that America is capable of, we shall have to take the kind of world leadership we will GET. We probably won't like it.

U. S. SHIP CAPTAIN BLAMED

Navy Charges McVay With Cruiser Loss

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—The navy formally accused Capt. Charles B. McVay III today of negligence and culpable inefficiency in the loss of the 10,000-ton cruiser Indianapolis in the closing days of the war.

The charges were revealed at a court-martial convened at the Washington navy yard to try the 47-year-old son of a retired admiral.

Every man aboard the Indianapolis was a casualty when enemy action sent her to the bottom of the Philippine sea last July 30. Dead or missing totaled 880, the wounded 316.

Signed by Secretary of the Navy Forrestal, the charges made public for the first time as the seven-man military tribunal convened, accused McVay of:

1. "Through negligence, suffering a vessel of the navy to be hazarded," and
 2. "Culpable inefficiency in the performance of duty."

Under the first charge, the captain was accused specifically of neglecting "to cause zigzag course to be steered" through an area in which enemy submarines "might be encountered."

Under the second charge, he was accused of failing, after being informed that the ship was in a sinking condition, "to issue and see effected such timely orders as were necessary to cause said vessel to be abandoned, as it was his duty to do."

As a result, the specifications set forth, "many persons on board perished with the sinking of said vessel."

As the court-martial opened, counsel for Captain McVay challenged the first of the two charges—negligence in that the officer neglected to put the cruiser on a zigzag course through submarine-infested waters.

The defense said "the first charge fails to state an offense. It merely sets out a conclusion." The challenge sent the court into private session and after a 10-minute conference Admiral Wilber Baker announced that the challenge had been rejected and the court-martial would proceed on the original charges.

Yamashita Challenges War Trial
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—Japanese General Tomoyuki Yamashita today asked the supreme court to stop his trial before an American military commission in Manila and to bring him to Washington for a hearing before the high tribunal.

Yamashita in a formal petition airmailed from the Philippines asked the supreme court to issue a writ of habeas corpus requiring Gen. Douglas MacArthur to produce him before the tribunal or one of its justices for any action the high court considers proper.

He also asked a "writ of prohibition" prohibiting continuation of his trial as a war criminal. He requested that the high court order him returned to the status of prisoner of war "in conformity with provisions of the Geneva convention."

Yamashita's petition, contending the military commission lacked authority to try him, said:

"There being no martial law, no military government of occupied territory, and no active hostilities in the Philippines at the time of the appointment of the commission, there was no authority to appoint the commission and it is without jurisdiction. The court will act on the petition later.

Attaches said they expected Yamashita to file another petition, asking the supreme court to review a decision by the Philippines supreme court. The islands tribunal denied the general's contention that the military commission was illegal and that Philippine civil courts should take over his case.

AFL Eyes Truce In Pine Belt

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 3 (AP)—The AFL strike policy committee went into a huddle today to smooth out wage snags in its pine belt—tagging behind fire operators in reaching a settlement.

Meanwhile, many sawmills and factories shut down since September 24 were busily at work again today, with AFL employees granted the 15-cent compromise wage boost. Repair crews were getting other plants in tiptop shape to start operations.

"Suicide Squad" Risked Lives In Atom Experiment

CHICAGO, Dec. 3 (AP)—A scientist disclosed today a "suicide squad" stood by as the first atomic reaction was started here, ready to sacrifice their lives to save the city had an explosion threatened.

Dr. Walter H. Zinn, who erected the first atomic pile beneath the University of Chicago's football grandstand, described the precautions to a group of state champions in the 4-H Westinghouse Electric contest attending the national 4-H Club Congress, Donna Alexander, Chesham, Wash., was among them.

Dr. Zinn said a group of University of Chicago scientists was prepared to halt the experiment "before the whole pile exploded like a thousand atomic bombs in one." They expected to be killed in the process, he said.

Please Pass The Overcoats!



Boarders at Sacred Heart academy were eating lunch today with their coats on as heat from the city plant failed to reach the building. Classes were dismissed Monday morning. Left to right, Marjorie Smith, Beverly Smith, Lora Mae Courtney and Mary Lou Sullivan.

Chiang's Army Forges Ahead

CHUNGKING, Dec. 3 (AP)—The rich industrial city of Mukden in Manchuria lies only 30 miles ahead of advancing nationalist spearheads, Chinese Central News agency reported today.

As Chiang Kai-shek's forces rolled northward without reported opposition, Central News said the first government troops to be flown into Manchuria would be taken in by plane next week.

Today's report indicates an advance of 35 miles. The nationalist yesterday reached Tahushan, 65 miles from Mukden. Central News did not specify if Tahushan had been by-passed or the communists had withdrawn.

Press dispatches stated negotiations are "proceeding satisfactorily" on a new Chinese-Russian agreement on Manchuria.

The Russians recently agreed to defer for a month withdrawal of red troops from Manchuria, thus enabling nationalist forces to take over.

Bystander Shot By Holdup Man

SEATTLE, Dec. 3 (AP)—An innocent bystander at a night-club holdup Saturday night, Edmond Bochnak, 37, of Bellingham, was shot in the stomach and seriously wounded.

Bochnak was shot by one of three robbers, police said, as they made their escape after robbing several patrons of the Magicians' club on Sixth avenue.

He and a friend had just arrived at the door of the club as the robbers entered. When the men left Bochnak and the doorman were standing, watching them as they went down the stairs to the street. Halfway down one of the men turned and fired a shot, the bullet hitting Bochnak.

Truman Sets Up Strike Board

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—President Truman today set up fact-finding boards to deal with the General Motors strike and threatened steel walkout, and asked congress for permanent machinery to handle labor disputes in "important nationwide industries."

The president appealed publicly for 225,000 CIO-United Automobile Workers to return to their jobs in the big General Motors corporation and urged the approximate 700,000 who might be involved in a steel strike to remain at work.

Who'll Be Queen?

Virginia Lee Bonilet 2285
 Marie Dorlaque 1985
 Betty Steinman 1711
 Agnes Winters 1508
 All ballots must be turned in to bond headquarters, 1011 Main, by December 8. Bond headquarters will remain open to tabulate votes until midnight on that date.

Grid Ace Of Year

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The board of governors of the club announced today the award will be presented December 15 to the line-smashing West Point fullback.

Strong Southeast Wind Whips Klamath Basin Area

A strong southeast wind, which reached a peak velocity of 34 miles per hour at 3:39 a. m. today whipped the Klamath basin area bringing rain and snow in its wake.

While the chill winds roared down chimneys, students of Sacred Heart academy were dismissed from their classes as the Klamath Heating company plant failed to provide sufficient heat.

Reds Asked To OK Troop Move

TEHRAN, Dec. 3 (AP)—The Iranian government urgently petitioned Soviet Russia today to permit transportation of Iranian troops to trouble-ridden Azerbaijan province, where armed democrat autonomists were reported to have seized police and government officials.

Soviet military authorities in Azerbaijan—which borders Russia—have prevented Iranian reinforcements from entering the province on the ground their presence would cause further fighting and bloodshed.

In a note handed to the Soviet embassy, the Iranian foreign ministry declared that government troops were needed in Azerbaijan to restore order and promised they would not be used for aggressive measures against the populace.

U. S. Conciliator Expected Here

AFL Agent Hugh Haddock said today he had word that Oliver Goodwin of the U. S. conciliation service is expected here this week to seek to bring operators and striking AFL unionists together for another conference.

Haddock said that operators had given no indication of offering more than 12 cents an hour wage increase to settle the strike, while the union council had voted against accepting that compromise. He said the union is disposed to go along with some such settlement as has been made in fir, where a 15-cent boost was approved. However, he said, the union wants a 17 cent increase here to make up for a previous differential between pine and fir.

What the union wants is \$1.05 minimum in pine sawmills. The operators have offered \$1, which has been accepted by some AFL unions in California.

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Assembly Votes Monetary Reform

PARIS, Dec. 3 (AP)—Nationalization of France's electrical industry was forecast today as the next goal of the constituent assembly, which passed a sweeping financial reform program at a special session yesterday.

The assembly voted 521 to 35 to take over the shares and management of the Banque de France and four major deposit banks. It was a marked victory for Gen. de Gaulle, interim president, who appeared personally in the chamber of deputies to appeal to the legislature not to press for the nationalization of business or investment banks. He said inclusion of these banks would be harmful to France's chances for reviving her export trade.

CIO Claims Anti-Trust Law Broken

DETROIT, Dec. 3 (AP)—The CIO United Automobile Workers today asked U. S. Attorney General Tom Clark to investigate General Motors corporation with a view to anti-trust prosecution, contending GM's control of a large part of the supply of fuel pumps for the industry constitutes a monopoly.

The request was made by R. J. Thomas, president of the UAW-CIO, in a telegram which stated that "control of a single vital item gives General Motors corporation a control over its competitors that is contrary to the public interest."

Some 225,000 General Motors employees are idle in a nation-wide strike by the union to enforce its demand on GM for a 30 per cent wage increase within the corporation's present price structure.

Thomas in his telegram cited a letter by C. E. Wilson, General Motors president, in which GM offered to re-open its parts plants to supply other automobile manufacturers only. The International UAW-CIO accepted this offer only to have some prominent locals oppose the plan.

Force Shutdown

George Romney, general manager of the Automobile Manufacturers association, has said the General Motors strike would eventually force a shutdown of the entire industry.

Principal producer of fuel pumps among GM units is the AC spark plug division at Flint, Mich., which employed more than 9000 workers before the strike began November 21. After International union officials said the question of reopening this unit would be considered, leaders of the AC local said a partial return to work would "lead to trouble and probably violence."

Children Take Stand In Case

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3 (AP)—The three fine-looking children of Mrs. Annie Irene Mansfield testified today their mother did not appear fully conscious the morning of last October 4, the day she shot to death pretty Mrs. Vada Martin, 36, a nurse.

The children took the witness stand, one after another, to tell much the same story of that morning of tragedy, which brought the socially prominent Mrs. Mansfield, 45, to trial on a charge of murder.

Her husband, Dr. John H. Mansfield, 48, physician to many people of wealth, killed himself within a few hours after Mrs. Mansfield had shot the nurse to death after accusing her of stealing the doctor's love. Mrs. Mansfield has entered a dual plea of innocent and innocent by reason of insanity.

The defendant's only son, John, 14, testified that he was awakened about 7 a. m. the morning of October 4. "I heard a loud screaming upstairs—about 5 or 6 screams, then I heard a loud rump on the floor. I ran upstairs with sister Terry, but father told us to go back down stairs, that everything was all right."

Arriving In United States

By Associated Press
 Carl H. Neptune, PFC, Box 149, Mt. Shasta, arrived on Adair, Nov. 29.
 Alvin H. Ramey, T/5, due in San Francisco November 27.

Oscar J. Willard, PFC, Klamath Falls, arrived on Admiral Hugh Rodman due in San Francisco November 27.
 Jesse E. Couplin, Cpl., 515 Upwood, Klamath Falls, arrived on Admiral Hugh Rodman due in San Francisco November 27.

Jack P. Hugo, S/Sgt., Bonanza, arrived on Admiral Hugh Rodman due in San Francisco November 28.
 Anthony Andrews, Sgt., Box 703 Weed, arrived on M. I. T. due in Boston November 28.

Herman A. Standford, S/Sgt., Mt. Shasta, arrived on Mahoney City due in Newport News November 28.
 Donald M. Miller, PFC., 229 Alameda, Klamath Falls, arrived on William Rawle due in Newport News December 1.

John F. Tripp, T/5, Klamath Falls, arrived on Blue Island Victory due in Boston, December 3.
 Allen L. Cline, T/5, 2125 Reclamation, Klamath Falls, arrived on Lincoln Victory due in Boston December 2.

William F. Collins, Pvt., Klamath Falls, arriving on Wellman due in San Francisco December 6.

Timber Hearing Opens At Eugene
 EUGENE, Dec. 3 (AP)—Characterized as one of the most important hearings ever held in Oregon by Senator Guy Cordon of Oregon, the hearing on cooperative sustained yield forest management for the northwest opened here today under the direction of the department of interior.

Cordon said the plan is an opportunity for private owners to combine their lands with public lands of the O and C administration in an effort to assure a backlog of timber forever. Reason for the hearing is to combat the possibility that un-supervised cutting will eventually wipe out the nation's last great stand of timber.

Mac's Order Raises Query, What Is A War Criminal?
 By RUSSELL BRINES
 TOKYO, Dec. 3 (AP)—General MacArthur's newest directive ordering the arrest of 59 prominent Japanese as war crimes suspects reaches into every strata of Nipponese society but leaves unanswered the question: what is a war criminal?

Neither rank nor position will protect suspected war criminals, MacArthur's directive demonstrates.

The new "rogues gallery" includes one imperial prince, an ex-president of the privy council, two former premiers and nine erstwhile cabinet ministers, five prominent zaibatsu (industrialists), militarists, bankers and newspaper executives.

These men are sandwiched into the latest war criminal list among some of Japan's most influential leaders—and some whose presence in this company is puzzling.

The newest group reached deeply into domestic totalitarianism. Seven of the militarists were top men in the dreaded Kempeitai, or thought police, several were prominent in the Imperial Rule Assistance association, Japan's first single party, and its successors. The list included:

Field Marshal Shunroku Hata, former war minister who retired in 1940 and gave Dictator Hideki Tojo his big chance by naming him as his successor. Hata miraculously escaped death by sitting out in an air raid shelter the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.