

FDR Rejected Joint War Plan

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP)—Congressional investigators learned today that the late President Roosevelt declined to approve on June 7, 1941, a British-American plan for joint military operations in the event the United States became involved in war.

Truman Asks Cooperation Of Industry

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (AP)—The nation's top industrialists, gathered amid labor-management deadlocks, strikes and threats of strikes, were told today by President Truman that reconversion problems are "capable of orderly solution and speedy solution."

The president and Secretary of Commerce, Wallace, praised the wartime role of industry.

In a letter to the National Association of Manufacturers read at the opening of the "golden anniversary congress of American industry," President Truman said manufacturers together with their workers had "provided the tools for victory."

Wallace said it was fitting to open the congress "with a strong word of praise for the great job which American industry did during the war."

Discussing reconversion, President Truman said its problems were "due to many factors, some unavoidable, perhaps, but all capable of orderly solution and speedy solution."

"Much depends upon such a solution for these problems," he said. "I am hopeful, therefore, that the manufacturers of America will approach the problems which confront us now in the spirit with which they approached their problems during the war. This will require not only determination, but the spirit of tolerance and ability to see the other fellow's viewpoint which is characteristic of our democracy."

Joblessness Gain Reported

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5 (AP)—A thirty per cent increase in unemployment in Oregon between October 12 and November 16 was reported to an emergency meeting of labor-management leaders held here last night.

Lee C. Stoll, state director of the U. S. employment service, said unemployment in Portland, excluding Vancouver, rose from 22,796 a month ago to 27,319. Over the state, the jobless total November 16 was 40,837 against 31,435 the previous month. He said over 10,000 of these were women and an increasing number of returning servicemen.

The committee approved resolutions asking Oregon congressional delegations to speed federal public roads programs and home construction, and asked Portland to launch its million dollar sewage project.

Roosevelt's military aide, Maj. Gen. E. M. Watson, told war department officials that "in case of war, the papers would be returned to the president for his approval."

They also showed that on August 29, 1941, Mr. Roosevelt approved a joint Canadian-American basic defense plan.

Earlier, the committee was told there was no evidence that the Japanese ever broadcast, prior to the Pearl Harbor attack, the so-called "Winds" message signalling a break with the U. S.

Records Read
William D. Mitchell, committee counsel, read the records in the course of questioning Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, former head of the army's war plans division, about military staff conferences which had been held with the British before the Pearl Harbor attack.

Gerow told of conferences in Singapore and Washington in 1941 when military leaders of the two nations agreed on joint plans of operation, contingent upon American involvement in the war.

Gerow said the plans drafted at Singapore, widely known as the ABCD (American, British,

China, Dutch) plan, were preliminary and never received formal approval from anyone in Washington, including the chief of staff.

So far as he knows, he said, they never were submitted to the president.

Mitchell read a June 2, 1941 letter from Henry L. Stimson, then secretary of war, and the late Frank Knox, then secretary of the navy. Addressed to President Roosevelt, it said Stimson and Knox had approved a joint army and navy basic war plan—"Rainbow No. 5"—prepared by a joint board and recommended Mr. Roosevelt's approval. The letter added:

Basic Directive
"Joint army and navy basic war plan—Rainbow No. 5 states the concept of war and provides for initial dispositions and operations of United States forces, should the United States asso-

Laundry Fire Loss Reported \$18,787.74

Fire loss of \$18,787.74, all of which was covered by insurance, was suffered by the Superior-Troy laundry in the month-end review of the city fire department, according to Fire Chief Keith K. Ambrose to the council Monday night.

There were 17 calls, three of which were false, during November. Fires by classification: laundry, 1; public buildings, 1; dwellings, 5; hotels, 1; garages, 1; miscellaneous, 1; motor vehicles, 2.

By cause: conflagration, 1; hot ashes, 1; matches, 2; gas, 1; defective flues, 2; overheated stoves, 5.

28 Building Permits Issued In November

Twenty-eight building permits, including requests for the construction of two new homes, were issued during November by Gus G. Johnson, city building inspector, who made his month-end report to the city council Monday night. Permits totaled \$37,655, and \$105 in fees was collected.

Fire loss of \$6000 will be repaired at Superior-Troy Laundry company by L. N. Huls, contractor. Other permits: garages, 1; repair or remodel, 15; poster panels, 2; warehouses, 2; residences, 2; gas tank installations, 2; fire escapes, 1; brick flue, 1; shed, 1.

ciate in war with the democracies against the totalitarian powers. As such it constitutes the basic directive for United States army and naval forces in a war effort."

On June 9, however, Lt. Col. W. O. Scooby, then secretary of the joint army-navy board, said in a memorandum to Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, that the president had returned the two subject plans two days earlier without his approval.

Mitchell told committee members that a check through General MacArthur in Tokyo failed to produce any evidence that the Japanese had sent their pre-arranged "Winds" message to their consuls.



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