

# GM WAGE RAISE OFFER REFUSED

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
THE Yamashita trial ends quickly.

Once the evidence is in, a five-member military commission convicts (and promptly) of having "PERMITTED a series of atrocities, and high crimes by Japanese forces under his command" and sentences him to death by hanging.

(He can and probably will appeal first to MacArthur and then to the U. S. supreme court.)

THE Yamashita trial was held in the Philippines. Further war crime trials will proceed without loss of time in Japan. Yamashita was more or less of an underling. Those to be tried in Japan will include such men as Former Premier Tojo, Prince Konoye and Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal Kido.

We're going after the TOP-PERS as well as the underlings.

OUR Joseph B. Keenan, who will conduct the war criminal prosecutions in Japan, says today:

"In the past a (war criminal) man lost only his prestige, as did the Kaiser in World War I, but now we must make the LEADERS endure personal punishment. We have gone to the point where another war threatens the very existence of civilization, and we must act firmly."

He is wholly right. If we ever to have world peace, we must make wars of conquest UN-PROFITABLE.

HURLEY'S charges against the state department are falling flat—largely one guesses, because he lacks emotional stability, loses his temper under prodding and so makes a poor witness. State Secretary Byrnes, who has a well established reputation as a smoothie, has made Hurley look rather cheap and ineffective.

This writer, however, hopes that congress will dig deeply into our state department in a sincere effort to find out if we couldn't be doing a better job of foreign relations. Our diplomatic service has never been up to the general American standard.

Now (whether we like it or not) we are in world politics up to our necks. We can no longer afford mediocre diplomats.

ON the subject of traditional diplomacy, this writer is a rebel who thinks it is high time for enlightened and educated America to CAST OVERBOARD the hoary mumbo-jumbo of "foreign policy" as it has been handed down to us through the centuries.

Secrecy and mystery are essential parts of the ritual of traditional diplomacy, which has long been conducted in much of the same spirit and with much of the same pomp and circumstance as the incantations of the magicians and the medicine men of savage tribes. The fundamental idea has been much the same—that is, to fool the common ordinary public.

It's about time for America to cast off these ancient concepts and initiate NEW ideas of foreign policy—based on our relations with other nations and peoples upon simple frankness, sincerity and common, everyday justice.

ANYWHERE within gunshot of a foreign office, of course, this is about as radical an idea as could be advanced, and anyone promoting it could be shot for high treason, lese majeste and the good of the order. The striped pants and spatted professionals had their way.

But if American foreign policy is to command the lasting respect of the lower echelons of the population that do the fighting, the suffering and the dying in war it is going to be necessary ultimately to tell the people what our foreign policy is and why in words that can be understood by everybody.

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## Armada Scans Atlantic For Six Missing Planes

### Last Chance Attempt To Save 27 Men

#### Five Torpedo Bombers And One Search Plane Lost

By E. V. W. JONES  
MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 7 (AP)—A vast sea and air armada was ordered today to scan 100,000 square miles of the Atlantic in a "last chance" effort to rescue 27 men who disappeared with a formation of five torpedo bombers and a missing search plane.

The navy alone ordered 248 planes into the air, while 18 surface craft—including the baby flattop USS Solomons—numerous merchant ships and other searchers made it probably the biggest rescue effort of peacetime.

The clues seemed sufficiently definite to remove some of the mystery that cloaked the disappearance of the entire formation of bombers, carrying 14 men, and the big Martin rescue craft that joined them in that Atlantic.

Green Charges Truman Failed

By JACK BELL  
Associated Press Political News Editor  
CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Gov. Dwight H. Green of Illinois charged before the republican national committee today that the Truman administration had "suffered the most humiliating defeat in history" by losing "every skirmish" on the international diplomatic front.

In a vigorous prepared address possibly presenting his candidacy for GOP presidential nomination in 1948, the Illinois governor asserted that "we have been told that we should not raise our voice against the rape of Java by the British and Dutch for fear of offending some voters."

"We must never condone the suppression of liberty in Poland, in the Baltic states, in the Balkans, or in any nation in Europe, Asia, or elsewhere," he declared, adding:

"It must be our vigorous policy to use the leverage afforded by the discussion of forgiveness of lend-lease, or of requests for new loans and every other peaceful means to speed the liberation of the people of these nations."

Tojo To Lead Parade Of Defendants In War Trial

By MURLIN SPENCER  
TOKYO, Dec. 7 (AP)—Chief Prosecutor Joseph B. Keenan announced today that the first war crimes trials in Japan tentatively were scheduled for January—with Warlord Hideki Tojo and his Pearl Harbor cabinet leading the parade of defendants.

### Northwest Products Dinner Bond Contest Prize



Klamath County chamber of commerce officials today were awaiting word on the outcome of a bond-selling contest among four northwest chambers—Klamath, Astoria, Walla Walla and Wenatchee. The chamber representing the county buying the most E bonds in the week of December 2 to 8 will hold a dinner and can call on the other three chambers for supplies of their featured food, shown above. Salmon, potatoes, peas, biscuits and apples are the basic menu. The picture shows D. F. Baker, Walla Walla finance chairman, left, and Alfred McVay, Walla Walla chamber manager, at the contest in Walla Walla at which the contest was inaugurated.

### Top Marine Corps Leader Opposes Merger Of Forces

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, one of the top marine corps leaders in the Pacific, protested today that the war department proposal for a merger of the armed services was based on the lessons learned in the first World War.

"Surely some lessons must have been learned from the present war, surely some additional principles and ideas should be given recognition in any blueprint that would elevate a single department to a national and all-embracing level," he told the senate military affairs committee.

Geiger, a veteran of Guadalcanal, Bougainville and Okinawa and now commander of the fleet marine force, appeared in opposition to the army plan to establish a single defense agency—with ground, air and sea forces co-equal.

In a prepared statement, he also opposed the establishment of a separate air force which he termed the "real meat" of the war department's merger plan. Development of atomic energy and electronics, he asserted, will make piloted bombardment planes unnecessary and may eventually make them obsolete.

Has Klamath A New Suburb?

MEDFORD, Dec. 7 (AP)—Medford is still being considered as site for a veterans' hospital, Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.) has advised the Jackson County chamber of commerce.

He said a report from Washington that a 200-bed hospital at Klamath Falls had been approved meant the Klamath Falls vicinity, not necessarily the city. Veterans' administration spokesmen said Medford and other sites would be surveyed before final decision is announced, Ellsworth reported.

Estimated expenditure for the hospital is \$2,800,000.

## Air Of Optimism Pervades Detroit

DETROIT, Dec. 7 (AP)—An air of optimism for early settlement of auto industry wage disputes continued to pervade Detroit today despite union rejection of another General Motors offer.

The CIO United Automobile Workers again sent its top officials into conference with the corporation (2 p. m. EST), whose offer of a 13 1/2 cents an hour increase was turned down yesterday at the first regular negotiating session since the vast GM strike was called November 21.

H. W. Anderson, General Motors vice president, termed the proposal a "reinstatement" of the pre-strike offer of approximately 10 per cent, which he said would boost wages of GM workers to 30 per cent above the January, 1941, level.

However, Walter P. Reuther, UAW vice president, estimated it would raise the average rate of \$1.15 an hour by 11.7 per cent and described it as a "better offer than the one made prior to the strike."

Union officials, still demanding 30 per cent above present levels and within the present price structure, said the company's refusal to discuss "ability to pay" provided the chief stumbling block as the wage parleys resumed.

"They would not argue whether or not they are able to pay it (the 30 per cent)," UAW-CIO President R. J. Thomas declared.

Picketing Obstacle  
A General Motors spokesman has listed the union's insistence on using "assumed ability to pay" as a basis for bargaining and its "illegal picketing methods as the principal obstacles to a settlement."

The latter issue was waived after a secret meeting of company and union heads with CIO President Philip Murray at Pittsburgh Wednesday. Picketing was not discussed at yesterday's session, and there was no indication it would be brought up again.

A citizens' committee of 14 meanwhile came to the union's support to the extent of saying use of wage-price-profits relation in settling the dispute would not deprive management of its rights.

The setting of actual prices "remains a managerial function," the committee said, but "at a time when there is a threat of inflation the level of prices becomes a matter of legitimate public concern."

Imperial Hopes  
Hull's statement was issued as the administration marshaled its arguments behind the big credit offer to Britain, convinced that any major congressional change would imperil hopes for Anglo-American trade cooperation.

The two governments climaxed three months of diplomatic talks yesterday by announcing a broad economic agreement tied to financial help from this country.

That help under the agreement would come from a \$3,750,000 cash loan and a \$650,000,000 settlement for postwar lend-lease and war surpluses. Both would be repaid at two per cent interest over a 50-year period beginning in 1951.

Only the outright loan needs congressional approval, but every sign pointed to a bitter struggle. Harsh words were heard from a democrat as well as a republican in the house even before the credit agreement was officially announced.

Mother Detained In Hammer Death

ALTURAS, Dec. 7.—District Attorney Charles Lederer said today that Mrs. Yoshio Fudetani of the Tulelake WRA center is being detained for investigation on suspicion of murder in connection with the hammer death of her 3 1/2-year-old daughter, Violet, at the center Wednesday.

No formal charge has been filed, and the district attorney said he was withholding any such action in the hope of getting a clear story of the tragedy from Mrs. Fudetani. She has been in a state of virtual collapse since she was found in the apartment with the dead child and another small girl who had been hit on the head but only injured. Yesterday, Mrs. Fudetani was evidently unable to recognize her husband when he entered the room in the hospital where she is detained.

Questioning indicated the woman does not remember anything after feeding her children Wednesday noon. Her husband ate at a mess hall and discovered the tragedy on his return home.

Meetings Start On Strike Here

Operator and AFL union negotiators went into session at the Pine Industrial Relations committee offices here today on the question of wage scales which are the basis of a protracted strike among AFL-organized mills. U. S. Conciliator Oliver Goodwin sat in on the sessions, which had produced no announced results by mid-afternoon.

AFL unionists had not identified two Klamath basin district council operators which they said had agreed to a \$1.05 an hour minimum. It was not stated whether these operators were in pine or fir, but Chet Irving, PIRC chief who represents operators, said he knew of no pine mills that had made the offer. The Klamath basin district includes some fir plants in the Rogue valley country.

Arriving In United States

By Associated Press  
Delbert R. Dummings, T/3, Klamath Falls, arrived on Lehigh Victory due in New York December 7.

Remember Pearl Harbor!

By DON WHITEHEAD  
PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 7 (AP)—Four years ago the watery chaotic graveyard of America's battle fleet today the home base of the mightiest sea power in the world.

That is the story of Pearl Harbor on this fourth anniversary of the Japanese bid to sweep the United States from the Pacific. And soldiers, sailors, marines and civilians joined today in solemn tribute to those who died beneath the Japanese warlords' first blow.

Four years ago Japan's sneak raiders knifed in from the sea and across the Oahu island's towering Koolau mountains to smash the U. S. warships lying at anchor in the peace of a balmy Sunday morning, and to spread death and destruction.

Out of that wreckage grew the power which drove the Japanese into defeat, and today the people of Hawaii gave thanks and honored those whose deaths have been avenged.

Vietnam today the only reminders of the disaster that struck December 7, 1941, were the rusting, barnacled sections of unsalvaged ships in the harbor, and the rows of crosses gleaming white against the green hillside rising above the placid waters of the harbor.

Navy men and islanders went about their business as usual today, with only simple ceremonies to mark the historic date. In Honolulu, shirt-sleeved Christmas shoppers continued to crowd streets gay with colored lights, tinsel and pictures of fat Saint Nick.

But none here could forget the day and its significance. Nor were those who died when war first exploded in the Pacific forgotten. Remember mass was scheduled at 9:30 a. m. at Pearl Harbor's Block arena. Scores of servicemen and civilians also were expected to gather in Hawaii's naval cemetery for Jewish, Catholic and Protestant services, and to hear a commemorative speech by Rear Adm. E. W. Hanson, naval base commandant.

The only strident voices raised on this fourth anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack were the voices of peace—the voices of weary, lonely G. I.'s and sailors, shouting: "Get us home! Get us home!"

homed the world's greatest navy, risen from disaster, is getting them home—home from Oahu, from Tarawa, from Kwajalein, from the Marianas, from all the stepping stones to victory that once seemed so hopelessly distant.

Dewey Asked To Withhold Jap Code Data

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Over the protests of General George C. Marshall, the Pearl Harbor investigating committee today made public correspondence in which he asked Thomas E. Dewey to withhold from the 1944 political campaign information that the U. S. had cracked secret Japanese codes. Chairman Barkley (D-Ky.) said the committee had decided to accept the responsibility, notwithstanding the feelings of General Marshall which Barkley said were based on grounds of military security.

Barkley spoke of possible embarrassment to "one of our allied nations."

One of two letters released mentioned "embarrassment" involving secret British sources of information.

Marshall's letters summed up the effect on the war that breaking the news of the code-cracking might have and said: "I am presenting this matter to you in the hope that you will see your way clear to avoid the tragic results with which we are now threatened in the present political campaign."

Dewey Helped  
Marshall testified, after release of the letters, that Dewey offered to help quiet congressional debate on the Pearl Harbor question once he knew that the ability to crack the Japanese code was involved.

Though Marshall was unwilling to "embarrass" Dewey by accepting that offer, the debate did die down, the general told the senate-house committee investigation.

Marshall unfolded in a dramatic afternoon session that he had found that Dewey had learned something about the code cracking ability that helped the U. S. fleet beat the Japanese at Coral Sea and Midway. So, Marshall testified, he asked Dewey in the letter sent the courier to keep such information out of the campaign, if possible.

Railroad Signals To Be Installed

The way was apparently cleared today for installation of warning signals at the Hager and Altamont crossings on the Oregon, California and Eastern railroad.

State highway officials reported the railroad had waived its right to a hearing on the Hager installation, and that an order from the public utilities commissioner for the signal will evidently not be opposed by the railroad. The highway commission and the railroad will share the cost of this installation.

It was learned, however, that there may be some delay in getting a modern signal such as planned for the Hager crossing, due to the fact these were not manufactured during the war. It may be a few months before the signal can be obtained.

On Altamont drive, an old-time swinging signal is planned. This signal is already available, and will be moved from a closed road near Cal-Ore tavern. The county and the railroad will share the cost of installation and early action is expected.

Boy Scouts Sell \$7000 In Bonds

An estimated \$7000 in E bond sales in the Boy Scout house-to-house bond campaign was announced today by the Boy Scout office.

The final results of the drive will be tabulated at a meeting of Scout leaders and junior leaders at Fremont school, December 12.

Dr. Byron Friedman, chairman of the campaign, requests that Scouts turn in their reports on bond sales immediately to the Boy Scout office so that an accurate count may be made.

WEATHER  
Dec. 7, 1945  
Max. (Dec. 6).....45 Min.....29  
Precipitation last 24 hours......82  
Stream year to date.....4.15  
Normal.....3.08 Last year.....3.68  
Forecast: Clear tonight and Saturday.  
Saturday Shooting Hours:  
Klamath-Tulelake — Open 7:11 a. m. Close 4:26 p. m.