

ROOSEVELT AWAITED NIP ATTACK

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE are two moderately interesting developments in the world news today.

1. The (Chungking) Chinese Central News Agency reports that an agreement has been reached with Russia to permit Chinese government troops to fly into Manchuria (in U. S. planes, presumably) to TAKE OVER Manchuria's most strategic cities.

2. Indonesian (native) leaders threaten to use both POISON and arms to resist military restoration of Dutch sovereignty in Java.

THE Chinese announcement indicates, if true, a deal by which Russia will back Chungking as the unifler of China. We must be in on the deal—although, of course, nobody will tell us anything.

Naturally (assuming that it has happened) it is a TRADE. What Chungking may have given in return for Russian backing is undisclosed. Russia is normally a hard trader.

THE Indonesian leader's reference to the use of poison, of course, is a muttered threat. When people begin to utter violent threats like that it is usually a sign that they are getting into a corner.

It was when the war began to go against him that Hitler started muttering about "dragging the world down in a bath of blood."

THE Indonesian leader, a man named Soetomo, is reported to have said in a broadcast:

"The Dutch are boasting that they soon will bring in thousands of soldiers. What of it? We are determined to annihilate them, even if we have to poison them to death."

"We have 70,000 behind us. It is an easy task for us to get rid of 100,000 or 200,000 enemies by poison."

IF you're wise, you'll keep an open mind on this Indonesian business. Like nearly everything else, it has two sides.

There is the natural resentment of industrially backward peoples against alien rule. On the other hand, it is reasonably probable that under Dutch management the masses of the people of Indonesia might be better off PHYSICALLY than they would be under their own not too advanced leaders.

But, as illustrating the generally MIXED state of human affairs, they'd probably rather be industrially backward and INDEPENDENT.

People are odd that way.

THE world is full of doubt and suspicion.

We suspect the Russians. The Russians suspect us. India is clamoring to be free from Britain. The Indonesians are clamoring to be free from the Dutch. Both the British and the Dutch are suspected of harboring EXPLOITATION ambitions. The small nations fear the power of the big ones.

In the reshuffle of ideologies, as well as boundaries, nobody feels secure.

HERE on our own home front doubt and suspicion are abroad.

Management fears labor. Labor fears management. The farmer is beginning to fear both. White collar people are wondering where they are going to end up.

There are minor irritants. There aren't houses enough to go around—and people without a place to live are edgy. There are immediate prospects of more houses. (It was the housing shortage as much as any other one thing that was responsible for the British upset.)

There are pent-up grievances against the injustices of war. And so on. One could continue the list indefinitely.

Over all hangs the menace of the atom bomb and the new world it is ushering in.

TOLERANCE is the great need of the world at the present moment.

Nip May Not Be Called In Trial

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—The judge advocate in the court-martial of Capt. Charles V. McKay, 3rd, said today he was not certain whether he would call a Japanese submarine commander to testify on the sinking of the USS Indianapolis.

Ike Hashimoto, commander of the Jap submarine I-53, reported to have sunk the heavy cruiser last July 30 with a heavy loss of life, was flown to Washington from Japan at the request of Captain Thomas J. Ryan Jr., the judge advocate.

Captain Ryan said he had spent four hours questioning Hashimoto, through interpreters. He said he had had no chance to determine to his own satisfaction whether Hashimoto was competent and credible as a witness and added that news-men would be advised "if and when he will be used as a witness."

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FORD WAGE TALKS SLATED

Gen. Patton Reported To Be Rallying

Wife Reaches Bedside After Plane Flight Across Ocean

HEIDELBERG, Germany, Dec. 11 (AP)—Gen. George S. Patton Jr., was reported rallying to night, with some improvement from the paralysis resulting from the fracture of his neck.

His wife, flown from the United States today, reached his bedside.

Mrs. Patton expressed confidence that her husband's fighting heart would carry him through to recovery.

"General condition remains satisfactory," said a hospital bulletin issued at 6 p. m. (9 a. m. PST). "Temperature 100; pulse 70; respiration 22. Resting comfortably, taking nourishment, full conscious and rational."

Improvement "X-ray of the vertebrae column shows further improvement in the position of vertebrae. Neurological status slightly improved. Tendon reflexes normally active and superficial reflexes present."

"You can tell me all about it," said Mrs. Patton to Maj. Gen. Julius Kenner, army theater surgeon, "but I have seen George in these scrapes before and he always comes out all right."

Mrs. Patton arrived here following a flight from the United States in an army plane, and went immediately to the 130th station hospital.

Police Hunt Maniac Slayer

CHICAGO, Dec. 11 (AP)—The brutal murder of tiny, comely Frances Brown, 35-year-old stenographer and former Wave, by a man police described as a maniac, was under investigation by Chicago's top detectives today.

"Whoever the killer was, he's a maniac, and we must get him," said Capt. Frank Reynolds as police intensified their search to solve the latest in a series of slayings in Chicago in the last week. Police reports disclose nine persons were slain in the last week. Three of the deaths have not been solved.

Miss Brown, discharged from the Waves last September after three years of service, was killed some time Monday morning in her apartment at the Pine Crest hotel in the north side Lakeview district. The slayer twice shot and twice plunged an eight-inch bread knife into the throat of the 96 pound, five foot one inch Miss Brown and then left her nude body hanging over a bathtub in her blood-spattered apartment. A hotel maid found her body.

Severe Whippings Favored At State Training School

SALEM, Dec. 11 (AP)—The recent beatings of two boys at the state training school at Woodburn were "very severe," but whippings should be continued, Roy H. Mills, state board of control secretary, reported to the board today after making an investigation in behalf of the board.

The board members appeared to endorse his report. The Marion county grand jury also will make an investigation, which the board said it would welcome. "The whipping administered to these boys was very severe and undoubtedly previous ones were similar," Mills said in his report, "but I would hesitate to recommend a discontinuance of the whipping in the absence of other methods of punishment which are effective."

Stole Cars

"When consideration is given to the fact these boys have stolen numerous cars, have been on probation which they constantly violate, and their general behavior, I cannot recommend that the whipping be discontinued until other means of handling them are provided."

The complaint that the beating was excessive was made by a 70-year-old guard who had worked at the institution for one

Look What A Rabbit Hunter Got!



Master Gunnery Sergeant Edward R. Bell, non-commissioned officer in charge of the Marine Barracks rifle range, went rabbit hunting yesterday. Just as he was bemoaning the poor hunting, he detected a movement near the 200-yard firing line, and spotted a bobcat there. His dog, Blackey, treed the cat, and Bell's trusty 12-gauge shotgun brought it down in one shot. He is shown holding the 30-pound cat.

Klamath Makes Whirlwind Finish In Victory Loan

Klamath county cleared more E bond sales through the federal reserve bank in Portland Monday than Multnomah county, largest in the state.

This was the information given Tuesday morning to A. M. Collier and Vern Owens of the war finance committee, when they were advised that Klamath county made a whirlwind finish in the Victory Loan. Ken Martin, executive manager of Oregon's war finance committee, Portland, relayed the word here.

Elton Thompson, chairman of the Victory Loan, expressed extreme gratification over results of the drive in a statement made this morning.

Thompson advised that E bonds went \$39,886.50 over the set quota of \$740,000. This included payroll deductions other than those written in Klamath county such as Southern Pacific, Great Northern, Klamath Indian reservation, U. S. bureau of reclamation, Pacific Telephone and

Telegraph company, state employees and others. Final figures, as of 6 p. m. Monday, were as follows: total E bond sales, \$799,896.50; other sales including allocations, \$2,039,500; total, \$2,819,396.50. The over all quota for Klamath county, \$1,970,000, has to date been exceeded by \$849,396.50.

CIO-IWA To Talk 2.5 Cents Raise

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11 (AP)—The CIO International Woodworkers of America were scheduled to meet here today with several operators to take up the question of an additional 2 1/2 cent hourly increase.

That would bring CIO wages up to the level established for AFL workers in the fir belt, where the AFL strike was settled with a 15 cent wage increase to a \$1.05 hourly minimum.

The lumbermen's industrial relations committee, Willamette Valley Operators' association, and Coast Operators' association were to meet with CIO officials. Meanwhile the AFL pine dispute continued. Two Medford area operators, the Tiller Mill and Lumber company and Lansman Lumber company, reported their men back at work after accepting a 12 1/2 cent wage offer, but at Spokane striking AFL men rejected a similar offer from four plants.

Russ Agrees To Open Manchuria

CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (AP)—Russia agreed today to permit Chinese government troops to fly into Manchuria and take over its most strategic cities, Central News agency reported.

After weeks of tense negotiations, during which Chinese communists had sought to take over ports and cities, the agency said the Chungking government had won permission to plant itself firmly in this territory held vital for the recovery of war-ravaged China.

It reported that central government troops would be permitted by the Russians to fly into Changchun, the Manchurian capital, Mukden, largest city in the territory, and Harbin, most important in northern Manchuria.

CIO Offers "Wildcat" Curb Plan

Union Proposal Paves Way For Meeting With Company

DETROIT, Dec. 11 (AP)—A union plan for curbing "wildcat" strikes and slowdowns paved the way today for wage talks with the Ford Motor company, only member of the automotive "big three" still under union contract.

The Ford company's favorable reaction to the proposal also raised the possibility that some similar method might be used in solving other car industry labor deadlocks, such as the strike idling 213,000 General Motors employees.

Countering a management demand for "company security," the CIO United Automobile Workers offered to subject investigators of unauthorized work stoppages in Ford plants to discharge and participants in such action to fines.

Work stoppage An unauthorized interruption of work was described as one resulting from a dispute which would be settled by the impartial umpire or, if not in this category, an issue not approved by the international union.

Any employee ordered discharged by the umpire could demand an investigation by the local union, and on proving his innocence could have a grievance processed. If a settlement then could not be reached the dispute would go back to the umpire for decision.

The fines—\$3 a day for the first offense and \$5 for the second—would be deducted from the worker's pay and donated to the president's infantile paralysis fund.

The company would agree not to permit any lockouts and could impose "appropriate financial penalties" upon any of its representatives it finds guilty of provoking a strike, such money going to the union's welfare fund. The umpire, at the union's request also would have the right to review such penalties and revise them or discharge the company representatives.

Man Jailed In Wild Shooting

Robert Earl Johnson, 33-year-old World War 2 veteran, was in the county jail today charged with assault while armed with a dangerous weapon following a shooting which state police said took place last night at about 9:40 o'clock at Lucca's cafe on S. 6th.

A bullet from a .38 Colt revolver, fired by Johnson, hit the arm of a man, who was identified as Johnson's brother-in-law, Ray McKay, 35, who was working as a waiter at the time.

The shooting culminated in a quarrel between the Johnson and McKay families, officers said.

Johnson Fires Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were entering Lucca's last night at about 9:30, as Mr. and Mrs. McKay were preparing to leave. Johnson's wife, who is employed there as waitress, Johnson is said to have exchanged words with McKay and then fired at him through the rear screen door as McKay left the building.

Officers said Mrs. McKay grabbed Johnson's arm before he could fire a second shot. When questioned by state police, called to the restaurant immediately after the incident, Johnson said—"I just shot to scare him." Police said Johnson made no effort to leave Lucca's but remained in the building until their arrival. Johnson's home is at 154 E. Main.

Few Drinks According to state police the parties involved "had had a few drinks but were not intoxicated."

The complaint against Johnson (Continued on Page 8, Column 1)

WEATHER (December 11) Max. (Dec. 10) 32 Min. 24 Precipitation last 24 hours..... .00 Stream year to date..... .450 Normal..... .331 Last year..... .366 Forecast: Partly cloudy. Wednesday Shooting Hours Klamath-Tulelake Open 7:14 a. m. Close 4:26 p. m.

Agnes Louise Winters—Victory Queen



Pretty, dark-haired Agnes Winters was crowned queen of the Victory Loan at the Pelican theatre last night by Elton Thompson, chairman of the drive. Agnes leaves tonight for Portland to enter the state finals where one girl from Multnomah and one girl from up-state, will be chosen to go to Hollywood.

Agnes Winters Selected Klamath Victory Queen

"Am I thrilled? You have no idea!"

That was the way Agnes Louise Winters, winner of the Victory Queen contest described the way she felt when Chairman Elton Thompson of the Victory Loan placed a crown

upon her pretty dark head at the Pelican theatre last night.

Agnes said the honor came as a definite surprise and until her name was called out neither she nor any of the other contestants knew how they stood.

The 21-year-old Victory Queen is as pretty as a picture. She has almost black hair which she wears in a pompadour and shoulder length, her eyes are green-grey and her skin is the type called photogenic. She has a sweet smile and isn't afraid to show her enthusiasm and pleasure over the honor bestowed upon her by Klamath bond buyers.

Agnes is a native of Butte, Mont., where she lived until coming to Klamath Falls 18 months ago. For the past six months she has been employed at the Esquire as usherette and her sponsor was Northwestern theatres. Her father, Edward Winters, lives at 1713 Grand avenue in Butte. Agnes lives here with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Howell, 5623 S. 6th, who are just as pleased as she is over the honor.

Goes To Portland Tonight, on the northbound train, Agnes will go to Portland where she will compete in the state finals at the Mayfair theatre Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Ruth Nelson, bond headquarters secretary, will accompany the little queen north.

Agnes was all affluter this afternoon as she had some shopping to do and wanted to plan her costume which she will wear at the Mayfair tomorrow night. The girls are asked to wear sports clothes or suits and Agnes said she didn't have any idea what she would buy because she was too excited to really plan anything.

The best wishes of Klamath folks go with Agnes as do the congratulations from the other contestants, Virginia Lee Benoit, Marie Dorlaque and Betty Steinman.

Indonesians Threaten To Use Poison Against Enemy

By VERN HAUGLAND

BATAVIA, Java, Dec. 11 (AP)—Indonesian leaders threatened today to use both poison and arms to resist military restoration of Dutch sovereignty in strife-torn Java.

Premier Sutan Sjahrir of the unrecognized Indonesian republic said Indonesian forces would fight if the British attempted to land more troops to back up the rule of the Netherlands.

From a radio station near Soerabaya, the native leader Soetomo spoke of a campaign of poisoning against the Dutch, saying:

justice, will act in his stead during his absence.

The Dutch news agency Aneta said that British Lt. Gen. Sir Miles C. Dempsey, commander of ground forces under the southeast Asia command, arrived here today.

Premier Sjahrir again asked world recognition of his regime.

His statement came as the British command clamped wartime secrecy on troop movements and communications as a prelude to full-scale operations against armed Indonesians who were reported planning a major uprising by the week's end.

"We tell the whole world we have won independence and ask recognition," the youthful premier told a press conference.

Referring to a reported British offer to discuss the dispute after the elimination of so-called extremist elements, Sjahrir said the Indonesians would be ready to negotiate "with international recognition."

"If, however, our independence is attacked," he added, "we are compelled to resist. There can hardly be such a thing as war against extremists alone. We never have understood who were termed extremists."

Army Told To Wait For Overt Act

President Told Short U. S. Wanted Japs To Strike

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall said today President Roosevelt personally ordered included in pre-war warning messages to American commanders instructions to wait for an overt act by Japan.

Marshall told the senate-house Pearl Harbor inquiry committee the president's directions were being followed when Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short was told "the United States desires that Japan commit the first overt act." Short was the army commander in Hawaii at the time of Pearl Harbor.

The former army chief of staff said he had a "dim recollection" that Mr. Roosevelt personally gave him those instructions. He said he was worried about how to transmit them without too rigidly restraining defense actions.

Marshall Quizzed

Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) opened the fifth day of testimony for the five-star general with questions about an alert Marshall had ordered in Hawaii on June 17, 1940.

At that time the Hawaiian garrison was ordered on a full alert, with the request that Lt. Gen. C. D. Herron, then commander there, acknowledge to Washington that the order had been carried out.

Ferguson noted that Marshall's November 27, 1941 message to Short, who succeeded Herron, told Short to take measures he deemed necessary and report what those measures were.

"Isn't it the procedure that if a commander is told to take measures he deems necessary and report back and you are not satisfied with the measures he has taken, that you would advise him differently?" the Michigan senator asked.

"I would assume so," Marshall replied quietly.

"That's the correct army procedure?"

"Yes, sir, that's right," the general said.

Short has contended that when he reported he had placed into effect only an anti-submarine alert and Washington gave him no further instructions, he felt the measures he had taken were satisfactory.

Steel Workers Vote Strike

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 11 (AP)—The CIO-United Steel Workers, claiming a membership of nearly 1,000,000 workers, today set January 14 at 12:01 a. m., as the time for the beginning of a general strike in the nation's steel mills.

The action was taken by the union's 175-man wage policy committee representing locals throughout the country at a closed session presided over by CIO President Philip Murray, who is also head of the steel union.

The resolution adopted by the policy committee said:

"Over 400,000 workers throughout the nation, in a secret ballot, have given their mandate—to strike in self protection."

"This is the solemn judgment after careful consideration—of the steel workers, aluminum workers, and iron ore miners, under the jurisdiction of this union."

In a separate resolution, the committee said:

"We condemn President Truman's proposed legislation as vicious anti-labor and an attack on our basic democratic liberties."

"A fact-finding board for the steel industry is unnecessary. Any such proposal is but a false bait of fruitless delays which can only serve to undermine labor."

LEGISLATION FAVORED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—The house voted 259 to 107 today to consider legislation extending provisions of the 1934 "anti-racketeering" act to labor unions.

Arriving In United States

By Associated Press

Wilson K. McDonald, Sgt., 2431 Orchard, Klamath Falls, arrived on Langfitt due in San Francisco December 10.

William D. Trafton, Cpl., 1782 Main, Klamath Falls, arrived on Langfitt due in San Francisco December 10.

Ralph L. McCord, Cpl., Klamath Falls, arrived on Langfitt due in San Francisco December 10.

Earl R. Trambo, PFC., Klamath Falls, arrived on Zebulon due in Boston December 10.