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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
OTHER than that Stalin is on the job and taking an active interest in the proceedings, there is no news today from the critically important foreign ministers conference in Moscow.

DON'T expect much news until the conference ENDS. We'll then get an official statement, telling us what the big people think we little people ought to be allowed to know.

That is the traditional rule of diplomacy.

RUSSIAN newspapers (which print only what the Soviet government wants them to print) published today a 400-word letter from two Georgian republic (part of the USSR) leaders who demand that Turkey GIVE UP AREAS near the Turkish-Russian frontier.

Watch it. It looks like a further development of Russia's idea of creating a ring of "friendly" states around her borders.

THAT is interesting, because it indicates that Russia's thinking on the subject of national security is following the OLD lines rather than the NEW.

ANY slant on Russia's thinking in these days is important.

GENERAL MARSHALL arrives in Shanghai. As his plans land, the Chinese communists ask the Chungking government for an IMMEDIATE, UNCONDITIONAL cessation of hostilities. A Chinese communist party spokesman in Manchuria expresses "sincere hopes of reaching a compromise with the Kuomintang (Chungking-Chiang Kai-shek) party."

He adds that "there have been many American diplomats and army officers who have been extremely fair in their dealings with the (Chinese) communists and by their impartial reports have made invaluable contributions toward the growth of Chinese-American friendship."

THE Chinese reds, who were cussing us up one side and down the other a few weeks ago, are now going out of their way to speak softly and conciliatorily to us.

There must be a reason for this change of attitude.

THE CYNICAL guess that naturally occurs to us is that they have been deserted by Russia (in whatever Chungking-Russia-U. S. deal may have been completed) and now find it expedient to make friends with us.

IT'S unfortunate that we have to do all this guessing about the foreign policies our sons and grandsons may have to die for. A truly MODERN AMERICAN foreign policy would explain IN ADVANCE what the American people are being committed to.

It is regrettable that diplomacy isn't modern.

FOR the present, let's give these Chinese communists the benefit of the doubt and HOPE they mean what they say—that they want to get civil war stopped and get to work building a NEW CHINA that will be a TREMENDOUS customer of the United States.

LARRY TYGHE, Tokyo correspondent of the American Broadcasting company (formerly the Blue network), reports today what looks like a showdown with the Russians over Japan.

He quotes MacArthur as having refused to permit them to bring in an ARMY, limiting them instead to a DIVISION. They then insisted that they be allowed to occupy Hokkaido, northernmost Jap island, and again MacArthur said NO—that they could occupy only Kyushu, the southernmost island, where there would be American forces to the NORTH of them. (The implication is that if they got into far-north Hokkaido they'd NEVER GET OUT.)

The Russians refused to accept occupation of Kyushu, Tyghe says, whereupon MacArthur said to them in effect: "All right, don't send an occupation force. We don't need it, anyway."

Tyghe adds that MacArthur has reportedly told our state department that if he isn't backed up in this policy he will resign.

IF this story turns out to be accurate, it is immensely interesting. This writer's snap judgment (for whatever it is worth) is that we'd better keep the Russians out of Japan. We're having trouble enough with JOINT occupation of Germany.

We have a bear by the tail in Japan, and we'd better hang on and handle the job alone.

SOME 300,000 Jap school teachers (who must have been reading the American papers) have filed a petition asking the

Union Rejects Ford's Offer As Inadequate

By The Associated Press
The CIO United Auto Workers union said today it had rejected the Ford Motor company's offer of a 12.4 per cent wage rate increase on the ground it was inadequate to offset higher living costs.

The union, in formally rejecting the offer, listed four major contentions. They were:

1. That the raise would not be a blanket increase and that "a great many workers might get little or nothing."
2. That instead of standing to lose \$35,000,000 on the basis of no raise boosts, the company "will have one of its most profitable years because for the first time in many years the company is assured of capacity operation and a market for all it can possibly produce."
3. That the company's condition the wage boost be withheld until production reaches 80,000 units monthly would delay an increase "for an indefinite period."
4. That the company's proposal for "company security" would free the company from accepting any responsibility itself for provoking "wildcat strikes."

Solons Split Over Plan To Merge Forces

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Opposing congressional lines in the battle of the merger showed no signs of cracking today despite President Truman's request that army, navy and air forces be unified under a single civilian secretary.

First members of the house and senate military committees to comment were for the plan, as they have been all along. Members of the naval committee were still against it.

Only committee member deviating from this lineup was Chairman May (D-Ky.) of the house military group. He already had joined with Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) of the house naval committee in proposing a separate air force with cabinet representation instead of a merger of the services.

Chairman Elbert Thomas (D-Utah) of the senate military committee told a reporter "we will have a good bill to carry out the president's ideas shortly after the holidays."

No Differences
Senator Hill (D-Ala.), a military committee member and author of one unification bill, declared "I favor closing hearings at once and starting to work on legislation. There are no material differences between the president's basic plan and the bills on which we have held hearings."

Senator Edwin G. Johnson (D-Colo.), who also has a merger bill in the legislative mill, commented jubilantly that Mr. Truman's plan could not have been better "if I had written it myself."

Tire Ration To End January 1

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Tire rationing will end at 12:01 a. m. on January 1, Price Administrator Chester Bowles announced today.

He said the rationing program can be terminated then "because production of tires, particularly passenger tires, the shortage of which has been most acute, has increased steadily during the past two months, reaching an output for this quarter of about 11,000,000."

Bowles said OPA and the civilian production administration had agreed that rationing could be lifted when production reached this level.

Socialite Annie Mansfeldt Convicted Of Manslaughter

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20 (AP)—Socialite Annie Irene Mansfeldt, charged with the slaying of nurse Vada Martin, supposed love rival, was convicted of manslaughter last night by a superior court jury which deliberated 4 hour and 38 minutes.

Next Wednesday the same jury of six men and six women, who sat through the three and a half week court battle, will again convene to determine if the 45-year-old San Francisco matron was sane when she shot the nurse, 36-year-old Baltimore native last October 4.

Mrs. Mansfeldt, widow of wealthy Dr. John H. Mansfeldt, who committed suicide a few hours after the tragedy, pleaded innocent and innocent by reason of insanity. Under California law she now must stand trial on the second half of the plea.

If found sane, she automatically will be sentenced to one to 10 years on the manslaughter con-

Homecoming Troops Jam Port



Back in the United States and hopeful of getting home for Christmas, these combat veterans of the Pacific war wait at the harbor in Los Angeles for rail transportation. Arrival of many troopships congested available facilities far beyond capacity, and many are being kept aboard ship for several days waiting to be moved out. (AP wirephoto).

125,000 Stranded Pacific Vets Slated To Begin Heading East By Rail Today

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20 (AP)—About 125,000 restless Pacific veterans, stranded at west coast ports for lack of sufficient transportation, are scheduled to begin heading eastward by rail today at the rate of 25,000 a day.

New arrivals, however, will replenish the backlog and some 90,000 men will have to spend Christmas day at the ports, army and navy officials explained.

Twelfth naval district headquarters said a new and substantially increased allotment of railway equipment will give about 40 per cent of the travel space to San Francisco, 35 per cent to the Portland-Seattle area and 25 per cent to the Los Angeles-San Diego area.

San Francisco yesterday had 50,243 service men awaiting transportation, and insufficient housing for them. Camp Knight at Oakland, and Camp Kohler at Sacramento took 5000 men each to ease the load of two nearby staging areas which ordinarily house returning veterans.

Four Persons Die In Fires

SEATTLE, Dec. 20 (AP)—Four persons were known to have perished in fires in a rooming house here and at a farm house east of Kent early today and two others were missing and believed victims in the farmhouse ruins, bringing to either 10 or 12 the number of such Pacific northwest fire deaths the past 48 hours.

The dead in the rooming house blaze were tentatively identified as: Mrs. Myrtle Kaefler, landlady; Fred Winters and a woman whose name was not immediately known.

The 1 a. m. fire eight miles east of Kent destroyed a two-story farmhouse, Fire Chief Charles Bridges of Kent reported. The body of Mrs. Amanda Manty, 56, was found in the ruins. Her husband, Tom, 55, and a boarder, John Foote, 45, both lumber camp employees, were missing and their automobiles were in the yard.

Firemen called at 5:03 a. m. to the First Hill district near the Swedish hospital found a wooden rooming house in flames.

Two men and a woman were taken to King County hospital. Joseph Dempsey and Charles Ringman were reported in fair condition and the condition of Alice Samson was good, attendants said.

Midwest Porkers Arrive In KF

There will be an ample supply of fresh sausage for Christmas morning breakfast and ham and bacon hungry folks are assured of plenty of those two products shortly after the first of the year with importation of midwest pork here this week.

Johnson Packing company advised this morning that double-deck carloads of porkers, corn fed and fresh from mid-west hog ranches have arrived here to relieve the pork shortage. One load arrived last week, another this morning. There are 130 head in each shipment and the 260 hogs should go around at least for a time. Some of the pork has reached the market and supplies should be plentiful within a week.

Curing of hams and bacon has already started and should be tableward right after the first of the year, Johnson stated.

Crippled Boy's Bike Stolen

Another claimant for the "Meanest Man in the World" title appeared in Klamath Falls today when Western Union reported that someone had stolen a crippled messenger boy's bicycle from in front of their office December 12. The boy is now attempting to deliver his messages on foot, as he needs the money.

Police search for the bike has been to no avail. It was a World bicycle, painted red, and carried city license No. 839. Anyone who sees this bicycle is asked to call Western Union.

Camp Adair Said Surplus

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Camp Adair, near Corvallis, Ore., has been declared surplus, the war department notified Senators Cardon and Morse of Oregon today.

Morse's assistants said they were informed that all of the buildings at the camp would be sold. The land will be resold to the former owners if they wish to buy it.

Mac Threatens To Quit Post

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20 (AP)—American Broadcasting Company Correspondent Larry Tighe reported today from Tokyo that General MacArthur and the Russians had disagreed over which of the Japanese home islands Soviet forces would occupy, and that as a result Russians will not participate in the occupation at all.

Furthermore, Tighe said, MacArthur reportedly told the U. S. state department yesterday that if he were not let alone, and if Russia were allowed any further participation in occupation affairs, he would resign.

Mac Says No
"First the Russians wanted to bring an army over here," the correspondent asserted. "MacArthur said no. He would permit them to bring one division. But they insisted that they be allowed to occupy Hokkaido, northernmost of the main islands. MacArthur again said no, with the implication that if the Russians ever got into Hokkaido they'd never be dislodged."

"MacArthur offered instead to let the Russians into southernmost Kyushu, which would put American troops between the (Russian) homeland and the occupying force. Then the Russians said no. MacArthur's answer to that amounted to 'All right, don't send an occupation force.' We don't need it anyway."

Merrill Man Killed In Crash

MERRILL, Dec. 20 — Word has been received here of the death of Albert Spencer, 25, former Merrill resident, on Samar island, in the Philippines, on October 25.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Spencer, long-time residents of Merrill, now living in Redmond. He enlisted in the navy soon after war was declared and participated in several major battles.

The message sent to Mr. and Mrs. Murray Howard, stated he was spraying DDT from a plane when it crashed. No other details were learned.

His father was employed by the reclamation service during the time he lived here. Several brothers and sisters besides his parents, survive.

Fake Attack Ignited Spark That Set Off World War II

BY DANIEL DE LUCE
NUERNBERG, Dec. 20 (AP)—The first full story of the spark that set off World War II—a fake attack on a German radio station staged by gestic agents dressed in Polish army uniforms—was unfolded today before the international military tribunal.

As the war crimes trial was recessed for the Christmas holidays, American prosecutors submitted a gestic official's story of the raid, naming the assassinated hangman, Reinhard Heydrich, as the man who engineered the coup which Hitler used as the excuse for the Polish invasion—crying to the world that Germany had been attacked first.

The story was told in the affidavit of Alfred Naujocks who said he led a company of gestic agents dressed in Polish uniforms in a raid on the German radio station at Gleiwitz on Aug. 31, 1939, the day before the invasion. The raiders broadcast incendiary remarks in Polish and then left behind the bullet riddled bodies of drugged German concentration camp prisoners, also dressed in Polish uniforms, as "evidence," Naujocks said.

The affidavit was presented near the end of the session, when the tribunal recessed the trial until Jan. 2 over the protest of Justice Robert H. Jackson, chief U. S. prosecutor, who said another week will be needed after the holiday to complete the American case against the 22 Nazi leaders and six organizations on trial.

Naujocks, in his affidavit, said the fake attack with a company of disguised gestic men "should make it appear that Polish soldiers were attacking German troops."

Shoppers Disregard Icy Blasts

Late holiday shoppers milled through Klamath stores today and appeared oblivious to the below freezing weather which was general throughout this area.

A minimum of 11 degrees above zero at 9:30 o'clock last night was reported by CAA and from that point on the mercury rose until at noon a high of 28 was chalked up by the weatherman.

The Associated Press wire was filled with weather news, none of it good. Winter appeared ready to continue holding the climatic spotlight for the next few months and the federal weather bureau reported a temporary break in the prolonged cold wave which has gripped a wide section of the country for the past several days.

Forecasters, as forecasters often do, failed to agree entirely on what was ahead for the nation. A few said a new mass of cold air was moving in from central Canada and would hit the Dakotas and Minnesota tonight. A blanket of snow extended from the Rockies eastward into New England and into the south, with the heaviest falls in the eastern section. Falls ranging to a depth of more than five feet were reported in some sections of New York state.

The extended cold snap, which has crippled transportation throughout the east and middle west, disrupted communications, forced schools to close and curtailed production in many industries, also was responsible for at least 62 deaths, the Associated Press said.

Freezing Rain
Getting back to Oregon, a freezing rain fell in sections of the western part of the state, icing streets and roads and causing countless traffic mishaps.

Towing business was going great guns in Klamath Falls and two 24-hour operators said they had been hauling cars into garages steadily since the cold spell here. At least 60 per cent of the calls received by one garage are coming from the northern section of the county where slick highways have sent many cars into the ditch. There is a car in the shop and a battery of battery trouble and a lot of battery experience frozen gas lines and there is no antifreeze available although there is some alcohol. Relief from the anti-freeze situation was in sight, one operator said. He expects a shipment next week.

The state highway department said there was a light snow falling on Sun mountain on the Dalles-California highway and that means the stretch at that point is slippery. Lake caution is urged. Sanding is going on in all areas where new snow has fallen. All snow equipment continues in operation.

Roads Dangerous
Highway conditions, holiday motorists were loath to learn, were generally worse throughout Oregon today with slick roads in the mountain sections. Freezing rain last night made travel hazardous. Highways from Portland south to Albany were covered with a solid sheet of ice but the commission said it expected it to melt during the day.

Temperatures throughout the state: Baker, 1 below; Bend, 23; Burns, 20; Eugene, 12; Medford, 11; Astacham, 15; Medford, 31; Pendleton, 15; Portland, 29; Roseburg, 36; Salem, 26.

All long distance telephone circuits down the Pacific coast and a main artery were restored to normal operation during the night, the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company reported today. Service has been disrupted by fog and frost on the wires near Klamath Falls.

The American Telephone and Telegraph company long lines department said at New York last night calls to Washington and Oregon were being delayed as much as four hours.

Boy Breaks Leg While Coasting

First coasting accident of the season was reported here this week when 13-year-old Bobby Keese, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Keese, 4787 S. 6th, suffered a broken leg as the result of a mishap in last Sunday.

Bobby was coasting with a group when a sled ran over his leg. Companions moved him home on a sled and his injury was at first thought to be a badly sprained ankle. Tuesday morning the attending physician called in found one bone in the leg to be broken.

Arriving In United States

By Associated Press
Robert M. Reid, 8/Sgt., Dunsmuir, arrived on Europa due in New York December 17.

J. W. George, PFC, Klamath Falls, arrived on Logan due in San Francisco December 16.

Clyde Crapper, T/5, Bonanza, arrived on Sengstler due in Los Angeles December 16.

Howard L. Wade, Pvt., Klamath Falls, arriving with units of 38th division in Newport News today or tomorrow.

Melvin L. Crumpacker, T/5, Klamath Falls, arriving with units of 36th division in Newport News today or tomorrow.