

Reds Request Marshall To Set Time Limit On Jap Disarmament In China And Withdrawal Of American Troops

By SPENCER MOOSA
CHUNGKING, Dec. 24 (AP)—The communist New China Daily News urged General Marshall today to set a time limit on the disarmament of Japanese troops in China and the withdrawal of American forces.

The newspaper asserted that any American help to Chungking—military, political, financial or technical—before a coalition government was established would aggravate "the current civil war."

The statement of the newspaper, which has been speaking authoritatively for the communist side, came at a time when Marshall was plunging into his mission of peace for troubled China.

After conferring with Chiang Kai-shek, Premier T. V. Soong and three communist leaders, the peace delegation assigned here, Marshall had admitted "it will be some time before I can hope to get a picture of China."

Doubt Strengthened
This statement by President Truman's special envoy to China, coupled with government suspicion of a communist truce proposal, strengthened doubt that the civil war would be halted quickly. The communists had suggested immediate cessation of hostilities and "freezing" of troops in present positions. This would mean government forces would halt their movement into Manchuria.

Marshall said it was unnecessary to restate America's policy toward China, as President Truman had made that clear.

He had conferred with Soong just before meeting newspapermen, and earlier with Chiang. Yesterday he had a "friendly exchange of views" with Gen. Chou En-lai, deputy chief of the communist party and leader of the political council; Gen. Yeh Chien-ying, chief of staff of communist armies, and Tung Pi-wu, communist member of the San Francisco UNO conference.

"I'm in the business of informing myself and not making announcements," he stated.

Very Interested
Marshall said both he and America were "very much interested" in the forthcoming political council at which China's multiple problems will be up for settlement.

"The United States government and people have a natural, intense interest in the Chinese people," he continued. "That interest—almost affection—was overruled and brutalized by the Japanese armies."

He has not yet considered making a visit to Yenan, the communist capital, nor was he certain he would travel about China.

"I'll try to orient myself here," he stated, making no estimate how long he would remain in Chungking.

Meanwhile, the government and the communists continued their battle of words, each accusing the other of fighting or preparing to fight in North China. The communists included an unconfirmed charge that government troops used poison gas November 27 in an engagement near Paoting, Hopeh province.

United States Holds Promise For Refugees

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—The United States held out a promise today of merrier Christmas to come for thousands of Europe's homeless war refugees.

In a weekend directive, President Truman cleared the way for 39,000 of them a year to be admitted to this country. He ordered the resumption of normal quota immigration, saying the action by applying to displaced persons of Europe provides an "opportunity for America to set an example for the rest of the world in cooperation toward alleviating human misery."

Emphasizing that the number to be admitted "will be strictly within the limits of the present quotas as imposed by law," Mr. Truman pleaded against the enactment of any further restrictions.

GI Joe Disappointed But Cheerful Over Troop Jam

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24 (AP)—None of them kissed the ground, and none of them cheered. They filed impassively down the ship's gangway with their duffel bags, just another bunch of GIs who had lost out in the "game by Christmas" rush.

The cheering had come earlier, when the ship from Manila had docked four days before. Then the word came—they'd stay aboard until other Pacific veterans, returning earlier, had been moved on.

There wasn't a man who wouldn't admit to disappointment—but then GIs are used to taking what comes. It was a gray, cheerless day, wet with heavy rains. But humor cracked down the aisles of the train taking them on the short ride to a processing camp.

"Wow!" howled one, pointing at a blonde girl walking by the track. "Hi, beautiful!"

City Briefs

Visiting Here—Dale C. Carmichael, ex-MM USNR, is visiting his wife, Annabelle, and his 2-year-old daughter he had never seen. Carmichael served 17 months in the Hawaiian and Philippine islands. From here he will go to San Diego to visit his parents and his oldest daughter.

Visiting Parents—Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Sinclair of Los Angeles are spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Elsie Siemens, 502 Conger, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sinclair, 4641 S. 6th. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Worcester of Berkeley, Calif., are also visiting Mrs. Siemens.

Newlyweds Leave—Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ough left Friday for Sacramento, where he is in business. They will continue on to San Francisco and spend the holidays there, returning to their home at 337 Haskins the latter part of the week. Mrs. Ough is the former Frances Lee McMullen.

Visited Parents—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Hembelt and sons, Bob and Bill, returned to their home in Tacoma after a short visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Zell, 880 California. E. K. Zell is also at home on furlough after spending 22 months in the Pacific.

From Lakeview—Mr. and Mrs. Verne Troxell came here from Lakeview last week to meet Mrs. Troxell's mother, Mrs. Anna Balderson of Calgary, Alberta, who arrived by train. The family plans to spend Christmas at Medford.

From Corvallis—Among Oregon State students spending the Christmas holidays at home are Jimmie Case, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Case, and Stephen Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Stone.

Visiting—Guests at the Jack Laird home this week are Mrs. Winifred Laird, their daughter, in-law, and Mrs. Mary Racleff, Mrs. Laird's mother. Winifred Laird is attending college in Los Angeles, and Mrs. Racleff is here from Portland.

Midland Grange—There will be a regular meeting of the Midland grange on December 26 at 8 p. m. Refreshments will be potluck.

Cold Lessens Over Nation

By The Associated Press
Extreme cold had moderated over most of the country today, but sleet and freezing rain threatened to make holiday travel treacherous for midwest and eastern motorists.

Missouri highways already were "glazed" and the Chicago weather bureau forecast icy surfaces for Illinois and Indiana roads by nightfall, with the condition spreading into southern New York on Christmas Day.

Slippery roads were blamed for eight traffic deaths in Missouri. The District of Columbia reported two deaths, one by fire and the other by exposure.

"White Christmas"
A "white Christmas" was assured for the northern United States. Fresh snow was falling in the upper Mississippi valley and New England.

The coldest spot in the country early today was Phillipsburg, Pa., where the mercury dropped to 13 below. It was 11 below in Brookville, Pa., and Birmingham, N. Y., had a low of -9. Mild temperatures prevailed in the midwest, locale of last week's frigid wave, but the cold lingered in some places. At Golden, N. D., a -6 was reported.

Rain drenched the southeast, from Tennessee to Georgia and the Carolinas.

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The train passed a Mexican settlement, a little brown boy waving. "Little little kid I've seen with clothes on!" another exclaimed.

"And nobody's begging us for cigarettes or chocolate!" said a third.

At an intersection a civilian waved a bottle of liquor, and scores of voices invited him to "come on with us."

"California sunshine" took its share of ribbing—and "when do we eat?" became a conversation piece.

They talked about Christmas, sure—when you asked them. Sgt. Robert Pennington, Kelson, Wash., spotted a Christmas tree in a house window.

"They could hold up Christmas for me," he said, "but it wouldn't be right for my sister's kids if they didn't have it on the day. I'd hoped to make it in time—until we were held up in Luzon."

Elected—Nadine Palmerton, summer employe of The Herald and News, was elected to Theta Sigma Phi, women's journalism honorary at the University of California. She was announced from the university this week. Miss Palmerton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Palmer-ton, 840 Pacific Terrace.

Home From School—Ruth Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Rogers of Eldorado, was among the students returning from the University of California this weekend.

Visiting—Margaret Lowry, whose parents live at Newell where her father is with the WRA, was among the college students home for the holidays from the University of California.

From San Jose—Mrs. Harry Panning has returned from San Jose, where she has spent the past few weeks. She has joined her husband at their home at the Marion apartments.

Trials Set In Circuit Court

Arraignments of the persons indicted for felonies by the grand jury last week continued through this morning in circuit court and Judge David R. Vandenberg has begun docketing trials for the second week in January.

Felipe Olade, young Mexican who Saturday told the court he did not know enough English to understand the indictment against him, pleaded not guilty through an interpreter and will be tried for statutory rape January 9.

Pedro Palato, who is also charged with statutory rape upon the same Mexican girl as Olade, also had an interpreter in court and was given until December 31 to enter a plea.

David Samuel Van Cleave, indicted for rape upon a daughter, was arraigned and given until December 31 to make a plea.

The appointment of George Chastain to represent Nettie Belle Lusk, charged with contributing to the delinquency of her 12-year-old daughter, was cancelled and R. F. McLaren appointed by the court. She was arraigned and given until December 31 to enter a plea.

U. S. Balentine was appointed by the court to represent J. Johnson, who was arraigned on a charge of forgery. Warner J. Dickenson, indicted for obtaining money and property under false pretenses, was given until Thursday to enter a plea.

The trial of Albert Johnson for obtaining money and property under false pretenses, was set for January 7. The court entered a plea of not guilty for Johnson Saturday.

Tommies Back On Troopship

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24 (AP)—Three hundred British soldiers who walked off the troopship Orion this morning in protest against living conditions aboard, were induced to return this afternoon and the ship sailed for the Middle East on schedule.

Several Tommies were injured in a skirmish between the rebelling soldiers and military police before high army officials succeeded in persuading the troops to get back on board.

Last night 700 soldiers walked off but were forced to return. Some started ashore again this morning and when police tried again to detain them, comrades scrambled down to help.

The soldiers said the ship was overcrowded, that food was bad, and conditions unsanitary. They were headed for the Middle East to relieve other forces due for leave or demobilization.

Big Mooring Basin Eyed At Astoria

ASTORIA, Dec. 24 (AP)—Plans for a large mooring basin here for small craft have been approved by division engineers of the U. S. engineering corps and will go to Washington for consideration, it was learned here.

Brig. Gen. Philip G. Bruton, San Francisco, announced proposals for government construction of a steel tube and sand-filled 2400-foot breakwater and 1500 feet of wings have been endorsed by both district and division offices.

The recommendation for interests at Astoria to furnish rights of way, provide dredging and install and maintain the moorage facilities.

Mobile bakery units made 15 moves to keep pace with the dash of American arms into the heart of Germany.



SANTA CLAUS and excitement of birthdays is almost too much for one little boy. Harry Hibbs, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hibbs, observed his sixth anniversary with a party at the Pelican this week. —Guderian.

Post Office Business Here In Good Shape

Business at the Klamath Falls post office was in good shape this holiday season with things almost back to normal the day before Christmas.

Stamp and package windows will be open today as long as business warrants, Burt E. Hawkins, postmaster, stated. The postal force will continue to work to "clear the decks" so that nobody will be disappointed on Christmas.

There will be late deliveries today unless the volume of incoming mail this afternoon is too great for all to be taken care of and in that case there will be deliveries Christmas morning.

A curt command sounded outside the post office today so that no one will have to work on Christmas.

Postal employes join the postmaster in thanking citizens for their cooperation in mailing early this year and eliminating last minute congestion.

Extra help will be kept on until the first of the year to wind up tag-ends of the holiday business.

3 Killed In Road Mishaps

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24 (AP)—Highway accidents took the lives of two pedestrians and one army jeep passenger here yesterday.

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The sheriff's office reported George Jacobson, 57, killed when struck by an auto driven by Lewis G. Gabriel, 24, Granite Falls, Wash., later charged with negligent homicide.

Police are hunting for drivers of an automobile and a truck involved in a collision with an army jeep in which PFC Peter Sinisgali was fatally injured.

Earlier yesterday afternoon, six-year-old Annette Roessette was killed when a car driven by Lyle A. Darrow, 28, Scappoose, struck the girl and seriously injured her brother, Eddie, 9. Darrow is held on a charge of involuntary manslaughter. Police said the car drove into a group of five children playing on the street.

The coroner's office reported Edgar Senders, 57, died of a heart attack while at the throttle of the Portland-bound Roseburg train as it entered the Brooklyn yards here yesterday morning.

The fireman, Louis Flannery, brought the train to a halt as Senders slumped in his seat while the two men were talking.

Senate May Act On Armed Merger

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—President Truman's request for unification of the armed forces may get quick attention in the senate after congress reassembles January 14.

Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.) told a reporter today that the senate military affairs committee should have a bill covering what the president asked ready for senate action by Feb. 1.

In his message to congress just before it adjourned for Christmas, Mr. Truman requested a single "department of national defense" with "three coordinated branches" of land, naval and air forces.

This would merge the present separate navy and war departments into a single cabinet post.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

Patton Laid To Rest Among 6000 Other U. S. Troops

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said: "We owe our freedom to you." The tribute from Avranches recalled the Normandy village where Patton and his third army broke through the breach fashioned by the U. S. first army and overran and liberated France.

The floral piece from Metz recalled that Patton was the first general in more than a thousand years to storm and capture that incredible strong city frontally.

The casket was placed on beams bridging the open grave under the canopy.

Reads From Bible
The chaplain, Col. Edwin Royal Carter Jr., of Richmond, Va., read from the bible: "In the midst of life, we are in death."

As he intoned the words, the flag was lifted from the casket. Soldiers held it a few minutes above the silver top as the chaplain spoke.

Then he began reciting the Lord's prayer. Everyone uncovered.

A squad of Alpine Chasseurs in whose company Patton had been an honorary master sergeant snapped their rifles to attention. When the last of the prayer had been said, the soldiers folded the flag and handed it to Mrs. Patton.

A curt command sounded outside the canopy: "Half left—aim—fire." Three volleys splintered the heavy silence.

And then the notes of a bugle rang in the air. This was taps for Gen. Patton, the soldiers' command for sleep.

General Short In Hospital

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, USA, retired, who was army commander of the Hawaiian department when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, is a patient at Walter Reed hospital.

It was reported that General Short was threatened with pneumonia but the public relations officer at the hospital said he had not been given the diagnosis of the illness.

Short, who was removed from his Hawaiian command and placed on the retired list early in the war, has been in almost daily attendance at the congressional hearings on Pearl Harbor.

Effort Being Made To Debark Veterans

TACOMA, Dec. 24 (AP)—An effort was made today to debark all Pacific northwest men today from the transports USS Gen. Weigel and the USS Lenawee and to process them at the north-east Fort Lewis staging facility as rapidly as possible so that many will be able to reach their homes at least by Christmas night.

The Weigel from Tokyo has been docked here since Thursday and the Lenawee came in Saturday from Okinawa. Others on the ships, the bulk of whom are from other areas, will be obliged to remain on board until the congestion in the staging facility thins. It also was expected that all men on the Marine Devil from China may be embarked today.

Party Slated For County Infirmary

Residents of the county infirmary will celebrate tomorrow with a big Christmas tree, exchange of gifts and a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. A. G. Morrison, superintendent, said today.

Churches and fraternal orders have contributed food and gifts for the 45 people now residing at the infirmary, Morrison said.

Highways To Benefit From Forest Funds

The Willamette and Klamath Falls-Lakeview highways will benefit from expenditures of forest road money funds in the fiscal year starting July 1, according to a schedule of expenditures announced this week.

Biggest job on the Willamette will be in Lane county. There \$630,000 is to be spent on improving a 21-mile stretch. In Klamath county, the Willamette will receive \$100,000 for one 4.6 mile stretch, and \$34,000 for another 2.8 mile stretch.

The service has set aside \$127,000 for 5.2 miles of the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway.

In Deschutes county, a 4.7 mile stretch of the Cascade Lakes highway will get \$50,000.

Association To Be Revived

Revival of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland association, which was inactive during the war, is to be undertaken immediately.

Directors of the association met recently at Redding and decided to ask for county contribution as follows:

Shasta, \$10,000; Tehama, \$4,000; Jackson, \$9,000; Klamath, \$9,000; Modoc, \$2,500; Trinity, \$1,000; Lassen, \$4,000.

The association operated for several years prior to the war with Tom Stanley, Redding, former secretary of the Klamath County chamber of commerce, as manager.

Youth Killed In Car Crash

SALEM, Dec. 24 (AP)—One youth was killed and two others injured last night when their automobile crashed into a locomotive at the West Stayton crossing of the Southern Pacific railroad east of here.

James Helms, 19, died on the way to a hospital. Mary Louise Snoddy, 16, is in a hospital critically injured, with two fractured legs and cuts and bruises. Edwin Ball, 18, also is in a hospital with a fractured arm. All three were from Jefferson.

M. E. Hammer, conductor of the extra freight train, said he saw the car proceeding toward the crossing at about 25 miles an hour, when it pulled up almost to a stop to wait for the approaching train. Then the car speeded up, he said, to beat the train to the crossing, when it piled into the side of the locomotive.

Engaged

The engagement of Beulah Cooper to Harold Chandler Greer was announced Wednesday, November 12, in San Francisco.

Miss Cooper is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Cooper of 2603 Kane street, and has been in San Francisco for the past two years. She is a graduate of Klamath Union high school, class of 1941. Mr. Greer is the son of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Owens of Omaha, Nebraska.

After having served in the United States army overseas for the past four years, Mr. Greer returned to San Francisco where he is now in business.

Arrive for Christmas—Mr. and Mrs. J. Frye of Eugene arrived Sunday night to spend Christmas with their son and family.

Eastern Star Installation

A garden setting was used for the installation of 1946 officers of Aloha chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, on Tuesday evening in the Masonic hall. During the installation Mrs. Edwin Schnebeck sang, "My Task" and Mrs. L. E. Juniper sang, "In The Garden," adding to the effectiveness of the occasion.

Installing officers were Catherine Casper, Lawrence K. Phelps, installing officers; Helen Spiker, installing marshal; Nella West, installing chaplain; Alma Coker, installing organist. Beautiful corsages and colonial bouquets were made and presented by the worthy matron to all the officers who served with her.

New officers selected for the coming year are as follows: Alpha Phelps, worthy matron; Sanford Selby, worthy patron; Helen Liston, associate matron; Joe Kennedy, associate patron; Leona Selby, secretary; Nina Currier, treasurer; Alma Getz, conductress; Phyllis Poole, associate conductress; Mae Herndon, chaplain; Sallie Wood, marshal; Rhoda Harndon, organist; Reva Snel, Admits; Blancha Martin; Ruth; Beatrice Denison, Esther; Irma Miller, Martha; Florence West, Electa; Dulcie Motley, warden; Arthur Denison, sentinel.

After the ceremony two very pretty addendas were given. The Sunshine Girls, honoring the worthy matron with a floral degree and gifts, and then Junior Past Matron Sallie Wood was honored by her officers of last year with an Indian degree and presentation of gifts.

Sunshine Girls for 1946 were introduced. They are Norma Uerlings, leader, and Betty Hunter, Helen O'Neill, Eleanor Metler, Alva Foigt, Grace Berna, Martha Powell, Letta Murphy, Dulcie Motley, and Vera Linkenback. This group will present programs during the year. The courtesy hostesses were then introduced. They are Mae Balsiger, Minnie Grizzle, Louise Humphrey, Nellie Rose Jones, Elsie McNeel and Willie Kennedy.

Flowers were presented by Mr. Hughey to the worthy matron in behalf of Klamath lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M.

A beautiful bouquet of red roses was presented the worthy matron by her son, Merland. Other gifts were also given the new officer. Will Wood presented his wife with a gift at this time. Two musical numbers were then heard, "For You Alone" sung by Joy Kent, and Mrs. Joseph C. O'Neill played two lovely violin numbers. Mrs. Alma Cofer accompanied at the piano.

A trio including Dorothy Henry, Lola Whitman and Lila Roper of Klamath Union high school, accompanied by Barbara Zinn, sang a group to depict the evening.

Refreshments were then served in the banquet hall by a committee including Effie Frahn, Vera Clemmons, Edna Jones, Letha Hart, Gertrude Durbin, Minnie Withrow. The first meeting of the year will be held January 8, 1946.

Wedding Bells

White tapers lighted the all-white flower decked altar of the First Presbyterian church for the marriage November 24 of Florence Eade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry John Eade of Bremerton, and Walter Clifford Stanfill, son of Mrs. Mary Owen of Klamath Falls, and Walter B. Stanfill of Georgiana, Ala. The Rev. Willbur Stutz performed the single ring service at 8:30 o'clock.

The bride chose a dress of white marquisette, designed on princess lines and with a deep train. The bodice had an off-the-shoulder yoke and long sleeves. Her veil of illusion net was finger-stippled length and wore a string of pearls and gift of the groom. Composing her bridal bouquet were pink roses and nosegay of white flowers.

Mrs. J. D. Cline was matron of honor, wearing turquoise taffeta with bouffant skirt of net. Her arm bouquet was of yellow roses and bouvardia. J. D. Cline served as best man, as was the groom and W. M. Hague and L. R. Hague were ushers.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Eade chose black velvet with pink tulle in her corsage, and Mrs. Owen, mother of the groom, was in blue with pink tulle corsage.

The new Mrs. Stanfill chose a dressmaker suit of gray, with black accessories and gardenia and rose corsage for her wedding trip. After their honeymoon, spent in Oregon and California, Mr. and Mrs. Stanfill will be at home in Seattle.

The groom was but recently discharged from the armed forces, having served with the eighth air force in Europe. Until recently the bride was a member of the Women's Army Corps, having been stationed at Gowen Field, Boise, Ida.

Merrill News

MERRILL — Mrs. Rose Van Meter presided at the last regular meeting of Women of the Moose, Merrill chapter, No. 18, in the absence of the senior regent, Margaret Fields. A chapter night program presented by the Moosehaven committee included a piano solo by Geraldine Johnson and vocal duet by Geraldine and Bertel Roy Johnson. Mrs. Lillian Chapman was chairman.

Mrs. Dovie Reeder, associate dean, reported on conferring of the Friendship degree in Portland, December 22, where she presided. Honor member, Mrs. Fannie Thompson, was a messenger from James J. Davis, Acting Governor of the Loyal Order of Moose. The degree was conferred on 34 members, three of them, Mrs. Rose Van Meter, Mrs. Margaret Fields and Mary Lou Nine from Merrill.

The annual Christmas party was planned for the evening of December 22.

Malin Shower

MALIN—Mrs. John Minkler, the former Esther Morion whose wedding was a recent event, was honored Sunday afternoon, December 16, with a miscellaneous bridal shower in the Malin Presbyterian church. Hostesses for the event were Mrs. George Fabinek, Mrs. George Smalley, Mrs. Bertel Shogren and Mrs. Harry Wilson.

The gifts were presented in a novel way when Mrs. Halbert Wilson of Merrill presented three packages full of "joy, best wishes, and health and happiness." The monologue was an original composition written by Mrs. Wilson.

Full red lips flanked a polka-dot sash on the refreshment table. Present for the afternoon were Mrs. LaVerne Haskins, Bonanza; Mrs. Melvin Fitzpatrick, Klamath Falls; Mrs. Halbert Wilson, Merrill; Mrs. W. J. Holbrook, Mrs. John Bailey, Mrs. A. Kaling, Mrs. Orville Woods, Mrs. Earl Irvine, Mrs. Merle Loosley, Mrs. A. E. Street, Mrs. Charles Hamilton, Mrs. Waltjer, Mrs. Amelia Bishop.

Mrs. Dick Henzel, Mrs. Laddie Rajnus, Mrs. Jean Blake, Mrs. Glenn Morton, mother of the bride, Mrs. John Minkler, guest of honor, and Dorothy Loosley, all of Malin.

Wed In Reno

MALIN — Announcement of the marriage at Reno on December 11 of Katherine Cox and Paul Petrask, both of Malin, was made this week. The young couple, honeymooning in San Francisco, are guests of the groom's brother, Lou Petrask, and at Los Angeles where they are visiting his

Petrask. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Cox of Malin and the son of Anton F. Petrask, his brother, Ivan, make their home