

GI'S PROTEST DISCHARGE DELAY

Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE news from China continues hopeful.
General Marshall meets today with General Chou En-lai, representing the Chinese communists, and General Chang Chun, representing the Chungking government, to TALK PEACE. The meeting lasts three hours, and at its conclusion, Chungking dispatches report, Marshall, Chou and Chang "emerge smiling," and all agree that "progress has been made."
The conference will be resumed tomorrow.

BEFORE the meeting, Chou, the communist leader, had predicted that a truce halting the civil war will be made effective before Thursday of this week, when China's "party" conference, at which it is hoped to stop the fighting and work out a program of peace and unity, will begin.

NATIONAL (Chungking) troops begin to march into Mukden, in all-important Manchuria, this morning's dispatches report, and General Wedemeyer, U. S. commander in China, announces that within ten days American navy ships will begin to move 20,000 Chungking troops into Manchuria by sea.
A spokesman for China's Democratic League says today that the proposed truce will not apply to Manchuria, as it is NOT regarded as a ZONE OF HOSTILITIES. "O b e r v e r s" in Chungking interpret this as possibly indicating that the Chinese communists are reconciled to control of Manchuria by the Chiang Kai-shek government.
If so, it must mean that they have given up hope that Russia will help them there.

THE Russian policy of mystery is preserved by a dispatch from Tientsin which reports that "Russians in Mukden are ready to welcome Chinese national (Chungking) forces into the city—IF THEY COME UNARMED."

WE'VE learned by this time that we can't afford to jump to rosy conclusions as to what is GOING TO HAPPEN in China, but at least developments there seem to be more promising than at any time in the recent past.

That is interesting, because a united, peaceful, DEVELOPING China would mean a lot to us in the way of sound, mutually profitable foreign commerce in the post-war world.

STATE SECRETARY BYRNES leaves today for London to attend the United Nations assembly which begins this week. In London he will tackle world problems that were left unsolved at Moscow. These problems will include Iran and the DARDANELLES.

Both are expected to be TIGHT in Iran, Russia is obviously reaching for more territory in her program of setting up "friendly" governments around her borders. It has been known from the beginning that she is going to have a lot to say about final disposal of the Dardanelles strait, which is the outlet from the Russian-bordered Black Sea to the waters of the Mediterranean.

So far, this long-expected issue has not come out into the open. It will have to be settled sooner or later. It looks as if the fire-works may begin in London.

THE Turks are looking for trouble.
"Well informed" diplomats said in Istanbul the other day that the Turkish foreign minister has been instructed to reject any demands on Turkish territory and to tell British and American representatives that his nation would rather FALL IN WAR than to take a diplomatic defeat.
Britain is an ally of Turkey, and we and the British have more or less stung along together in European diplomacy. The Turks are putting it up to the two of us to look out for their interests AGAINST RUSSIAN DEMANDS.

YOU may think you are not much interested in all these foreign affairs. If so, you are mistaken.
In the new world that began for us at Pearl Harbor, foreign relations will be as important to ALL Americans as the deliberations of the city council.

Knife Slayer Awaits Action
Willard Williams, 29-year-old Klamath Indian who admitted to fatally stabbing Ebert Hugo Smith at Beatty New Year's Day, is still held in the county jail awaiting action by federal authorities.
Since both Williams and Smith are Klamath Indians and the case will go into federal hands, Smith died of hemorrhage following the cutting.
He was stabbed in the throat by a small pocketknife and the blade severed his jugular vein. Williams, an ex-convict, has already spent seven years behind bars for a previous Indian killing.

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Small Girl Kidnaped In Windy City

CHICAGO, Jan. 7 (AP)—Golden-haired Suzanne Degnan, 6, was kidnaped for \$20,000 ransom today and her father, a \$7500 a year government employe, appealed by radio for her safe return, promising "I'll give you the money."
James Degnan, 36, Chicago OPA executive, made the special appeal within a few hours after the Chicago city news bureau reported the kidnaped had telephoned the family to repeat the ransom demand made in a note left near Suzanne's bed early today.
"If you have any sympathy or understanding in your heart, you will return the child to the family," Degnan said in a local broadcast over WMAQ, an NBC outlet.
"Please let me know what I can do, how I can contact you. I'll give you the money. I'll do anything to get my child back. If you harm her, God will repay you. Please, please do not harm her."
Suzanne, blue-eyed and possessing a face a former neighbor described as the "most cheerful little face I ever saw," was abducted apparently by someone misled by the size of the Degnan home into believing her a child of wealth.
The Degnans share a North Side residence at 5943 Kenmore avenue with an attorney and his wife and their daughter and son-in-law.
Suzanne was missed from her bed at 7:30 a. m., when her father went to call her for school. The city news bureau said the kidnaper telephoned at 10 a. m. to reiterate the ransom demand to Degnan who earlier had told newsmen:
"I have no money and I know of no reason why I should be a target for a kidnaping for ransom."
The news bureau said the telephone call was made by a man. Police traced the call to a number in the Rogers Park district. The section in which the Degnans live is known as Edge-water and adjoins the Rogers Park district on the south.
A ransom note found in the girl's room stressed that the family not notify the police or the newspapers or the child would be harmed.
Threats Repeated
The threats were repeated over the telephone, the news bureau said, and the caller insisted on the ransom, saying he would call later.
Shortly after 11 a. m. Detective Chief Walter Storms hurried from the scene of the kidnaping at 5943 Kenmore avenue, a two-story duplex house, to the Summerdale police station, collected six squads of policemen and raced west with them.
Three FBI agents conferred with Degnan as did Sheriff Michael Mulcahy of Cook county (Chicago), a friend. Police Commissioner John C. Prendergast, who took office only seven days ago, assumed personal charge of the case.
North Side
The Degnan home is on the corner of Kenmore and Thorndale avenues, in a middle class neighborhood on Chicago's North Side. The residence is a large brick house set well back from the street and surrounded by shrubbery.
The owner of the house, Attorney A. Louis Flynn, lives on the second floor, the Degnans on the first.
Suzanne was sleeping alone in the back bedroom. A sister, Betty, 10, was asleep in another room. The windows of Suzanne's room were unlocked.

State Highway Equipment Out To Clear Snow

All state highway equipment was working overtime in the mountain area surrounding Klamath Falls as a heavy snowfall blanketed this section of southern Oregon today.
Sanding trucks were dispatched to the various summits on Quartz mountain, Hayden and Sun mountains, but the heavy snowfall which continued throughout the morning held up the operation, highway men said here today.
Two inches of new snow fell on Quartz mountain on the Lakeview highway to the east, five inches of new snow on Hayden mountain of the Green-springs to the valley, and Sun mountain to the north on The Dalles-California highway, reported six inches of new snow, bringing the total on that stretch to 10 inches, this morning's report advised.
Nine Above
The state highway also said that Quartz mountain reported a minimum temperature of 9 degrees above zero this morning.
The Willamette pass is now open to one-way traffic as the 180-foot washout had been partially filled to permit movement over the highway.
At the Marine Barracks, Col. Charles T. Brooks said a heavy snow was falling throughout the morning and at least six inches of snow covered the post at noon today. The road leading to the barracks was slick but sanding was in operation with all post equipment busy clearing roads.

MURDER GOAL NUERNBERG, Jan. 7 (AP)—

Waffen SS Lt. Gen. Erich von Dem Bock-Zelewski told the international military tribunal today that the nazis attacked Russia with a goal of wiping out 30,000,000 Slavs.
"Wilbur" Has New Mistress
Wilbur, the weasobegone walf whom nobody wanted, has a new mistress, 3-year-old Judith Payne (above). Her mother was the first of 50 applicants who sought the pup after a story of the pup's plight was published in Los Angeles. Only Wilbur's name isn't Wilbur now—it's Gladys! (AP wirephoto).



500 FAMILIES HOMELESS IN WAKE OF TEXAS GALES



Ed Sullivan (huddled under wreckage) is one of the many injured in the tornado which struck Nacogdoches, Texas. Six persons were killed in Nacogdoches and at least 85 injured. (AP wirephoto).

Fourteen Oil Companies Serve Notice Of Withdrawal From Fact-Finding Hearings

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—Fourteen oil companies served notice on government fact-finders today that they preferred direct negotiations with the CIO Oil Workers union over wage demands to continuation of fact-finding hearings.
Only two companies appeared as participants when the fact-finding panel reconvened after a 16-day recess, and one—Socony-Vacuum Oil company of New York—promptly declared it would continue only on its own terms.
Fourteen other companies telegraphed the panel that they were continuing negotiations with the union and, in general, saw no need for coming to Washington.
However, O. A. Knight, union president, declared in a statement that the direct negotiations over the 30 per cent wage increase demand were being hampered by company introduction of "extraneous issues."
In a telegram to Dr. Frank P. Graham, chairman of the oil panel, President B. Brewster Jennings of Socony-Vacuum objected to government consideration of ability to pay in studying wage questions, declaring this indicated a trend toward "rigid government control of industry."
GM Quits
Injection of the ability to pay issue recently resulted in withdrawal of the General Motors corporation from government fact-finding proceedings in the General Motors strike case.
Referring to the same issue, Richard H. Lowe, counsel for Socony, told reporters his firm would continue in the oil fact-finding hearings but would present only such evidence as to its earnings and ability to pay as is normally published.
Jennings' telegram said Socony was "unwilling to encourage a trend in the direction of a regimented economy."
"Any tie between wages and earnings," Jennings asserted, "would lead inevitably and rapidly to a rigid government control over industry."
"Such control would of necessity be almost identical with the so-called fascist economies which were developed in Germany and Italy during the 1930s."
The other company represented at the hearing was the Atlantic Refining company.
Knight's statement pointed out that the oil fact-finders had recessed before the Christmas holidays hoping that oil refining companies would negotiate settlement of the wage dispute.
However, he reported, only two refineries belonging to two different companies had reached an agreement. Agreement was reached for an 18 per cent wage increase for the Texas company's West Tulsa refinery, which matched the agreement by Sinclair Refining company for all of its operations.

Basin Mills To Start Work

All but five or six small operations have been cleared for a return to work after the AFL strike in the Klamath basin district area, it was reported today by Hugh Haddock, business agent for the union.
Haddock reported that the Associated Lumber and Box company at Dorris and the American Box company at Sprague River and Lakeview were now in line for operation under the 15-cent increase agreement reached recently between negotiators for the union and management.
Others newly lined up for work include the Swede Basin Lumber company at Grand Pass and Southern Oregon Sugar Pine company at Central Point.
In connection with the Swede Basin settlement, workers are going back without settlement of a union shop demand which was part of the original strike demand.
The Fruitgrowers Supply company plant at Hilt is cleared for action under a separate settlement. This provides for a 15-cent sawmill increase, and a 17-cent increase for the lower bracket in the box factory. The latter scale eliminates the differential in the low wage rate in the box factory and mill, but the 17-cent does not apply to the skilled brackets in the box factory. They get 15 cents.

Arriving In United States

By Associated Press
Nathaniel F. Viers, Cpl., Klamath Falls, arrived on SS Gerry due in Newport News January 5.
Lane Brooks, PFC, Klamath Falls, arrived on Colusa due in San Francisco January 5.
Ned N. Legault, PFC, Klamath Falls, arrived on Monticello due in New York January 1.
William G. Simpson, T/4, Klamath Falls, arrived on Monticello due in New York January 1.

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Portland Lumber Head Stricken

Frank H. Ransom, well known lumberman and president of the Eastern and Western Lumber company, Portland, was stricken with a heart attack Sunday afternoon and rushed to Hillside hospital where his condition was said to be critical today.
Two of Ransom's sons, Major Frank Ransom of Portland and Richard Ransom of San Mateo, Calif., are at their father's bedside. They are at the Winema hotel. Major Ransom was fishing in Puget Sound when word of his father's illness reached him. He flew south Sunday. The elder Ransom was here on business when he became ill.

Dog Poisoner Reward Growing

The reward fund started by a group of Klamath dog-lovers for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the dog poisoner who has killed several family pets in the past two weeks, is growing daily.
Totaling \$65 in individual contributions, the fund has mounted rapidly since its beginning last Saturday.
C. L. Barkdoll, who recently lost his dog and believes the animal was poisoned, started the fund, and since then, 10 local people have sent contributions.
They are A. J. Kroenert, Wally Moss, Mrs. R. B. Blackman, Paul Winters, Dr. Herrick A. Wheeler, Rex Hlatt, Ira Brewer, J. James, L. J. Brink, and Tom Dunn.
Others who wish to contribute to the fund are asked to contact Barkdoll at his home, telephone 8951, or at Barkdoll's Radio service, telephone 6816.

Pepper Favors Broadcast Of Congressional Debate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) thinks congressional debate should be broadcast, just like a soap opera or Jack Benny.
"A couple of republicans said today they aren't sold on a proposal that would make a microphone available to any congressman who could work his way up to it.
In separate interviews, Reps. Wait Horan and Clarence Brown came up with their ideas on how congress might be put on the radio.
Horan, big apple and pear man from Wenatchee, Wash., isn't so much opposed to putting microphones on the house and senate floors, as Pepper has suggested.
It's just that he believes a much better plan would be to broadcast the activities of the committees—"Where the real work is done." In committees, Horan says, congressmen usually are more interested in getting the views of experts than they are in expressing their own.
Brown, newspaper publisher from Blanchester, Ohio, has this thought:
On every controversy, let the republicans and democrats each name a team. Then a radio debate could be held, with rules of congressional procedure applying. That way, he says, the public could get the tumult and the shouting in sizes that could be handled.
Brown thinks the Pepper plan is silly.
"Fifty per cent of the talking in congress is done by five per cent of the members," says Brown.
"Can't you just imagine what it would be like in congress if they knew the country was listening? I can see Pepper now, with a death grasp on a microphone."

Tornadoes Leave Over 300 Injured

29 Persons Reported To Have Perished In Storms
NACOGDOCHES, Texas, Jan. 7 (AP)—A Red Cross disaster team from St. Louis joined local officials and relief agencies today in caring for the 500 families made homeless and more than 300 persons injured by the tornadoes which tore across five east Texas counties Friday night.
Meanwhile with four additional deaths yesterday the total of fatalities reached 29.
Robert Edson, Red Cross director of the midwest district, who arrived yesterday from St. Louis to make a survey, estimated property damage at \$2,600,000. This figure is likely to be revised upward when a survey of the damage to the pine forests of the counties is completed.
Storm Effects
Edson presented this additional picture of the effects of the storm:
300 persons injured.
122 still hospitalized.
184 homes destroyed.
200 homes damaged.
410 other buildings destroyed.
317 other buildings damaged.
Two Red Cross emergency dispensing stations have been set up here and another at Palestine to issue clothing, food and bedding to destitute families. Nine emergency shelters have been set up by local chapters in the five counties.
National headquarters of the Red Cross announced in Washington yesterday that it had obtained priorities for 1,750,000 board feet of lumber which it estimated as sufficient for immediate emergency construction requirements.

Oregon Flood Threat Lessens

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7 (AP) The Willamette river held a flood threat over the weekend, but the weather bureau said today the banks would not be topped.
Colder weather halted the rise at Eugene and the level was dropping there. Crest was reached at Albany at 8 a. m. today and it fell by half-a-foot to touch flood stage.
Renewal of the high water, after last week's costly inundation of the valley, followed heavy rains and melting snow.
The peak at Salem is expected to be 16.5 feet late this afternoon. Flood stage there is 20 feet.

NEGRO SURRENDERS

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7 (AP) A 27-year-old negro sought in connection with the Christmas Day slaying of a Vancouver, Wash. butcher has surrendered in Philadelphia as an army deserter, Joseph E. Thornton, in charge of the Portland FBI office, said today.
It is understood the more than 3000 renunciant asking hearings include a large number who are involved in an action in federal court in which they seek to abrogate previous citizenship renunciation, chiefly on the grounds they renounced citizenship under duress or misunderstanding. The two situations are not connected, however. Hearings on the federal court action are scheduled in San Francisco January 10.

No Trace Found Of Jail-Breakers

MEDFORD, Jan. 7 (AP)—The sheriff's office reported today no trace of two men who escaped from the county jail here Saturday.
Calvin L. Burtis and Bobby J. Nelson, both 19, were under 18-month sentence for car theft. They sawed bars from the window to escape. Two other prisoners who left at the same time were caught a few hours later.

Yanks Boo Statement Of General

12,000 Soldiers Call For Congressional Investigation
By JOHN GROVER
MANILA, Jan. 7 (AP)—At least 12,000 American soldiers jammed into the shell-battered ruins of the Philippines today Congress tonight for a noisy but orderly mass protest to the demobilization slowdown and thundered approval of a resolution calling for a congressional investigation.
Earlier, thousands of milling enlisted men had marched to Styer's headquarters and sent in a committee of five, which was told by the general that the "changing international situation" prevented sending all eligible men home at once.
Men Gather
Long before 8 p. m., servicemen began gathering and climbing the twisted masonry fronting the great flight of ruined steps to the capitol entrance, where a make-shift stage had been set up with a wheezing loudspeaker.
By the time T/R Harold Schiffrin, Rochester, N. Y., the chairman, called the meeting to order the triangular lot in front of the legislative hall was packed with thousands of soldiers.
They cheered as one by one enlisted men took the stage and spoke their mind.
The speakers exhorted their listeners to write their congressmen, and declared the war department was changing the rules on redeployment.
Draft Flayed
One soldier orator asserted that "the only thing they (the war department) ever managed to foul up worse was the draft."
Another said that "since the last regulations were promulgated every guy in the army had his release day figured down to the last minute and now the war department 'slowdown' leaves everybody up in the air."
Schiffrin, Styer's statement asserting that the army in the Philippines was doing its best to get men home, shipping 549,318 high-point soldiers to the States since the war ended.
"Bear in mind," the statement said, "it took us 30 months to build our strength in the Western Pacific, yet it has been reduced in four months by two-thirds."

Repats Fight To Stay Here

More than 3000 evacuees at the Tulelake WRA center want to stay in the United States despite their renunciation of American citizenship.
This was disclosed today when the department of justice opened hearings at the center for renunciant who have indicated their unwillingness to go to Japan.
Each of the more than 3000 who applied for hearings will be given an individual appearance before a special board. These people signed an application form including the following statement:
"I do not wish to return to Japan. I request that I be given a hearing and the opportunity to show cause why I should not be removed to Japan."
Renunciants who have not signed this statement are regarded as voluntarily willing to accept repatriation and presumably will be removed to Japan.
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Visitors' Bureau

CORVALLIS, Jan. 7 (AP)—The Oregon State College Alumni association has set up a visitors' bureau in the Memorial Union, officials said today.
Visitors can leave messages, write letters, and use typewriter or telephone at the bureau.