

Groves Denies Hopkins, Wallace Sought Atomic Secrets for Russians from Him

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
ON our teletype early this morning there was a piece by James Marlow telling about what he was doing on the 7th day of December, 1941. He wrote it last night, he says, and adds wondrously that when he sat down at his desk and typed the date (he was working a day ahead, as a lot of us newspaper people do) it broke over him for the first time that this is THE DAY.

Let's go on from there in his own words. He says:
"Suddenly I remembered what day it was. I stopped there and went around asking half a dozen men in the office: 'You know what date tomorrow is?' Each in turn said 'December 7.' I said: 'You know what anniversary it is?' One by one, they said NO. 'Pearl Harbor,' I said.
"And one by one they said 'It is, at that' or 'Sure enough.' They were surprised they had forgotten, just as I was. Some of them were veterans. The last one I spoke to had served out the war in the navy. He was doubly surprised to think December 7 was the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. He said he thought it was December 5."

WELL, I went then all one better. Until I saw Marlow's column on the teletype, it had never occurred to me that another anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day was rolling around.

MARLOW was out fishing on that blackest day in our history. He and his companions came in about the middle of the afternoon. They had no fish, as often happens. They were sitting around in the shack that was their camp, talking it over and offering the customary fishermen's alibi.
Suddenly a portable radio somebody had brought along sputtered and barked: "The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor this morning." For a while it didn't register with them. You know how it is when you're listening to the radio with only part of one ear.
SUDDENLY IT BROKE ON THEM. What the radio announcer was saying was true. WE WERE AT WAR!

ON that fateful day, I hit the duck swamp at daylight. Our duck-hunting gang did better than Marlow and his fishing companions. The limit was ten then, and we got our ten ducks apiece so easily that we hated to come in. For a long time we sat around on a grassy little rise of land in the marsh and talked it over. We were happy and relaxed like duck hunters always are under the circumstances.
Eventually we came into town and stopped by the office for some reason or other. THE NEWS HIT US LIKE A BLOW IN THE FACE.

IF I live to be a hundred, that picture will stay sharp and clear in my mind—all its details as distinctly cut as a cameo.
Never, no matter how many years may roll over my head, can I fail to feel again the queasy sickness that hit me in the pit of the stomach as the fact burned home in my consciousness that THIS IS IT. That war was upon us again after the interval of peace since the last war.

YET, up to this morning, I had FORGOTTEN. It was not until my eyes fell on those words on the teletype that it all came back to me. How about you?
Did you remember yesterday that today would be Pearl Harbor Day?
WELL, we fought the war. We licked the Japs. We licked the Germans.
NOW we're feeding them. We've been feeding them for nearly four (Continued on Page Two)

Let's We Forget Battleship Arizona's Hulk Grim Reminder of Evil Day

PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 7 (AP)—The twisted superstructure of the proud old battleship Arizona juts above the water. It is a grim reminder of what happened here eight years ago today.
Japanese sneak bombs sank the Arizona that fateful Sabbath morning. Many of her gallant crew did not get off. She rests where she fell—the Arizona—a monument to the first Americans to die in World War II.
On this anniversary all about the Arizona was serene and pretty. Life on the naval base flowed evenly. Ships glided by gently, entering and leaving this pearl-like spot on the edge of the island called Oahu.
Their wakes softly touched the protruding hull. A small party went aboard. The chaplain intoned a prayer. Only a few made the pilgrimage. The Arizona is weak and worn by war and time.

Russians' Extensive Plans for Possible U. S. War Revealed

CHICAGO, Dec. 7 (AP)—The Chicago Tribune, in a dispatch from its Paris correspondent, today said Soviet Russia is making "intensive efforts" to prepare its Arctic regions for a possible U. S. war.
The correspondent, Henry Wales, wrote he had obtained his information from two escapees from forced labor projects in the area.
The principal points of Wales' account were:

The two main military bases are newly-created cities, Vorkoutsk and Tikal, at the mouths of the Potshura and Lena rivers. Other ports have been developed at the mouths of the Dvina, Ob, Yenesei, Ingirka, and Amur rivers.
A strategic lake is being constructed from Lake Baikal to the Bering sea opposite Alaska, but the Red army is utilizing frozen rivers as its chief highways.
Some 300 meteorological stations have been established in the Arctic regions.

Eye Witness
Wales wrote: "This information and a detailed description of the operations were obtained from an eye witness who was sentenced to forced labor on Nova Zembla, but became ill and was evacuated to Vorkoutsk whence he escaped through the Iron Curtain to France.
"Other information was given by a political prisoner employed on the project who fled from the concentration camp."
He added, "from bases in Franz Josef land, Dickson island, and Spitzbergen, the Red army plans operations via Northern Greenland to Northern Canada, within easy range of the United States."

Atomic Strike Spread Feared

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., Dec. 7 (AP)—A mushrooming wildcat strike—the first in Oak Ridge history—threatened today to spread to all construction crafts working on installations in this atomic city.
A top atomic energy commission official, who declined use of his name, said he has received unconfirmed reports that about 300 carpenters and laborers will walkout sometime today.
AEC officials and representatives of the national labor relations board—who were called in hurriedly—have been wrestling with the problem since yesterday.
The number idled reached around 2000 employees in all construction crafts except carpenters and laborers.

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Miners Hold To 3-Day Work Week

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (AP)—The United Mine Workers said after a two-hour conference with operators today that it still plans to keep the three-day work week in effect in the hard coal industry.
The nation's 80,000 anthracite miners, barring a last-minute change, will fail to report tomorrow and Friday after working the first three days of this week.

John L. Lewis ordered a shortened work week for all his miners in calling off a full-scale soft coal strike last week.
Operators asked the union yesterday, when negotiations looking toward a new wage contract began, to lift the three-day rule for the hard coal pits.
Union officials gave no indication until today what their answer would be.

Five Injured In Wreck North of City

At least five persons were injured in a head-on collision 40 miles north of here, this morning, and two of those hurt are in Klamath Valley hospital.
They are Mr. and Mrs. George C. Rice, former residents of this city, and a parent of Don Rice who operates stores at Dairy.
Three soldiers were among those injured but details were not learned here at noon. The accident occurred around 10:30 a. m. when a car passed a state highway truck and crashed into the northbound Rice machine.
Mr. and Mrs. Rice are seriously but not critically injured. They were brought to the hospital here by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chapman, also former residents of Klamath Falls who were en route from Portland to Oakland, Calif.

NO BIG BREAK
WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—John L. Lewis' proud announcement that some mine owners have met his contract terms apparently left major coal operators unimpressed today.
They said the owners who signed with the mine leader produce comparatively little soft coal—less than 2,500,000 tons of the nation's annual total of 550,000,000. And they scoffed at suggestions that the new move might mean a major break in the long coal dispute.
Lewis made the announcement late yesterday. He said United Mine Workers members at the affected pits would return to work immediately on a five-day week.

Novelist Rex Beach Kills Self

SEBRING, Fla., Dec. 7 (AP)—Rex Beach, 72, nationally known novelist, was found dead of a pistol wound in the head at his home near here this morning.
His death was pronounced suicide by County Judge J. Howard Livingston and Sheriff Broward Coker.
Beach had been suffering from a throat ailment for three years. His body was found by a nurse who brought him breakfast, the sheriff said.
His nurse, Miss Tania Simonian, found the writer in his pajamas on the floor of his second story bedroom. The body lay by the bed in which he had slept through the night.
Robert Fox, his secretary for 33 years, said funeral arrangements would be made later.
Beach was in the midst of a psychological novel, "Woman in Ambush," on which he had completed 27 chapters. He had not worked on it for several months.
This summer, Beach's life was despaired of for a while at Miami, where he had gone for treatment for his throat.

White Christmas Maybe . . .

Klamath still may have a white Christmas if weather forecasts continue to promise snow. Flurries were expected tonight, the weatherman said. He left a light blanket on the ground early this morning, but increasing temperatures melted the fall except in shady north sides. Minimum temperature here this morning was 23 degrees.
Motorists were warned to carry chains over the higher elevations passes where snow and ice combined to make for slippery road surfaces. The Willamette pass has packed snow but is sandbed, the Oregon state highway department advised. This was also true over the McKenzie pass but on the Santiam there was a violent high wind blowing, drifting snow and creating icy spots. Chemult, Chiloquin, Keno, Bly Klamath Falls with a light snowfall and city spots in the road.
MILK HEARING
PORTLAND, Dec. 7 (AP)—A milk control hearing here tomorrow will take up a proposal of Safeway stores to haul milk produced in the Salem area here for processing, then back for sale in Salem stores.



GREG LOOKS 'EM OVER—L. H. Gregory, center, sporting editor of The Oregonian, admires the trophies won by Joe Nichols, left, and Tam Abner, last night at the Lions club annual football banquet. In secret ballot by the Pelican footballers, Nichols, hard-running halfback, was named the "most inspirational" player. Abner, big tackle, was singled out as the outstanding lineman of the 1949 Pel football machine. Gregory was the guest speaker at the annual pigskin banquet. (Full story on sports page).

Local Merchants See Big Business Month; Early Shopping Noted

An anticipated "big December" was expressed by merchants contacted today in the Klamath Falls business district, as the first week of December closed with a rattling of cash registers.
Consensus of opinion among the merchants gave credit to the Christmas opening and fanfare of last Friday night when an estimated 18,000 residents of the basin area jammed Main street to watch the Santa Claus parade sponsored by the Klamath Merchants association.
Traffic through one of the city's larger stores for the first week indicated a much higher volume than a year ago at this time.
Gift shops and smaller stores observed yesterday that folks were buying earlier and stocks were being depleted faster than a year ago and they, too, attributed the heavier buying to the Christmas opening. Good weather for shopping had a lot to do with it, one merchant opined.
One thing was certain, stocks were more complete and merchandise of better quality than at any time since before the war. There was considerable buying of "good stuff" and the giftie type of merchandise was expected to go a little heavier later in the month.
This was particularly true of the more expensive type of gift such as household furnishings.
Klamath shoppers were doing their buying in a far more festive atmosphere as the result of Christmas decoration of the downtown area and merchants found today it had paid off to go all out in dressing up their establishments.
One particular item, Christmas wrappings, was going rapidly. The selection was good but the shopper who wants to blend or unite her ties, cards and paper in one motif should do this pretty quick if she wants to be completely satisfied.

Davidson Mum On Possible Senate Race

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Assistant Secretary of the Interior C. Girard Davidson isn't talking about published reports that:
A. He is in line to become undersecretary of the interior, an office which became vacant December 1 when Oscar L. Chapman moved up to become secretary.
B. He may resign to run for the senate against Wayne Morse (R-Ore).
"Busy"
The native Lousianan, who now claims Portland, Ore., as his home, says only that he is "busy with my present job."
He willingly reaffirms his earlier pronouncement that:
He has been "approached" by some democrats to quit his Washington career and try to win Morse's office.
He is not happy with Morse's stand against a Columbia valley authority. (Davidson is a leader in President Truman's proposed program for establishment of a valley administration in the Pacific Northwest.)

Another Tough Break for Man

Misfortune of sorts seems to be following Howard Wilmer Shoun, 30-year-old mechanic of 2524 Crest street.
On Monday Shoun was arrested here on a "fugitive from justice" warrant issued by the U. S. marshal in San Diego. He was charged with non-support of a child.
Yesterday Shoun was released from the county jail on \$1000 bail. In the afternoon he fell from a 12-foot ladder while working at Acme auto painters and suffered a hip injury.
Kaler's ambulance moved the man to Klamath Valley hospital where X-rays revealed a fractured right hip.

Italy Honors Toscanini

ROME, Dec. 7 (AP)—It's Senator Arturo Toscanini now.
The famous conductor was named a life-time senator of the Italian republic yesterday for his contributions to the world of music.
President Luigi Einaudi made the appointment to the man who left his native country during Mussolini's fascist dictatorship.

Hiro Household Not Sacred

TOKYO, Dec. 7 (AP)—Eight years ago Emperor Hirohito was considered sacrosanct by the Japanese.
Today he awakened 150,000 yen (\$4,168) poorer.
A thief, who no longer considered the emperor sacred, stole the money from the imperial household account.

Probe Group Will Hear Wallace

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Lealle R. Groves testified today that neither Harry Hopkins nor Henry A. Wallace ever tried to get any atomic secrets or materials from him for the Russians.
Groves, who headed the wartime atomic bomb project, told house investigators that he had never, in fact, met Hopkins or had any correspondence with him.
As for Wallace, Groves said the former vice president never brought any direct pressure on him in connection with the atomic energy project and, as far as he knows, never put on any indirect pressure.

Mystery Note
Groves was a witness before congressional investigators dig into a story of atomic materials going to Russia in lend-lease planes during the war and of a mysterious note signed "H. H." saying "had a hell of a time getting these away from Groves."
After getting Groves' testimony, Rep. Walter (D-Pa), acting chairman, said the committee would give Wallace a chance to testify later.
The committee broke off its hearings to hold a closed door session. Groves was dismissed as a witness.
Walter indicated to reporters that the date of any further hearings would depend on whether Wallace wanted to have his say.

Spy Evidence
Groves told the committee:
1. The Russians got some atomic material during the war, but that he doesn't know how or what shipments "because we don't know how many leaked through."
2. He found evidence of Russian spying within a month of the time he took charge of the atomic bomb project in 1942.
3. He knows the lend-lease administration was under "pressure" to give the Russians "everything they sought" and that a "great deal of influence" was brought to bear. But he said he did not know who exercised the pressure.
4. Hopkins was at one time lend-lease administrator. A close friend of President Roosevelt, Hopkins went to Russia to consult with the Soviets on their needs to hold their front against the Germans.
Jordan Story
Major G. Racey Jordan, whose wartime job was to aid in lend lease movement of planes to Russia, told of the Russians taking out suitcase after suitcase load of documents as well as atomic materials. He said some of the documents were state department papers.
At a news conference today, Secretary of State Acheson said the state department licensed no exports of atomic materials to Russia without prior approval from the Manhattan project (the wartime name for the atomic bomb project). Acheson also said he knew of no state department documents going to the Russians.
Rep. Walter (D-Pa) asked Groves about Hopkins.
Groves said that no one at the White House ever tried to get maps from him "that I was aware of," and he added that he doubted "very seriously" if it was ever done.

HST Vacation Becomes Stag Affair

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 7 (AP)—President Truman's vacation party became a stag affair today as attention was concentrated on the forthcoming battle in congress for key administration objectives.
The president directed Lt. Col. Francis (Frenchy) Williams, pilot of the "Independence" the White House plane, to take Mrs. Truman and his daughter, Margaret, back to Washington.
Truman called his entire White House staff to meet at 2 p. m. for a full-scale conference on the "state of the union" budget and economic messages to be presented to congress in January.
These messages will lay the groundwork for a election year fight for the "Fair Deal."
The president, on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor, is determined to continue the European recovery program, the arms-aid program under the Atlantic pact and other bipartisan moves to strengthen the democratic front against communism.
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'Ike' Says No Politics

HOUSTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—General Dwight Eisenhower said today he wants no connection with politics but wants to take an active part in public affairs.
He told a news conference:
"If I identified or affiliated myself with any political party I'd lose a lot of friends and I'm not going to do that."

Meet the People



DARLENE BLACKMAN is a member of the city family, pictured here at her typewriter in the city clerk's office of the city hall.



ALL IN THE FAMILY—Members of the E. H. Shipler family participated in the Boy Scout Court of Honor last night in Altamont school when Dillard Shipler received the Eagle rank. Left to right, Scout Darrel Shipler, Scout Dillard Shipler, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Shipler and daughter Virginia, who is also a Scout. (Story on page two).

15 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS!