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Gen. Marshall Discloses Enemy Intercepted Pre-War Conversations

HE SHUNNED PHONE

May Have Been One Reason Why He Did Not Call Hawaii Dec. 7, 1941

By RAYMOND LAHR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall disclosed today that the Germans intercepted pre-war telephone conversations between the late President Roosevelt and former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

He told the Pearl Harbor investigating committee that knowledge of the German intercepts may have been one reason why he did not telephone a war warning to Hawaii on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941.

The message was dispatched by Western Union and commercial cable and did not reach Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, Hawaiian Army commander, until hours after the Japanese sneak attack.

Under questioning by committee members, Marshall took on his own shoulders a share in War Department responsibility for not relaying in late November that Short's command was not properly alerted for a surprise attack.

In response to a warning from Washington of possible hostilities, Short sent a reply indicating his command was alerted for sabotage only.

Last week Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, former chief of the Army's war plans division, told the committee he would take whatever blame there was for not noting that Short's reply was inadequate.

Sen. Homer Ferguson, R., Mich., asked Marshall if he agreed that it was Gerow's "full responsibility."

"I would not say that was his full responsibility," Marshall replied. "It was his direct responsibility. But I had a responsibility as Chief of Staff, too."

Marshall's first war warning, the one to which Short replied, was sent Nov. 27, 1941. The second, which arrived too late, was sent a short time before the Dec. 7 attack.

Asked why he did not call Short directly by telephone to deliver the

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SHIP DISCHARGES SMALL CARGO HERE

S.S. Pompero of American-Hawaiian Lines Calls From Pacific Coast

The Steamship Pompero, first War Shipping administration vessel to berth in Wilmington since V. J. Day, docked at the Wilmington Terminal warehouse yesterday morning.

The ship discharged its cargo and left at 1 o'clock p. m., for Norfolk, its next port of call.

The ship came to Wilmington from the West coast. Its local cargo consisted of canned goods, American-Hawaiian ship lines, acting as agent for the W.A.S., has scheduled as second boat, the S. S. New Rochelle Victory, for the local port on Jan. 16. The Pompero was four days ahead of schedule yesterday.

A second ship is due into the Wilmington Port within the next week to pick up a cargo of steel, clothing, food and portable houses consigned to the French government. It will be the first such cargo to be loaded here since the end of lend-lease. The cargo will be handled by the Cape Fear Shipping company.

WEATHER FORECAST North Carolina—Increasing cloudiness and mild Sunday followed by rain and colder wet portions Sunday night. Monday colder preceded by rains in east portion.

(By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

Temperatures: 1:30 a. m. 44; 7:30 a. m. 38; 1:30 p. m. 57; 7:30 p. m. 49.

Marshall In Thoughtful Pose



Gen. George C. Marshall, former chief of staff, holds his chin thoughtfully as he listens to a question asked him by a member of the joint House-Senate committee investigating the Pearl Harbor disaster in Washington, D. C.

British Given Wide Authority In Java

ORDER NEW DRIVE

Sweeping Power To Restore Order Granted To Gen. Christison

By JOHN BOWER United Press Staff Correspondent BATAVIA, Java, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The British have received sweeping new authority to restore order in Java, it was reported today as British troops opened a new offensive in the summer capital of Bandung.

The powers were granted to British Lt. Gen. Sir Philip Christison, Allied commander in the Netherlands Indies, at a conference Thursday at the Singapore headquarters of Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten, Allied commander for southeast Asia.

May Direct Troops The report came after reliable sources had said another British division and 30,000 Dutch troops might be diverted to Java to crush Indonesian Extremists fighting against a return of Netherlands rule to the East Indies. The British have two divisions in Java.

Dr. Hubertus J. Van Mook, acting governor-general of the Indies who headed the Netherlands delegation at the Singapore meeting, said the door was still open to discussions with Indonesian leaders. He saw a much greater possibility than in recent days for a resumption of meetings with the Indonesians.

The British spokesman said Christison would take all necessary action to carry out his mandate because he believed the Dutch and "all moderate and enlightened Indonesian leaders will welcome the action about to be undertaken."

Word to that effect has been communicated to Premier Sutan Sjahrir of the self-proclaimed Indonesian republic.

Lacks Power The British source said the Allied viewpoint was that Sjahrir's government lacked sufficient ability, power and personnel to tackle such problems as the grave economic conditions.

On the fighting front, dispatches reported that British troops, backed by heavy mortar fire, opened an offensive in Bandung early today. The British began driving into the northernmost part of the town to oust Indonesians who were warned to evacuate.

At Semarang, in central Java, six Thunderbolt fighter-bombers

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New Type Bomber Crosses Continent In 5 Hours, 17 Minutes To Set Mark

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—An odd-looking airplane with two engines in its belly and twin propellers in its tail, the Army's Douglas XB-42 "Mixmaster," flew here nonstop from Long Beach, Calif. in five hours, 17 minutes, and 34 seconds today for a new cross-continent speed record.

The Mixmaster, a medium bomber in wartime and a 48-passenger transport in peace, left Long Beach at 1:22 p. m. EST and buzzed the Army's Bolling Field here at 6:39.34 after a 2,295-mile flight on which it averaged 432 miles an hour.

In so doing it broke the unofficial record of six hours and three minutes set by a Boeing C-97 transport in a recent flight from Seattle to Washington.

The new record, too, is unofficial, inasmuch as the Mixmaster's route was not plotted by the National Aeronautical association.

Red Support Of Atom Plan To Be Sought

Byrnes and Bevin Want To Give Little Fellows Voice In Control

PREPARE FOR PARLEY

British and Americans Optimistic Over Forthcoming Moscow Meet

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes and Foreign Minister Bevin almost certainly will seek Russian support for a formula to give the little fellows a voice in control of atomic energy when they meet in Moscow next week.

Diplomatic officials said today that preliminary agreement on some sort of atomic control formula will be an important step toward building closer relations among the great powers. The problem is to come up formally as the United Nations assembly meeting in January.

Prefers Assembly Byrnes reportedly wants the assembly of the United Nations rather than the security council to handle it because (1) 51 nations rather than 11 would play some part, and (2) the big-power veto would not apply. Authorities here believe the British share these views.

Byrnes moved into a busy weekend today in preparation for flying to Moscow as early as he can get away. Officials said he must leave Wednesday at the latest in order to reach the Soviet capital by next Saturday, when the big-three foreign ministers conference opens.

Here are high spots of the day's developments building up to the Moscow talks:

1. The State Department made public the text of the Russian note rejecting an American proposal that Soviet and British troops as well as American be pulled out of Iran by January 1. Russia blamed uprising in Iran on "reactionary elements" seeking to deny national rights to the population of northern Iran. The Jan. 1 deadline was rejected in favor of an earlier agreement to get out by March 2.

2. Byrnes received a voluminous first-hand report from publisher Mark Ethridge on the status of political freedoms in Russian-dominated Romania and Bulgaria. Ethridge's findings support American refusal to recognize the present governments in those countries, but do not close the door to steps by which recognition would be possible.

3. Byrnes spent considerable time going over testimony to be presented next week to the Senate Foreign Relations committee investigating charges against State Dept.

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COMMUNITY TREE LOCATION CHANGED

Postoffice Site Selected For Annual Affair; Caroling Program Planned

Although Wilmington's community Christmas tree this year will be more elaborate than during the war years, a number of circumstances have prevented the city from resuming its pre-war practice of decorating a magnificent tree in Hilton park in holiday garb.

In its stead, members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce will work with the city and a tree will be placed on the postoffice lawn and decked in festive lights and ornaments.

The lights will be turned on by Santa Claus, following his arrival on a special Atlantic Coast Line train at 4 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Not only will the holiday celebration appeal to the eyes, but the ears as well. Visitors to tree will hear

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STRIKERS REJECT TRUMAN'S PLEA TO END GM WALKOUT; PLAN TO FIGHT LABOR BILLS

GM, Union Talks Progressing Despite Rejection Of Appeal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Secretary of Labor Schwellessbach said today that negotiations between General Motors and the CIO-Auto Workers still are progressing hopefully despite rejection of President Truman's back-to-work plea.

He said he was "not surprised" by the decision of the union council.

The White House said there would be no comment from the President, now.

Schwellessbach indicated a belief that the President may hold off appointment of a fact-finding commission to study the General Motors dispute so long as the negotiations be-

tween the company and the union are in progress.

What other action the government may take, if any, was not disclosed by the Secretary of Labor.

Schwellessbach will go to Detroit Monday to address a lawyers' guild dinner, by arrangement made months ago. He emphasized that his visit in the automotive center is not prompted by the General Motors strike.

He will spend Monday in Detroit and return to Washington Tuesday morning. He is due to testify in behalf of President Truman's proposed legislation for establishing

fact-finding procedures for major disputes in basic industries before a Senate committee on Wednesday, and House committee on Thursday. John L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers will lead off the House committee's testimony Monday. Chairman Ramspeck (D-Ga.) said William Green of the AFL will be heard Wednesday.

Mr. Truman, in his message to Congress last Monday, said he would not wait for enactment for such legislation to deal with the General Motors and U. S. steel disputes, which

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CHARGE PRESIDENT WITH USING 'CLUB'

Claim Shutdown Will Not End Until 30 Per Cent Raise Granted

By ALLEN V. BOWLING United Press Staff Correspondent DETROIT, Dec. 8.—(UP)—In sharp rejection of a White House appeal for end of the General Motors shutdown, the United Automobile Workers union (CIO) tonight accused President Truman of using a "policeman's club" to abrogate labor's right to strike.

UAW President R. J. Thomas sternly warned the President that he was "striking at the heart" of the program which led to a Democratic election victory in 1944.

As the powerful union mobilized its 650,000 members for a fight against the administration's labor legislation proposals, the wage dispute paralyzing General Motors continued with more than 175,000 workers idle in 83 GM plants.

Spurn Offer A conference of 200 delegates representing GM local unions bitterly spurned the company's repeated offer to increase wages 13 1/2 cents an hour, or approximately 10 per cent.

The conference said the strike would not end until its 30 per cent wage gain demands had been "fully satisfied."

Then the delegates angrily defied Mr. Truman's appeal for an immediate return to work in a "display of patriotism" to maintain reconversion production at wartime levels.

A resolution adopted by unanimous vote of the conference reiterated the charge that "the federal administration yields in abject cowardice" to the "arrogance of industry."

"We are asked to retreat from economic democracy as furthered under the courageous leadership of Franklin D. Roosevelt," the resolution said.

In another resolution, the conference asked 250,000 members of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union (CIO) at five GM plants to join the strike "if the company persists to negotiate in bad faith."

Walter P. Reuther, UAW vice president directing the union's strike strategy, said the actions will be reported back to local units immediately and unanimous approval of the conference resolutions is expected by Tuesday night.

Keynotes Attitude Thomas keyed the union's attitude in condemning administration requests for compulsory fact-finding boards and a mandatory 30-day "cooling off" ban on strikes.

"It would tear from the hands of labor unions the major weapon essential to effective collective bargaining with the anti-board managerial groups of billion dollar corporations," he asserted. "Without the right to strike at a time chosen by the union you just do not bargain collectively with the management that runs the automobile industry."

Thomas virtually charged the president with a strike-breaking movement when he cited the difference between the railway labor act signed by President Coolidge and the new administration proposal.

"President Coolidge broke no strike when he signed the railway labor act in 1926," he said. "There was no major railroad strike at that time. The proposal of President Truman is completely and utterly different."

The labor chieftain emphasized that under the railway act there is no compulsory cooling off period during which a strike is banned. Also, he said, the act provides no penalties on labor unions.

Under provisions of the administration's proposal, however, strikes called during the 30-day cooling-off interim would be illegal and strikers involved "would be subject to penalties" of other federal labor acts, Thomas said.

Attacks Bill "There is no question that enactment of the bill will result in the breakdown of proper collective bargaining," he declared. "The corporations will refuse to bargain honestly, relying on the restrictive effects of President Tru-

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Labor, Employment Bills May Upset Solons' Holiday Plans

MIST HIDES CLUES IN PLANE SEARCH

Darkness Forces Rescue Parties Back In Hunt For Navy Bombers

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Heavy ground mists shrouded possible clues in the search for five missing Navy bombers today, and darkness forced rescue aircraft and a land party back to their bases after a third day of fruitless hunting.

The day failed to develop any hope from the spark lit early in the morning when planes sighted fires—possibly flares—and men in the marshlands of the east-central Florida coast.

Wary pilots and crewmen brought their planes back from long sweeps over the Atlantic. More than 200 planes had blanketed a tremendous area in the greatest search the Navy has launched from American shores.

There was no assurance that clues would be found. The Navy was intent, however, on pursuing every possible hint that might lead to discovery of the 14 men whose flight of torpedo bombers vanished without trace late Wednesday.

It was believed that 13 others, missing in a mariner patrol bomber which was hunting for the five, were dead in a mid-air explosion over the sea.

The first sign of hope—and it was described by a high navy officer here as "maybe a clue and probably not one"—came early today from the pilot of an Eastern Air Lines plane.

Capt. J. D. Morrison, flying from Miami to New York, radioed back that he saw what appeared to be a flare near Melbourne, Fla. A few minutes later, he said, he saw what happened to be a fire and a man.

Navy organizers of the search said that they were being investigated, but held out little hope that the planes had been set by survivors.

It was pointed out that no such flares or lights had been seen on Wednesday or Thursday nights, when there was more chance that survivors might have been active.

COUNTY FAR SHORT ON 'E' BOND QUOTA

Campaign Chairmen Dis-close Sales Are Less Than Half Fulfilled

Emsley A. Laney and J. G. Thornton, co-chairmen of the War Finance committee of New Hanover county, announced yesterday that the county was still far short of its "E" bond quota for the victory loan drive.

Sales of \$521,775 had been made through Dec. 4 against a county quota of \$1,487,000, they said. Bonds purchased through Dec. 31 will be applied against this quota, they explained.

In stating these figures the co-chairmen said, "We wish to thank the Star-News for its cooperation in informing the public from time to time of the drive."

LOG-JAM LOOMS Plan To Penalize Unions For Wildcat Strikes Comes Up Tuesday

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Labor and employment bills today threatened to create a legislative log-jam and upset congressional plans for a long Christmas holiday.

Capitol Hill leaders would like to give President Truman a labor for a Christmas present—that's what he asked for in a special message this week—but they aren't sure they can deliver.

They also would like to heed his request for prompt action on employment legislation before leaving town on Dec. 20 or 21. But they are not too optimistic about that, either.

Bill On Program A labor bill, not the one the president wants, is on the House program for consideration Tuesday. Written by the military committee, it would penalize unions striking in violation of their contracts and restrict union political activities.

Whether it is called up for a decision may depend on progress the House Labor committee makes on a bill the president wants to set up for a fact-finding board to handle major labor controversies.

The labor committee starts hearings Monday. Acting Chairman Ramspeck (D-Ga.) had hoped to get the bill before the House within a week, but labor is fighting it and opponents within the committee are threatening to force long hearings.

Consequently the military committee may offer major provisions of the labor committee's measure as an amendment to the bill coming before the House Tuesday.

Chairman May (D-Ky) of the Military committee has threatened to do that unless the labor committee acts quickly. Hearings on the Senate side start Wednesday.

Another labor-opposed bill is tentatively set for House vote later in the week, if it can be crowded into the budgeting docket. It would extend provision of the 1943 "anti-racketeering" act to labor unions.

Three days of the house week have been set aside for debate on a sharply revised senate-passed so-called "full employment" bill. One of the many undisposed of items in President Truman's 21-point legislative program, it spells out a government policy for maintaining a high level of employment and purchasing power. It makes no mention of the "full employment" goal sought in the senate measure.

Indications of how bitter the fight will be on this bill came when the

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HOMMA ACCUSED OF DEATH MARCH

Formally Charged With Atrocities Against Americans, Filipinos

TOKYO, Sunday, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The United States today formally charged Japanese Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, conqueror of the Philippines, with permitting the death march of Bataan and other atrocities against Filipinos and Americans.

The indictment, made public by General MacArthur, also named four other officers accused of sanctioning murder, brutalities and other crimes during the early months of the war in the Philippines.

Homma, 58, who is held at Omori prison camp outside Tokyo, will be taken to Manila for trial shortly, presumably before the same type of military commission which two days ago sentenced Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita to death.

Some of the other officers named already are in the Philippines. The trial dates will be announced later by Lt. Gen. Wilhelm D. Styer, commander of U. S. forces in the Southwest Pacific.

The indictment, consisting of two broad charges and 42 specifications, does not accuse Homma himself of committing atrocities or specifically ordering them, but of permitting troops under his command to murder, rape, rob, pillage and otherwise violate the laws of war.

The other officers listed were Lt. Col. Saichi Ohta, commander of the dreaded Kempei Tai (military police) in the Philippines during 1942; Major Zanzo Saito, commander of the so-called "Tiger Unit" of the Japanese army; Major Takashi Tohei, commander of a Kempei Tai unit near Manila; and Col. Akira Nagahama, chief of the Philippines Kempei Tai from late 1942 to 1945.

Atrocities mentioned in the 42 specifications included the bombing of Manila by the Japanese after it had been declared an open city, the bombing of a general hospital on Bataan, the bayonetting to death of American and Filipino hospital patients, the beheading of an entire Filipino family, and the use of live targets in bayonet practice.

Particular emphasis was laid on the Bataan death march in which thousands of American and Filipino prisoners of war perished.

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Two Youngsters Injured When Struck By Taxicab

Four-year-old Billy Lee Grissom, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Grissom, 16-G Nesbitt Courts, was injured and his 11-year-old sister, Peggy, suffered slight bruises and shock yesterday afternoon when struck by a taxicab on South Front between Princess and Market streets.

The children, crossing Front street from east-to-west near the Bailey theater, were struck by a Bluebird cab operated by Willie J. Goodman, colored, 12-F Robert R. Taylor homes. Goodman was charged with reckless operation and jailed in lieu of \$500 bond.

Billy Lee Grissom's injuries consisted of a fractured right leg and severe body bruises. He was carried to James Walker Memorial hospital for medical attention. His sister was not hospitalized after being checked by a physician.

Witnesses to the accident told Police Lieut. O. V. Thompson, nearby when the children were struck, that the pair dodged into the taxicab, traveling south at the Front street between intersection crosswalks and were struck by the impact. Shopper-crowded

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