

WEATHER

Fair and continued cool today and tonight; Wednesday, partly cloudy and a little warmer; showers west portion Wednesday afternoon.

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HISTORIC WAR CRIMES TRIALS GET UNDERWAY

Iranian Troops, Sent To Quell Disturbances, Stopped By Soviets

APPARENTLY HAD CONSENT OF RUSSIANS

Four Battalions Halted At Kazvin And Sent Back To Tehran

SEVEN SAID KILLED

TEHRAN, Nov. 20.—(P)—Iranian troops dispatched to Azarbaijan province to quell separatist disturbances there were halted at Kazvin today by Russian authorities and ordered to return to Tehran, the Iranian government said.

Four battalions of troops and gendarmes had been moving slowly northward from Tehran, apparently with the tacit consent of the Russian army commander, to quell the outbreak in which seven already have been reported killed.

Kazvin is about 100 miles northeast of Tehran and approximately one-third of the distance between the Iranian capital and Tabriz, Azerbaijan's largest city.

The troops moving to reinforce government garrisons consisted of two infantry battalions, one battalion of motorized troops and one battalion of gendarmes, the latter accompanied by two American advisors from Colonel Norman Schwarzkopf's police and advisory mission in Iran.

The troops were expected to reach Kazvin by tonight.

Communications between Tehran and the northern part of the country still were cut and no clear picture of the fighting could be obtained at the Iran capital.

A government communique said the situation was calm at Zenjan, Astara and Ardabil.

HARA-KIRI FOR GEN. HONJO

Leader In Conquest Of Manchuria Ordered Arrested Monday

TOKYO, Nov. 20.—(P)—Baron Gen. Shigeru Honjo, accused war criminal and reputed ringleader in the conquest of Manchuria, committed hara-kiri today less than 24 hours after he was ordered arrested.

The baron was lying on his right side in a pool of blood in his office at the former Japanese war college when allied reporters and photographers arrived.

Blood still oozed from the body and the hilt of his ceremonial sword was thrust up from the sheet which partly covered the body. A small cup containing tea dregs was beside the body.

The old-line officer performed the Japanese hara-kiri ritual by slashing his stomach cross-wise, then cutting his throat.

IN UNIFORM But instead of the ritualistic kimono, Honjo wore his army uniform. His upturned boots were highly polished.

Honjo, one of 11 war leaders of the past imperialist decade ordered imprisoned yesterday, died shortly after his secretary found his slashed body on his office floor.

"I cannot endure as a soldier of our country to appear before a court of allied powers," Honjo said in a letter written shortly before he killed himself.

"I find no way of apologizing to

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ONE YEAR LATER—Forest (Nubins) Hoffman (above), 4 of Cheyenne, Wyo., is looking forward to Christmas on "standard time" this year. A year ago his parents gave him an early Christmas party on Nov. 19 because he wasn't expected to live until Christmas on account of a bladder ailment. An operation saved his life, and now he's doing fine. (AP Wirephoto).

KNOX FORESAW SNEAK ATTACK

Richardson Says FR Loath To Increase Fleet In Summer 1940

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(P)—The late navy Secretary Frank Knox predicted on Jan. 24, 1941, that if war with Japan occurred, hostilities might begin with a surprise attack upon the Pacific fleet or the naval base at Pearl Harbor.

His prediction was made in a letter to Henry L. Stimson, then secretary of war, and was disclosed in an exchange of correspondence made public today by the congressional Pearl Harbor investigating committee.

Introduction of the Knox letter was one of several developments at the day's sessions. Others included:

1—Admiral J. O. Richardson, commander of the Pacific fleet until 10 months prior to the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor, testified the late President Roosevelt was "rather loath" to increase the manpower of the fleet in the midsummer of 1940.

2—Committee aides said that Admiral William D. Leahy, Mr. Roosevelt's chief of staff during the war, would be called to testify during the day.

Admiral Richardson also told the committee that after a July, 1940, series of conferences with President Roosevelt, Secretary Hull and others, he left Washington

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COMMUNISTS INVADING CHANGCHUN

In Race With Rival Chinese Nationalist Soldiers

U. S. IS ACCUSED

CHUNGKING, Nov. 20.—(P)—Chinese communist troops were reported invading Manchuria's capital in force today in a race with rival nationalist soldiers, already 35 miles inside the vital industrial territory after a breakthrough in the south.

The China Times declared that 4,000 communist troops had entered the capital of Changchun, but failed to say whether Russian occupation forces still were in the city.

The Times also asserted without confirmation elsewhere that new conferences between China and Russia on the tense Manchurian situation would begin soon, either in Moscow or Chungking.

Unofficial reports in Chungking said the Russians had laid down 20 conditions which the nationalists must meet before being allowed to fly troops into Manchuria, making an overland drive necessary.

Chungking newspapers asserted this drive already was well under way, with nationalist troops beyond 23 miles almost unopposed beyond positions a dozen miles inside Manchuria to within 190 miles of the great industrial city of Mukden.

NEW CHARGES With these well-equipped, American-trained troops apparently on the loose after having broken through the Chinese communist line along the great wall, the communist press leveled new charges at the United States.

The United States is converting China into "an American colony," the communist Daily News charged.

The activities of the American forces have enraged all patriotic Chinese, the newspaper asserted. It compared it with the "imperialism" of the British in India, French in Indochina and the Dutch in The Netherlands East Indies.

Noticeably, the criticism was issued swiftly after the other Chungking papers had reported the overnight nationalist advance along the Tientsin-Mukden railroad.

The nationalists occupied the

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SEEKS TO FORM GOVERNMENT

De Gaulle Confers With Leaders Of Three French Parties

By JOSEPH E. DYNAN

PARIS, Nov. 20.—(P)—Gen. De Gaulle today conferred with Communist, Socialist and Popular Republican (MPP) leaders of the Constituent Assembly in his efforts to form a coalition government.

No declaration was immediately forthcoming whether progress had been made in reconciling Communist demands for a policy-making cabinet post and De Gaulle's avowed opposition.

Prior to the conference with De Gaulle, the Communist parliamentary group met and announced it remained firm in its request for one of three ministries—foreign affairs, war or interior.

The Communists made one concession in announcing acceptance of the Socialist amendment adopted by the assembly yesterday in voting on this point.

NO COMMENT De Gaulle declined comment following his conference with the leaders.

One government official, who said his opinion was shared by several others in the foreign ministry, predicted that De Gaulle would unify the armed forces under a minister of National Defense, and offer the post of under-secretary of air to the Communists under a non-communist minister of defense. If accepted, the compromise might break the long deadlock over composition of the government which will rule France while the constitution for the Fourth Republic is being drafted.

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EZRA POUND JAILED FOR TREASON—Ezra Pound (left), bearded, 65-year-old Idaho-born poet charged with treason for broadcasting Axis propaganda in Italy during the war, arrives in Washington en route to the District of Columbia jail. He is accompanied by U. S. Marshal C. M. Kearney. Pound was flown from Italy and handed over to the Department of Justice. (AP Wirephoto).

\$79,309 Pledged To Community Center

Cash Of \$74,909 Together With Pledges Of \$4,000 Made—Number Of Donors Disappointing

A total of \$79,309 in cash and pledges has been received for the Community Center project of the Shelby and Cleveland County Foundation it was announced today by Treasurer Thad C. Ford.

From 455 contributors cash and bonds in the amount of \$74,909 have been received, while pledges for future payments total \$4,400, Mr. Ford said.

The report does not include reports from workers in industrial plants now being solicited, and Campaign Chairman Mal A. Spangler expressed the hope that gifts in process or to be made before the end of 1945 would lift the memorial fund to the \$100,000 goal set for it to have by the end of the year.

MEMORIAL The Community Center is to be the community's memorial for all who served in World War II and as such it is the hope of Foundation trustees that every citizen will have a part in its provision. The fact

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7 p.m.—Scouters club meets at new Scout hut at Lawndale with Troop No. 1 of that place as hosts. Members going from Shelby meet at Star office at 6:30 to pool rides. 7:30 p.m.—CAP cadets meet at armory.

WEDNESDAY 7:15 p.m.—Sunday school workers' council of First Baptist church meets at the church. 7:30 p.m.—Called meeting of Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. for work in third degree. 7:45 p.m.—Thanksgiving service at First Baptist church in place of weekly prayer meeting.

Jaycees And Ladies Have Magician Show

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and their guests were fairly 'agog with attention last night at the Hotel Charles as Arthur Thompson, of Charlotte, guest entertainer at the annual Jaycee Ladies' Night program, demonstrated that "the hand is quicker than the eye."

Mr. Thompson, who started his programs as a hobby a number of years ago, has come to be well known as a magician and entertainer throughout these parts. He was introduced by R. T. LeGrand, jr.

Guests of the Jaycees for the occasion were their wives and sweethearts, wives of Jaycee members now in the armed forces, presidents of various civic clubs, including Athos Rostan, president of the Lions club, and Mrs. Rostan; Mason Carroll, president of the Rotary club, and Mrs. Carroll; Reid Misner, president of the Kiwanis club, and Mrs. Misner; Clyde Short, chairman of Commerce president; Willis McMurry, commander of the American Legion, and Mrs. McMurry. Welcomed as former members of the Jaycees were Sherrill Lineberger and James Byers.

The program opened with a

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HOLIDAY ROUNDUP: Churches In City Plan Thanksgiving Services

With Thanksgiving just two days off, churches in the city and county were making final arrangements for Thanksgiving services to be held at various times through Wednesday and Sunday.

Services open tomorrow night when the Eastside Baptist church will meet at 7 o'clock, with the pastor, Rev. W. P. Biggerstaff, in charge.

At 7:45 tomorrow evening, the First Baptist church will hold its Thanksgiving service. A full program of music and the expression of thanks has been arranged, including talks by John P. Mull, Miss

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BRITISH BOMB ROADS HELD BY INDONESIANS

Javanese Armed By Japs During Occupation Pour Into Capital

ALLIES LOSE STATIONS

By Ralph Morton

BATAVIA, JAVA, Nov. 20.—(P)—Indonesian-held roadways into Semarang were bombed by six RAF Thunderbolts today and fighting between native and Allied forces broke out in several sections of Batavia.

The official Netherlands news agency Aneta reported authorities expressed belief that a considerable number of young Indonesians belonging to the Pemuda, an organization armed by the Japanese during the occupation, were pouring into the capital by train.

Allied authorities had lost control of the railway stations. The action about Semarang was the first aerial offensive against the city in the current fighting.

The Indonesians had barricaded themselves across three roads which formed the only contact between two Indian forces which were attempting to link-up against stiff resistance.

PEOPLE WARNED After an overnight staff conference, the British dropped 10,000 leaflets on the town, warning the people to leave before the R.A.F. struck. They were given 90 minutes notice.

The British officially expressed anxiety over the situation in Semarang. A crowd which threatened British headquarters sustained 50 casualties when it was dispersed by mortar fire yesterday, and total Indonesian casualties in the district were put at 50 killed, 50

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CAR CEILINGS CONFUSING

Some New Car Prices Less Than On Comparable 1942 Used Cars

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(P)—Ceiling prices for some new autos will be less than present ceilings on comparable 1942 used cars, OPA acknowledged today.

There are "good reasons" for this, an OPA official said in comment on a congressman's criticism of higher prices for used models. The official, asking anonymity, noted that when used cars were brought under price control in July 1944, used 1942 autos were given the same ceiling as those applicable on February 29, 1944, to new cars still in the ration pool.

Those new car ceilings were considerably higher than the March, 1942 price levels at which they had been fixed originally, the official said.

INCREASES PERMITTED The reason: Dealers were permitted to increase the ceiling by one per cent each month to cover storage charges.

This meant that 24 months of storage charges had been added through Feb. 29, 1944. It was at that price level that ceilings for used 1942 cars were pegged. Here's an example of how this worked out:

The ceiling on a new Ford V-8 Deluxe Tudor in March 1942, was \$850. By February 1944 it was up to \$950. West of the Mississippi river it was up more in accordance with traditional price differentials.

DEPRECIATION CUT Thus the ceiling on the same model used car was \$950. At present it is \$912 because of a four per cent cut for depreciation.

The retail ceiling announced Sunday for the same model 1946 Ford is \$882, which is less by \$30 than the current ceilings for the 1942 used car.

Only Ford and Studebaker new car ceilings have been announced, and at present only Ford's lend themselves to this kind of comparison.

The OPA official said, however, that some other new autos probably will have ceilings less than those on comparable 1942 used models.



HE TAKES CREDIT FOR PEARL HARBOR—The Pearl Harbor Investigating committee in Washington has learned that Admiral Osami Nagano (above), chief of the Japanese Navy general staff, testified in Tokyo recently that he, alone, decided on Nov. 3, 1941, to attack the Hawaiian bastion. (AP Wirephoto).

B-29 SETS NEW RECORD

Lands In Washington After Non-Stop Flight From Guam

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(P)—A B-29 which came all the way from Guam without a stop landed here this afternoon, and the army air forces immediately claimed a world's distance record.

The plane hit the runways at the National airport at 1:35 p.m. (EST), approximately 35 hours and some 8,000 miles after it left Guam.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(P)—The army announced today that a B-29, winging its way eastward from Guam, has set a non-stop distance record—and is still flying.

The B-29 passed over La Crosse, Wis., at 9:30 a.m. (EST). This is 7,368 miles from Guam, the army air forces said.

The Superfortress had broken the record at that point.

The B-29 is expected to arrive at Washington National airport about 1:30 p.m. (EST) today.

The previous mark of 7,158.44 miles was hung up by the British in 1938, flying from Egypt to Australia.

PREVIOUS TRIALS Last month three Superfortresses, carrying three generals, tried for a non-stop record in a flight from Japan, but failed because of unexpected headwinds.

That flight, from the Japanese island of Hokkaido to Chicago, was about 7,000 miles. After landing to refuel at Chicago, the planes continued on to Washington.

An army official said today that the Guam flight is longer because the B-29 did not take the short way home—over the top of the world.

Slight changes were made to fit

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INDICTMENTS READ TO 20 DEFENDANTS

Prosecutors Of U. S., Britain, France, Russia Read Charges

BORMANN AT LARGE

By Daniel De Luce

NUERNBERG, Nov. 20.—(P)—A strangely assorted score of gloomy nazis sat dejectedly today before an international military tribunal and heard themselves formally accused of nazi war crimes, the murder of 10,000,000 Europeans, plunder, horror and torture.

Throughout the opening session of the historic trial for their lives, Hitlerian followers such as corpulent Hermann Goering, vague Rudolf Hess and defiant Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel listened through earphones while spokesmen of the nations which crushed their hierarchy recited crimes the world had never before witnessed.

By turns, prosecutors of the United States, Great Britain, France and Russia droned through the four counts of the 35,000-word indictment accusing the last of the leading Nazis of conspiracy to commit crimes against the peace, actual commission of crimes against the peace, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Even the appendices containing individual charges against the 20 defendant were read, meaning that the men who terrorized Europe only a year ago could not be arraigned until the Wednesday session.

The Nazis sometimes sat with earphones clasped on to hear translations in German piped to them as the prosecutors read in English, French and Russian. Robed attorneys sat beside them.

TRIED IN ABSENTIA Of the 24 originally indicted, one is at large, two are too ill to attend and one has committed suicide. Martin Bormann, Hitler's deputy, was being tried in absentia.

Robert Ley, the labor leader, took his own life. Ernest Kaltenbrunner of the Gestapo and Gustav Krupp von Bohlen and Halbach were ill.

After the indictments are read in full, each defendant will plead either "guilty" or "not guilty." Then the prosecution will make its opening statement.

Rudolf Hess, an almost impenetrable grin playing about his sunken mouth, was lined up in the dock with the Nazi defendants—20 in all. The 21st, Martin Bormann, Hitler's deputy, is being

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Eisenhower Would Let Wives Go To Occupation Troops

BOONE, IA., Nov. 20.—(P)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower, who spent most of two days at the hospital bedside of his wife, recovering from bronchial pneumonia, says he favors taking the wives of occupation troops to Europe "after we have gotten down to occupation forces."

General Eisenhower, in a press conference prior to leaving for the American Legion convention in Chicago and after being advised by physicians that his wife was "on the road to recovery," said his policy "will give the wife of the lowliest GI the same right as any officers, wife, or my wife, for instance."

consultative body to which any floundering committee could bring its problems before arriving at an impasse.

In the background was this situation of committee progress: Of the six spadework committees, only one has filed a progress report. All reports were called for on Friday.

Two other committees turned in reports, then pulled them back for further debate.

Still another committee, the one seeking remedies for jurisdictional disagreement.

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Health Program To Get Quick Attention, Deferred Action

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(P)—President Truman's request for a broad health and medical program received assurances today of early congressional attention but deferred action. Its point also met with both approval and disapproval of the American Medical Association.

Rep. Priest (D-Tenn), chairman of the House Interstate Health subcommittee promised hearings soon, but he declined to say just when they would start or how long they might last.

Senator Wagner (D-NY), who with Rep. Dingell (D-Mich) introduced a bill to carry out the Pres-

ident's recommendations, predicted senate labor committee action within two months.

Otherwise, congressional reaction to the message read by a house to about a score of members was indefinite. Most of the lawmakers told reporters they wanted to know more about it, particularly if it approached what some called "socialized medicine."

"It will receive careful scrutiny," said Rep. Knutson (D-Minn), ranking Republican on the house ways and

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Labor-Management Groups Act To Prevent Stalemate

By STERLING F. GREEN WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(P)—Management spokesmen, complaining of what they termed "unrealistic" work being done in committees of the labor-management conference hinted today they might file separate reports for conference consideration.

This development came as the "big six"—the heads of the two industry and four labor organizations represented—took action designed to prevent any of the committees from winding up in dead-locked disagreement.

The six set themselves up as a