

SENATOR KING WOULD ABOLISH WPA

U. S. Rejects German Protest To Ickes Speech

PROTEST MADE TO SPEECH BY ICKES

Berlin Told Protest Is "Ill Graced" and Without "Propriety"

BERLIN MAINTAINS SPEECH 'INSULTING'

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—(UP)—It is announced here semi-officially today that Germany has "most emphatically" protested to the United States state department against "insulting and insulting" remarks Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes in his speech at Cleveland regarding the conditions in Germany.

Germany's charge d'affaires at Washington presented the protest to the under secretary of state. Berlin and other cities newspapers described Ickes as seeking to stir up sentiment for war against Germany.

Ickes in his Cleveland speech attacked Americans who accept Nazi medals, referring especially to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and Henry Ford. Ickes' speech before the Zionists in Cleveland created the greatest indignation in Germany. It was insulting to the leadership of Germany that Washington cannot let in doubt about the detrimental effects these impertinences of a cabinet member will have in Berlin.

ARMY FLIERS KILLED TODAY

Wreckage Found Off Hawaii Believed Old Scrapped Bomber

WASHINGTON, Va., Dec. 22. (UP)—Army fliers were killed when their plane crashed and burned on Point Road, a few miles north of Norfolk, today.

John W. Farmer's Brother Is Dead

John W. Farmer today received word of the death of his brother, Frank Farmer, 62, at his home in Frankfort, Ky., following an illness of some time. The deceased leaves a wife and one daughter. Mr. Farmer is leaving to attend to funeral services which will be held in Frankfort on Saturday.

Oversees Probe of Drug Firm



Assistant U. S. Attorney General Brien McMahon was appointed co-ordinator of the numerous Federal departmental investigations into the Coster-McKesson & Robbins swindling case.

PENNEY'S WILL GIVE BONUS

30,000 Employees to Share in Gift; to Close Early Christmas Eve

As has been the custom of two previous years, the J. C. Penney company will pay a bonus to its 30,000 employees in stores and warehouses throughout the country, it was learned here today. No managers, officials or other employees who receive compensation other than salary will participate. As in the past, the bonus will be paid on a basis of one day for each month worked during 1938, the maximum amount being two weeks' pay. Regular extra salespeople will also share in a proportionate way.

Police, Firemen Are Given Bonus

Hendersonville policemen and firemen received their Christmas presents from the city in the form of cash, it was announced today. All members of the two departments received a bonus of 10 percent of their monthly salary as a Christmas present from the city.

Japs May Seek To Cut Off Chinese Munitions By South China Drive

SHANGHAI, Dec. 22. (UP)—The possibility of a new Japanese drive in South China, designed to cut Chinese munitions import lines from France's South Asian possessions, was seen yesterday following the announcement by a Japanese spokesman that Japanese naval planes have bombed the South China port of Pakhoi. Pakhoi is on the Gulf of Tongking and just east of the border of French Indo-China. It is connected with Haiphong, big French Indo-China port where munitions ships have been unloading, by a steamship line.

HUNDREDS DIE IN EUROPEAN SUBZERO WAVE

Temperatures Reach Record Low of Century on the Continent

JEWISH REFUGEES' PLIGHT SAID SERIOUS

LONDON, Dec. 22. (UP)—The cold wave enveloping Europe continued yesterday to cause intense suffering and widespread crop damage, while deaths mounted into the hundreds. Violent gales swept the Black Sea, the Baltic and North Sea as temperatures in the third day of sub-zero weather reached record lows for the century or longer in parts of England, France and Germany.

2 ARE INDICTED FOR ESPIONAGE

Russian and American Are Held in Hijacking of U. S. Records

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22. (UP)—An alleged Russian spy plot involving theft of highly confidential records of the United States naval intelligence service resulted yesterday in an espionage indictment against a Russian and an American.

Legion Auxiliary To Allot Toys For Christmas Friday

Mrs. Frank Yarborough, president of the American Legion auxiliary, announced today that the organization was prepared to supply toys to organizations for Christmas distribution.

Duel Personality



Annabella, French film charmer, seems able to relax pleasantly at Miami, Fla., after the nervous strain of having a duel fought over her during her recent visit to Rio de Janeiro.

MADRID FACES ITS SADDEST WARTIME YULE

No Lights or Fires, Food Nearly Gone, City Vows to Hold Out

MADRID, Dec. 22. (UP)—A million men, women and children, shivering with cold in devastated Madrid, without fires and light and almost foodless, under the cannon mounted in the Casa de Campo Park just across the river Manzanares, await their third and bitterest Christmas since the Spanish war began.

Community's Yule Tree Service Set 8 P. M. Saturday

Music and Worship To Be Program; Gifts Are Not Planned Then

A sacred service of Christmas music and worship will be held at the Community Christmas tree, on the vacant lot at the corner of Church street and Fifth avenue west on Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

WHITE SLAVE RING BLAMED IN PA. MURDER

Find Girl Slain, Drowned; Sentence Woman in Manslaughter

4 CHILDREN BURN IN GEORGIA HOME

KEELERSBURG, Pa., Dec. 22. (UP)—Pennsylvania authorities today suspected that 19-year-old Margaret Martin, whose nude body was found trussed in a gunnysack in a creek near here had been kidnaped and murdered by a white slave ring.

"OFFICE WIFE" IS GIVEN LONG TERM

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Dec. 22.—(UP)—Mrs. Fern Patricia Dull, blonde "office wife" who killed her employer and lover, William Holbrook, today was sentenced from 14 to 15 years in Detroit house of correction. She was given the maximum term for manslaughter.

PARENTS AWAY AS CHILDREN BURNED

HOSCHTON, Ga., Dec. 22.—(UP)—Four small children were burned to death last night when flames leveled their family home while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller, were absent.

BLOCK LETTER CLUB TO DINE

Annual Football Banquet for H.H.S. Set Friday Evening

The annual football banquet of the block letter club of the Hendersonville high school will be held at the Ames hotel on Friday night, December 23, at 7:30 o'clock.

NOT SAME HOMER CORN

The Homer Corn, recently reported as in court on a prohibition charge, is not the painter who resides in the city of Hendersonville.

Greater Air Defense, More Drastic Election Laws Among Objectives

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. (UP)—Speaker of the House Bankhead today predicted that measures for increasing the nation's air strength will be the main feature of the national defense program in the next congress.

Honor Student Is Murdered



Police of nine states searched for Margaret Martin, 20, of Kingston, Pa., business college graduate, after she disappeared Saturday. Her body was found yesterday, press dispatches said, in a Wyoming county creek and officers said she was "definitely murdered."

MASS KILLING AT SAVANNAH IS UNSOLVED

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 22.—A wanton murderer yesterday took a five-foot section of iron pipe and bludgeoned to death four members of a family on relief, and blasted the head off a filling station nightwatchman with a shotgun.

Officers Puzzle Over Wanton Murders; No Motive Is Established

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 22.—The murderer—believed by officers to be a crazy or temporarily insane man—went into a dilapidated shack 100 yards off a main coastal highway on the outskirts of Savannah. He carried a five-foot section of a rusty iron pipe, three inches in diameter. Sleeping in one iron bed was James S. Tillman, 34, unemployed acetylene torch worker, and his wife Mary Eliza, 27. Besides them on another bed were their children, Clara Pearl, 8, and Mary Leola, 6.

2 Shopping Days Till Christmas

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STAND TAKEN IN PLEA FOR FURTHER COIN

Shutdown of Relief Work February 7 Is Declared Alternative

EQUITABLE FREIGHT RATES TO BE SOUGHT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. (UP). A WPA request for emergency funds to avoid a shutdown February 7 made yesterday will meet with opposition from anti-New Deal Democrats in congress.

In place of the WPA King said he would introduce a bill to place supervision of distribution of federal relief funds with the chairman of the senate and house appropriations committees. Aubrey Williams, deputy WPA administrator, yesterday told a Pennsylvania delegation of relief workers that the WPA must begin trimming its relief rolls on January 26 and close its work completely in less than two weeks afterward.

M'KELLER TO FIGHT FOR ONE RATE TARIFF

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Discriminatory freight rates in the south will be under fire at the forthcoming session of congress, it was indicated yesterday by the announcement of Senator Kenneth McKellar of Tennessee, that he had drafted a bill to establish a uniform freight structure throughout the country.

In outlining his program to obtain equitable rates for the South, McKellar said his bill called not only for a uniform and equitable freight rate structure, but also for a report by the interstate commerce commission after it had established such a rate.

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