

Japan Consults Germany As War Threatens In Far East Due To New Chinese Crisis

KIDNAPED CHIANG STAGES COUP AND CAPTURES CAPTOR

Report of Incident and of Northeastern Army Going Communist Not Confirmed

JAPANESE SEE HAND OF SOVIET NATION

Russia Suspected of Incident Precipitating Crisis in North China; Disastrous Civil War Faces Chinese Government; Military Moves Very Swiftly

Tokyo, Dec. 14 (AP)—Tokyo consulted Germany, her anti-Communist ally, today on reports the Komintern was behind the amazing seizure of Chiang Kai-Shek amid Chinese predictions that China's overlords may face a firing squad—if he still is alive.

Simultaneously, it was reported the vanguard of a Chinese rescue expedition, pressing toward rebel-held Sianfu, had clashed with the mutinous troops of young Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang, who has seized Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

Eight divisions of the Chinese central army, said Japanese dispatches from the mainland, were poised to assault Sianfu, capital of Shensi province, which is presumed to be the place where Chiang Kai-Shek is held. The press said there was indisputable proof the communist international had intimated the seizure of Generalissimo Chiang and his generals.

INSURGENT ATTACK FACES CHINESE REGIMES Nanking, Dec. 14 (AP)—China faced disastrous civil war today as the central government massed its forces on the border of Shensi province to force the release of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

The dictator-general, imprisoned Saturday with 20 of his subordinates, in a sudden rebellion led by youthful Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang, was definitely reported alive at Ciangu Ciangu, capital of Shansi.

While troop trains rushed westward over a railway, last-minute negotiations were opened to free the

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TWO ARE ACCUSED IN THEFT OF AUTO

Men Brought From Goldsboro To Face Charges in Tarboro After Car Is Recovered

Tarboro, Dec. 14 (AP)—Officers said today Woodard Edmondson, of Tarboro, and Simon Garris, of Roanoke Rapids, had been brought here from Goldsboro to answer a charge of automobile theft.

The two were arrested last night and the car was recovered. A hole in the door, apparently made by bullets, led officers to theorize that it had been involved in a shooting.

N. C. State's Athletics Up At Meeting

Factional Dispute May Get Before Legislature if Not Settled Shortly

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Dec. 14.—Athletic politics rather than regular State politics, are in the limelight here today, and attention is turned more towards State College and the Chapel Hill unit of the University of North Carolina, than on the special session of the General Assembly being held here.

The interest in State College is in the meeting of the athletic council there today in which it is expected to decide whether or not it will offer Coach Harty W. (Hunk) Anderson another contract whether it will retain L. R. R. Serron as director of athletics and otherwise attempt to settle the rather messy kettle of fish which has developed in the athletic department and which now threatens to involve

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Talking Social Security



C. F. Beech (left), assistant chief of the recording division of the Social Security Old Age Benefit Bureau, is shown with Frank Bane, executive director of the board and Miss Maurine Mulliner, the board's secretary in Baltimore headquarters, on an inspection tour.

One Dead, 1 Hurt Just Below Oxford

Blackstone, Va., Dec. 14.—(AP)—W. Odell Price, 24, of Blackstone, was instantly killed today in a collision on the national highway between Oxford and Creedmoor, N. C. S. L. Price, driving, was injured but not seriously.

INSURGENT ATTACK WITHOUT RESULTS

Shivering Defenders Cling to Madrid and Prepare Winter Siege

Madrid, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Fleets of insurgent tanks, supported by infantry and machine gun units, battered for two hours today at government lines in University City, but shivering defenders held firm.

An icy wind howled down from nearby mountains as the fighting broke out anew. Defenders, however, said the long-awaited insurgent "big push" had not materialized.

It was announced 60,000 non-combatant men, women and children had been evacuated from the besieged capital in the past week.

The Socialist defense junta ordered complete reorganization of its militia forces in preparation for a bitter winter siege.

While insurgent batteries threw occasional shells into the city, the defense forces were converted into "perfect army units," the government said.

TWO MORE ARRESTED IN WOMAN'S KILLING

Pair Nabbed After Police Sought Two Men Wash Woman's Son Went Riding With

Wilson, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Deputy Sheriff C. A. Brown, of Bailey, said today he had arrested Edgar Honeycutt and Tab Bunn, Nash county men, in connection with the axe-slaying of Mrs. Maris Bissette, 60-year-old Bailey woman.

He said Jesse Bissette, 35, son of the slain woman, still is being detained, but that no charge had been lodged against him.

Deputy Brown did not say why Honeycutt and Bunn were held, but earlier officers had said they were looking for two men with whom Bissette had taken an automobile ride the night of the slaying.



Shopping Days Till Christmas

Southerners In Congress Freeze Jobs

North and West, However, Challenging Seniority Method of Promotions

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Dec. 14.—Continuing our diagnosis of the complications involved in the case of the organization of the next House of Representatives:

Today's Democratic personnel of the House is very different from what it was throughout the long period during which the Democrats generally were in a minority.

In those times a majority of the Democratic minority was pretty consistently southern. With few exceptions a southern Democrat, once elected to Congress, continued to be re-elected and re-elected indefinitely.

Most northern Democrats, however, were in-and-outers—good for only a term or two each. They had their exceptions, too, like Congressman Sabath of Illinois and Taylor of Colorado.

SOUTH STILL RULES But in the main southerners were the senior Democrats. They still are but they have ceased to be a majority among sitting Democrats.

Due to recent landslides, northern and western congressmen have become a majority of the Democratic majority. But they are largely juniors.

Now the northerners and westerners demand preferment in the house in proportion to their preponderant numbers.

On the opposite hand, the southern-

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TWO PATROL RADIO STATIONS STARTED

Construction on Others To Get Under Way This Week, at Saving

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Dec. 14.—Two of the five highway patrol radio stations are now under construction and two of the other three will be started this week, Captain Charles D. Farmer, commander of the patrol, said today.

Work has been started on the foundations of the station near Asheville, also the one near Salisbury, and the concrete will probably be poured for these stations within the next few days. Excavation will start this week for the station here near Raleigh and the one near Williamston, while work is scheduled to start on the Elizabeth station early next week.

The houses for the sending equipment and operators are being built by the patrol on "force account" in-

WILMINGTON PAIR DENY THEY KILLED DAUGHTER OF MAN

Solicitor Burney, Meanwhile, Says Girl Slain for Objecting to Immorality

MAN AND PARAMOUR TELL TWO STORIES

Conflicting Statements Are Made as Poison Is Found In Stomach of Girl Like That in Bottle Possessed By 39-Year-Old Boiler-Maker in His Locker

Wilmington, Dec. 14 (AP)—E. L. Smoak, 39-year-old boiler-maker, and his house-keeper, Mrs. Genette Harker, were quoted by Solicitor John Burney today as denying from their jail cells they poisoned the former's 15-year-old daughter, Annie Thelma, who died December 1.

Burney asserted, however, the man and woman told conflicting stories about a bottle of poison which he said was found in Smoak's locker at a railroad shop where he worked.

The two were arrested shortly after midnight on receipt by the solicitor of a report from a Duke toxicologist that the girl's viscera contained poison of the same kind reported to have been found in the bottle.

Both were subjected to intense questioning by Burney and New Hanover county officers. Neither had retained counsel at midday.

Welfare officers took charge of Smoak's two sons and three children of the 23-year-old widowed house-keeper, who were found sleeping at Smoak's cottage this morning.

The solicitor said he was investigating possibility of an insurance motive also.

Preliminary hearing was set for next Monday.

SOLICITOR SAYS VICTIM OBJECTED TO SEX ORGY

Wilmington, Dec. 14.—(AP)—A middle-aged boiler maker and his house-keeper, a comely young widow, were charged today with poisoning the former's 15-year-old daughter because, Solicitor John Burney said, she objected to their illicit relations.

Meanwhile, Burney continued to investigate the deaths of the man's two wives. He said circumstances connected with their deaths were similar to some surrounding the death of the young girl, whose body was exhumed last week at Orangeburg, S. C., for an autopsy.

Officers arrested the girl's father, E. L. Smoak, a native of South Carolina, and the house-keeper, Mrs. Genette Harker, 28, a few minutes after midnight, upon a toxicologist's report that girl's viscera contained traces of a poison.

The girl, Annie Thelma Smoak, a daughter by Smoak's first wife, died

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WOMAN BADLY HURT BY HIT-RUN DRIVER

Mrs. L. A. Hudson in Roanoke Rapids Hospital; Two Negroes Arrested Later by Officers

Roanoke Rapids, Dec. 14 (AP)—Mrs. L. A. Hudson was in a hospital here today with serious injuries received last night when a car driven by her daughter, Mrs. E. W. Smith, was forced off the road, struck by another car, and run into a telephone pole.

Another daughter, Mrs. W. S. Edwards, was less seriously injured.

Deputy Sheriff George Pittman arrested Woodrow Harvey and William Jenkins, Negroes, who he said were occupants of the hit-and-run car, a mile from the scene of the accident.

Hitler in a Tux



Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler, who affects raincoats and drab semi-uniforms is seldom photographed in formal or semi-formal array. Here he is shown at a recent Berlin function wearing a tuxedo.

King George Pledges Utmost Efforts To Promote Welfare Of People Of Entire Empire

IRELAND ON WAY TO REPUBLIC?



Map of the British Isles; inset, President Eamon De Valera

When called upon to agree to the succession of the new British king, the Irish Free State took the first act toward becoming a republic eventually. A new constitutional measure, removing the British king's name from all internal governmental activities of the Free State, was introduced into the Dail Eireann (parliament) by President Eamon De Valera. The measure retains the king's name in the constitution only in connection with matters affecting external relations with other countries.

President De Valera, shown above, and the speaker of the parliament would divide the duties of the governor general, representative of the king, whose office would be abolished. Map of Ireland shows relation to England.

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WRIGHT BROTHERS WILL BE HONORED

Recurring Anniversary Of First Airplane Observed in Dayton, Ohio

Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 14.—(AP)—This "cradle of aviation" turned once more today to plans for paying homage to Orville Wright, and tribute to the memory of his late brother, Wilbur, as the fathers of heavier-than-air transportation.

National figures, one of them possibly bearing a message of felicitation President Roosevelt, will gather here Thursday, the 33rd anniversary of Orville Wright's first adventure into the skies at Kitty Hawk, N. C.

Almost to the hour of that flight, members of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics are to be his guests at a luncheon at his home. Then they will visit the cemetery for an annual service at the grave of his brother.

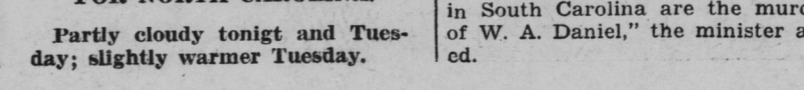
Eugene Vidal, director of air commerce; C. A. Ciesler, superintendent of air mail at Washington, and air line officials, including Jack Frye, (of Twa) and Eddie Rickenbacker (Eastern Air Lines), are among those expected to greet Wright.

Vidal may bring a message from Mr. Roosevelt.

VIRGINIA ASSEMBLY TO PASS SOCIAL ACT

Richmond, Va., Dec. 14 (AP)—Governor George C. Peery, in his message to the special session of the General Assembly today, asked the legislators to enact an unemployment compensation bill, with an emergency clause to make it effective on passage.

OUR WEATHER MAN



FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; slightly warmer Tuesday.

EDWARD, SECLUDED IN AUSTRIA, GIVEN EAR TREATMENTS

Former King Calls at Office of Vienna Specialist After Other Patients Leave

GEORGE RESOLVES TO DO FULL DUTY

"With God's Help and Supported by My Dear Wife," He Pledges Loyalty at Moment of "Great Personal Distress"; Message Sent Parliament

London, Dec. 14.—(AP)—King George VI, in a message read to the House of Lords today, said: "I have succeeded to the throne in circumstances which are without precedent, and at a moment of great personal distress, but I am resolved to do my duty, and I am sustained by the knowledge that I am supported by widespread goodwill and sympathy from all my subjects here and throughout the world."

"It will be my constant endeavor, with God's help and supported by my dear wife, to uphold the honor of the realm and promote the happiness of my peoples."

The king's declaration was read by Lord Halifax, lord privy seal, as the peers finished the ceremony of swearing allegiance to the new ruler.

Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin was to deliver the message in the House of Commons later.

EDWARD SEES DOCTOR FOR AN AILMENT OF HIS EAR

Voelau, Austria, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The Duke of Windsor, closely guarded in a chateau, where he started life anew today as a private citizen, made an appointment to consult a Vienna specialist about a long-standing ear ailment.

The former king of England, who came to Austria last night, after giving up his throne for Mrs. Wallis Simpson, was expected to call at a Vienna clinic late in the day after all other patients had left, attendants said.

It was noted the former sovereign held his hand over his ear when he was driven from the Vienna station to the country estate of Baron Dugenne Rothschild, near here, after a trip from England through France and Switzerland.

Professor Heinrich Neumann maintained an ethical silence concerning the duke's ear trouble, but it was learned from attendants and other physicians that the treatment he will undergo consists of X-ray, light rays and rinsing the inner ear.

BISHOP OF CHURCH CALLS FOR CHRISTIAN LOYALTY

London, Dec. 14.—(AP)—George VI, Britain's new king, pledged to his Parliament today "my constant endeavor, with God's help, and supported by my dear wife, to uphold the honor of the realm and promote the happiness of the people."

His message was read first to the House of Lords, while Edward, Duke of Windsor, sought relaxation in the guarded grounds of an Austrian cas-

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Roosevelt To Return Home On Tuesday

McIntyre and Others of Secretarial Staff at Charleston To Greet Him

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 14 (AP)—Marvin McIntyre, presidential secretary, arrived here today for the expressed purpose of checking plans for the debarcation of the chief executive early tomorrow morning from the cruiser Indianapolis.

McIntyre said the President was expected to end his 12,250-mile journey to South America and back at 7:30 a. m., and would go directly to Washington.