

JAPAN MAY RESIST WORLD CONDEMNATION

Over 500 Chinese Civilians Killed In Mass Bombings By Huge Fleet Of Jap Planes

EIGHT OF RAIDERS ARE DESTROYED BY CHINESE GUNNERS

Many Towns in Rich Province of Kwantung Attacked by Japanese Air Squadrons

SHANGHAI AREA IS SHELLED FROM SEA

Flagship Idzumo Fires Across International Settlement to Scene of Desperate Battle Northwest of City; Chinese Planes Battle Enemy

Shanghai, Oct. 7.—(AP)—More than 500 Chinese civilians were reported today to have been killed by mass bombing raids of Japanese war planes on the rich southern province of Kwantung.

The Chinese Central News Agency reported eight Japanese planes, including two huge bombers, were shot down by a surprise Chinese defense on the strategic military railway linking Canton on the south coast and the Yangtze river port of Hankow.

The massed Japanese flights took to the air yesterday just as the League of Nations and the United States were condemning Japan for her violation of her treaty obligations by invasion of Chinese territory.

A dozen railway centers were bombed along the route from Canton to Hankow, Chinese dispatches said, killing and wounding more than 300 non-combatants in those towns alone.

In northern Kwantung province the raiding planes were said to have caused several hundred more casualties. While the massed flights of 36 Japanese planes followed the railroad to the north, dropping bombs on each village as they came to it, Chinese said a spirited attack by 70 Chinese planes kept the line from being more than slightly damaged.

HARRY L. HOPKINS' WIFE PASSES AWAY

Washington, Oct. 7.—(AP)—Mrs. Harry L. Hopkins wife of the Works Progress Administration head, died at Garfield hospital here early today. She had been ill several weeks. Mr. Hopkins was at her bedside when she died.

Prisoners Slug Guard To Escape

Joliet, Ill., Oct. 7.—(AP)—Three convicts slugged a guard into unconsciousness and temporarily used another for a hostage in making an escape from the Statesville prison honor farm early today.

The felons, all serving terms for robbery, waylaid J. W. Black during the change of shifts and then forced Albert Drungen, another guard, to accompany them.

Drungen, in whose car the convicts fled, was dumped out of the car two miles north of the prison unharmed, prison authorities said. The attack occurred in a dormitory in which 170 convicts were asleep. The three convicts fled Black with a rock.

The prisoners, whose escape was flashed over police radios in Illinois and nearby states, were not involved in the hunger strike at the prison proper this week, Warden Joseph Ragen said.

Prison rules and regulations were tightened Sunday when 1,000 convicts went on a hunger strike, which the warden attributed to resentment against the State Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Henderson Market's Sales Total Is Now Near 6,000,000 Lbs.

Government Claims Win Over Rebels

Insurgents in Spain Push Forward, However, on Other Fronts of War

Madrid, Oct. 7.—(AP)—A Spanish government communique said today three insurgent tanks were destroyed, 200 insurgents were killed and two companies of insurgents were surrounded in fighting for possession of Hill 602, dominating the valley of Santriso in Asturias province.

An insurgent attack on the hill was preceded by an aerial bombardment in which 15 planes took part, and an artillery bombardment, the communique said.

INSURGENT TROOPS PUSH FORWARD ON TARNA FRONT

Hendaye, Franco-Spanish Frontier, Oct. 7.—(AP)—Spanish insurgent troops pushed forward today in the Tarna sector on the border of Leon and Oviedo provinces, trying to tighten the southern line of their offensive on Gijon.

Walking through rugged mountain country, under renewed rainfall, one column was reported by the daily insurgent communique to have taken control of roads around Tarna, while another occupied the mountain ridge Sierra de Tornas.

Government (Asturian) militia put up a stubborn resistance on the line between insurgent bases in the Europa mountains east of Gijon and some peaks to the south of the government's Biscayan seaport.

Both southern and eastern insurgent columns were about 30 air miles from their objectives.

HIGH POINT MAN IS KIDNAPED, ROBBED

W. O. McCormick, 45, Tells Officers Two Men Burned His Car Near Lexington

High Point, Oct. 7.—(AP)—W. O. McCormick, 45, told police here today that two men had kidnaped him late last night and driven him until early today when, he said, they burned his car at a point near Lexington.

McCormick, a former taxi driver here, said the pair got into his car at a street intersection here shortly before 11 o'clock last night and blindfolded him at the point of a pistol.

The pair, McCormick said, released him, burned his machine and robbed him of about \$18 early today. McCormick told police they stopped twice during the ride and the two men bought several cans of what he assumed was gasoline.

When they finally stopped, McCormick said, the pair told him to get the cans from the back of the car, at the same time throwing a lighted match on the gasoline.

Registration Of New Cars Strikes An All-Time High

Raleigh, Oct. 7.—(AP)—Registration of motor vehicles in North Carolina sets a new high record today now, and the Motor Vehicle Bureau reported today September sale of 5,486 new motor vehicles pushed to 55,851 the total for nine months.

Last year in nine months there were 47,744 motor vehicles sold. There were 566,641 cars licensed this year to October 4, compared with a record annual registration of 559,059 in 1936.

Ten Percent More Than Same Date Last Year, With \$300,000 More Paid Growers

WEDNESDAY'S SALE IS MIDWEEK RECORD

All Grades and Every Sale Included in Statistics; Many Kind Expressions Have Come from Farmers Who Have Sold on Henderson Market So Far

By R. W. McFarland, Henderson Sales Supervisor.

By the time this paper goes to press the Henderson tobacco market will have sold, during its 16 selling days this season, approximately 6,000,000 pounds of tobacco. This will be around 10 percent more than it sold last year for the same time, and the best part of it is that it has paid out to the farmers \$300,000 more than it paid last season for the same time.

During Henderson's glorious history of nearly three score years as a tobacco market, yesterday's sale of 549,512 pounds was greater than on any previous Wednesday of the past years. For farmers as a rule in every belt in the past seem to have brought more tobacco to the markets on Mondays and Fridays than on any other day.

While the average of yesterday, which was \$27.13, was not as great as the average of Monday, which was \$30.95, yet this average was due entirely to quality, as grade by grade prices were just as high as on Monday.

Official sales for the season, as issued last night by the statistician of the market, were 5,394,008 pounds which sold for \$1,524,530.03, making an average for the whole of \$28.27.

In the poundage constituting this average, no grade was eliminated, Henderson's way of doing business, in justice to the farmers, is to count every leaf sold regardless of what it brought. Without throwing any reflection upon any other market, it is very questionable whether this rule is followed on all of them.

From the farmers who have been selling on this outstanding market this season many kind expressions have come, not only as to the courtesy and efficiency of the entire warehouse and buying force, but the efforts to serve them in a kind and businesslike manner by the banks and all of the merchants of Henderson.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday's sales were 1,385,342 pounds, sold for \$400,410.17, an average for the whole of \$29.12.

You are cordially invited to join the happy throng of sellers from more than 11 counties who are making Henderson their market. Nine warehouses to serve you. All "seasoned" buyers, no "student" buyers.

Resources Of U. S. Banks At \$70 Billions

New Orleans, La., Oct. 7.—(AP)—The resources of the nation's banks were placed today at almost \$70,000,000,000.

The figure was revealed in the annual report of E. N. Sims, secretary-treasurer of the National Association of Supervisors of State Banks. He said as of June 30, 1937, State banks had total resources of \$38,644,777.25, and national banks \$30,357,071, the combined total being \$1,676,256,808 above that of last year.

There were 169 fewer state banks and 75 less national banks this year than last.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Partly cloudy and somewhat unsettled tonight and Friday; cooler Friday and in north portion to night.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S SENATORS CRITICAL OF COTTON POLICY

Smith Blames Cotton Loan Program for Present Starvation Price of Cotton

SAYS HE PLEADED FOR 12-CENT LOAN

Says He Lacked Power, Which Comes from "Handing Out Money and Jobs"; Byrnes Wants Subsidy To Continue on Cotton Stored to July 31

Iva, S. C., Oct. 7.—(AP)—Senator E. D. Smith, of South Carolina, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, blamed the administration's cotton loan program for the present price of cotton in a speech here today.

Addressing students of the Iva and Anteville high schools, and a scattering of adults, Smith declared: "I pleaded and begged for a ten-cent loan and a subsidy of two cents" on this year's crop, and he said it was left "up to the administration," and added: "Look what we got! I don't know what it is."

"You ought to read that mess" he said, in referring to the provisions of the loan program. Declaring that if the government loan had been placed at twelve cents the market would have held that figure, Smith said that if it had been left to him he would have demanded a price of 15 cents for cotton.

"But I didn't have the power," he said, adding "power" came from "handing out money and jobs."

Referring to recent talks with Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace, and assistants, in which the senator said he had requested a full explanation of the cotton loan program, Smith pointed to the recent action of the Commodity Credit Corporation in making eligible for loans two more grades of cotton.

The 7-34 loan rate for cotton 7-8 of an inch and above in staple and strict low middling of equivalent grades was increased under the new regulations to 8-1-2 cents.

BYRNES ASKS SUBSIDIES ON COTTON TO JULY 31, 1938

Spartanburg, S. C., Oct. 7.—(AP)—Senator Byrnes, Democrat, South Carolina, tried today to impose subsidy payments on cotton stored by July 31, 1938, thus making the regulations this year the same as 1935.

Byrnes placed the matter before President Roosevelt and Agriculture Secretary Wallace. He wired the President: "Department regulations this year limit subsidy to cotton which is sold, and as a result all cotton is being sold and the price depressed. Under the regulations there is an inducement to sell and a penalty for holding."

Byrnes said he had discussed the proposal with Jesse H. Jones, Reconstruction Finance Corporation chairman, and urged quick action, as cotton is "being thrown on the market."

KLAN AFFILIATION BLIGHT TO BLACK

Will Always Be Cloud on His Career as Supreme Court Justice

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist

Washington, Oct. 7.—If ever a man was sorry for having done a thing before he was mature enough to know better Justice Hugo L. Black of the Federal Supreme Court undoubtedly is entitled to consideration for the grand prize as that sort of an individual.

He does not say he was sorry that he joined the Ku Klux Klan a decade and a half ago, when he was in his comparatively youthful mid-30's. But gosh! how sorry he must be!

Expediency then. Unquestionably it seemed to Black, back in the early 1920's, as if it were a mere matter of local political expediency to become a Kluxer in a community where the Klan was overwhelmingly strong, and where he probably thought that it always would be.

He had not had much experience then and did not realize that such movements are ephemeral. Anyway, how could he have foreseen, at that time, that his relatively juvenile Klan membership would be nationally remembered against him so many years later?

Under Stress. The affair is no temporary incident, regardless of the fact that Black is practically sure to spend the remainder of his life.

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ROOSEVELT SHAPING GOVERNMENT POLICY IN FAR EAST CRISIS

Hull Says U. S. Determined To Have Hand In Nine-Power Conference If It Comes

SEEK WHEREABOUTS OF JUSTICE BLACK

Supreme Court Attaches Silence on Whether New Justice Is Attending Court Conferences; Roosevelt Backers Plan To Rush Program Through

Hyde Park, N. Y., Oct. 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt was in frequent communication with the State Department today, presumably ascertaining reaction to the government's latest pronouncement denouncing Japan for her undeclared war on China.

It was also disclosed by Secretary James Roosevelt that William Phillips, ambassador to Rome, who has been vacationing in the Berkshires, was a caller at the summer White House yesterday afternoon.

He said Phillips stopped only about five minutes for tea, but undoubtedly talked about the foreign situation.

Saturday morning the President will attend the funeral of Mrs. Harry Hopkins, wife of the works progress administrator.

Meantime, at Washington, Secretary Hull indicated this government's firm intention of participating in a nine-power conference to consider the Far Eastern conflict.

Hull said at his press conference no invitation to such a parley thus far has been received, but naturally, as one of the signatories to the nine-power treaty guaranteeing China's territorial sovereignty, that he "presumed" this government would accept it and when the bid is received.

Other Washington developments: Supreme Court attaches are maintaining strict secrecy about the whereabouts of Hugo Black, the new justice. Officials would not say whether he attended today's conference of justices to act on pending litigation. They would not even say whether he was in the Supreme Court building.

Administration supporters in Congress said they were prepared to push the President's legislative program to quick enactment at either a special session or the regular session in January.

Yanks Win Second Game By 8-1 Score

Yankee Stadium, New York, Oct. 7.—The powerful Ruppert Rifles, better known as the Yankees, added the second game of the World's Series to their string, making the series count 2 to 0 in their favor as they met the New York Giants in the blue ribbon baseball event.

The Yankees had little trouble in handing the Giants a defeat by a score of 8 to 1.

The Giants drew first blood, the only blood they drew during the contest, in the first inning when Bartell doubled, and Ott singled him home.

Cliff Melton had the Yanks in check until the fifth inning, when Hoag led off the scoring with a double to left, Selkirk singled to right, Lazzeri got a single, and Ruffing followed with a base blow. Roff singled, but Ruffing was caught off base. Dimaggio struck out to end the inning.

The sixth was the big inning for the Yanks when they scored four tallies. Then they added two more in the seventh for good measure to end their scoring for the day.

The series moves tomorrow to the Polo grounds the home of the Giants for three games, if it takes that many. Score by innings: R H E Yankees 100 000—1 9 0 Giants: 000 024 208—3 12 0 Managers: Ruffing and Dickey.

HOOD LAUDS BANKS IN NEW YORK STATE

New York, Oct. 7.—(AP)—Gurney P. Hood, State bank commissioner of North Carolina, praised the supervision of State banks in New York today as he responded to addresses of welcome to the 37th annual meeting of the Association of Supervisors of State Banks.

Hood also praised Mayor Laguardia and emphasized he agreed with the mayor in supporting the objectives of the New Deal.

JAPAN TO REFUSE TO TAKE PART AT NINE-POWER MEET

Tokyo Takes Position United States Acted Without Justification In Its Stand

STATE DEPARTMENT ACTION SURPRISING

Proposed Conference To Be Held in Washington, If Called; Immediate Reply Expected From Imperial Jap Government

(By The Associated Press.)

Tokyo statesmen assembled in an emergency session today to discuss United States condemnation of Japan's invasion of China, while Britain and France began an exchange of views with Washington on convocation of a nine-power conference aimed to curb hostilities in the Far East.

Taken completely off guard, according to the highest Japanese government officials, the Tokyo statesmen were not expected, however, to reply immediately to the formal statement of the American State Department accusing Japan of violating the nine-power act guaranteeing China's territorial integrity in the Kellogg pact outlawing war as an instrument of national policy.

"The prevailing sentiment of the Japanese government is that there is no reason for the (United States) action," the high official said. "We completely fail to understand the American action, which is bound to make a very bad impression on the Japanese public."

In London the possibility was advanced that the nine-power conference would be held in Washington. Officials declined to say whether a flat request was made to hold the parley in the American capital, but they did point out its suitability since it was there the treaty was negotiated in 1922.

The Domei (Japanese) News Agency quoted an unnamed foreign office official as saying: "Japan is confident she will prove equal to the contingency," even in the face of possible concrete measures the powers might take. This same source said Japan a signatory of the nine-power treaty, would not participate in a nine-power conference if one were held.

Three Draw Death Order For Assault

Duplin Negroes Are Sentenced on Testimony of 20-Year-Old Attack Victim

Kenansville, Oct. 7.—(AP)—A superior court jury convicted three Negroes today of criminally attacking Mrs. T. R. Coe, 20, of Madison, Fla., last August 18. The trio were sentenced to die in the gas chamber at Raleigh next December 17.

The Negroes are Apson Outlaw, 30; Lonnie Gardner, 25, and Sylvester Outlaw.

The jury brought in its verdict after less than a half hour's deliberations. Judge Henry Grady, of Clinton, passed sentence immediately.

Mrs. Coe, mother of a small child, identified the defendants as the three men who she said forced her into their automobile on the night of August 18 and attacked her near Pink Hill, in this county.

Sheriff D. S. Williamson testified Apson Outlaw and Lonnie Gardner had confessed the attack when they were arrested.

Mrs. Coe, a native of Goldsboro, who was visiting relatives in Duplin county at the time of the act, apparently was on the verge of breaking down during the testimony. She said she had gone with a group of friends to a movie at Pink Hill, and was walking home with an escort, James Suggs, when the Negroes drove by and invited them to ride. When Suggs declined the offer, she said, the Negroes threatened him with knives, forcing her into their car. Mrs. Coe related and drove about eight miles, stopping and each attacked her. Mrs. Coe said she was released about two miles farther down the road.

Labor Calls For Boycott On Japanese

AFL Chiefs at Denver Think Americans Don't Want To Furnish War Money

Denver, Col., Oct. 7.—(AP)—American Federation of Labor leaders called for a boycott on goods made in Japan.

"I am confident the American people will not want to assist Japan indirectly in its campaign of violent aggression and exploitation of Chinese resources by buying Japanese products in this country," said Matthew Woll, a federation vice-president.

"I'm not only in favor of a boycott, but I'm for putting any one who buys Japanese goods in jail for 30 days," said Charles Howard, president of the International Typographical Union and CIO secretary.

I. M. Ornburn, secretary of the federation's union label department, said, "We buy Japanese goods and it is our money that permits the war lords over there to wage war."

All three favored adoption of a boycott resolution at the federation's convention, although Woll added a boycott should be handled carefully. "Although we do not wish to interfere with the State Department's efforts to bring to an end the unwarranted invasion of the privileges, rights and property of the Chinese people," Woll said.

TWO BRITISH SHIPS CAPTURED BY REBELS

London, Oct. 7.—(AP)—Two British steamers were captured off the northern Spanish coast by a Spanish insurgent trawler, the Admiralty said today. The vessels were the Yorkbrook and the Doversy Abbey.

The Admiralty said "presumably" the ships were within territorial waters. It was pointed out such vessels had been warned repeatedly they enter territorial waters at their own risk.

GASOLINE HEARING PURELY TECHNICAL

Layman, and Even Some Members of Commission, Know Little About It

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, Oct. 7.—The lengthy hearing before the new gasoline inspection commission was that the commission is faced by a task which will tax its ability to the utmost.

Practically everything else was so thoroughly hidden behind a cloud of technical discussion and abstruse calculation that newsmen and lay speculators went away wondering what it was all about, anyway, and there was more than a sneaking suspicion that at least some members of the commission were in little better case.

The heart of the matter lies in determining just how gasoline shall be graded and how the various grades shall be made known to the buying public. This central fact was thoroughly shrouded by talk about "octanes" and other incomprehensible gadgets, and other incomprehensible gadgets.

When the hearing was over, the consensus was that there weren't three people in the hall of the House who knew anything at all about an "octane," its characteristics, place of residence and previous condition of servitude, if any. Some contended octanes were animalculi, others were decidedly doubtful whether they were to be classed as flora or fauna.

From what representatives of numerous gasoline companies said to do with the power and pep of gasoline; but it also appeared that by adding an ounce—or maybe it was a quart—of ethyl to otherwise sub-grade gasoline, enough octanes can be generated, or created, or whatever is done to bring octanes into being, to make any sub-grade gasoline test as high in octanes as the finest "premium" grades.