

U. S. Ready To Join American Moves To Condemn Russians

Latin-American Republics Want to Express Indignation at Invasion of Finland; Vandenberg Questions Soviet Pledge Here.

Washington, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, announced today the United States government had notified certain Latin-American nations it would be very glad to participate in a joint Pan-American condemnation of Russian invasion of Finland.

Certain Latin-American nations, which he did not name, have approached this government in support of the principles of international law and with reprobation of the means of settling international difficulties.

The government, he said, has expected that all other American republics would undertake such a condemnation. The United States was very glad to take part.

Other officials explained that when the League of Nations by some American republics did not condemn the United States, since it is a member of the League.

Meanwhile, Senator Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, called upon President Roosevelt in a statement published today to ascertain whether the Soviet government had kept its pledge to stay out of political action in the United States.

He would "reflect our deep indignation at the brutal rape of Finland."

35 Indictments In Detroit Area In Tile Industry

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 5.—(AP)—A special Federal grand jury today indicted 35 individuals, eight manufacturing concerns, three contractors associations, two A. F. of L. locals, and jobbers, charging that a monopoly had been created in the tile trade in the Detroit area.

The indictment was brought under the anti-trust laws. Federal officials said it was the first time a criminal indictment ever was returned against all branches of an industry.

The indictment charged that a conspiracy existed to drive out of business sixty independent tile contractors by shutting off their tile supply and their labor supply.

The Detroit Tile Contractors Association, the Greater Detroit Tile Contractors Association and the Tile Contractors Association of America, three of the defendants, were named as the only mediums through which contractors in this area could obtain tile.

Soil Payment Rate Revised For Farmers

College Station, Raleigh, Dec. 5.—Revised rates of payment for soil-building practices in 1940 under the Agricultural Conservation Program were announced here today by E. Y. Dept. AAA executive officer of State College. The change in the amount of credit farmers can earn by carrying out a soil-building practice is the most important revision in the 1940 program, he said.

As a means of obtaining more conservation, the rate of credit has been reduced for several soil-building practices which are normally carried out on a large proportion of the farms.

Tattles on Stalin



Former head of the Communist Party in the United States, Jay Lovestone tells the Dies Committee in Washington that Russian Dictator Josef Stalin thought communism was "just around the corner" in the U. S. ten years ago and forbade a move to make the party more democratic.

(Central Press)

Horton Move Puts Many On The Spot

Some State Officials Once Urged Him to Run, Then Gave Him Run-Around; Measure of Support Remains Mystery.

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Star-Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—Announcement certain and positive by Lieutenant Governor Wilkins P. Horton that he will be a candidate for governor, subject to the Democratic primary of next May, lifts the curtain for the State's big quadrennial political show.

It ends an era of speculation and guessing, a period during which political and professional advertising could be had by the simple method of "being mentioned" as a possible candidate. It begins a period in which the news ought to be much more factual than it has been.

It puts the spotlight upon—and quite possibly puts upon the well-known spot—quite a number of big-wigs in the State administration who are reported in some reasonably authentic quarters to have induced Horton to consider becoming

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Russians Call On American Toilers To Grasp Control

Moscow, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The Communist party organ today called upon "American toilers" to defeat the "war plans" of American imperialism, and declared that the American Communist party is actively planning fulfillment of its historic task in the new international situation.

The call was made in an article in the monthly magazine—the "Agitators' Companion"—an organ providing propaganda material for party lectures throughout the country.

The article was by far the most bitter press attack against the United States yet to appear here.

"President Roosevelt," said the article, "is more and more siding with the incendiaries of war. The United States government is issuing extraordinary decrees, which it is claimed are directed against spies and saboteurs, but in reality are used against communists and all anti-war forces. American toilers are faced with a great task—that of crushing the war plans of a powerful foe—American imperialism."

Japs Trying To Satisfy U.S. Demand

Paying Off Claims For Property Damage in China in Hope Of Improving Relations With This Nation; Treaty Expires Soon.

Tokyo, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Looking toward better relations with the United States, Japan is paying off numerous claims for damages to American property in China, authoritative sources disclosed today. They said Foreign Minister Admiral Nomura informed United States Ambassador Joseph C. Grew in a two-hour conference yesterday that Japan was prepared to settle such claims.

These sources declared, however, the Japanese disliked use of the United States-Japanese trade treaty as a "club" for influencing policies in China. The treaty, denounced by the United States in July, is due to expire January 26.

It was said Grew and Nomura temporarily shelved discussion of such problems as the open door in the Orient and the nine-power treaty, Japan being primarily interested in bridging the period immediately following the treaty's expiration.

For this reason, many long-standing American damage claims for bombings in China are being compensated. It was understood reliably the government soon would release a compilation of evidences of Japan's good intentions, enumerating the cases and amounts paid. The list also probably would include instances of soldiers being disciplined for face-slapping incidents in Tientsin and Hankow.

British Coaling Steamer Is Sunk By U-Boat Blast

London, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Torpedoing of the London steamer Horsted, 1,670 tons, was reported today after 13 survivors and the bodies of three crewmen were landed. Five of the crew were reported missing after the sinking in the North Sea.

The Horsted, a coal ship, was enroute to a northeastern port to pick up a cargo when a submarine attacked her off the eastern coast yesterday, it was said.

A British warship picked up the survivors and the three bodies.

Kuhn Draws Sentence Of 2 1/2 Years

Suspended Sentence Denied by Court; Grand Larceny And Forgery Convictions Basis For Indeterminate Sentence.

New York, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Fritz Kuhn, German-American bond leader, was sentenced today to a prison term of from two and a half to five years. He was convicted last week of grand larceny of bond funds. The sentence was imposed on the counts of grand larceny in the James D. C. Murray transaction, and on two counts of forgery in that connection.

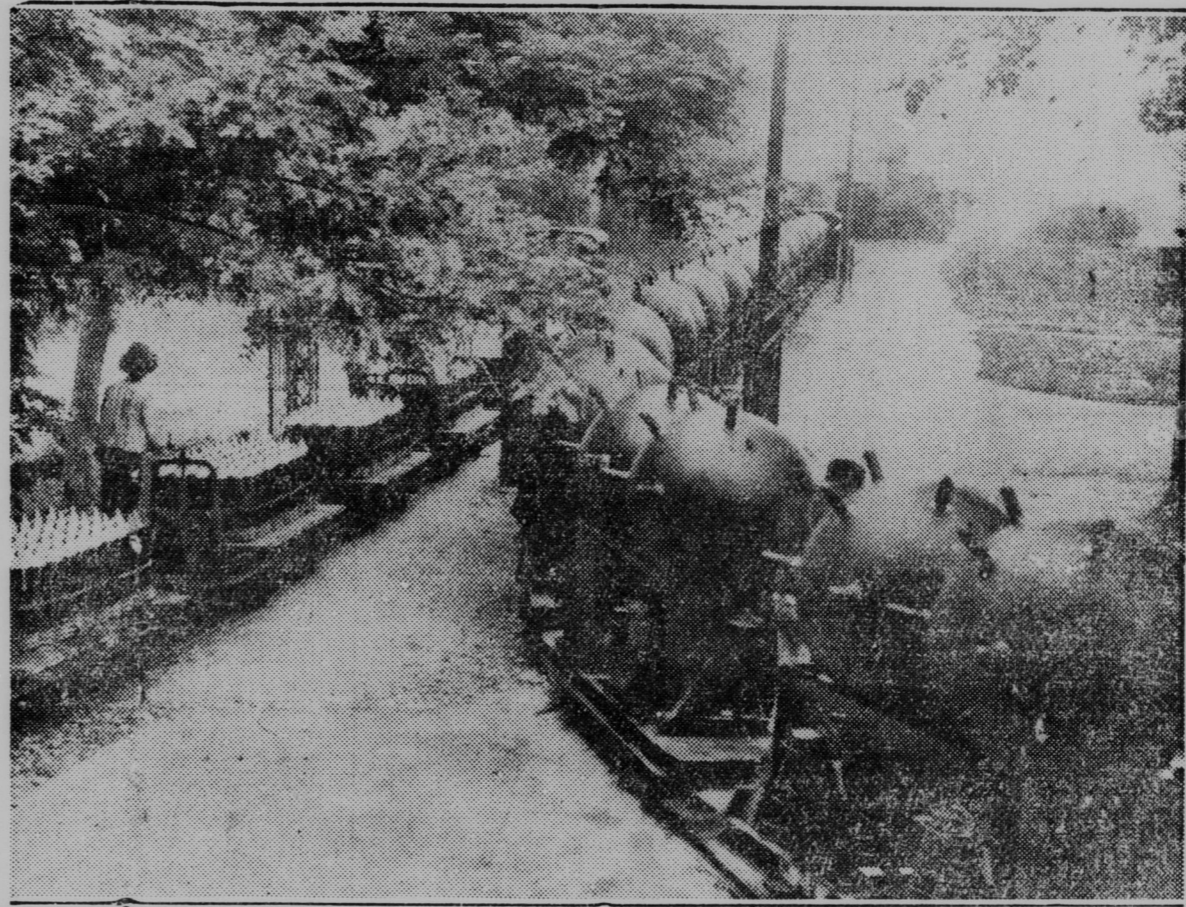
Sentence was suspended by Judge James C. Wallace on the transaction involving the alleged payment of the moving expenses of Mrs. Florence Camp, the "blonde angel" of Kuhn's love letters.

Murray had testified during the trial that he had never received \$500

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Northern Europe Calls Parley To Discuss Crisis In Finland

Dutch Mine Their Vulnerable Harbors



Highly vulnerable to attack from the sea, Holland is protecting her harbors with an intricate system of underwater defenses, supplemented by land fortresses. Here is one of the tiny railroads used to carry munitions to the waterfront. At left, loads of shells are being carried to one of the forts, while at right a trainload of mines is carried up for planting in Dutch waters.

Russia Deserts League To Avoid Expulsion For Invasion Into Finland

Halifax Condemns Russian Invasion

London, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax today called the Russian invasion of Finland an "inexcusable act of aggression by one of the largest on one of the smallest" nations of Europe.

The foreign secretary told the House of Lords the Russian attack was a direct outgrowth of the German-Russian agreement, and added:

"Open towns have been bombarded, women and children mutilated and done to death on the pretext that a nation of under 4,000,000 had hostile designs against one of 180,000,000."

"The British people have been profoundly shocked by the circumstances of the Soviet attack, and they have profoundly admired the magnificent resistance of the Finns."

Blockade Of Germany May Aid America

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Dec. 5.—Uncle Sam's State Department is noticeably silent, among neutrals, in objecting to the Anglo-French policy of shutting off German exports to foreign countries, as well as blockading the Reich against the delivery of imports shipped from abroad.

It's customary for a nation, if it can "get away with it," to prevent supplies from overseas from arriving at an enemy nation's ports. For instance, during the last World War I crossed the Atlantic on a Danish ship bound from Hoboken to Copenhagen.

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Artillery Activity On Western Front In French Sector

Paris, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Artillery rumbled again on the western front today. This morning's communique of the French high command said: "Patrols and artillery activity during the night on certain points of the front."

On the home front, police held 15 persons accused of plotting to reconstitute the dissolved Communist Youth Association in Paris. They were arrested yesterday.

King George Sees Troops at Front

With the British Expeditionary Force in France, Dec. 5.—(AP)—King George VI followed today the World War example of his father by visiting France to inspect the British army in the field.

Cheery despite a rough, rainy crossing of the English channel, the monarch arranged to inspect the front lines and supporting areas, and later to visit Royal Air Force units. His landing last night was on the 35th anniversary of the first of George V's three visits to France during the World War. Now, as then, Edward (then Prince of Wales, now Duke of Windsor) was serving in the armed forces.

Another brother, the Duke of Gloucester, returning from leave, made the crossing with the king, while destroyers and planes kept guard against possible German attack.

German Crew Searched In N. C. Sound

Wilmington, Dec. 5.—(AP)—A coast guard patrol boat stopped and searched the 45-foot sailing yacht Lokoia, manned by a German-speaking crew, in Topsail Sound near here today, but Captain L. F. Tuten said he found nothing suspicious.

Tuten, commanding patrol boat 222 of Morehead City, added, however, that the Lokoia would be detained pending further instructions from his superiors. He received orders to make the search from the Norfolk, Va., headquarters of the coast guard, he said.

Tuten reported that the yacht had nothing aboard except food supplies. He said it was commanded by Captain Edward Kerling, a German, who gave his home address as New York.

A letter from Kerling to the German consul at New York was found

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18 Plotters Face Firing Squad For Siamese Activity

Bangkok, Siam, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Eighteen alleged plotters against Siam's 14-year-old King Amanda were executed today. They were charged with conspiracy to overthrow the boy king and restore his uncle and predecessor, Prajadhipok.

Numerous arrests and the "retirement" of more than 50 high army officers was followed by convening of a special court which passed the sentences.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy, preceded by light rains in extreme north portion this afternoon or early tonight; slightly warmer in central and southeast portions tonight; Wednesday fair, slightly warmer in northwest portion.

Scandinavia Alarmed By Soviet Acts

Earnest Desire to Restore Peace Voiced as Norway, Sweden And Denmark Hope to Continue Neutrality In Present War.

Oslo, Norway, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Norway's Foreign Minister Halvdan Koht today called a conference for Thursday of Scandinavian foreign ministers to discuss the ominous situation growing out of the Russian-Finnish conflict.

Issuing invitations to Foreign Ministers Richard Sandler of Sweden and Peter Munch of Denmark, Koht emphasized the earnest Scandinavian desire to re-establish peace in northern Europe.

Any speculation that the three nations might take a stronger stand in support of Finland, however, was promptly discouraged by a statement of the Danish prime minister, that his nation would maintain neutrality. Diplomats regarded the prime minister's stand as inevitable, since Denmark has a non-aggression pact with Germany, and thus would not be likely to take any action which might depart the slightest from neutrality toward all phases of the European conflict.

Koht pointed out that Finland's plight deeply concerns Scandinavia, "both because of ourselves and because of Finland." Swedish concern for her own safety was emphasized by additional strengthening of her armed forces with a slight reference to "partial mobilization," a phase which hitherto has been avoided carefully.

The Danish foreign minister accepted immediately and announced he would leave tomorrow for Oslo. Sandler's acceptance also was reported.

Finns Strike Back Hard Upon Soviets

Helsinki, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Finland was reported today to have struck back at Soviet Russia by air bombardment of Paldiski, the Baltic port which Russia leased from Estonia for a naval base. The report lacked confirmation, however, and gave no details.

Finns had declared that Paldiski was the base for some of the Soviet planes which raided Helsinki last week.

(Dispatches from the Norwegian-Finnish frontier told of unconfirmed reports that 60 Russian planes had been destroyed by Finnish fliers dropping bombs at Murmansk, Russia's Arctic port.)

Finns hope that aid might be forthcoming from Sweden was indicated by quick fortification of the Aaland islands, which would keep open a sea route between the two nations.

Helsinki's early winter night closed down after a quiet day, which saw no resumption of air attacks on the capital.

Movement of civilians out of Helsinki to the interior is practically complete.

A Finnish government spokesman, discussing Moscow's statement that Russia is at peace with the Fin-

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Soviet Bombers Resume Aerial War On Finland

(At the Finnish Frontier) Kirkenes, Norway, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Three Soviet Russian bombers raided Salmijarvi and the nearby area today in a renewal of aerial operations in the war on Finland.

The bombers could be seen from Kirkenes and detonations reverberated across the border, but it was not learned immediately what damage and casualties resulted.

At the same time, reports of continued Russian landings in the Petsamo region, northernmost Finland, about 30 miles east of Salmijarvi, were received. These reports said Russian warships were observed in Petsamo fjord this morning. These were believed to be conveying troop ships bringing troops from Russian Arctis garrisons.

Strong detachments of Finns were moving northward toward Petsamo. Unconfirmed reports received here said 60 Russian planes were destroyed by Finnish fliers dropping incendiary bombs on the Soviet airport at Murmansk. Refugees here were a sorrowful sight. Many women had husbands or sons somewhere on the front, and may never see them again. There was some talk of emigrating to the United States.

16 SHOPPING DAYS TILL Christmas