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Japs Urge Chiang To Surrender

Finland Admits Reverses In Mannerheim Battle; Makes New Appeal For Aid

Finland Army Commander today announced that "a few" of the Mannerheim positions had been taken by the Red Army in the 14-day battle on the Karelian Isthmus which had been fought to the World War against Finland.

The Finnish government today made a fresh appeal for aid against the Soviet military.

London, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Britain today gave her citizens permission to volunteer to fight for Finland against Soviet Russia.

Russia's ambassador sat in the diplomatic gallery as the under-secretary for home affairs announced the decision in the House of Commons.

The government action regularizes the enlistment of British volunteers for the Finnish forces which has been under way on a considerable scale for some time.

Britain's attitude is that no aid should be given to British-Russian relations should result from the enlistment sanction since the Soviet Union says that she is not at war against Finland, only the "white Finns".

Moscow recognized a "people's government" set up near the border at the opening of the war.

Thousands from all walks of life were said to be offering their services to the Finnish recruiting bureau although no organized group is known to have departed for Finland yet.

A small group of 500 "blue ribbon" fighting men with military experience were reported to be getting special training for service against Russia.

The machine, a Finnish communication, declared, however, that the Russians had been repulsed before penetrating beyond advanced posts. Russian tanks, crawling across the ice of Lake Ladoga, were being shelled by Finnish artillery and 17 planes, part of "many hundreds" of the Finnish navy, were reported to be fighting.

A Red army communiqué early today reported capture of 23 more German planes, 11 fortifications, and a total of 81 the Russians say they have taken within a week.

This restricted advance cost the Red army thousands of dead and wounded and other equipment, the Finns declared in describing the fighting.

South of Lake Ladoga all Soviet troops were reported repulsed and the Red army said to have been annihilated and several Soviet positions captured.

The German advance which took place in the front positions was reported to have reached "our front lines" back to the communication.

Nazis Declare Position On Safety Zone

Berlin, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The German government declared today that the American neutrality "safety zone" plan could succeed "only if the German and French standpoints are fundamentally revised".

The German view was stated in a reply to a protest sent by the American neutrality conference in London, a few days after the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee engaged in an all-day battle with three British warships just off the Argentine coast.

The German government in its note said it "could anticipate success" in further pursuance of the safety zone plan "only if the allies stand changed".

Great Britain in her reply to the German note on Jan. 15 rejected the safety zone as "ineffective" and insisted her belligerent rights in the zone which extends roughly for 300 miles off the coast of the Americas. Britain said acceptance would depend on the assurance the area would not afford a safe sanctuary for German submarines.

\$100,000 Windfall



Mother of two small children, Mrs. Aileen Franco, whose husband is a WPA worker in Oakland, Cal., finds her future no longer troubled by financial worries. The Francos were dumfounded when they were willed \$100,000 by her father, whom they had never considered rich.

German Jews Routed From Their Homes

Berlin, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Upwards of 700 Jews, routed from their homes in Stettin on six and one-half hours notice for mass removal, were on trains today, presumably headed for Poland although the exact destination was not known.

The sudden removal order included virtually every Jew in the Baltic town, only the sick and feeble aged being exempted.

At 7:30 p. m. Monday elite guards and Storm Troopers began visiting the homes of Jews, telling them to be ready to leave by 2 a. m.

The Storm Troopers took inventories of property in the homes and advised the Jews to prepare final hot meals because they probably would not get warm food for some time. They were permitted to pack only a few necessities.

Plans for more time to conclude their affairs went unheeded. Some were told their homes in Stettin would be needed by German soldiers.

Nazi Airmen Keep Blockade From Shores

London, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Britain's first lord of the Admiralty, Winston Churchill, indicated in the House of Commons today that Germany's air power was keeping the British blockade at a distance from German shores.

Answering a question as to whether the naval patrol was efficient, Churchill said:

"I think no one would expect us to be able to maintain a close patrol or a close blockade of the German coast having regard to the enormous development of shore base aircraft since the late war."

Churchill said that Britain was working to increase her protection of trawlers.

Cdr. Joseph Wedgwood, Laborite, asked Churchill whether he would consider refusing to send ships to rescue German airmen brought down on the seas after "murdering" unarmed seamen.

Churchill replied amid cheers that "the ordinary instincts of humanity require rescue from the sea of drowning men or castaways should they be observed by His Majesty's ships in the course of their duties".

GALES PREDICTED.

Washington, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Winds reaching gale force were predicted today by the weather bureau for parts of the New England and Virginia-North Carolina seacoast areas.

Marketing Of Cotton Sets Record

January Was One of Best Months In Recent Years, Government Reports Disclose; War Conditions Credited.

Washington, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Government reports disclosed today that January was one of the best marketing months for American cotton in recent years.

A total of 1,756,771 bales moved into export markets and into domestic consumption channels. This volume compared with 1,459,415 bales in December and 987,645 in January of last year.

Exports amounted to 1,026,628 bales or the largest monthly total since November, 1935, while domestic consumption totaled 730,143 bales or the largest monthly total since March, 1937.

Exports during the six months ending January 31 were reported by the census bureau at 4,161,043 bales compared with 2,191,881 bales in the corresponding period a year ago.

Agriculture department officials said factors contributing to the increased foreign sales and domestic consumption included conditions arising out of the war, the government export subsidy program and a shortage of reserve stocks in European countries.

ONE KILLED, FOUR HURT IN ACCIDENT

Goldsboro, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Leonard Jones, 30, a farmer of near Mt. Olive, was killed and four other persons injured in an automobile accident last night just across the Duplin county line.

The injured were Mrs. Jones, 30; Amy Garner, 54; Leonard Jones, Jr., and Ray Beaver.

Investigating officers said a car occupied by the Jones' and another in which Garner and Beaver were riding, collided.

Finns Charge Reds With Use Of Gas

London, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Reuters (British news agency) reported today in a Helsinki dispatch that a Finnish note to foreign powers charged the Russian army with using gas and explosive bullets, shielding troops behind prisoners and civilians, and with misuse of the white flag.

The note, Reuters said, charged the Soviet forces had "gravely broken" the fundamental rules of warfare. "Barbaric examples" cited, according to the news agency, including the bombing of churches and hospitals.

STORM DOES DAMAGE IN MT. AIRY SECTION

Mt. Airy, Feb. 14.—(AP)—A high northeast wind swept this area today unroofing houses, uprooting trees, blowing down sign boards, and causing considerable other damage.

Nominated for Best Performance "Oscars"



Gold trophies, known to the movie industry as "Oscars," will be awarded to the actor and actress selected from this group as having given the best performance during the past year. The eligibles were named by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Some 12,000 persons in the industry will choose the winners. The performers are listed with the shows on which they will be judged. Left to right, top, Greer Garson ("Goodbye, Mr. Chips"), Clark Gable ("Gone with the Wind"), Vivien Leigh ("Gone with the Wind"), Greta Garbo ("Ninotchka"), Laurence Olivier ("Wuthering Heights"). Lower, Robert Donat ("Goodbye, Mr. Chips"), Mickey Rooney ("Babes in Arms"), James Stewart ("Mr. Smith Goes to Washington"), Bette Davis ("Dark Victory") and Irene Dunne ("Love Affair").

House Committee Approves \$666,000,000 Navy Program

Pendergast Forces Lose

Kansas City, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The Pendergast Democratic machine was beaten two-to-one on the only measure it backed in a charter amendment election but many competent observers said today it was only playing possum.

Reform votes carried a proposal to cut terms of elected city officials—including the Pendergast controlled council—from four years to two. This ends present terms in April. There will be an election in April to name new officials.

Loans Denied To Companies Under Labor Complaints

Washington, Feb. 14.—(AP)—J. Warren Madden, chairman of the labor board, disclosed today that the board had an arrangement with the RFC whereby it recommended that loan disbursements be withheld from companies against which the board issued Wagner act complaints. The chairman told a House investigating committee that the arrangement had been worked out last fall after RFC had broached the subject.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Fair, colder in east and central portions; freezing to the coast tonight; Thursday fair, slowly rising temperature in the interior.

Expansion Program Would Permit Navy To Construct 21 Ad- ditional Combat Ships And 22 Auxiliary Vessels.

Washington, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The House naval committee gave final unanimous approval of a two-year \$655,000,000 fleet expansion program today, less than 24 hours after another House committee slashed \$111,699,699 from President Roosevelt's budget for the Navy.

The expansion program, specifically approved by the President, would permit the Navy to construct 21 additional combat ships and 22 auxiliary vessels in the next two years.

Before taking final action on the program the committee received a letter from Secretary Edison asserting the Navy would have preferred the original three-year \$1,300,000,000 expansion it recommended "because it would permit better planning and because of the deterrent effects of such a program presented to the world at this time."

Chairman Vinson said, however, the committee was satisfied its plan would allow all the building the Navy could handle in the ensuing two years without additional facilities.

The Senate foreign relations committee postponed formal consideration on proposals to embargo exports to Japan but Chairman Pittman predicted that his committee eventually would approve an embargo resolution.

TANKER SINKS.

London, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The sinking of the British tanker Gretafield, 10,191 tons, off the northern coast of Scotland was reported today. Twenty-eight of the crew were rescued by trawlers, 13 others were reported missing.

Storm Grips Eastern U. S.

(By The Associated Press.)
A St. Valentine Day storm, swept by gale-like winds, tightened winter's grip on most of the east today as rain, sleet and snow brought reports of "worst conditions of the year" from many communities.

In New York City scores of persons were injured in falls on ice-coated streets.

Storm warnings were hoisted from Delaware Breakwater to Boston and the weather bureau reported gale winds off the coast.

Snow fell from southern New England to Washington, D. C., while Pittsburgh reported the heaviest snow fall in 38 years, 15 inches deep in the downtown area. Highway and air traffic was crippled throughout western Pennsylvania and hundreds of automobiles were marooned.

Cleveland reported the heaviest snow of the winter, ten inches deep, with hundreds of automobiles abandoned on the icy hills of Cincinnati.

Roosevelt Leaves On Vacation Trip

Washington, Feb. 14.—(AP)—President Roosevelt forsook the snow squalls and political storms of Washington today for a southern vacation cruise.

He headed southward with plans to be away for about ten days but otherwise there was no disclosure of details. Off Pensacola, Capt. H. A. Badt, of the cruiser Tuscaloosa, declined to comment on reports that his ship or the nearby destroyers Land and Joutel were on hand to take Mr. Roosevelt on a fishing trip.

BRITISH FREIGHTER REPORTED TORPEDOED

New York, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The 12,306-ton British freighter Sultan Star reported by wireless today that she was torpedoed 230 miles southwest of Land's End, England, and that the crew was abandoning ship. The Sultan Star's radio operator gave notice that he was going over-side eight minutes after the S.O.S.

PAYROLLS LOWER DURING JANUARY

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Forrest H. Shuford, commissioner of labor, reported today 905 concerns employed 2.1 percent less workers and had payrolls 4.6 percent less in the week ending January 15 as compared with a similar week in December. Shuford said the firms has 137,936 employees and payrolls of \$2,154,370 for the January week. The same group reported 140,834 workers and a weekly payroll of \$2,257,437 in December.

Resistance Is Useless, They State

Japanese Army Issues Proclamation Saying "Sufficient Areas" Won; Wang Ching-Wei Forming New Government.

Hongkong, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The Japanese army tonight issued a proclamation that it now had won "sufficient areas" in China for establishment of the new order in east Asia and urging Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek to surrender.

Further Chinese resistance is "useless," said the proclamation issued by Japan's south China command and addressed to General Chiang and his government.

The recent Japanese campaign in the south has brought the new situation about, the proclamation stated.

"Supply routes to Chungking (the Chinese capital) have been cut and rapid progress is being made in formation of a new central government in China under Wang Ching-Wei," the proclamation said. "Therefore in the future we will not expand our operations but will await your offensive. In case you adopt this latter plan we will resort to necessary tactics and add more pages to the war annals of the world."

Wang Ching-Wei, former Chinese premier, is establishing a new central government in cooperation with Tokyo and in opposition to the Chungking regime.

In messages to Chiang and other Chinese generals the Japanese command added that 50,000 Chinese had deserted or been captured and asked careful consideration "whether you should add to the depletion of your fighting forces or seek peace."

Murderer Is Given Stay

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Paroles Commissioner Edwin Gill announced today that Shepstone Holland, sentenced in Duplin county to be executed for the insurance murder of his stepson, would receive a 60-day reprieve so that further investigation of the case may be made.

There was no announcement concerning the fate of Nathaniel Bryant and William Young, Hoke county Negroes sentenced for the double crimes of murder and burglary, but it was indicated they would be executed Friday.

Holland's new death date was fixed at Mar. 3 under State law. Bryant and Young received a reprieve in December when they were involved in the death row slaying of Guard J. S. Chesser. Governor Hoey had announced he would not intervene for them but granted a reprieve so that a thorough investigation of the slaying could be made.

TWO GET CHARTERS.

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Thad Eure, secretary of state, issued charters Tuesday to Smith's incorporated drug business at Forest City, and Economy Homes, incorporated, a real estate firm at Winston-Salem.

Negro Women Rescued By State Police

Snow Hill, Md., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Heavily armed state police poured into this eastern shore community to restore calm today after a night of wild disorder climaxed when four state troopers waded in to rescue two Negro women from the hands of a mob of 1,000 men.

After hours of milling around the Worcester county jail the angry men bashed in a window last night, ripped a cell door from its hinges and made away with the women who were held for "investigation" in connection with the slaying of an elderly farmer.

The troopers caught up with the crowd at Stockton, where Harvey Pilchard was shot to death Sunday night by three Negro men who seriously wounded his wife.

There, led by Lt. Ruxton Ridgely, they battled apparently hopeless numbers briefly but viciously, seized the women—a mother and daughter—and dashed to safety across the Delaware line 50 miles away. Sgt. W. H. Water suffered painful injuries and at least two civilians were hurt.

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