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Rumors Say U. S. Ships Called Home

Lieutenant General Eiki Tojo Heads New Cabinet; Tokyo Newspapers Warn of Extreme Gravity in U. S.-Japanese Relations.

(By The Associated Press.) Japan today went under the military leadership of Lieutenant General Eiki Tojo, pro-axis former war minister, chosen as premier to succeed Prince Fumimaro Konoe amid a growing crisis in Japan's relations with Russia and the United States. Japanese quarters in Tokyo said generals and admirals would probably predominate in the new cabinet, and newspapers warned the people of the extreme gravity of the times. Simultaneously, unconfirmed rumors circulated in Manila that all American ships in the Pacific had been ordered to leave the high seas.

A Manila shipping executive said the Panama freighter, Perida, operated by the U. S. maritime commission, had been ordered by the U. S. Navy to return to Manila after sailing to the United States this morning. Other ships were said to have been instructed to proceed immediately to the nearest American or British port. "A fundamental disagreement exists between Japan and the United States," said the Tokyo newspaper Nihon Nichi. "Japan

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New Crisis At Bendix

Airplane Workers May Try to Close Plant; Consolidated Strike Threat Eased.

(By The Associated Press.) Strike threats eased today at the huge San Diego bomber plant of the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation, but a crisis appeared to be at hand at the Bendix, N. J., factory of Air Associates, Inc., where CIO men walked out two weeks ago.

The executive board of the AFL machinists union announced last night that plans for a strike at Consolidated would be held in abeyance "a reasonable length of time" in order to permit settlement to be reached in Washington. The disagreement, the board contended, was between

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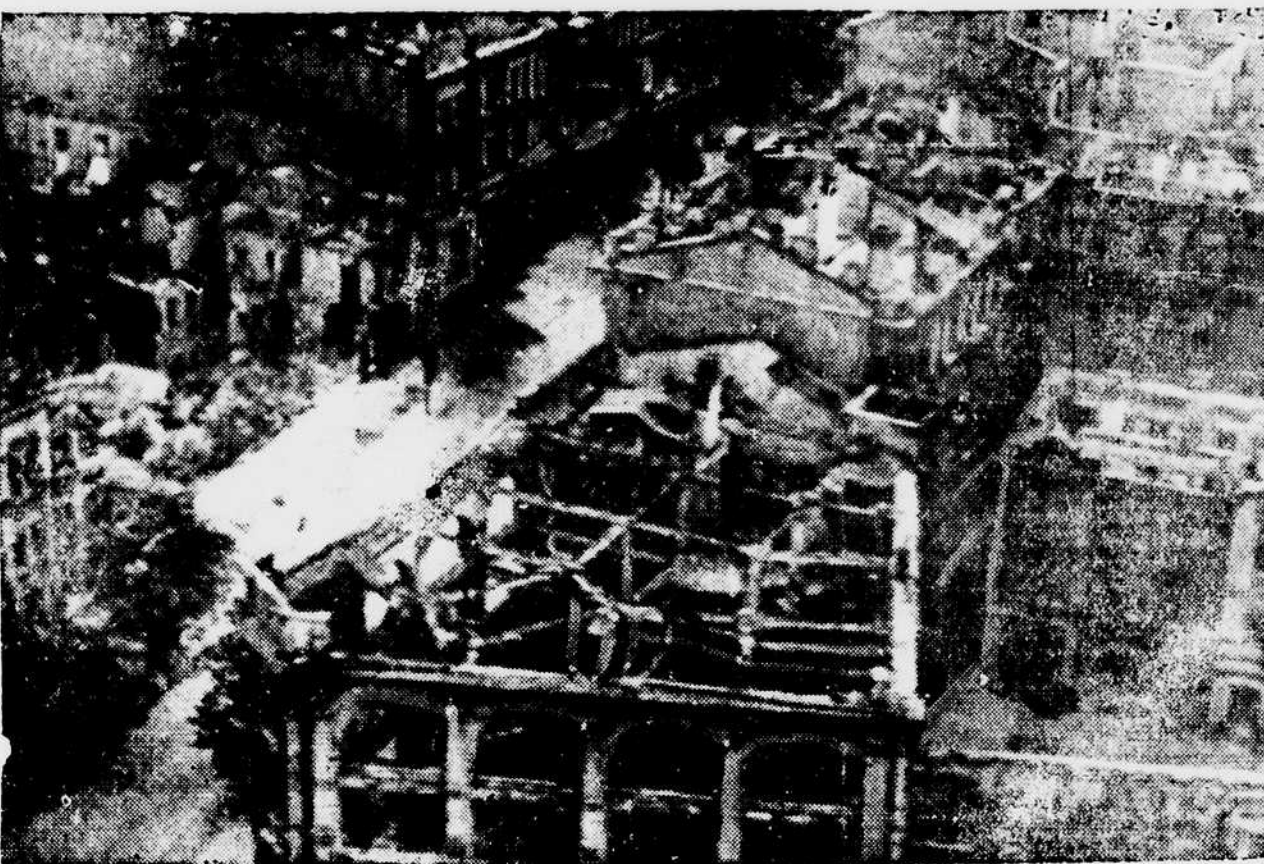
WCTU Plans Drive For Referendum

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Star Water Hotel, By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, Oct. 17.—The report and recommendations of Mrs. Helen C. Wohl, director of citizenship and legislation for the North Carolina Women's Christian Temperance Union, leaves no doubt that this unit of the prohibition forces intends to make a militant campaign next year for a legislative pledged to call a statewide referendum on the liquor question.

Mrs. Wohl's report was presented to the WCTU convention at Elizabeth City yesterday. She furnished this bureau a copy, upon which this story is based. Mrs. Wohl indicated that there will be no quarter asked and none given, as far as she is concerned. She called upon the WCTU to make effective

AFTER THE WAR PASSED OVER KIEV



Following the Soviet scorched-earth policy, Red soldiers retreating from Kiev, in southern Russia, left the town in ruins for the Germans, as shown in this radiophoto from Berlin to New York. Fire and mines were used in destroying the city and rendering it useless to the nazis. Time bombs left behind by the Russians took a heavy toll in lives.

German Drive Slows

Ships Home From Orient

Authoritative Quarters Say Japanese and Chinese Waters Banned to Vessels.

Washington, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Authoritative quarters indicated today that all American merchant ships had been ordered out of Japanese and Chinese waters because of what the Navy called "the situation in the Pacific."

The Navy, reported by Manila sources to have ordered the ship to proceed to the nearest American or British port, took this official position. "In view of the present situation in the Pacific, the Navy department has no comment to make."

Reliable informants, however, indicated strongly that the order had been issued. The number of American ships in Chinese and Japanese waters was said to be "small" with a "considerable" number of American ships operating in the rest of the Pacific. "Any orders that might have gone

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the political formula enunciated by Democratic National Chairman Ed Flynn in a speech in North Carolina some months ago in which he said: "There is only one thing that changes the thoughts and method of political leaders, and that is defeat. Without success at the polls their leadership lapses."

REQUISITIONING MEASURE SIGNED

Washington, Oct. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has signed into law legislation which would authorize him to requisition supplies, equipment and machinery needed for the nation at defense.

The White House announced this action today. In order to requisition any material, the President must first determine that there is immediate need which will "not admit of delay or resort to any other source of supply."

The law requires that the government pay compensation based on "fair market value" of the property.

out have been a matter for the Navy," a maritime commission spokesman said. "Our only jurisdiction is over commercial movements."

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temperance champions has already earned them the dry vote; and that all they have to do to secure the wet is to have the liquor issue out of the campaign."

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Reds Claim Some Gains

Members of Government Moving to Kazan; U. S. Embassy Staff Leaves Moscow.

(By The Associated Press.) Soviet dispatches today reported that stubbornly fighting Red army spearheads thrust into the key sectors of Vyazma, 125 miles west of Moscow, and Kalinin, 95 miles northwest of the Russian capital.

It was announced that the danger was still extreme, the Russians nevertheless averted that the German onslaught on the approaches of Moscow had been slowed by Soviet defensive armies of Marshal Semenov Timoshenko pressed in front of the capital for a last ditch stand.

Berlin reports said that Nazi troops slashing at Moscow's outer defenses—only 60 miles away at some points—had captured an important industrial section south of the U. S. S. R. capital and seized a power station which supplied the Moscow industrial region.

Authoritative quarters in London said the British military mission in Moscow was "on the move" and members of the Soviet government

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Generally fair tonight and Saturday except some cloudiness in the mountains, continued cool tonight, slightly warmer north and west portions Saturday.

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Final Vote On Measure 259 To 138

Legislation Now Goes to Senate; House Action Comes Soon After News of Torpedoing of U. S. Destroyer Kearny.

Washington, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Action came after hearing of the torpedoing of the destroyer Kearny, the House gave overwhelming approval today to the arming of American merchant ships.

The roll call vote on final passage was announced as 259 to 138.

The legislation now goes to the Senate. It would authorize the President to arm such ships during the unlimited national emergency which he proclaimed last May 27, and at the same time, would exempt them from the law which requires armed merchant vessels to be bonded in twice the amount of the value of the vessels and their cargoes.

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Eight U. S. Merchantmen Sunk Since War Began

Washington, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Eight U. S. merchantmen were sunk since the beginning of the war, the latest was the 7,052-ton tanker I. C. White, owned by American interests and flying the Panamanian flag. She was torpedoed in the South Atlantic on September 27.

Others were: The American-flag City of Rayville which struck a mine and sank in Australian waters in 1940. One death.

The Charles Pratt, a tanker owned by the Panama Transport company, a subsidiary of Standard Oil company (N. J.) torpedoed and sunk December 21, 1940, off West Africa. Two missing in crew of 42.

The American-flag Robin M. or, torpedoed, shelled and sunk by a German submarine in the South Atlantic, May 21. No loss of life.

The Sessa, former Danish ship operated by the maritime commission under Panamanian flag, sank August 17, 1940, 300 miles southwest of Iceland. Twenty-four members of crew, including one American, lost.

The American-flag Steel Seafarer, bombed from the air and sunk in the Gulf of Suez, September 5. No loss of life.

The Montana, former Danish ship operated by the maritime commission under Panamanian flag, torpedoed and sunk September 11 in waters off Iceland. Crew of 26 rescued.

The Pink Star, operated by maritime commission under Panamanian flag, torpedoed and sunk September 19, 250 miles southwest of Iceland. Twelve missing in crew of 26.

No other details were available, the Navy said. The position given for the torpedo attack was the same general area where the destroyer Greer was attacked unsuccessfully by a submarine more than a month ago.

It was the first torpedoing since President Roosevelt's speech on September 11, which gave the fleet its shoot-on-sight orders and barred all "defensive waters" of the United States to axis warcraft.

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On Patrol Southwest Of Iceland

No Casualties Indicated and Ship Proceeds Under Own Power; Torpedoing Occurred in Same Sea Area as Greer Attack.

Washington, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The Navy announced that the destroyer Kearny was torpedoed this morning while on patrol duty about 350 miles south and west of Iceland.

The Navy said no casualties were indicated in the dispatches received by the department and despite the damage the ship was able to proceed under her own power.

Lieutenant Commander A. L. Davis was the commander. The Kearny, completed only last year, is one of the Navy's newest destroyers.

No Comment In Berlin. Berlin, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Authorized Germans said tonight they had only American reports of the torpedoing of the U. S. destroyer Kearny and were unable to comment because there was no indication that a German naval vessel was involved.

They pointed out, besides, that German submarines are not in constant touch with their bases and usually return to their stations before making reports.

Armed with standard five-inch gun battery carried by ships of her class, the Kearny is 341 feet long, has 35-foot beam and displacement of 1,630 tons.

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Link Attack To Jap Move

Solons See Torpedoing in Light of Axis Developments; Other Capital Comment.

Washington, Oct. 17.—(AP)—A Republican senator and a Democratic representative agreed today that the torpedoing of the destroyer Kearny in the North Atlantic might be linked directly with axis developments across the world in Japan.

"The act was deliberate, there's no question about that," said Representative McCawley, Democrat, Massachusetts. "The United States, having taken a position in the center of submarine activities by action of President Roosevelt, according to plan, it is not surprising that this has occurred. I suppose there

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President Not Alarmed

Roosevelt Declares Attack on Kearny Occurred Within American Defense Zone.

Hyde Park, N. Y., Oct. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asserted today that the torpedoing of the United States destroyer Kearny southwest of Iceland was clearly in the American defense zone.

The Chief Executive declared, however, to discuss the incident in detail, telling a press conference he would leave that to the Navy department.

Three minutes after reaching his home here this morning, Secretary Knox called him by phone of the attack on the Kearny. He seemed surprised that the press had learned of the torpedoing so soon.

But there was little evidence

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British Commander Tells Story Of Flanders Defeat

London, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The grim reality of British failure in the battle of Flanders was told today in a publication of the official report of the British commander, Lord Gort, and a statement of the press pointed to a moral about sending any invasion force to the continent unless it was fully trained and equipped.

Lord Gort reported shortages of equipment and failure of coordination among the allied armies.

The Daily Express said the report "ought to be enough to stop the invasion, shouting and howling for immediate action before we make tanks to do it with. Brave men must never be sacrificed again by being sent to war without proper weapons."

Gort revealed that the government made him "sole judge" on the question of the surrender of the British

expeditionary force in the event the German cut off the troops from the beach head at Dunkerque.

Lord Gort related for the first time how allied Generalissimo, Maxime Weigand called for a counter attack by the British even as they were being taken back from the beaches of Dunkerque.

He also said that in another instance the British war office ordered an attack which had become impracticable before the order was issued. He blamed that on faulty information received from the French.

The former commander said the French persisted in refusing to withdraw to cover the Dunkerque evacuation until the final moments. When they joined the movement, Gort declared, the French nearly caused chaos by blocking roads with useless equipment.