



Truman In N. Y.

THOUSANDS of Gaihanites pass the sidewalks... President Truman today cancelled all of his scheduled out-of-town trips.

Indonesians Halt Fight

Truce Arranged By 'President'

By RALPH MORTON

Batavia, Java, Oct. 29.—(AP)—President Sukarno of the Indonesian republic was reported to have arranged a truce at Sempoa today between native nationalists and British Indian troops after the bloodiest fighting of the Allied occupation of Java.

Sukarno rushed to Soerabaja, big naval base, from Batavia, in a RAF plane to intervene in the serious street fighting in which the Indonesians mangled Japanese armored cars and tanks.

Air Strip Attacked

I flew with Sukarno and two of his cabinet members into Soerabaja and returned to Batavia in the only plane to get in and out of the naval base. When we arrived we found the air strip under fire and held by a thin patrol of British Mohattas.

As a result of the truce, 3000 died in the headquarters area of the British 49th Brigade and in the center and southwestern portions of the base city. A certain amount of firing still was going on in other areas of the city, but it was reported that the situation generally was quiet.

The first six hours of the battle were known to have taken the life of one Indian soldier. A British officer and several soldiers were reported wounded.

House Given Naval Bill

Washington, Oct. 29.—(AP)—A measure to fix the size of the post-war navy comes up in the House today to start what might be one of the chamber's busiest weeks in the coming legislative year.

It will be followed by a highly controversial appropriations bill for the United National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

There is no known opposition to the measure which expresses the sense of Congress that the United States should retain a two ocean navy of 1,082 major fighting ships.

YAMASHITA TRIAL OPENS IN MANILA

Manila, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Four Japanese sailors in Lt. Gen. Yamashita's Philippines command killed or wounded 100 women and children in a bloody orgy in a Red Cross aid station, a pretty survivor said today as the general's trial on war criminal charges opened.

The heavily medaled, bullet-headed Yamashita, detected at every turn in legal battling, took a keen interest. He followed legal arguments carefully with the assistance of a personal interpreter, but appeared to understand considerable English.



Approval Of Tax-Cutting Bill Nearing

Washington, Oct. 29.—(AP)—The 55,220,000,000 first percentage tax cutting bill was headed toward final passage today, amid new demands for a slash in federal spending and for a balanced budget.

The size of the tax reduction—almost one billion dollars above the limit set by the administration—caused some members of a House budget balancing bloc to balk, but they acknowledged the bill will pass despite their opposition.

Chairman Cramton of Missouri of the House appropriations committee led the opposition that tax pouring now would contribute to inflation and deficit government spending. He said it is "absurd" to cut taxes while asking the nation to subscribe to \$11,000,000,000 in victory bonds. He asked economy in federal expenditures.

On the other hand, Representative Knutson of Minnesota, senior Republican on the House ways and means committee, hailed the tax reduction as a boon to business. Future reductions, he said, "will depend on full production and elimination of wasteful spending by the administration."

Gov. Cherry Will Go To Senate Meet

Raleigh, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Governor R. Gregg Cherry plans to attend the fall get-together session of the North Carolina State Senate in Statesville November 1 and 2, he disclosed today.

He previously had planned to hurry back to Raleigh Friday afternoon to be host to President Truman who was scheduled to speak here Friday night, but who announced today he would be unable to visit here.

TRUMAN CANCELS TRIP

Mitchell: Plans Unchanged

Two Cabinet Members To Be At Meet

Vinson, Patterson Will Make Speeches At Senate Meeting

Statesville, Oct. 29.—(AP)—"Our planes have not changed one iota," declared State Senator Hugh Mitchell, chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements, when informed of a White House announcement today that President Harry S. Truman had cancelled his trip here Friday.

VINSON, PATTERSON TO COME REGARDLESS

Washington, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Secretary of the Treasury, Fred M. Vinson said today he planned to go to Statesville, N. C., to make a speech Friday night. War Secretary Robert G. Patterson is scheduled to speak Thursday night and Vinson Friday night at dinners, in connection with a special fall get-together meeting of the North Carolina State Senate.

Cherry Lauds Resource-Use Commission

Raleigh, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Governor Cherry said today that the newly organized North Carolina Resource-Use Commission "is potentially the most important body ever set up in State history."

Addressing the annual meeting of the State Association of Commercial Secretaries here, he said the commission was formed to improve the exploitation of natural resources to the end of great profits and at the same time to conserve them. One of the greatest needs of our State, he said "is to learn to utilize the natural resources which are available at home."

"To the end of development from within and without," Cherry told the Chamber of Commerce secretaries, the State of North Carolina and its current political set up is as devoted as you.

Break-Up Cities Says Professor

Washington, Oct. 29.—(AP)—A professor of sociology told Senators today that studies should be made to see how it might be possible to "break up our cities into smaller places less vulnerable" to atomic bomb attacks.

Dr. William Ogburn of the University of Chicago made the suggestion in a statement before a senate military-commerce subcommittee, considering bills for federal aid for atomic research.

The atomic bomb, he said, raises two big questions: "One problem is that of producing a lasting agreement among nations not to use the bomb. The other is to break-up our cities into smaller units."

President Harry Truman wants Congress to make sure that all atomic discoveries resulting from federal — financed scientific research will become public property. His position was outlined in a letter written by Reconversion Director John Snyder to Senator Harley M. Kilgore of West Virginia, Democrat and Warren Manguson of Minnesota, who has been holding hearings on a proposal to create a national research foundation.

The letter, made public today, said the President believes "the fruits of research financed by federal funds must become the property of the United States and should be made as freely and publicly available to all."



All Planned Junkets Are Said Affected

Pressure of Work In Capital Held Reason for Action

Washington, Oct. 29.—(AP)—President Harry S. Truman today cancelled all of his scheduled out-of-town trips.

Eben Ayers, assistant White House press secretary, said the cancellation applied not only to a projected week-end visit to North Carolina and Georgia, but also to a November 15 engagement at Liberty, Mo., a November 19 visit to Oklahoma city and Fort Sill, Okla., and an engagement at Waco, Texas, December 7.

Ayers attributed the decision to heavy pressure of business confronting the President in Washington.

The original week-end schedule called for visit to Statesville and Raleigh, Friday; Atlanta Saturday for a football game, and Warm Springs, Ga., Sunday for a luncheon with patients of the infatid paralysis foundation.

Has No Comment Ayers had no comment on an announcement by R. J. Thomas head of the CIO's United Auto Workers that he had an 11 a. m. engagement with Truman Friday.

There has been speculation he would cancel travel plans to give greater attention to the labor management conference opening next Monday, and to the meeting starting tomorrow on the Far Eastern Advisory Council.

The President had indicated a desire to talk with as many as possible of the delegates to the labor-management conference in advance of its opening. Meanwhile, he is drafting an important administration pronouncement on wage policy for disclosure to the nation in a major radio broadcast at 10 p. m. tomorrow.

FUNERAL TUESDAY FOR JUDGE LANE

Leaksville, Oct. 29.—Funeral services, will be conducted here Tuesday for Judge Henry P. Lane, 67, widely known resident of Leaksville who died yesterday at a local hospital following a heart attack.

Judge Lane was a native of Leaksville and was educated at Oak Ridge Institute and received his law degree from the University of North Carolina.

He was elected to the superior court bench after practicing law in Raleigh for a number of years and served for 16 years, retiring about 12 years ago. For the last decade he has been judge of recorder's court for Leaksville township.

Chinese And Communists Are Locked In Civil War

Strike Idle On Increase; 345,000 Out

110,000 Are Added To List of Those Away From Plants

(By The Associated Press)

The graph of the nation's strike tide curved sharply upward today touching approximately 345,000 today with the addition of some 110,000 persons to the list of those away from their jobs.

The additions came in new strikes in Akron, Ohio, where an unauthorized walkout of 400 maintenance and power employees of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. paralyzed production and sent 15,000 employees into idleness; and in the San Francisco area, where 13,000 AFL and CIO machinists joined in a strike which forced an additional 30,000 to stay home.

Likewise strike vote petitions to the NLRB were being prepared by representatives of more than 800,000 workers in the steel and electrical industries. And the AFL commercial telegraphers union planned a five-hour work stoppage Friday.

Union spokesmen said 52,000 of Western Union's 60,000 operators would join the demonstration. Issues, as in the numerous other strikes, revolved about wages. The telegraphers union, demanding a 23 1/2 per cent increase, planned its demonstration in protest of an NLRB award of an average four cent an hour boost.

The San Francisco machinists, like United Auto Workers, demanded a 30 per cent hourly wage increase. In the Akron dispute characterized as unauthorized by union officials, a spokesman for the group of pickets at the plant said the men were after more money. He asserted the men weren't on strike but had merely "quit work." The union scheduled a morning meeting to attempt a solution.

CZECHS CONFISCATE ALL AXIS PROPERTY

London, Oct. 29.—(AP)—President Eduard Benes, speaking or Czechoslovak independence day at the first meeting of the Czech parliament since 1939 said today he had signed a decree confiscating all German and Hungarian property in the country.

The proceeds, he said in the address broadcast by Prague radio, will be used as a part of the reparations owed Czechoslovakia by Germany and Hungary.

Warfare Growing In Intensity In Three Provinces

Chungking, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Reports of heavy fighting between Chinese Communists and Central Government troops in north China continued today as nation locked in civil war—real though not officially declared.

Warfare is growing in intensity in Shanghai, Shansi and Enyan provinces, said dispatches received in Chungking.

The Chinese press attributed to General Yen Hui-shan, governor of Shansi, now visiting Chungking, a statement that government forces had suffered 15,000 casualties. He was also reported to have said Communist losses were heavy in fighting around Chengde, a strategic town in southeast Shansi, which Yen admitted the Communists had captured.

Independent reports said that the Communists were destroying tracks and bridges as they retreated along railways.

This explained the slow movement of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's troops, which are advancing along the Peiping-Hankow and Tientsin-Togow railways to replace United States Marines in the Peiping-Tientsin area.

Insistent reports that the Russians were supplying the Communists with captured Japanese equipment continued to circulate in Chungking, but no one in authority would confirm or deny those rumors.

Other reports told of bitter fighting in 11 provinces, mostly in north China but including central parts of the nation and Kwangtung province.

Japan Hopes To Regain Place In World Society

Tokyo, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Unofficial Tokyo took hope today from President Truman's condemnation of foreign policy that Nippon might eventually regain a place in the economic and political society of nations, but not one government official would comment.

Marquis Koichi Kido, one of the emperor's closest advisors spent the entire morning in conference with the ruler after reading Truman's speech in Japanese newspapers.

Aides said Premier Shidehara and Foreign Minister Yoshida both read Truman's speech, but made no comment. All top government and palace officials declined comment.

On the occupation front, General MacArthur ousted Japanese officials from St. Paul's Episcopal university, directed the Japanese government to restore Christian teaching there and demanded an accounting of 81 other schools once supported by American gifts.

The directive charged that St. Paul's had been transformed into a non-Christian school in January 1943; that it had been looted and that its stone crosses had been destroyed.

On the political front, Domzi reported that most young Japanese peers want to forsake their titles and assume a commoner's status, following the lead of Prince Konoye. Konoye is expected to become active in conservative politics if his request to resign his title is granted by the imperial household.