



GENERAL MOTORS AND AUTO UNION CONTINUE TALKS

Increase of 10 Per Cent Is Promptly Rejected By The C.I.O.-U.A.W.

(By The Associated Press)
Efforts to settle the nation's major labor dispute, the walk-out of some 200,000 employees at General Motors plants highlighted the nation's strike picture today.

An offer of a 10 per cent wage increase to the strikers came at yesterday's initial conference since the start of the walkout last November 14. The offer was promptly rejected by the C.I.O.-U.A.W. union leaders. It was promptly rejected by the union but another meeting was arranged today to continue wage negotiations.

Despite the union's rejection of the 10 per cent offer, the union's demand for a 39 per cent boost, there remained an air of optimism in Detroit that some avenue of approach to settlement would be found.

At the same time G.M. offered a 15 per cent an hour hike to 25,000 C.I.O. United Electrical Workers who are demanding a \$2 a day boost. The electrical workers, who are planning a strike vote December 13, with out 245,000 employees in General Electric and Westinghouse plants, voted to the offer, but results were not announced.

The G.M. walkout involved about one-half of the total idle throughout the country because of labor disputes.

Also in Detroit, two federal commissioners had arranged the conferences of U.A.W.-C.I.O. and Chrysler corporation officials. Contract negotiations broke down, earlier and although strike action has been approved it is being withheld pending further developments in the G.M. walkout. The company's union contract, covering some 45,000 workers, expired December 4.

Rails, Aircrafts, Coppers Hold Lead

New York, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Railroads, aircrafts and coppers managed to edge forward in today's stock market, although profit pushing elsewhere threw many leaders for minor setbacks.

General Motors, Packard and Studebaker led the best buys for the week. Supported were New York Central, Northern Pacific, Boeing and D.P.M.

Secondary rail loans improved. Commodities steadied.

Dentists On Strike

London, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Five thousand dentists were on an unofficial strike in Surrey, Sussex, Kent and Hampshire today, refusing to give false teeth to persons with health insurance until the fees are raised to \$12 from the present rate of \$2.50.

The dentists have agreed to give emergency treatment to former soldiers and returned prisoners of war pending a decision by the Ministry of Health.

Chiang Troops Reach Mukden

Chongking, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Chinese Nationalist vanguards have reached the outskirts of Mukden and are expected to enter that vital Manchurian industrial city before December 10. Chinese dispatches reported today.

The Nationalists lost less than 100 men to light Communist resistance on the 200-mile sweep northward along the Peking-Mukden railway.

In China proper, Nationalists and Communists were reported fighting south of Kupeikow, one of the main passes leading to Jehol Province.

The Chinese press predicted that civil administration in Manchuria would be taken over from Russian authorities next week.

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Four Years Later the Infamy of Pearl Harbor Is Expounded in Washington



IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL today the threads of mystery behind the Pearl Harbor tragedy are being unraveled as Congress, through a 10-man committee, conducts a public hearing, right, in an effort to get the true story of the infamy. On that December morning in 1941, while



Japanese bombs fell on the major units of the U. S. fleet at Pearl Harbor, center above, in Washington, left above, two emissaries from the land of the rising sun, Ambassador Kichisaburo Nomura, left, and Special Envoy Soburo Kurosu, right, were in peace negotiation



conferences with the then U. S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull, center. The investigation, postponed for the three and one-half years it took to bring the "Sons of Heaven" to their knees, highlights America's observation of the catastrophe's anniversary. (International)

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Yamashita Guilty, Tribunal decrees; Appeals Pending

Manila, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita has a date with the hangman.

A live-general military commission today convicted the former Japanese commander of the Philippines of having permitted "a series of atrocities and high crimes by Japanese armed forces under your command" and passed the death sentence.

Those fatalities "were not sporadic incidents, but were almost methodically supervised by Japanese officers and non-commissioned officers," Maj. Gen. Russell Reynolds, president of the commission said as he read the verdict.

First To Be Sentenced

Yamashita thus became the first top war criminal of the Pacific to be sentenced and convicted.

Before hearing the verdict, the stoic defendant stood, visibly nervous, while an interpreter read this statement to the court:

"I wish to stand here today with a clear conscience and swear I am innocent to these charges. I wish to take this opportunity to express gratitude to United States officers of the defense, brilliant and upright officers. I thank the commission for a fair trial."

The entire court procedure required less than 13 minutes.

Has Appeal Pending

Yamashita, who already has lost an appeal to the Philippine supreme court to take over the case and free him from the military trial has an appeal to the United States Supreme Court pending. At least three additional appeals are to be made.

Defense counsel has indicated it will take full advantage of every chance because the Yamashita case is precedent setting in international law. Yamashita was the first Pacific war leader ever to be tried for war crimes.

Day after day, for more than three weeks of the 32 day trial, more than 200 prosecution witnesses related testimony of horrors committed throughout the Philippines by his soldiers. The general swore in the witness stand that he never before had heard of them.

TEMPORARY SUGAR SHORTAGE FORECAST

Washington, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Temporary sugar shortages will develop in some sections after new ration stamps are validated, January 1, OPA said today.

Sugar will be hardest to find on the east coast, which depends on Caribbean crops not expected to reach a great volume until about March 1, OPA said.

Individual consumer's sugar ration stamp 39 will be valid from January 1 to April 30. It will be good for five pounds.

Deacons Will Play In Florida Bowl On New Year's Day

Charlotte, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Coach D. C. "Pear-head" Walker said here today his Wake Forest football team had accepted a bid to play in a proposed "Gate Bowl" football game at Jacksonville, Fla., on New Year's Day.

Walker said he would inform sponsors of the event in Jacksonville this afternoon that his team was ready to play.

He also said that Nick Sacrinity, half-back and Dave Harris, end, who earlier in the week had been named to the eastern team to oppose the western all stars in the annual Shrine game at San Francisco on January 1, would play with the Deacons if they appear at the "Gate Bowl."

To Light Tree

Washington, Dec. 7.—(AP)—President Truman will light the living Christmas tree in the south lawn of the White House Christmas Eve.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told a news conference that the president will observe the annual custom in his first Christmas in the White House.

The ceremony will take place at 5 p. m. (EST) Monday, December 24.

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Foreign Heads Of 'Big Five' Might Confer

London, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A foreign office spokesman said today that Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin was expected to make an announcement, possibly late today, about a possible meeting of the foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, Russia, China and France.

Reports circulated that well-informed quarters that the five foreign ministers might meet in Moscow soon.

The spokesman said no further indication of the nature of their announcement could be given now.

Such a meeting would be the first for the five foreign ministers since their conference in London in October.

Ship Hits Mine

Singapore, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A Japanese ship carrying Japanese military prisoners to internment on the island of Rombang struck a mine outside the Singapore breakwater late today and was reported sinking fast.

Green Says Truman Foreign Policy Is Injuring Nation

Chicago, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Governor Dwight Green of Illinois charged before the Republican National Committee today that the Truman administration had "suffered the most humiliating defeat in history" by losing "every skirmish" in the international diplomatic arena.

In a vigorous polemic address, possibly protesting his candidacy for a GOP political nomination in 1948, the governor asserted that "we have been told that we should not raise our voice against the rape of Java by the British and Dutch for fear of offending some voters."

"We have been told," he said, "we must not even protest against the shameful betrayal of Poland for fear of offending Russia."

The Republicans must make up their minds in the first pre-emptive meeting of the national committee in four years, he declared, whether they are going to fish or cut bait.

Declaring that American diplomacy under Truman "has become the abject servant of British, French and Communist imperialism," Green said that "power politics again rule the world and the Truman administration has stood helplessly by."

BIG SEA AND AIR ARMADA SEARCHING FOR SIX AIRCRAFT

Six Torpedo Bombers, One Searched Plant Lost; 40 Men Aboard

Miami, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A vast sea and air armada was ordered out today to scan 100,000 square miles of the Atlantic in a last chance effort to rescue 27 men who disappeared with a formation of five torpedo bombers and a missing search plane.

The Navy alone ordered 246 planes to the air, while 10 surface craft, numerous merchant ships and other vessels made it probably the biggest rescue effort of peace time.

Two clues seemed definite enough to remove some of the mystery that clouded the disappearance of the entire formation of bombers, carrying 46 men, and the big Martin rescue craft that joined them in the Atlantic Wednesday with 13 men on board.

One was word from a passing ship, the S.S. Gaines Mills that it saw an explosion at sea off Smyrna Beach, Fla., at 7:50 p. m. Wednesday and what appeared to be an airplane falling. That may have been the fate of the search craft.

The other clue was a report by the airport weather station at Miami that a large area of turbulent air rolled out of a storm centered over Georgia, swept over Jacksonville about noon and reached Miami by midnight.

The missing formation was last heard from at 5:25 p. m. and its last position was given as 70 miles northeast of Coral Gables.

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