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UAW LOCALS MEET TO CONSIDER WORK PLEA FROM TRUMAN

Wage Dispute is To Be Reviewed at Detroit; Probe Is Sought

10 PER CENT BILE REJECTED
Detroit, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The General Motors council of the United Automobile Workers today rejected company offer of a 10 per cent wage increase. The council's action was taken at a special meeting of the representatives of G. M.'s 125,000 striking workers who were called into session to reply to an appeal by President Harry S. Truman to end their nationwide walkout.

Detroit, Dec. 8.—(AP)—General Motors local union delegates from 20 states convened here today to review a wage dispute that appeared only a few cents nearer solution than when their recommendations led to the wide-spread G. M. strike 18 days ago.

The 200 members of the national G.M. council were summoned into session by the International CIO-United Auto Workers specifically to consider President Harry Truman's plea to end their strike.

The latest development was the Japanese department's assurance that it was looking into car workers' charges that it has a "monopoly position" in the automobile industry because of the abundance of car parts of G. M. for engines, axles, pumps and other car parts.

Assessors have not commented on the investigation which was sought after the union asked the auto to relax its strike to permit possession of parts for rival but dependent automotive companies.

High on Agenda
The UAW's continued acceptance of this plea was expected to rank high on the national G. M. council's agenda. A letter appearing over U. A. W. President R. J. Thomas' signature—later disclosed to have been written by a union publicity man—emphasized it would have to be approved by the strikers themselves before any production could be resumed.

President Truman's appeal for an end to a proposed to appoint a committee to study the merits of the union's 50 per cent wage increase demand.

Truman requested by the President that the G. M. local delegates would be summoned to consider the plea and carry their recommendations back to the membership for deciding votes next week.

Truman Will Send Congress Message On British Loan

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—President Truman will send Congress a message asking approval for a \$4,000,000,000 credit to Britain.

He also told reporters at a press conference yesterday he had received no request from Russia for financial assistance. He made this reply when asked to comment on a report that Russia wants to borrow \$6,000,000,000.

Japs Learn War's Cost

Today, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Beaten Japan learned today on this fourth anniversary of her declaration of war on the United States—the staggering cost of defeat.

Some of the newly reported "price tags":

1. Japan is paying over \$2,200,000 daily to support American occupation forces.

2. Some Japanese war leaders may be tried in Hawaii for "murder" because of the Pearl Harbor attack.

3. A Diet member has demanded that Japan resign China's friendship by restoring the loot obtained from that nation.

4. Lt. Gen. Honma, who led the Japanese to victory in the Philippines is soon to be taken to Manila for trial.

5. The Japanese reading public for the first time is being presented an American army prepared outline of Japanese plotting which led to the nation's downfall.

Demands for the return of property stolen from China came in the diet from Liberalist Takeo Kimura. He also accused Premier Shidehara of "doing nothing to solve the important problems of the nation."

AS MILLION DOLLAR FIRE SWEEP WEST COAST DOCKS



HEAVY CLOUDS OF SMOKE billow from two burning navy cargo carriers and a merchant vessel at Long Beach, Cal., as a trio of fireboats pour water on the fierce blaze. More than 1,000 men fought the fire for three and one half hours before it was brought under control. Damage was estimated to be about \$1,000,000. Fifty persons were reported to have suffered injuries putting out the flames. (International Soundphoto)

Survivors Of Missing Planes Are Being Sought In Florida

HIS TAIL GOES ON A-WAGGIN'



YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD DOG DOWN and so, despite paralyzed hind legs, Queenie, a 9-year-old toy terrier, gets around very nicely in the ingenious contraption conceived by her owner Miss Rose Andree, of Baltimore, Md. She refused to allow her pet to be destroyed and rigged up the cigar box cart-on-wheels pictured above. (International)

Commercial Pilot Sees Flares, Fire North of Miami

Miami, Fla., Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Navy announced that flares and a large fire were seen 20 miles apart in the desolate marsh lands between Melbourne and Orlando, Fla., shortly after 2 a. m. today and said search crews were being rushed to the scene in the hope of finding some survivors of 27 missing naval planes.

In addition, the Navy said, green flares were seen at 2:50 a. m.; approximately 150 miles east of Great Abaco Island, in the Bahamas.

The Coast Guard cutter Pandora, one of scores of bessels flung into the great air-sea search for the lost men, was racing to the scene.

The Pandora was reported about 60 miles away.

The Navy said an Eastern Airlines pilot spotted red flares and lights at 2 a. m. about 10 miles southwest of Melbourne, 100 miles north of Miami and saw a man standing in the eerie light of the flares but no wreckage.

Sights Large Fire

Five minutes later, the E.A.L. pilot reported that he saw a large fire burning between Melbourne and Orlando about 20 miles from the position of the flares.

Swiftly investigating the reports—the first possible clues to the mysterious disappearance of five naval torpedo bombers and a naval search plane which set out to find the torpedo planes—a sevy plane was sent from Banana River naval air station to fly over the sea.

Flare Observed

The pilot flashed back word at 2:30 a. m. that he also observed a flare from 15 miles inland southwest of Melbourne, 100 miles north of Miami. At 4 a. m. the Navy said, a rescue squad of jeeps and amphibious craft from the Banana river station sped to the scene.

At 6:15 a. m., a marsh "weasel"—the type used in rescue work in the Everglades—and several more craft set out to join the search.

A dense fog handicapped the hunting parties, however, as they pushed inland across the dreary grass country which is sparsely inhabited.

Crash Fatal To Fifteen Army Men And Two Aviators

Billings, Mont., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Fifteen army men, several of them under discharge orders and two Northwest Airlines pilots were reported killed today during a snow storm when their west-bound plane, a C-47, crashed and burned one mile west of Billings in a field.

Names of the dead are being withheld by army authorities and airline officials.

British Prosecutor



OPENING the second phase of the world's case against the German war leaders, Sir Hartley Shawcross, chief prosecutor for the United Kingdom, is shown as he presented official records in the Nuremberg courtroom. (International)

Lint Market Up 20 Cents At End

New York, Nov. 6.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 10 to 35 cents a bale higher.

Cotton futures closed five cents a bale lower to 20 cents higher.

Open Close

December 24.70 24.69

March 24.84 24.59-60

May 24.18 24.43-43

July 24.17 24.13

October 23.38 23.35

December (1945) 23.27 23.25

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair and a little warmer today, Sunday, partly cloudy and mild, followed by colder in the west portion Sunday afternoon.

Marshall, Army Heads Expected Japs To Hit West Coast Or Panama

High Command Thought 100 Planes Would Deter Japan

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The United States high command expected the Japanese to bomb airplane factories in Seattle, Wash., and San Diego, Calif., rather than Pearl Harbor in 1941, General George C. Marshall disclosed today.

General Marshall said the high command thought 100 four-engine bombers would be enough to deter Japan from attacking the West Coast.

"I assumed Guam would be captured, probably Wake, though taking Wake island would be more difficult. There was a possibility that an effort would be made to strike the Panama canal."

Marshall said he thought the most improbable form of Japanese attack would be what actually happened: a blow at Hawaii.

At that time the aircraft industry of the west coast was starting to reach high production, although quantity production had not yet reached the armed forces.

Marshall said he believed late in 1941 that "if we had 100 four-engine bombers in the Philippines, Japan would have halted her aggression."

The former chief of staff told the investigators that every effort was being made then to gain time for strengthening America's Pacific outposts.

100 Was Many Then
"We think in thousands now, but 100 then was a very large concentration of bombers. I feel that if we had 100 four-engine bombers in the Philippines, Japan would not have undertaken operations in the south China Sea or dare to attack the Philippines," he testified.

Marshall was on the stand for the third day.

Senator Owen Brewster of Maine had planned to find out Marshall's opinion on whether a step 49th agreement with Japan in November 1941 might have headed off war. But Brewster's father died last night and the senator was absent today.

The committee today was mulling over the revelation that the United States had cracked the Japanese code—was cock-tail bar gossip in Washington, and Tokyo never got wise.

Army officers spoke carefully about it. One man employed as a "code-cracker" tried to see the information. Fliers in the Pacific suspected it.

Marshall told the committee late yesterday how one thing after another turned up to give him the military creeps.

It came out when he was explaining how he heard Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York knew the secret and feared it might be made public during the 1944 presidential campaign when Dewey was the Republican nominee. Dewey kept silent at Marshall's urgent plea.

The general said he didn't know how Dewey got the information.

The original code-cracking staff of several hundred had grown to 16,000 before the end of the war—a lot of chances for leaks to Japan.

Always Marshall was afraid the Japanese would discover what enabled United States forces to smash them in the Coral Sea and at Midway, but they never did.

Five Die In Mebane Wreck

Mebane, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Five persons were killed and a sixth injured today when a car in which they were riding rammed a packed tobacco trailer on highway 119 about five miles north of Mebane.

British To Start New Policy In Java: Heavy Armed Attacks On Nationalists

Batavia, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Highest authorities said today the British had decided to bring whatever additional forces might be needed into Java to restore order and establish Dutch rule in the Netherlands East Indies.

The decision, which would end the British policy of dealing with Indonesian independence leaders in an effort to work out a compromise, was said to have

been reached at a Singapore conference, between Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten and British, French and Dutch commanders.

A fully informed source said the new plan called for use of a large number of Dutch troops as well as British reinforcements.

The Dutch, this source said, would hold various objectives after they were taken by the British.

State Urges Vaccination Of Children

59 Deaths In N. C. From Diphtheria; Warning Is Issued

Raleigh, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The State Board of Health issued a plea today for immunization against diphtheria, and reported there had been 59 deaths in North Carolina through October and 1,817 cases through November.

The figures represented a 100 per cent increase in deaths from diphtheria over the same period last year and a 120 per cent increase in cases. Most of the deaths were children under five years of age.

The department says that "for some time prior to the present flare up of diphtheria in North Carolina, there was a decline in the demand for toxoid, the immunizing agent, through the use of which diphtheria is prevented."

The law provides for immunization of children between six and 12 months of age, or if a child has not previously been immunized, then before he or she enters school. Violation is punishable by a fine of \$50 or 30 days in jail.

9,195,000 Bales Cotton Now Forecast

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department today reported the indicated production of cotton at 9,195,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight.

This estimate compares with 9,036,000 bales forecast a month ago with 12,230,000 bales produced in 1944, and with an average production of 12,295,000 bales for the 1943-44 period.

The average harvest, the yield per acre and the indicated production for 1944 and 1945 respectively were reported as:

North Carolina 750,000 and 550,000; 454,900 and 371,000; 710,000 and 420,000.

Amusement Stocks Push Market High

New York, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Buyers concentrated on amusements, asserted rails, utilities and Indus-trials in today's brief stock market lifting favorite fractions to over two points.

It was another of the liveliest Saturday sessions since 1940.

Registering highs were Paramount, 20th Century-Fox, RKO, Allied Chemical and Packard.

Ahead most of the time were U. S. Rubber, Westinghouse and Goodrich.

Claims 'Atomic Car'



INVENTOR, says he, of an automobile engine that uses atomic power, Dr. John Wilson of Harrow, England, is pictured in London holding a small and heavy metal cylinder which he calls his atomic power generator. Having promised to demonstrate his car for the British Minister of Fuel, Dr. Wilson apologized for failure to meet the appointment, saying the job had been sabotaged. He'll try again in a month, he says. (International)

U.S. Releases Red Note On Iran Strife

'Reactionaries' Are Blamed by Moscow For Civil Trouble

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Russia blames the trouble in northern Iran on "reactionary elements which have opposed the extension of national rights" to peasants of that area, the State department disclosed today.

This information came with the release of the text of Russia's reply to a United States note of November 24th, urging that all Russian, British and American troops, evacuate Iran by January 1.

Russia pointed out it already had agreed with Britain to withdraw the troops by next March 2 and said it saw no reason for acting earlier.

Foreign Commissar Molotov also said that Russia "adheres unwaveringly" to the Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin declaration in Tehran in 1943, which pledged the three countries to maintain the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iran.

He said the question of the time for removal of Russian and British troops had been decided at the council of foreign ministers in London two months ago and that no objections had then been raised "in any quarters."

MONTGOMERY UPHOLDS 11 DEATH SENTENCES

Hanford, Germany, Dec. 8.—(AP)—British Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery today rejected all appeals of 11 Nazi SS officials condemned to die for inhumane treatment of prisoners. Affirmed were the sentences of Joseph Kramer, commander of the Beesen and Osterweiden concentration camps, and Olga Irma Gress, young, pretty SS woman guard as well as nine other officials.

13 Shopping days till Christmas

