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## Cordial Feeling Marks Foreign Minister Meet

### Byrnes And Bevin Given Warm Hand

Molotov In Good Spirits At Start Of Atomic Parley

Moscow, Dec. 17.—(AP)—In an atmosphere of cordiality, enhanced by an informal preliminary meeting last night, the foreign ministers of the Soviet Union, the United States and Britain turned today to the serious business of bringing their countries close together in the interest of world peace.

A British spokesman said the foreign ministers would meet for the second time this afternoon, and observers expected they would embark at once on discussion of the momentous issues which had brought them together, concerning the question of international control of atomic energy.

Their first meeting last night took place in brightly lighted Sperdyonofka palace, the resplendent green stone building where the Soviet Union usually stages important diplomatic conferences, and lasted about two and one-half hours.

Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov, as the host, presided over the proceedings—his first joint meeting with Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and British Foreign Secretary Bevin since the unsuccessful session of the foreign ministers council in London last September.

U. S. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman and British Ambassador Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, as well as other members of the American and British delegations, were present.

The terse official announcement of the initial meeting gave no details, but its atmosphere of friendly feeling and friendly cooperation was apparent. Molotov was described as warmly cordial and hospitable.

## Admiral Set Jap Noose

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Vice Admiral Theodore Wilkinson related today that he set a death trap for Japanese Admiral Yamamoto, 65, six years later the Japanese would thereby learn that the United States was cracking their code.

The former head of naval intelligence, and later a sea fighter with Admiral William F. Halsey, gave the account to a Senate-House committee investigating the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941.

Wilkinson's testimony was delayed by a political snafu among members at the opening of the session.

During the arguments, precipitated by controversy over committee employees and the course of the inquiry, Representative Keith, Wisconsin, demanded to know at one point whether the group was investigating Pearl Harbor or Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

Along with Wilkinson's testimony the committee also received naval documents showing that:

1. Six days before the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor the office of naval intelligence believed the Japanese might soon make some advance against Thailand.

2. On November 15, 1941, a naval intelligence summary spoke of the "approaching crisis" in U. S.-Japanese relations.

## U. S. Supreme Court Halts Execution Of Yamashita

May Get Navy Post



REPORTS from the Capital state that Edwin W. Pauley (above) heads a list of possible choices to succeed James V. Forrestal as Secretary of the Navy. At present, he is engaged in working out the Japanese reparations problem. As the President's personal representative, he ranks as an ambassador. (International)

## Abdication Of Hirohito Speculated

Tokyo, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Prince Fumihara Konoye's dramatic suicide yesterday, a new and powerful blow to the prestige and position of Emperor Hirohito, may have profound repercussions in the imperial household, as well as in political circles.

The prince himself, in his final hours, expressed concern for the future of the imperial house, as discussions of possible abdication were revived.

Some Japanese said the suicide might be the final factor in precipitating the emperor's resignation.

Donaldson, Hirohito personally felt the blow deeply. Konoye, long was his close confidante, and it was generally believed the Mikado placed great authority in the dangerous prince.

## Sharp Reverses Hit Stock Mart In Early Trade

New York, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Stocks generally broke one to seven points in today's market before timid support arrived and steamed the slide. Prominent on the reaction were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Chrysler, General Motors, Packard, Southern Pacific and American Telephone.

## TABRIZ IS HELD BY INSURGENT FORCES

Tehran, Persia, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Tabriz, capital of Azerbaijan province, was reported today entirely in the hands of insurgent forces, which an Iranian general officer asserted overpowered the small central government garrison with the help of restrictive measures imposed by Russian occupation troops.

The Russians, the general declared confiscated the side arms of the Iranian officers and restricted the government garrison to its barracks. Then, he said, "well armed democratic party forces (insurgent) occupied higher buildings completely surrounding the barracks."

## Urges Early Testimony By Short And Kimmell

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Senator Brewster, of Maine, suggested today that the Pearl Harbor committee cut short other evidence to hear Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short and Admiral Husband E. Kimmell.

Brewster told a reporter he believes time has come in the month-old hearing to have the former Hawaiian commanders tell their version of the events leading up to the Japanese attacks on December 7, 1941.

"Short and Kimmell are not on trial here," the Maine senator said. "This is not a court-martial where all the other evidence must be produced before they are heard from. They ought to testify soon. Then, perhaps, we'll be looking elsewhere to place some of the blame."

Brewster said he had taken up the matter with William F. Mitchell, committee counsel, adding that Mitchell did not seem adverse to the suggestion. Mitchell, however, declined to estimate how long it would be before the two testified.

## Manila Verdict Is Challenged In Plea By Japanese Chief

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Supreme Court today granted a stay of execution to Japanese General Yamashita, who was sentenced to death by an American military commission in Manila.

The trial, held at a conference room after leaving the court room at the completion of its regular session for the day. The action was taken a few minutes after the arrival of an air mail petition from Yamashita asking review of a decision by the Philippines Supreme Court in his case.

Secretary of War Patterson earlier had ordered Yamashita's execution, pending a final decision by the Supreme Court on his petition. The Philippines court denied Yamashita's contention that the military commission was illegal, and that the "highest general court should take jurisdiction."

The Supreme Court also has under review a petition in which Yamashita challenged the authority of the military commission to try him. He asked to be brought to Washington for a hearing before the court or one of its justices.

## State Prisoners Will Have Feast This Christmas

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Quite a feast will be served to North Carolina's approximately 6,000 prisoners on Christmas.

On Christmas Eve they will be given bags of apples, nuts, candy, raisin and cigarettes—paid for from profits realized from confection sales at the prisons and camps.

The Christmas dinner menu will be: Roast turkey with dressing, giblet gravy, creamed potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, nickles, celery, hot biscuits, coffee and a choice of four kinds of cake—fruit, coconut, chocolate or orange.

### 6 Shopping days till Christmas

## JAP OFFICER DESCRIBES 'INDIANAPOLIS' SINKING



TESTIFYING AT THE COURT-MARTIAL in Washington of Capt. Charles B. McVay, skipper of the cruiser Indianapolis, Comdr. Ike Hashimoto indicates on a chart the position of his ship when it fired six high-speed torpedoes at the Indianapolis, scoring three hits. Adm. Wilder D. Baker (seated), president of the court, listens to interpreter Francis Eastlake's rendition of Hashimoto's testimony. (International Soundphoto)

## Doolittle Outlines Peace Plans

Air General Talks At Wright Memorial Kitty Hawk Program

Kitty Hawk, N. C., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, speaking from the wind-swept hillside where exactly 42 years ago the Wright brothers flew the first flimsy crate of an airplane, today outlined "three means of assuring peace until we have a world police force to enforce the international law."

They were:

1. "The aggressive continuation of research and development.
2. "The establishment of an ultra-modern, highly mobile, readily extendible military organization in being, which is composed of the smallest Army, Navy and Air Force compatible with our requirements.
3. "The establishment of a single department of international defense in which the Army, Navy and the Air Corps are equal and autonomous. This will avoid duplication and waste, and assure the most economical, adequate military set-up, in which each service will be built up and financially supported according to its value as a defensive and offensive agency."

Standing beneath the towering shaft erected on Kill Devil Hill, overlooking the Atlantic, in memory of the Wrights' 450-foot flight on December 17, 1903, Doolittle warned that "our power is the safeguard of our nation."

The former head of the eighth air force in Europe and leader of the first air raid on Tokyo said:

"It was the spirit of progress that carried Wilbur and Orville Wright to one of the greatest achievements of all time. In the same spirit and in the shadow of this inspiring monument, let us rededicate ourselves to making American commercial and military aviation truly outstanding. In this way we can go forward not only in world progress, but toward that common goal we all seek: national prosperity and world security."

## Argue Price, Profit Range

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The issue of prices and profits and their relation to wages stalled the government's oil wage fact-finding board today at the opening of its first meeting.

The panel, regarded as a guinea pig in the use of Federal fact-finding in labor disputes, recessed until afternoon, when both the CIO oil workers' union and oil industry representatives demanded that it decide the wage-price question before continuing with the hearing.

Dr. Frank P. Graham, chairman of the board, said the panel would confer with Secretary of Labor Schwelbener and soon C. Collett, economic stabilization director, during the afternoon.

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## Picket Lines Cracked By Police At GM Plant

MURRAY SCORES TRUMAN PLAN



JUST BEFORE THE OPENING in Washington of a hearing on President Truman's program for government fact-finding boards to settle strikes, CIO President Philip Murray (left) talks to Rep. Robert Ramspeck of Georgia, Acting Chairman of the House Labor Committee. Murray termed Truman's plan "wholly impracticable." (International)

## 600,000 Hitler Leaders Accused At Nazi Trials

## Six Killed, 60 Hurt In SAL Wreck

Kellogg, S. C., Dec. 17.—(AP)—The death toll in the wreck of two of the Seaboard Air Line's luxury trains packed with noisy holiday travelers and home-bound dazed soldiers was revised downward today.

The division headquarters of the railroad at Norfolk, Va., said a re-check disclosed that only six persons lost their lives when the Florida-bound Sevier Nelson, streaking through merriment, plowed into the northbound Sam Queen near here early Sunday.

Previously, the Seaboard had reported seven killed, but a duplication was discovered in the name of a service man. One soldier and two navy men were killed, the railroad said, but authorities are withholding their names pending notification of kin.

Kellogg, S. C., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Eight persons were reported killed.

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## U. S. Prosecutors Ask Convictions For Large Group

Nuernberg, Dec. 17.—(AP)—American prosecutors today called on the international military tribunal to convict as war criminals 600,000 members of the Nazi leadership corps, described as "the brain, backbone and directing arm of the Nazi party."

Opening a new phase of the war crimes trial of 21 top Hitlerite leaders, the prosecution urged that thousands of members of such once powerful organizations as the leading corps, the elite guard (the SS), the storm troops (the SA), the Reich cabinet, the Gestapo and the German high command, also be declared guilty as war criminals.

Jails in the Allied occupied area are filled with thousands of such former members.

If the six indicted German organizations are convicted of being criminal groups, these members will automatically be guilty of war crimes to varying degrees, American prosecutors declared.

Colonel Robert G. Storey, assistant United States prosecutor, opened the new phase of the

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## McVay To Offer Own Testimony In Tuesday Session

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Capt. Charles B. McVay III will testify in his own defense tomorrow at the court-martial, defense counsel disclosed today.

McVay, skipper of the cruiser Indianapolis, is on trial on charges of negligence and inefficiency in the loss of the ship last July 30 between Guam and Leyte.

Under Navy court-martial procedure, the accused officer cannot be required to testify and the record must show that he requested permission to do so.

## Chinese Nationalists May Favor Coalition

Chungking, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Minister of Information J. C. Wu declared as his "personal opinion" today that the Chinese government would agree to a coalition with the Communists, provided there were no independent armies or territories in China.

Wu asserted the Communists, whenever, wanted to retain their armies and obtain independent control over the northern provinces, where the civil war perils now are greatest.

The minister declared that official negotiators here did not consider President Truman's statement on America's China policy in the light of a

## Office Unit Is Escorted Into Mills

Navy To Relinquish Control At Plants Of Sinclair Firm

Detroit, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Police cracked a picket line of CIO United Auto Workers today, while in other factories the picket line opened voluntarily.

A flying wedge formation of police charged the line at the A-C spark plug division in Flint, bringing some 30 office workers into the administration building at the outset, with another 120 later following.

General Motors, which has charged UAW-CIO with "illegal picketing," and has sought injunctions in Ohio, Illinois and New Jersey, had directed office workers in several cities to report today.

Thirty-eight thousand of these workers, supervisory personnel and other workers have been idle since the 26-day-old walk-out of union workers over the wage demand.

Although office workers entered GM plants in other Michigan cities without untoward incident, the State police sent out an alert order to all cities to stand ready to meet any non-striker since the day the strike began. Strikers in Flint, however, had protested the entry of any. Shouts of "beat" greeted the non-striker's appearance today.

## NAVY PLANS TO RELEASE ELEVEN SINCLAIR PLANTS

The Navy prepared to relinquish control tonight of eleven Sinclair Oil Company plants seized last October 5 with 42 other refineries and oil properties during CIO oil workers' strikes.

President H. F. Sinclair of the company announced last night the dispute had been settled. The 8,400 Sinclair employees will receive an 18 per cent pay raise for a basic 40-hour week. The new contract will contain clauses barring strikes and lockouts.

Meanwhile, in Washington, a government fact-finding committee was scheduled to take up the oil industry's rate dispute today. The oil workers demand for a 30 per cent wage increase resulted in a strike, and President Truman ordered the Navy to seize the 53 oil properties when the country's petroleum supply was threatened. ABQ, 15 of the plants thus far have been ordered returned to private control.

Another government fact-finding committee was scheduled this week to look into the CIO-UAW dispute with the General Motors Corporation, which has filed 215,000 G. M. employees, more than half of the 400,000 idled in labor troubles across the nation.

The UAW-CIO was busy on other sectors of the automotive front. Union representatives will meet for the first time today with officials of the Kaiser-Frazier corporation, newcomers in the industry. Wage talks, meanwhile, will be resumed with both General Motors and Ford.

"Company security" entered the picture where Ford and Kaiser-Frazier are concerned. Reports persisted that Ford, pleased with the union's plan to penalize "wildcat" strikers, would make an offer in the deadlock over the UAW'S 30 per cent wage demand.

## WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and continued cold tonight, becoming partly cloudy and slightly warmer Tuesday; lowest temperature tonight 10 to 15 in interior and 15 to 20 near coast.