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Marshall In China; Communists Seeking To End Long Fight

Reds Ask Chiang Government For End To Hostilities Now; Conference Set

Shanghai, Dec. 20.—(AP)—General George C. Marshall, former army chief of staff arrived today on his mission to end internal strife in China—and as he stepped from his plane, Chinese Communists asked the Central Government in Chungking to agree to an immediate, unconditional cessation of hostilities.

MINISTERS MAKING PROGRESS AT MEET

Conference Is Expected To Last Until at Least Next Week

Moscow, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The foreign ministers of Russia, Britain and the United States were reported making steady progress as they entered the fifth day of their conference today, but there were indications they did not expect to finish by Christmas.

The first indication that the meeting might go over into next week and possibly continue after Christmas was a disclosure by a Moscow newspaper that United States Secretary of State James F. Byrnes planned to attend the annual Christmas Eve dinner of the American colony Monday.

Many Problems Ahead

So far there has been no official estimate as to how long the conference will last, but observers pointed out that the ministers had before them a multiplicity of problems, some of which were extremely complicated and that disposition of these issues would naturally require time.

It also was pointed out that three planes loaded of British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's technical experts and advisors had been delayed in Berlin, where they were promised by bad weather. The weather also delayed the dispatch of conference documents to London by air.

Byrnes and Bevin conferred with Russian Foreign Commissar Molotov only an hour and 15 minutes yesterday. Today's meeting also was expected to be short because of a repetition which Molotov planned for 9 p. m.

CARLAN BABY DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES

Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 20.—Six-month-old Ronnie Carlan whose mother precipitated the most sensational kidnapping hoax in Massachusetts history, died of natural causes, medical Examiner William J. Buckley reported today.

Buckley said that the infant, whose body was found concealed in the bottom of a bulletin chest closed by the Carlan home, died of "respiratory acute general respiratory infection," and a recent local bronchial pneumonia, due to inhalation of food, the manner to be determined.

Widow Of Mansfeld Found Guilty

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Socialite Annie Mansfeld, charged with the slaying of nurse Bada Martin, supposed lover rival, was convicted of manslaughter last night by a superior court which deliberated four hours and 33 minutes.

Next Wednesday the same jury of six men and six women, who sat through the three and a half week court battle, will again convene to determine if the 45-year-old San Francisco matron was sane when she shot the pretty 36-year-old nurse last October 4.

Mrs. Mansfeld, widow of wealthy Dr. John H. Mansfeld who committed suicide a few hours after the tragedy, pleaded innocent and innocent by reason of insanity. Under California law she now must stand trial on the second half of the plea.

Marshall is expected to meet with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek at Nanking tomorrow to discuss the present situation. The meeting will be their first since the Cairo conference of Prime Minister Churchill of Britain, Chiang and President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Associated Press Correspondent Spencer Moosa at Chungking reported the Communists' move toward a cease fire agreement. Lu Ting-qi, peace parley delegate, told him of the plan and disclosed that Red Labor Leader Chou En-lai would seek an audience with Marshall to present the Communist case.

The American special envoy stepped briefly from a C-54 transport plane from Manila at Shanghai's Kiangwan airport this afternoon and proceeded to the Cathay Hotel for conferences with Lieut. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, American commander in China.

War Power Act Passed

Half-Year Added To Life of OPA

Washington, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Six southern Democratic senators teamed with a solid Republican bloc yesterday to vote a six-month extension to a full year's extension for the second war powers act under which rationing is carried out.

The thin margin of one vote—the roll call was 31 to 30—assured the six months only extension previously approved by the House.

Democratic pre-holiday attendance was reflected in the vote which saw Democratic Senator Bilbo, of Mississippi, Byrd, of Virginia, Hoey, of North Carolina, McClellan, of Arkansas, O'Daniel, of Texas, and Tidings of Maryland, aligned with 24 Republicans and one Progressive against the longer term of power.

The bill goes back to the House for consideration of an amendment affecting the nationalization of soldiers, and provides that the applications can be filed only by persons who are in the military or naval services at the time the extension bill is enacted.

Senate Republicans argued successfully for the six months limit, pointing out that OPA's price control powers run out next June and declaring the ration and price authority should be considered together.

Others powers which would be extended include:

To dispose of property seized for war purposes.

To waive navigation and inspection laws to speed the movement of troops.

To coin five-cent pieces out of silver and copper, extended only until December 31, 1945.

Lint Futures Show Slight Noon Gain

New York, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 10 to 25 cents a bale higher.

Noon prices were five cents a bale lower to 15 cents higher. March 24.68, May 24.59, July 24.35.

| | Pv Close | Open |
|--------------|----------|-------|
| March | 24.67 | 24.69 |
| May | 24.57 | 24.62 |
| July | 24.36 | 24.40 |
| October | 23.37 | 23.41 |
| December | 23.30 | 23.28 |
| March (1946) | 23.15 | 23.18 |

CONGRESS APPROVES PALESTINE MEASURE

Washington, Dec. 20.—(AP)—House administration opposition, the House yesterday passed a Senate-approved resolution calling on the Government "to use its good offices" with Great Britain to permit free entry of Jews into Palestine. The legislation represents an expression of Congressional sentiment and is not binding upon the President.

FIGHT CONTINUES FOR INDONESIA'S

Batavia, Dec. 20.—(AP)—British artillery pounded trouble spots in northwestern Bandoeng for an hour today, as fighting which has already cost British and Indian troops almost 1,200 casualties continued in Indonesia.

HELICOPTER COMMUTER BEATS BUFFALO BLIZZARD



WITH ALL LOCAL TRANSPORTATION HALTED by a blizzard that buried Buffalo under five feet of snow, Floyd W. Carlson, who lives in nearby Williamsville, N. Y., was not disturbed. He merely brushed the snow from his helicopter, stepped on the starter, took off from his back yard and soared over the snow drifts. Some twelve minutes later he was snug on the job in a Buffalo aircraft plant. (International Soundbite)

Workers Reject Ford Offer; G. M. May Quit Pay Hearings

Will Withdraw If Board Considers Prices and Profits

Washington, Dec. 20.—(AP)—General Motors corporation served notice to President Harry Truman's fact finding board today it would withdraw from hearings on a wage dispute if profits and prices are considered as evidence by the board.

This statement was made by Walter G. Merritt, New York labor lawyer, who presented the firm's opposition to consideration of profit-price issues any way recommendation the board may make.

Merritt declared that the question of General Motors prices was a matter that should be left to the OPA.

He described the CIO auto workers, who had struck at General Motors plants in a demand for a 30 per cent wage increase, as a "monopoly union which to a certain extent controls the operations of our competitors in the industry."

G. M. Uses "Jungle Law" Earlier, Walter P. Reuther, vice president of the CIO United Auto Workers, told the board General Motors used "jungle law" in dealing with union demands for the 30 per cent increase and refused to accept the "economic arithmetic" of the dispute.

Referring to company contentions that an increase in auto prices would be necessary if the wage demand is granted, Reuther declared:

"We refuse to be a party in a deal which says you'll get yours in the front door, and we'll get ours from the consumer going out the back door."

If the fact finding board can show the union's demand would justify price increases Reuther said, the union "would back down." Otherwise, he said, "we're not going to surrender or compromise."

The outcome conceivably may influence Congressional reaction to Mr. Truman's request for authority to set up similar boards for all major disputes with power to subpoena documents. Both House and Senate side-lacked this issue until after the holiday recess.

Boards Go Into Action

Meanwhile, fact finding boards depending wholly upon voluntary cooperation of all parties are swinging into action in the CIO oil workers' demand for a 30 per cent wage strike and the Sinclair Refining Co. Secretary of Labor Lewis Schweitzerbach has offered to appoint a third such panel in the Greghound

3 shopping days till Christmas

Bus Lines strike, now 50 days old, the transportation tie-up is ended. The decision which was made in the General Motors and oil controversies are classed as fundamental. Whether to consider a company's profits and prices in recommending a possible wage increase. A ruling either way is apt to be unpopular with one of the parties. In that case, the dissatisfied party might walk out on the investigation, leaving the fact finding board to get its facts from the remaining side or some other source.

Hearings Open

The General Motors panel headed by Chairman Lloyd Garrison, of the War Labor Board, opened public hearings in this and other points today. Then it will recess at least until Saturday, to make its determination of the issue.

Garrison told a news conference that General Motors had made its case clear; it thinks profits should not be taken into account, and it won't show its books to answer the CIO-United Auto Workers' claim that it could absorb a 30 per cent wage increase. The firm also said prices are of no concern to the union or to the fact finding board but are a matter to be discussed with the Office of Price Administration.

The oil panel, headed by Dr. Frank P. Graham, public member of the W.L.B. and president of the University of North Carolina is due to announce its decision on this question Friday. One of the 11 companies involved, the Pure Oil Co., already has indicated it will not participate if the profit factor is considered in weighing the CIO oil workers' demand for a 30 per cent wage strike. Another, the Sinclair Refining Co., has agreed to pay 13 per cent higher wages with the return to a 40-hour week.

Nazis Shot Poison Bullets Into Camp Prisoners And Watched Painful Death

ACCUSED NAZIS TO SING CAROLS

Nuernberg, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Herman Goering and the other 20 Nazi defendants in the war crimes trial will be invited to sing carols on Christmas Day.

There will be no special Christmas dinner, no gift boxes and no concessions for the accused Nazis, however.

Company Formally Told Its Plan Is Totally Inadequate

Detroit, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The CIO United Auto Workers, formally rejecting the Ford Motor company's offer of a 15 cents an hour or 12.4 per cent increase, said today the proposal would fail to offset higher living costs.

Informing the company its offer was "totally inadequate" the union said that the UAW-CIO objection was based further on the contention the raise would not come in the form of a "blanket" increase.

"A great many workers might receive little or nothing at all," the union's reply to Ford said.

The union, which has demanded from Ford and other auto manufacturers a 30 per cent wage rate increase, took issue with a company statement that it faced a loss of \$35,000,000 in 1946 even without an OPA price increase.

"We do not believe the company faces loss of \$35,000,000 in 1946," the UAW-CIO negotiators said in a statement through Richard T. Leonard, the union's Ford director.

"We believe the company will have one of its most profitable years because for the first time in many years the company is assured of capacity operation and a market for all it can possibly produce," they said.

Capt. McVay Awaits Fate

Washington, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Accused of one charge, Navy Captain Charles McVay, III, waited today for the unburied corpse court-martial procedure to run its course on a second count. Both grew out of the loss of his ship, the cruiser Indianapolis last July.

After slightly more than two hours deliberation yesterday, the tribunal found "not proved" a charge of inefficiency. But the court announced no report on the navy's contention that McVay was negligent.

U. S., Britain Signed Pacific Naval Pact December 6, 1941

U. S. Attack Against Truk Planned If War Came; Deadline Was Fixed

Washington, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A Senate House committee heard today that a British-American naval agreement, signed by Pacific fleet commanders December 6, 1941—envisaged a United States attack against Truk if the Japanese went to war.

The agreement, signed by Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander in the United States Asiatic fleet and Admiral Thomas Phillips of the British Far Eastern Fleet, went into the records of the committee investigating the Japanese assault on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941.

It was read by William D. Mitchell, committee counsel after Admiral R. K. Turner had testified the United States high command refused to approve previous proposed Allied war plans in the Pacific because the British had fixed a "dead line" the Japanese shouldn't cross.

This deadline was a fixed spot the British felt was a first line of defense and any overt move of Japan to go beyond it would mean aggression to them.

The inquiry brought out today a sharp disagreement among top navy officers over whose job it was in 1941 to inform fleet commanders of international developments before the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor.

Turner told the committee that the joint operations plan signed by Hart and Phillips arrived at the Navy Department here at 11 p. m. December 6 and was not decided until eight o'clock hours later. He said the approval of Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations, went back to Hart a few hours after the Japanese attack at Hawaii.

A long explanation by Turner about the 1941 assignment, prompted the question from Mitchell:

"Don't you think, Admiral, that the division of authority between the office of naval intelligence and the war plans division in the navy was in a very hazy condition at that time?"

"No sir," replied Turner, who was then war plans chief.

Patton Has Bad Night

Hindenberg, Dec. 20.—(AP)—General George S. Patton took a slight turn for the worse today when he contracted a respiratory infection which was reported delaying his recovery from paralysis and a broken neck sustained in an automobile accident.

Hindenberg, Dec. 20.—(AP)—General George S. Patton, Jr., recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident, spent an uncomfortable night as a result of "excessive bronchial secretions," a mid-day medical bulletin said today.

Text of the bulletin:

"General Patton had an uncomfortable night. He experienced considerable difficulty during the night with excessive bronchial secretions, the cause of which has not been determined. Temperature 97.8; pulse 60; respiration 24. No change in the neurological status."

Traitor Is Hanged

London, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A 33-year-old black-sheep son of a prominent British family—John Amery—was hanged yesterday at Wandsworth prison for treason while a woman believed to be his wife went in a car outside the gates of the bleak prison.

Amery, son of Leopold S. Amery, former Secretary of State for India, was sentenced to die for aiding the Axis during Britain's darkest hour of the war. He pleaded guilty, possibly to save his family the embarrassment of a long trial.

FUEL OIL PRICE RISE SET BY OPA

Washington, Dec. 20.—(AP)—OPA, acting to avert threatened shortages of kerosene and heating oils in the east, today ordered immediate temporary price increases for these products in two areas.

The increase which will continue in effect through April 30, are a half cent a gallon for kerosene, range oil and No. 1 fuel oil, and two-tenths of a cent a gallon for No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 fuel oils.

One area includes the New England states, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida east of the Apalacheola river.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair and continued cold tonight; partly cloudy and slightly warmer Friday. Lowest temperatures 12 to 18 in interior and 19 to 29 along the coast.

CONGRESS CLOSES HISTORIC SESSION

Leaves Capital Tonight To Return For Its Second Meet January 14

Washington, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The 79th Congress, which spanned the transition from war to peace and from President Franklin Roosevelt to Harry S. Truman today ends the session it started last January 4.

Barring a last minute upset in plans, it leaves the Capital tonight to return for its second—and "election" year—session on January 14.

It leaves behind a record of stubbornness toward the man who last April moved from the vice president's rostrum in the Senate to the White House office vacated by the death of Mr. Roosevelt.

Many Special Messages. It hasn't taken kindly, and certainly not eagerly, to many of the suggestions Harry Truman has made in almost a dozen special messages. Although its tally of "things undone" is a long one, the 79th Congress, perhaps more than any of its recent predecessors, made its voice heard toward the world by the things it did.

It called the United Nations Charter; it overwhelmingly enacted a law to give effect to this country's participation in the United Nations Organization; it appropriated to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration; it extended the lend lease program; and it wrote into law the Bretton Woods International Monetary agreement. In doing these things, it followed the recommendations of both Presidents.

Stock Mart Leaders Seek Lower Ground

New York, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Stock market leaders generally sought lower levels today although pressure was light and dealings among the slowest of the past six years.

On the one side, most of the day were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Chrysler, General Motors, Southern Pacific and Great Northern.

Bonds and commodities were uneven.

Dispute At Ford Canada Plant Ended

Detroit, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The Ford Motor company of Canada today ended its big Windsor, Ontario plant to resume production following termination of the longest and most widespread strike in the history of the Canadian auto industry.

Ninety-nine days after the strike of 10,000 Ford workers began, the CIO-United Auto Workers announced that members of its local 200 had voted to accept a Dominion government proposal for negotiations and if necessary, arbitration of the dispute.

Ballooning on the proposal covered a two day period. Union officials said between 5,000 and 6,000 of the 8,500 eligible workers cast their ballots and 72 per cent voted to accept.

Officials of local 200 promptly notified the government of the result and ordered withdrawal of picket lines which had maintained a vigil around the plant since September 12.

The company, which previously had agreed to abide by the plan, announced it would call its employees back as soon as possible after receiving official notification of the union's decision.

The government's proposal, similar to one rejected by a narrow margin several weeks ago, provides for 10 days of negotiations after work is resumed. Any issues still unresolved after that time would be submitted to an arbitrator selected from the Canadian supreme court for a final ruling within five days. Major issues are the union's demands for a closed shop and dues check-off.