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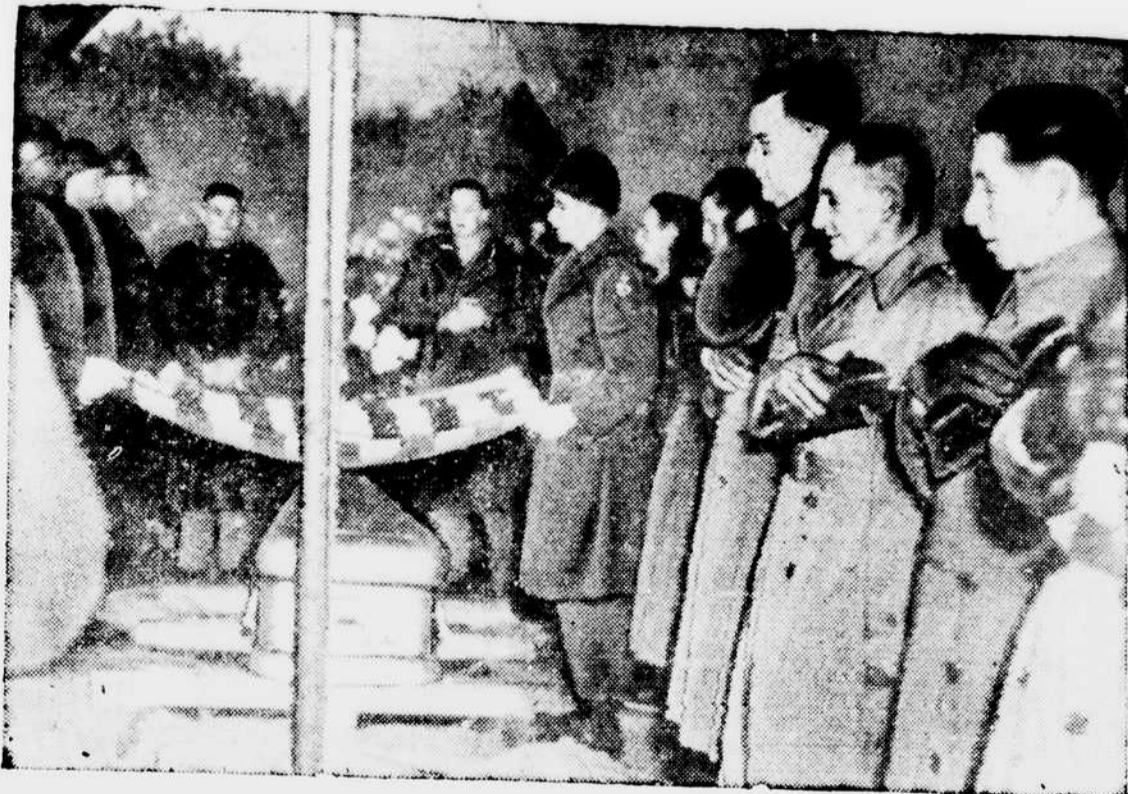
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LAST SALUTE TO WARRIOR PATTON



Top ranking officers of the United States and seven other Allied nations stand in silent tribute beside the grave of General George S. Patton, Jr., in the American Army cemetery at Hamm, Luxembourg, where the famed military leader was buried after he was fatally injured in an automobile accident. A khaki tent was pitched over the grave as protection against bad weather. At left, members of the Third Army read of their former commander's death.

President Celebrating Christmas

Home-Folks Showing Every Disposition To Let Him Alone

Independence, Mo., Dec. 26.—(AP)—President Harry Truman went merry about celebrating the Christmas holidays today as his homefolks showed every disposition to allow him to do it in his own way.

His round of Yuletide calls spread to Kansas City where friends were invited to drop into his office at the Federal Building for an exchange of seasonal greetings.

Mr. Truman covered plenty of ground upon his arrival here by plane from Washington through sleet and snow a day late. He went immediately to a 25-minute visit with his mother, 94-year-old Mrs. Martha E. Truman, at nearby Grandview, Mo.

Nothing Official Mayor Roger T. Sherman of Independence made it clear that there will be no official observance of the President's visit.

"He came home to spend the holidays with his family and close friends," said Sherman.

"I expect to drop by for a hand-shake, that is all. We won't let the President feel free to come and go as he pleases, just like any other home town citizen coming home for Christmas."

After his visit to the federal building, the President will drop by several places in Kansas City for handshakes with old friends. However, no definite program has been arranged leaving the Chief Executive free to follow his whims.

Yanks In Manila Protest No Ships; Meeting Planned

Manila, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A spokesman for 4,000 G.I.s said a mass meeting would be held today to discuss cancellation of a scheduled home-bound transport sailing after a mass protest march yesterday brought both an explanation and a reprimand from the colonel who told them:

"You men forget you are not working for General Motors—you're still in the army."

The army newspaper Daily Pacifican attributed the statement to Col. J. C. Campbell, depot commander, who ordered the men to their barracks. He explained that the sailing cancellation was in connection with consolidation of the 21st and 29th replacement depots.

The men dispersed within ten minutes, discarding their "we want ships" banners.

BRITISH ADMIRAL TAKEN BY DEATH

London, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Admiral of the Fleet Lord Keyes, 73, hero of the blocking of the Zebrugge in 1918, died in his sleep today.

OFFICIALS OF G. M. AND U.A.W. RESUME PROCEDURE TALKS

Labor Spotlight Is Held By Threatened Strike Of Electricians

(By The Associated Press)

The nation's current major labor dispute, the General Motors strike and a threatened walkout of 250 CIO Electrical Workers, held front rank in post-Christmas business along the nation's labor front.

Detroit, officials of General Motors and the CIO-UNITED Auto Workers resumed negotiations, but the wage issue—the union's demand for 30 per cent wage rate increase—was not scheduled for discussion.

In Washington officials of the CIO-United Electrical Workers whose 250,000 members have authorized a strike in support of demands for a 82 a day wage hike, were scheduled to meet with Labor Department conciliators.

Only With Procedure The Detroit meeting, said Walter Reuther, UAW-CIO vice president, was to deal only with procedure to handle only local union grievances in the absence of a working contract.

Agreements between the company and union were cancelled after the strike of 175,000 last November 21. Meanwhile, picketing of the strike-bound G.M. plants, halted over the Christmas holiday, was maintained only on a token basis today.

No date for a strike of the CIO-Electrical Workers has been set, although a union spokesman said it might be called after the first of the year unless General Electric and Westinghouse "at least meet the offer of General Motors for 13.5 cents per hour increase."

Federal conciliators have invited G.E. and Westinghouse officials to meetings tomorrow and Friday. Negotiations between G.M. and the union are to be resumed after the first of the year while in Pittsburgh a Westinghouse official said his company still was continuing negotiations with the union.

Across the country, labor disputes kept idle about 390,000 workers.

ANTI-UNION PROPOSAL SUGGESTED BY WILEY

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A suggestion that labor unions be made responsible for damages resulting from strikes in violation of contracts came today from Senator Wiley, Republican, Wisconsin.

"That should go away with irresponsible strikes," he told a reporter, adding he believed such a step alone would "practically solve" the strike situation.

The Wisconsin Senator said he intends to discuss his proposal in the Senate when Congress reconvenes January 14. Labor legislation is one of the big items on the schedule for the returning legislators.

President Truman asked earlier this month for a law to set up a finding procedure in labor disputes with major effect on the public interest.

Senator Callender, Democrat, Louisiana, has introduced a bill to carry out the President's proposal. Hearings are to start immediately after Congress returns.

Plans Afoot To Haul South Out Of 'Economic Backseat'

Chapel Hill, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A postwar guide for hauling the South out of its "economic backseat" and developing its "tremendous potential wealth" was announced here today by the University of North Carolina's Institute for Research in Social Science.

The institute, under the direction of Dr. Gordon Blackwell, has prepared a series of 13 monographs analyzing the South's resources and possibilities for economic development.

The Southern Association of Science and Industry, an association of industrialists, business men and scientists of 15 Southern states, is sponsoring the publication of the volumes.

Ministers Meet In Moscow To Clear Up Final Details

OIL FACT-FINDING BOARD MEETS



MEMBERS OF THE FACT-FINDING BOARD appointed by President Truman to look into the matter of a wage boost for settlement of strikes and disputes in the oil industry are shown in session in Washington. They are (l. to r.): Paul Ehlert, Stanford University; Bernard Chishman, counsel for the panel; Otto S. Beyer; Dr. Frank P. Graham, chairman, president of the University of North Carolina. (International Soundphoto)

12 Killed In Carolinas Over Christmas Holiday

Nation Has Big Variety Of Weather

Fresh Snow Falls Cover The North; Bismarck Coldest

(By The Associated Press)

Heavy snow falls, rain and sleet, which afforded the nation a variety of weather on Christmas eve and today—and there wasn't a cold wave in the immediate offing.

Fresh falls of snow covered a wide section of the northern half of the country and in the south and southeastern sections cleared after sleet and rain. New England got a combination of snow, sleet and rain.

An indication was a rise from 1 to 34 above overnight in Albany, N. Y.

The only cold spot on today's weather map was in the area around Bismarck, N. D., with the temperature at 3 degrees below zero.

Talks Indies Affair

London, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Premier W. L. Churchill and a party of high Dutch government officials, arrived here from The Hague today to start discussions of the Indonesian situation with Prime Minister Attlee and other members of the British government.

next year, and may eventually be collected in a single volume. Dr. Blackwell explained. Dr. Katherine Joerer, assistant director of the Institute for Research in Social Science, will be technical director. Dr. Blackwell is the general editor.

Authorities in the development of mineral, water and soil resources and in the field of economic organization and social science have prepared the various articles analyzing the South's resources.

Complete Inventory According to Dr. Blackwell, "the Southern Association of Science and Industry, Inc., whose president, Lloyd C. Britt, of Richmond, Va., is raising funds to finance its program, the need for a complete inventory and analysis in the light of tremendous wartime scientific advances."

"The S.A.S.I. decided at its first meeting during the early year of the war that any plans for industrial development must be based on a thorough and comprehensive analysis of the potential wealth-producing resources, the deficiencies in research, and the possibilities for obtaining the necessary types of labor and for marketing finished products," Dr. Blackwell said.

Agreement Reached On Several Issues; France Slows Meet

Moscow, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The foreign ministers of the United States, Soviet Russian and Great Britain met this afternoon to clear up the last few details of their conference, hoping to complete by nightfall agreements on a number of subjects.

They gathered at Sperandino Palace at 2:30 p. m. (6:30 a. m. EST). Agreements were reported reached on many questions. The area of agreement was said by diplomatic observers to be greater than anyone—including perhaps the ministers themselves—had hoped when the conference opened.

The hour of issuance of the final communique was doubtful. French assent to the procedure of drafting peace treaties for European states still was awaited. The French have indicated they would not object China has already agreed to the treaties.

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes of the United States telephoned the French Foreign Office Monday to seek French approval of the plan, but he was informed that French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault was out. It has not been announced whether Bidault called back. One of the issues which broke down the earlier conference of the ministers in London last fall was French insistence that she be a party to all European peace treaties.

Far Eastern Group Plans Japan Trip

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Nursing ambitions at policy making rather than mere advice giving, the Allied Far Eastern commission will leave today for Japan and a look-see at General Douglas MacArthur's administration.

Weather permitting, commission members will board a plane here at 7:05 p. m. tonight, after flying to Pearl Harbor they will complete the trip on the U.S.S. Mt. McKinley, a navy command ship.

They expect to return to Washington about February 15.

The ten-member commission made its plan in two months of deliberations that does not expect to find any grave fault with the way MacArthur has administered Japan. Most commission members have said they believe he has done a creditable job.

What the commissioners will do is study carefully how United States objectives in MacArthur have been carried out.

Up to now, the commission has devoted most of its time to debating the objective themselves.

Apartment Shattered By Blast

Santa Barbara, Calif., Dec. 26.—(AP)—A shattering explosion blew a downtown warehouse-apartment building apart today, killing an undetermined number of residents of the structure.

Police Chief L. R. Gresson said the building collapsed and it was feared a "number of persons" had been trapped.

Firemen reported seeing two bodies in the wreckage.

All available fire fighting equipment fought the blaze and had it under control within an hour. Police regulars and reserves were called out to patrol the area where the force of the blast had virtually shattered every window. A bank a block away was put under heavy guard.

The building in addition to apartments housed the Santa Barbara Distributing company's soft drink bottling works.

JAPANESE OFFICER AND AIDE TO HANG

Kwajalein, Marshall Island, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A second high ranking Japanese officer, Rear Admiral Sukubara—must hang for war crimes. A military commission on Christmas decreed death by the rope for him, former Wake island commander during the occupation and his executive officer, Lieutenant Commander Souichi Tachibana, for the mass executions on Wake Island, October 7, 1943, of 98 American civilian employes of Pan-American Airways.

N.C. Congressman's Death In Capital Held Suicide

Death Score Of Holiday Set At 350

World Flight To Determine Wastage Set

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Clearing today, cooler in east and continued cool in west, followed by fair and colder tonight, Thursday, fair and cool.

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Senator E. Oakland, California Republican, who has seen the last of war, said today he and fellow Senators hope to determine within a month whether military goods are being wastefully thrown away.

The usable truck being pushed over cliffs? Is food being allowed to spoil while children go hungry? These are among the questions a sub-committee of the Senate's defense investigating committee will seek to answer in a round the world flight.

The trips starts tomorrow: Heading the group is Senator Tamm, Delaware Democrat, an old hand at investigations abroad. The third member is Senator Mitchell of Washington.

Under terms of a directive issued by Allied headquarters today, 20,000,000 kilograms (44,330,000 pounds) of food and 3,130,000 pieces of clothing, taken from Japanese military stores, will be distributed among the people.

The total represents approximately 30 per cent of all Japanese army and navy food and all navy clothing. Very little army clothing is available.

To Observe Voting Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The United States will send 600 observers next month to watch the election in Greece in which the nation will choose a national assembly. The observers were invited under a provision in the Yalta declaration that the big three would help liberated nations guarantee free election.

France and Britain also accepted.