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KIMMEL PINS BLAME ON SUPERIORS



IN HIS FIRST CHANCE to state his case before a public hearing, Rear Admiral Husband Kimmel dramatically points his finger in testifying before a Joint Committee investigation of the Pearl Harbor debacle. Denying receipt of a "war warning", he passed responsibility to his Washington superiors for not informing him. (International Soundphoto)

GENERAL MACARTHUR AGAINST SLASHING OCCUPATION UNITS

Army's Discharge System Is Defended Again By Gen. Eisenhower

Washington, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Congress received today a warning from General Douglas MacArthur that any attempt to cut Pacific forces below the 400,000 mark contemplated by July 1 would "wet-ken to a dangerous degree" military control over Japan and Korea.

A cable from the supreme Allied commander in the Pacific, containing this warning was laid before a Senate committee by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, army chief of staff.

Eisenhower Appears. Eisenhower appeared before a special Senate Military sub-committee to explain further the army's demobilization policies which he had outlined in an informal session of Congress Tuesday.

Eisenhower told the committee the telegram from MacArthur had been received in code and for this reason his exact words were rearranged. MacArthur reported there were 1,168,000 soldiers under his command in December and that this will be reduced to 660,000 by January 20 and then gradually cut to 400,000 on July 1.

This number would include the 200,000 men in Japan and Korea.

Committee Chairman Edwin C. Johnson, Colorado Democrat, interjected that Eisenhower told the Tuesday session that army forces in the Pacific theatre would be cut to 375,000 by July 1 or 25,000 less than MacArthur's estimate.

Air Force Totals. Eisenhower said the difference represented an adjustment in air force totals, adding that MacArthur's command covered all troops in Japan, Korea, the Philippines, the Marianas and Hawaii.

Eisenhower told the committee he had also:

1. Directed all theatre commanders to get down to rock bottom by releasing every possible serviceman and officer.

2. Ordered a halt to all mass demonstrations by soldiers against demobilization delays.

3. Directed army inspectors to visit all army installations and listen to individual complaints of all junior officers and men who believe they are not essential and should be discharged.

Johnson Seeks Cut. Earlier, Senator Johnson advocated cutting the army down to its 1919 size.

Johnson told a reporter he thought the army should be able to get along with a million men by July 1. This compares with 9,331,442 in the ranks on the same date as in 1919.

The army has been planning to have 1,500,000 men by July 1, but Johnson told reporters he considers that figure about 500,000 too high. Eisenhower told Congress Tuesday that the army's strength on January 1 was 4,200,000 as compared with the V-E Day peak of 8,300,000.

Communists Again Reported Breaking Chinese Armistice

Chungking, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The National Military Council today charged the Communists with several new violations of the Suiyue truce which theoretically ended China's civil strife.

In Yenian, Communist 8th Route Army headquarters charged that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek personally and secretly had ordered the commander of the eleventh war zone on Saturday to seize strategic Communist strong points before the cease fire order became effective.

responsibility for them coming immediately after four years during which war prevented normal maintenance work.

Some of it is inherent in a system which in effect is more nearly a conglomeration of ten independent highway superintendencies rather than a comprehensive and cohesive state system. Whatever the cause or causes and however intangible the trouble may be, fact remains all is not as well as might be in the state highway set up.

Full Time Job. There is a chairman of the commission who has a full time job and is supposed to represent the whole

Intervention By President In Steel Strike Threatens

Union Boss, Firm Head Conferring

Washington, Jan. 17.—(AP)—President Harry Truman gave the two principals in the threatened steel strike their last chance today to work out an agreement together before he proposes a way to end the deadlock.

The President gave CIO President Philip Murray and Benjamin Fairless, U. S. Steel head, until this afternoon to settle their wage dispute. Should they fail, he said, he will step in with "a proposal in the public interest."

Mr. Truman urged the two men, just before they left the White House last night after a day of fruitless talks to "steer over it and pray over it and do their utmost to get together and come back again at 2 o'clock. Both said they would.

This sharp focusing of the spotlight on the crucial White House meeting tended to divert top attention from the steel wage stands. Here to find a solution for the most packing strike, already hitting the nation's meat markets.

Afternoon Meetings. Labor Secretary Lewis Schwellenbach invited management and labor representatives to an afternoon meeting.

The steel proposal Mr. Truman has in mind is his own secret, but there was some speculation it might involve his personal judgment on what would be a reasonable adjustment of the steel wage stands.

Charles G. Ross, press secretary, said Government seizure has "not entered into the discussions" through last night's talks. He also reported that Fairless and Murray could accept or reject the President's proposal.

Fairless has offered to pay 15 cents more an hour but Murray is demanding 19 1/2 cents for his 800,000 CIO steel workers who are due to strike next Monday. The President already has urged General Motors Corp. to accept a fact-finding board's proposal of 19 1/2 cents more an hour for 175,000 striking CIO-United Auto Workers. The steel industry generally has paid some what less than the auto industry.

New Clue In Kidnapping Case Found

Chicago, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Several wisps of blonde hair matching the locks of Suzanne Degnan, six year old victim of a sadistic murderer, have been found entangled in a rough stairway plank at the rear of an apartment building near the Degnan home.

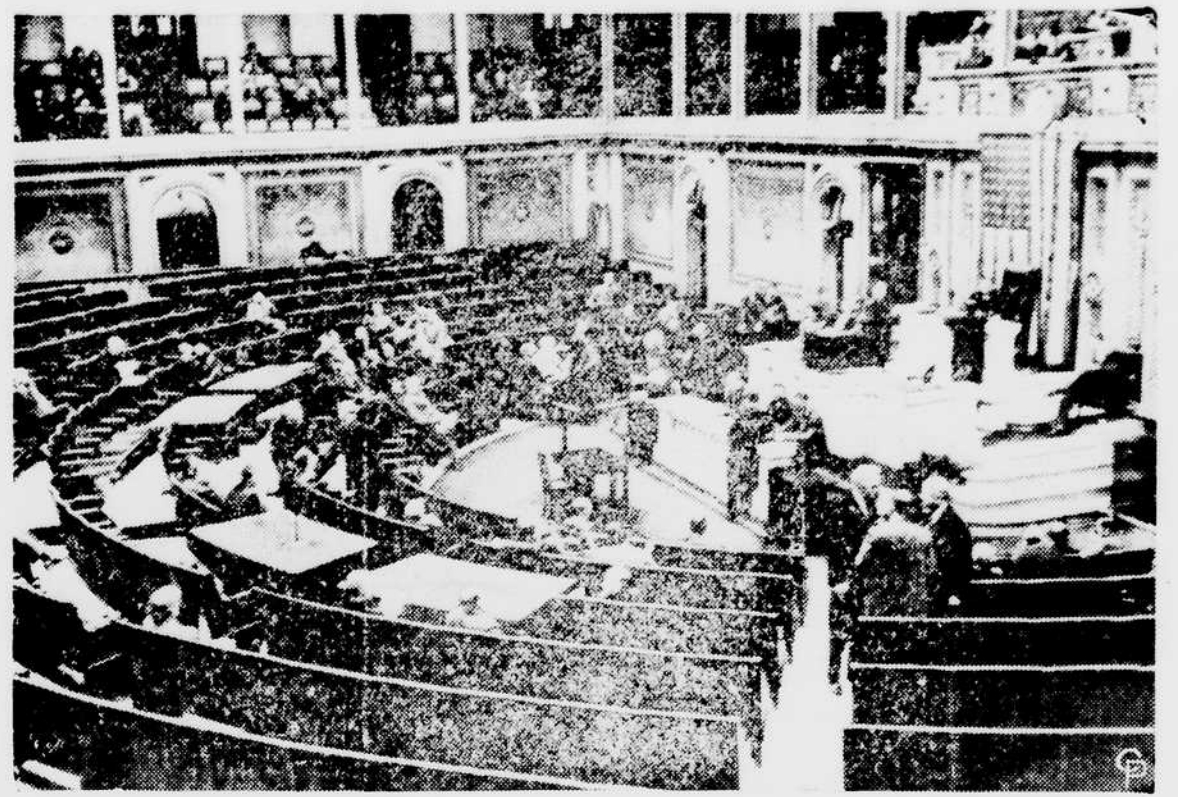
Detective Adolph Valanis said the wisps of hair found on the stair-boarding established that the girl was carried to that spot after she was kidnapped from her bed January 7. It was in that area that police last week found a noose of picture wire to which another strand of yellow hair was stuck. Police theorized the wire had been used to garrotte Suzanne before she was dismembered.

High Cost Of Living

New York, Jan. 17.—(AP)—One Madison Avenue market, its meat supplies exhausted by a strike of meat packers, was displaying this sign for the benefit of patrons today: "Plenty of pheasant, Scotch grouse and caviar."

Pheasant was quoted at \$2.25 a pound and caviar at \$24 a pound.

SECOND SESSION OF 79th CONGRESS AT OPENING



WITH STRIKE LEGISLATION and other vital measures awaiting their attention, only a scattering of Congressmen were in their seats—as the picture shows—when the second session of the 79th Congress opened after its holiday recess. (International)

Czech Leader Wants UNO To Control Arms Output

France Asks Death For War Leaders

Fear Is Brought To Faces Of 22 Nazi War Lords

Nuernberg, Jan. 17.—(AP)—France asked death today for the 22 ring leaders of the Nazi regime and for punishment of hundreds of thousands of members of German terror organizations.

Francois DeMenthon, war veteran who is the French prosecutor denounced Hitlerism and all that it stands for with a fervor that brought fear to the faces of Hermann Goering and other prisoners before the International Military Tribunal.

"Civilization requires from you after this unleashing of barbarism a verdict which will be a sort of supreme warning," DeMenthon said.

Justice Must Strike. "Justice must strike those guilty of the enterprise of barbarism from which we have just escaped. The reign of justice is the most exact expression of great human hope. Your decision can mark a decisive period in its difficult pursuits."

The chief French prosecutor said that perhaps the punishment of hundreds of thousands of men who belonged to such terror organizations as the SS and the SA and Gestapo "awakens some objections" but warned:

"Without the existence of these organizations, without the spirit which animated them, one would not succeed in understanding how so many atrocities could have been perpetrated."

Snow, Sleet Cover Most Of 2 States

(By The Associated Press.)

A snow and ice coat blanketed most of the Carolinas today, cancelling out bus and air schedules in many sections of the two States and making for hazardous motor travel.

The North Carolina Piedmont section saw clearing skies while snow and sleet continued to fall in the east. Temperatures were at sub-freezing levels in both states.

Raleigh citizens awakened today to the heaviest sleet in 18 years and light snow and sleet continued this morning. The weather bureau reported 4.6 inches of snow and sleet, 3.7 of which was sleet.

All buses scheduled out of Raleigh were cancelled last night at 6 p. m. Greyhound buses expected to resume their schedule this morning, but Trailways vehicles were not expected to move out of Raleigh until late afternoon.

Britain Is Hoping To Put Mandates Under UN Control

London, Jan. 17.—(AP)—United Nations' control of the entire world's armament industry, including atomic bomb factories, was proposed to the UNO General Assembly today by Foreign Minister Jan G. Masaryk of Czechoslovakia.

Jobs and problems piled up for the assembly as it began the second week of its existence with a sobering speech by Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin of Britain.

Bevin said Britain was already negotiating to place three of her five old mandates from the League of Nations under the projected UNO trusteeship system. Belgian officials said they would announce similar intentions for their two mandates in Africa.

Palestine Action Delayed. Bevin said the three mandates Britain proposed to convert into the UNO trusteeship were Tanganyika, Togoland, and the Cameroons, all in Africa. He said action of Palestine was being withheld pending results of a British-American inquiry into the Jewish-Arab issue there.

Bevin also told the Assembly that the yearly cost of the United Nations Organization to all 51 member nations would be less than half the amount of money spent by the United Kingdom in a single day in the war just ended.

He did not give any specific figures.

Under UNO Control. Masaryk told the assembly that, in order to safeguard humanity against the "latest scientific inventions," the world arms industry, "together with the latest devastating inventions, should be put under the control of the United Nations."

Delegates applauded Masaryk loudly several times, especially when he said he hoped that "not one particle of uranium produced in my country will ever be used for wholesale destruction."

Uranium is the source of material for atomic energy and the atomic bomb.

At another point, he deplored anti-Semitism. "After what has happened to the Jews," he said, "solution of their problems is undeniably the duty of all decent peoples."

Next Assembly May Revamp State Highway Commission

By LYNN NISBET Daily Dispatch Bureau

Raleigh, Jan. 17.—Despite outward manifestation of harmony and complete cooperation in all phases of activity, close observers believe that under-surface resentment and jealousy may influence the next general assembly to make basic revision of the highway administration set up in North Carolina.

There isn't anything very tangible in which to hang such speculation. It is a feeling rather than a fact and perhaps would not have developed to even its present intangible status except for the worst winter on country roads since the state assumed

Picket Lines Form About Stock Yards

TO OPEN OYSTERS, MAKE 'EM YAWN



OBSERVING STARFISH that lulled luscious, unsuspecting oysters into opening up, Dr. Herbert F. Prytherch of the U. S. Fisheries laboratory at Beaufort, N. C., discovered that plain soda-water solved the problem of relaxing the stubborn bivalves. The starfish being a stolid and boresome creature, the oysters yawned in their beds—but the scientist substituted a soothing bath in plain old sodium bicarbonate. (International)

Look To Capital For Settlement Of Paralyzing Strike

Chicago, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Packing house workers maintained picket lines around empty pens in most of the nation's stock yards today as they looked to Washington for settlement of a paralyzing strike in the meat industry.

Leaders of CIO and AFL unions involved in the huge walkout—affected some 263,000 workers—and representatives of the four major packers needed approval of Government officials to meet in an attempt to reach agreement in the wage dispute. One of the unions went to the peace talks ready to modify its wage demands.

Meat Situation Acute. As the meeting by unions, packers, and Labor Department officials got underway, the scarcity of meat became more acute in many sections as arrivals of livestock at principal markets dropped.

Current supplies were shrinking rapidly and continuation of the strike which started Tuesday threatened to reduce the country's fresh meat supply to far below war time rationing.

Reports from throughout the nation indicated supplies probably would be exhausted in from two to ten days.

Going into today's Washington conference, the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters were prepared to settle for a wage increase of 15 cents an hour and hit urged the CIO United Packing House Workers to submit a similar proposal.

CIO Holding Out. The CIO union, however, has held out for a 17 1/2 cent an hour wage hike immediately, with later negotiations on an additional 7 1/2 cents and did not comment on the AFL union's action in lowering its demand.

Original demands were for 25 cents an hour pay hike. Earl Jimserson, president of the AFL union, said the offer by packers of ten cents an hour was "very inadequate." He said the union was ready to accept an offer of 15 cents promised normal operations by next Monday in all plants.

Some High Point Workers Will Get Checks From UCC

Raleigh, Jan. 17.—(AP)—More than 400 workers from 13 High Point hosiery mills will draw unemployment compensation benefits at an average of \$15 a week as a result of a boarder's strike, the UCC decided today.

The benefits were granted only to workers in other than the boarding department. The UCC disqualifies a claimant from benefits for any week during which his unemployment is caused by a labor dispute, unless such claimant satisfies the commission that "he is not participating in or financing or directly interested in a labor dispute which caused the stoppage of work."

Holding The Bag Portland, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—A woman reported today a man had offered to hold her heavy shopping bag while she waited for a bus.

Then he ran away with it. The woman was en route to a relative's farm to bury a dead dog, which she had in the bag.

Japanese Did Impossible At Pearl Harbor

Washington, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel told Congressional investigators today how the Japanese succeeded in launching aerial torpedoes in the shallow waters of Pearl Harbor, a feat which navy experts in 1941 considered impossible.

The former Pacific fleet commander, detailing his own account of the disastrous Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor in 1941, said the Japanese simply attached wooden fins to the old style torpedoes to do the job.

"That was the device the Japanese used," Kimmel said, "to accomplish the task."

He added drily: "The solution to any problem seems easy after you have the answer."

Previous testimony had showed that the officials entrusted with the defense of the naval base felt relatively secure against aerial torpedo attacks since they knew of none that would operate successfully in the water there. The average depth of that anchorage is 30 feet.

Kimmel has testified that damage against ships at the base probably would have been slight, if the Japanese hadn't been able to use the torpedoes.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Partly cloudy with west and cloudy with some rain or steel in east this afternoon. Continued rather cold and clearing tonight; lowest temperatures 18 to 21 in west and central, and 25 to 30 in east. Friday fair and warmer.

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