

New Move By Russia May Result In Split Among Large Powers

To Oppose Osmena



PRESIDENT of the Philippine Senate, Brig. Gen. Manuel Roxas (above), was nominated by acclamation as a candidate for president of the Philippines at a convention of the "liberal wing" of the Nacionalista Party in Manila. He will oppose President Sergio Osmena. (International)

Reds Counter Iran Dispute By Citing British For Action

London, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Informed observers expressed the opinion here today that Russian-Ukrainian complaints to the United Nations Organization against British policies in Greece and Java might result in a serious split among the five great powers.

The complaints, filed with the Security Council, accused Britain of endangering world peace and interfering with the internal affairs of Greece and Java. They came as a complete surprise to British, Greek and Dutch delegates.

Observers said the twin moves by the Russian and the Ukrainian delegations undoubtedly posed the greatest test yet faced by the United Nations Organization, which already had been handed the explosive Russian-Iranian dispute. They also constitute the first instance of action by one member of the 11-nation Security Council against another member. In weighing the move, some officials said that the new treaty agency's success depended largely upon unity among the major powers.

There was no immediate official comment from the British. One British spokesman said however, that his first reaction was that the Russians were playing "tit for tat" in introducing complaints against the British to balance the Iran protest against Russian interference in northern Iran.

Athens, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Premier Sophoulis said today "British military forces in Greece with the full consent of the Greek Government are in earnest collaboration with it in maintaining order. This assertion was the first official Greek reaction to Russia's request to the UNO to give early consideration to the situation in Greece.

S. A. L. Puts Millions In Equipment

Norfolk, Va., January 22.—W. C. Jones, general purchasing agent for the Seaboard Air Line Railway, said today that purchases of heavy materials by the railroad assumed large proportions during 1945. A few of the more important items specified by Mr. Jones are these: 18 diesel locomotives for passenger service costing about \$3,150,000. Four of these engines will be delivered in the first quarter of this year. The railroad also bought four diesel switchers for an outlay of \$316,000. Likewise in the passenger end of the business, the Seaboard ordered thirty-eight lightweight luxury passenger cars costing \$2,774,000 and 850 freight cars. The latter including box, flat and gondolas, carry a value of \$2,711,000.

Fuel to make Seaboard locomotives go was secured by purchase of 1,610,000 tons of coal for the steam engines and 20,880,000 gallons of fuel oil for the diesels. In case you are interested in more figures, the coal cost about 7 1/2 million dollars while the fuel oil amounted to over a million and a quarter. Of course rails were needed too, and cross ties to support them. That being so, 37,600 tons of steel rail, costing over a million and a half dollars and 1,392,000 cross ties at a price of \$1,584,000 were bought and put into service. It took a railroad and piling to make a railroad tick too, so the Seaboard acquired about 18,000,000 feet of lumber together with 650,000 piles. Respective costs of these items were \$1,117,000 for the lumber and \$186,000 for the piles.

Labor Bill Passed By Committee

Takes Teeth Out Of Fact Finding; Floor Vote Soon

Washington, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The House labor committee today approved a modified version of President Harry Truman's proposals for fact finding boards to handle major industrial disputes.

The ten to eight vote came after the committee had rejected, 13 to 5, a motion to approve without change the legislation asked by Mr. Truman. The measure accepted by the group was drafted by Rep. Landis (R-Ind.).

It would set up the fact finding boards but would not give them power to subpoena witnesses, books and records.

It also would eliminate a section banning strikes for 30 days while the boards deliberate.

Both the subpoena and the "cooling off period" had been urged by Mr. Truman.

Acting Chairman Randolph (D-W. Va.) told newsmen he would seek a floor vote soon.

Several committee members said they voted for the modified version in order to insure a vote soon by the House on some type of strike control legislation.

Landis told reporters "we owe it to the people to take some action to halt these strikes." He added that "it is quite likely that broader legislation will be offered in the House as an amendment to his measure."

Washington, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Most of the army's war-time hospitals are not suitable for use by the Veterans Administration and comparatively few of them will be taken over by that agency, General Omar Bradley, told a House Appropriations sub-committee in testimony released today.

The veterans administrator submitted a list of ten hospitals he said he believed can be used for veterans and 35 which can not.

"Many of these hospitals are of frame construction, ten per cent temporarily," he told the committee in testimony on the independent offices appropriations bill for the 1947 fiscal year.

\$20,000,000 Wanted To Help Care For Veterans

Washington, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Congress today was asked to provide funds for a 10 per cent increase in Veterans Administration hospital beds and nearly \$20,000,000 for alterations and service additions to existing hospitals.

The House Appropriations Committee made the request public in reporting out the 1947 independent office appropriations bill.

Under its proposed program for the fiscal year beginning next July 1, the Veterans Administration wants to build 30 new hospitals in 20 states and construct additions to four others at a cost of about

Wainwright on Job



CARRYING A CANE, Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, hero of Bataan and Corregidor, is pictured on his arrival at plane at Brooks Field, Texas, where he will take over the command of the Fourth Army. Behind Wainwright is Brig. Gen. Lewis C. Beebe. (International Soundphoto)

Paralysis In U.S. Industry Is Spreading

Plants, Mills And Mines Closed In Almost 30 States

Pittsburgh, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Paralysis gripped America's basic industry today as the CIO-United Steel workers strike kept 750,000 idle for a second day.

The biggest walkout in U. S. history closed nearly 1,300 steel making and fabricating plants, aluminum mills and iron ore mines in 29 states. Today its effect was spreading to construction, railroads and public utilities.

Production of steel, the bone and sinew of industry and re-conversion, had dwindled to less than five per cent of capacity, a 53 year low.

Two instances of violence flared in Ohio but in the main, the gigantic stoppage, which began Sunday midnight, was carried out in good order.

Philip Murray, CIO-USA president, said in a radio address that the union strike in support of wage increase demands was caused by "an evil conspiracy among American big business" which has "set out to destroy labor union, to provoke strikes and economic chaos and mulet the American people through uncontrolled profits and inflation."

There was no reply from management. Spokesmen from U. S. Steel and Republic Steel refused to comment but U. S. Steel said it might issue a statement later today.

Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota and a Republican presidential possibility said in a speech here "the only prospects of an early settlement of the strike still rests with the President of the United States."

There was no report of negotiations between the union and major steel producers. Management of a handful of smaller plants agreed to pay the 18.5 cent an hour wage in place of the 18.3 cent an hour wage suggested by Mr. Truman and accepted by the union.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Partly cloudy and cold, followed by clearing and colder tonight; Wednesday fair, warmer in afternoon.

SEIZURE OF MEAT INDUSTRY LIKELY, TRUMAN AIDE SAYS

Action Is Considered Now, His Secretary Says; Strike Top Issue

Washington, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The White House acknowledged for the first time today that Government seizures in the meat industry are under consideration.

Press Secretary Charles Ross, however, told a news conference that similar action in the steel industry is not yet being considered.

In reply to questions he told reporters there might be some development on meat during the day. He didn't know, he said, but "it's possible."

"It's impossible to say what will be done," he said. "The matter of seizure has been under consideration." Under further questioning he stated that this did "not refer to steel."

Said Finding Continues.
Ross made public a letter in which President Harry Truman instructed the steel fact finding board to continue its study of governmental data and "remain available for further consultation."

Meanwhile, the Government gave settlement of the meat strike number one priority, shunting the big steel walkout temporarily to second place.

Preparations for Federal seizure of the meat packing industry were known to be well advanced but there were reports that the administration intended to offer some last minute new price increases to avoid taking over plants made idle by the six day old walkout of 263,000 workers.

Hopeful Note Sounded.
Despite the dubious general outlook, Mr. Truman sounded a hopeful note.

"We are having many troubles now," he remarked at the White House last night, "as a result of turmoil and dissatisfaction with wages and hours and conditions of work."

"But I am not a pessimist. I think this country is too great to allow personal disturbances and interior turmoil to prevent us from enjoying what I consider the greatest age in the history of the world."

Sources close to the meat industry reported the price formula—vigorously opposed by the OPA but favored by the Agriculture Department—might involve a Government commitment to purchase some 3,000,000,000 pounds of meat at a price increase of 35 cents a hundred pounds.

Court Hears Of French Starvation

Nuernberg, Jan. 22.—(AP)—A French prosecutor charged today that a starvation diet of privation resulting from Nazi looting had caused the death of at least 150,000 Frenchmen, contributed to thousands of other deaths and undermined the nation's health for years to come.

The Frenchman, Charles Gerthoffer, told the International Military Tribunal trying 22 leading Nazis that the crime of starving entire populations "is not less odious" than those of deportation, murders and massacres.

He quoted reports showing that the daily ration of food in France fell as low as 350 calories daily at a time when millions of tons of food were being shipped into Germany.

Voting Very Slow In 10th District

Charlotte, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Votees of the 10th North Carolina Congressional District were balloting today for a new congressman to succeed the late Rep. Joe W. Ervin. Only nominee on the ticket is the late congressman's brother, Sam Ervin of Morganton.

Voting was slow throughout the district and promised to set a new low in the number of ballots cast. In Charlotte, largest voting point in the district, only 10 ballots were cast in the first five hours.

MARSHALL, CHIANG HAVE CONFERENCE

Chungking, Jan. 22.—(AP)—General George Marshall conferred with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for an hour today. Although there was no immediate announcement, it was believed they discussed means of ending violations of the truce in China's civil war.

Meanwhile, the armistice commission at Peiping directed opposing troops to withdraw promptly at least 20 miles from points of contact.

Gen. Short Says Army Making Him Scapegoat For Hawaiian Disaster

RECORDS A SCENE ON CANVAS



FORMER BRITISH PRIME MINISTER Winston Churchill stands next to an oil painting which he had just completed of the palm-fringed shores of Dilolo Isle in Biscayne Bay, Miami Beach, Fla. The critics termed it "top notch." Miami Daily News photo. (International Soundphoto)

Claims Washington Did Not Give Him Enough Information

Washington, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Major Gen. Walter R. C. Short contended today that the War Department in four years of silence had attempted to atone him out as "the scapegoat" for the disaster at Pearl Harbor.

In a 13,000 word statement placed before the Senate-House investigating committee, the retired Hawaiian army commander said his superior officers in Washington had "passed the buck" to him until the congressional inquiry "forced the revelation of facts."

Short asserted the War Department "did not want to admit" it should have acted before December 7, 1941, on his November 27 report that he had alerted his troops only against sabotage. But the first such "admission of responsibility," he said, came from General George Marshall, former chief of staff, and Lt. Gen. L. T. Gerow, former war plans head, in the current hearing.

First Public Testimony.
This was the first time the 65-year-old general has had an opportunity to testify in public. Records of his previous testimony before the Roberts Commission, and Army inquiry boards already have been released by the committee.

In a separate opening statement, Short said he was sure "I would have arrived at the conclusion that Hawaii would be attacked and would have gone on an all out alert" if he had received all the information Washington had on the situation.

Short said he was not permitted to hear other witnesses or to cross examine them in the Roberts Commission investigation.

He did not read the evidence taken on by the commission until August, 1944, he said.

Didn't Hear Witnesses.
He added that after he appeared before the Army Pearl Harbor board, where he did not hear or question other witnesses, he was allowed to read the "top secret" part of its testimony only when the congressional committee began its hearing.

In his longer, main statement, Short followed closely the line he had taken before in making these contentions:

1—He was not given the information from intercepted Japanese messages by which he said the War Department "knew definitely at 9 p. m. December 6, that the hour had struck and that war was at hand."

2—If General Marshall felt there were security reasons why he could not be given this information, he should have directed specifically an all out alert as he did on a false alarm in 1940.

Raid Not Probable.
3—The action in dispatching unarmored bombers which the mainland to Hawaii on the night of December 6, 1941, "confirmed me in my belief that an air raid was not probable."

4—The navy did not ask for any army planes from November 27 to December 6 to aid in reconnaissance and to "me this meant that they had definite information of the locations of Japanese carriers."

5—Had he been given by telephone Marshall's December 7 message which arrived "too late, he would have had four hours to prepare for the attack."

6—The War Department had nine days after the November 27 warning message to change the anti-sabotage alert which he notified Washington he had put into effect but did nothing.

"I do not feel that I have been treated fairly or with justice by the War Department," Short said. "I was singled out as an example, as the scapegoat for the disaster. My relatively small part in the transaction was not explained to the American people until this congressional committee forced the revelation of the facts."

Eisenhower Confronted By 20 Service Mothers Protesting Discharges

They Want Husbands Released But He Says We Wouldn't Have Any Army Then

Washington, Jan. 22.—(AP)—General Dwight Eisenhower told a group of irate war mothers who confronted him today on Capitol Hill that if all fathers were discharged from the army, "there will be no army."

A score of women, representing units of the Servicemen's Wives and Children's Association, met the chief of staff outside the office of Chairman Andrew May (D-Ky.) as he arrived to explain demobilization policy to the House Military Committee.

They told him bluntly they wanted to talk to him and followed him into May's small office.

Backed Into Corner.
Backed into a corner against a window, the five star general tried for a few minutes to answer assorted questions fired at him simultaneously by almost all of the women.

May finally insisted that one of them do the talking and Mrs. Dorothy Gelomb of Wilkesburg, Pa., secretary of the group, was designated spokeswoman.

She said that mothers whose husbands are in service are dissatisfied with demobilization procedure that claimed that one out of every three marriages is ending in divorce, with service families involved in most of them.

They Trust Mates But...
Declaring that mothers, while trusting their husbands back with a bang at pictures of fraternization of servicemen overseas, she asked Eisenhower:

"How do you think we mothers feel?"
Eisenhower, when he got chance to get in a few words, told the women there are about 700,000 fathers in the army and everything is being done to get them out in an orderly manner as rapidly as possible.

"If I drop them today, regardless of their eligibility for release, there will be no army."

DeGaulle Aide Proposed For French Post

Paris, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The Socialist Party voted unanimously today to propose General Charles DeGaulle's former minister of state, Vincent Auriol, a socialist, as new president of the French provisional government.

The Socialist choice came after Communists had failed to win support either from the Conservative Popular Republicans or the Socialists for a proposed Communist-led government.

The Socialist choice came after a long party debate on whether to back Auriol or Felix Guoin, Socialist president of the constituent assembly whom the Communists proposed today for the presidency after withdrawing their own candidate.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION BIDS ARE OPENED

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The State Highway and Public Works Commission today opened bids estimated at close to \$1,500,000 on 12 new highway and construction projects in 28 many counties.

The bid opening—third in the state's post war planning and improvement program—was held in the hall of the House, Chairman A. H. Graham said several bids were submitted for each project, some of which were for bridge structures only.

Officials Of Draft Board Get Honors

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Governor R. Gregg Cherry today awarded medals and certificates of merit to nearly 100 non-paid selective service officials from 27 eastern North Carolina counties at ceremonies held here.

The ceremony was the first in a series of five to be held at various points in the State honoring draft board personnel who have served two or more years without pay.

The medals and certificates were designed especially for draft board workers and authorized by Congress.

Draft board officials from Vance county were among those receiving the honors.

Steels And Gold Mines Lead Mart

New York, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Steels and gold mines led a recovery shift in today's stock market although demand still was restricted and many losers persisted.

Featured most of the time were Bethlehem, U. S. Steel, Republic Steel, Youngtown Steel, Chrysler, U. S. Rubber, Consolidated Edison, Home-take Mining, Dome Mines, American Woollens, Northern Pacific and New York Central.

Lint Futures Drop 35 Cents Per Bale

New York, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 30 cents a bale higher to 10 cents lower.

Noon prices were unchanged to 35 cents a bale lower.

March 24.77, May 24.78, July 24.65.

	Close Open
March	24.82 24.88
May	24.82 24.85
July	24.70 24.70
October	24.23 23.25
December	24.23 24.21-22
March 1946	24.13 24.16