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Test Vote Nears In House On Anti-Labor Legislation

Britain Will Send Force Into Japan

Commonwealth Troops To Aid Occupation; Aussies Will Help

Washington, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Plans for British Commonwealth forces to take part in the occupation of Japan were made public today. The terms were set forth in an agreement between the United States and Australia, acting on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Under it, the force will be drawn from the United Kingdom, Australia New Zealand, and India with Lt Gen. J. Northcott of Australia serving as commander in chief under the supreme command of General Douglas MacArthur.

Reds Fail To Accept.

The agreement was reached as the result of an invitation extended by the United States to Britain, China and Russia. China expressed willingness but said she was not in a position to share in the occupation at this time. Russia has not accepted yet.

In a statement accompanying today's announcement, MacArthur said the presence of the Commonwealth forces "will materially broaden the base along international lines of a burden which up to this time has, of necessity been carried to a large extent unilaterally by the United States."

Saying the agreement "can not fail to be of overall beneficial effect," the supreme commander said it will enable "a diminution in our strength and will, thereby, bring welcome relief to many individuals."

21 Persons Feared Dead In Accident

Denver, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Hope for the lives of 21 persons aboard a missing United Airlines transport plane virtually was abandoned today after an aerial search disclosed what was believed to be the wreckage of the plane, high on the snow covered Elk Mountain, 65 miles northwest of Wramie, Wyo.

Capt. Frank Crimson, assistant supervisor of flight operations here, said the aerial search which began at daylight when the plane was several hours overdue here on a flight from Seattle to New York.

About mid-morning, he said he sighted a long wide gash in the deep snow near the top of the mountain which towers 11,125 feet in the eastern fringe of the Rockies. He said broken clouds and a stiff wind made close approach to the peak impossible.

He did not report any signs of fire or a definite sighting of the smashed plane, but said he was certain what he saw marked the crash of hte plane.

Market Led By Steels, Motors

New York, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Steels and motors led a further quiet retreat in today's stock market as many customers continued to cash profits on the recent sharp upswing.

On the downside were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, General Motors, American Telephone and Northern Pacific. Resistant were Standard Oil, Baltimore and Ohio and Glenn Martin.

WILD WEST DOESN'T IMPRESS THIS MAN

Salt Lake City, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The wild west doesn't impress Lloyd Williams, South African newspaperman.

Here for the national wool growers convention, Williams reported his fellow countrymen are by far a "noisier, tougher bunch."

"Why," he said, "when the boys get together in South Africa they really break up the furniture."

Bell-Ringer Buck

ONCE UPON A TIME in the town of Burlington, Iowa, there lived a cat named Buck—a very smart cat who used to pound on the mailbox lid when he wanted to get into his house. Upset by the noise, his owner, Joseph S. Kupka, fixed up a special door-bell which he attached to the mailbox lid. Now Buck just pushes the bell after a hard day of chasing mice and one of the Kupkas quickly lets him in. *(International)*

Lend-Lease Settlement Due Shortly

$46,000,000,000 In Aid Supplied By This Nation

Washington, Jan. 31.—(AP)—President Truman told Congress today that settlement of all lend lease transactions is expected by July 1.

He made this estimate in reporting that lend-lease aid totaling $46,040,000,000 was supplied by the United States from March 11, 1941 to October 1, 1945.

Reverse lend-lease—aid given to the U. S. by other nations—totaled $6,256,871,000 through July 1, 1945, the latest date for which information is available.

The reports, 21st submitted to Congress, covered the third quarter of 1945 during which lend-lease outlay amounted to $1,895,000,000. In that period the Japanese surrendered and the lend-lease program was formally halted.

Negotiations Begun.

Negotiations for settlement of accounts, he said, have begun with many countries.

The reports said most of the agreements will be succeeded by the end of this fiscal year "although it should be understood that in many instances the agreements will require subsequent accounting and fiscal operations to determine the exact amount."

The President explained that the lend-lease agreement contain a pledge that final agreements are not to burden commerce between the United States and other nations. In terminating lend-lease aid, he said, this principle, will be "before us as a reminder of the goal which this Government does constantly seek."

Lint Futures Show Advance At Noon

New York, Jan. 31.—(AP—Cotton futures opened five cents a bale lower to 15 cents higher.

Noon prices were 35 to 65 cents a bale higher.

March 25.26, May 25.27, July 25.-24.

	Pv. Close	Open
March	25.19	25.18
May	25.17	25.18-19
July	25.16	25.18
October	24.83	24.83
December	24.74	24.76
March 1946	24.69	24.70

Compromise In Two UNO Cases Hoped

Britain Is Charged With Meddling In Greece, Indonesia

London, Jan. 31. — (AP)—United Nations delegates privately expressed hope today that the Security Council's compromise decision on the Russian-Iranian dispute might point the way to a peaceful settlement of the Greek and Indonesian cases which come before the peace agency Friday.

Whether the latter two cases can be settled without UNO intervention, however, depends largely upon Russia, who filed complaints with the council charging Britain was endangering the peace by military action in Greece and Indonesia.

Unique Position.

The Russians, if they pressed the cases, will find themselves in the unique position of asking the UNO to act in the absence of complaint from the countries involved.

Greek delegates, planning to be on hand when the questions come up, were ready to argue that British troops are necessary to maintain order. The Netherlands, as a member of the 11-nation council, is known to favor the maintenance of British troops in Java and even the unrecognized Indonesian government has expressed the view that British troops should remain there until all Japanese troops have been removed.

Soviet delegates have given no intimation of their position since the complaints were filed. Moscow radio, however, accused Britain today of exerting "political pressure" in Greece. The council voted yesterday to permit the Soviet Union and Iran to resume direct negotiations on their dispute but reserved the right to call for progress reports on the discussions.

Hospital Is Given High Recognition

Maria Parham Put On Surgeons' List For Another Year

Again this year, Maria Parham hospital in Henderson is on the approved list of the American College of Surgeons, according to announcement from that organization's Chicago headquarters today. Such approval means the hospital has met required standards set up by the board of regents of the national body.

Granville hospital in Oxford carries provisional approval, which means it has accepted and is endeavoring to meet the requirements, but for acceptable reasons have not been able to do so in every detail.

Maria Parham hospital is listed with a capacity of fifty beds and 14 bassinets, and as a general hospital controlled by a board of trustees, with association owning.

Ratings are for 1945, which means, of course, so far as the local hospital is concerned, the recognition has no bearing on the current campaign for $150,000 to purchase and expand the facilities.

Granville hospital is listed with a capacity of 35 beds and nine bassinets, and as a general hospital under trustee control and association ownership.

In 1945 there were 3,181 hospitals, or 80.8 percent of those under survey in the United States, which met the minimum standard for approval. The total was 3,152 in the 1944 survey.

BOSTON'S STREET CONDITIONS BAD

Boston, Jan. 31.— (AP) —More than 100 persons required hospital treatment in Greater Boston today for injuries suffered in falls as freezing rain coming on top of last night's snow created the worst walking and driving conditions of the year.

Parka Pulchritude

BEAMING from beneath her parka, Barbara White—snow queen of the North Bay, Ontario, Can., winter carnival—gives you an idea of why she came out tops over the other contenders. She's now ready to take part in the contest for the crown of Aurora Borealis. The winner, who will be chosen Feb. 9, gets a prize trip to New York. *(International)*

Auto Strike Negotiations AreResumed

'Across The Table' Talks Are Underway In Deadlocked Row

Detroit, Jan. 31.—(AP)—General Motors Corporation and the CIO-United Auto Workers today resumed their "across the table" negotiations in the 72-day old automobile strike with the aid of interim "missionary work" by government mediator James F. Dewey.

As General Motors and union representatives prepared for their second get together renewing negotiations in the longest deadlock in automotive history, they faced both wage and maintenance-of-membership issues which were mentioned last night in statements from both sides.

Two Issues Left.

The statements, which climaxed the first "across the table" meeting since the middle of December, left the two issues drawn along these lines:

Wages: G. M. said it had nothing further to offer in addition to its 13.5 cent hourly raise until "provisions of the new contract are worked out that give assurances of uninterrupted production, efficient work effort and other provisions which we believe will contribute to better relations."

UAW charged the company with "bad faith" in renewing its 13.5 cent offer considering a 19.5 cent raise recommended by Mr. Truman's fact finding board and "in the face of greater increases agreed to by other major auto companies."

Corporation Unwilling.

Maintenance-of - membership: G. M. contended a clause in its union contract terminated several weeks ago "forced us to discharge 1,600 satisfactory employes on the union's demands because these employes were not willing to pay their union dues." G. M. said it was unwilling to put any such provision in the new contract.

UAW declared "the President recommended that the old contract be reinstated" and in asking for rejection of a maintenance-of-membership provision G. M. was "in defiance of the President."

"The strike will continue until the corporation meets its public responsibility and bargains in good faith to carry out the recommendations of the President of the United States," the UAW statement concluded.

NATIONALIZATION BILL AWAITING APPROVAL

London, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The Labor Government measure to nationalize Britain's coal industry was overwhelming approved by the House of Commons on second reading last night and now awaits only a perfunctory third reading and final passage by the House of Lords.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Showers east portion with mostly cloudy in west followed by clearing tonight. Cold this afternoon over extreme west and central portions and much colder tonight. Friday fair and rather cold.

GOP and Southern Democrats Endorse Rep. Case's Plan

Washington, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The House called for a test vote today, that can toss President Harry Truman's fact finding formula out the window in favor of far more sweeping legislation to curb industrial strife.

An admittedly powerful coalition of Republicans and southern Democrats made the outlook more dubious for the President's fact finding proposal.

This group lined up behind a broad strike control bill introduced by Rep. Case (R-S.D.), and this was the measure hastening a showdown.

The test vote issue was whether the Case bill should be brought up for consideration. An affirmative would make it the only substitute possible in the House for the diluted version of the fact finding measure asked by the President.

Will Mean Approval.

More important, said House leaders, victory in the test vote will mean the Case bill will be approved almost in its present form.

However, the bill's opponents would not admit defeat. They predicted a "bitter fight to the end." These Congressmen, chiefly close friends of organized labor, termed the substitute bill one designed "to break unions."

"The Case bill is an attempt to smash labor," Rep. Marcantonio, (Labor-N.Y.) declared at a Rules committee hearing. "It would bring back the yellow dog contract and allow all the other abuses of workers which used to prevail many years ago."

Some opponents of the Case plan told newsmen, however, that their chief hopes of killing the proposal is "to keep it so stringent" that the Senate will refuse to approve it or so Mr. Truman later will veto it.

Naval Air Chief Didn't See Warning

Washington, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The 1941 naval air commander in Hawaii testified today that he did not learn of a war warning sent from Washington November 29, 1941, until days after the Japanese attacked December 7, 1941.

Vice Adm. T. N. L. Bellinger told the Senate-House committee investigating the disaster that during October, November and December of 1941 his only information concerning U. S. relations with Japan and the nearness of war "came from the Honolulu newspapers."

Bellinger was called by the committee to explain why no long range reconnaissance planes were out on December 7 to catch the Japanese stealing up on Pearl Harbor.

"The information available to me—limited and unofficial—did not indicate that I should recommend to the commander in chief, Pacific Fleet Admiral Husband Kimmel, that distant patrol plane search for the security of Pearl Harbor be undertaken at time time," he said.

Bellinger's statement did not say whether he would have recommended long range flights it he had seen the "war warnings."

Textile Plants In State Grant New Pay Boosts

(By The Associated Press.)

With a 65 cent minimum hourly wage the result in most instances, thousands of North and South Carolina textile mill workers this week received the good news of pay hikes.

Latest to fall in line was the huge Burlington mills, which operates more than 50 plants in North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Canada, Cuba and other parts of the world.

The concerns' Greensboro office revealed that beginning February 4 employes would receive their second raise in a year, bringing their new wages to a point 25 per cent above those of a year ago.

In addition to Greensboro, other North Carolina communities affected are Burlington, Randleman, Belmont, Graham, Central Falls, Asheboro, High Point, and Reidsville.

TRANSPORT WORKERS TAKE STRKE VOTE

Philadelphia, Jan. 30—(AP)—Approximately 5,000 CIO employes of the Philadelphia Transportation Co. —all day shift workers—have unanimously approved a strike to enforce demands for a $2 a day wage increase, union officials reported today.

The strike would begin at 12:01 a. m. on February 11.

JAP RE-ENACTS YANK EXECUTIONS

ON HIS KNEES near Shanghai, China, Jap Warrant Officer Mayama, who witnessed the execution of three Doolittle fliers after their spectacular raid on Tokyo, shows how the Yanks were bound to crosses and shot. Looking on are Col. John H. Hendren (left), Kansas City, Mo., and Capt. Robert N. Dwyer, New York, trial judge advocates in the impending war-crime trials against seven Jap officers and men who are charged with executing the captive airmen. *(International Soundphoto)*

Congress Planning To Concentrate On A New Defense Act

Draft Law Extension, Training Bill Sidetracked For Work On New Laws

Washington, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The House Military Committee spiked administration hopes today of early action on a continued draft law and universal military training.

It decided to concentrate on a new national defense and Chairman Andrew May (D-Ky.) pointed out that all other army proposals necessarily will hinge on the new act's contents.

The committee already has held long hearings on universal training, but the new move evidently wiped out plans to resume them now. No hearing date has been set on the question of extending the draft, which is due to expire May 15.

Sub-Committee Named.

A special sub-committee was assigned to work out recommendations for the post-war defense act which will blueprint the overall peace time structure of the army.

The army meanwhile moved to step up the flow of replacements for long-service GI overseas. The training period for future replacements was ordered cut to eight weeks. Previously 13 to 17 weeks training was required. The War Department has been claiming it is hard put to provide enough replacements to keep pace with the present rate of demobilization.

Churchill Is Named As Pallbearer At Hopkins' Services

New York, Jan. 31.—(AP)—The family of Harry Hopkins has named former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill among the honorary pallbearers for the funeral Friday of the special advisor of the late Franklin Roosevelt.

Hopkins, who died Tuesday, accompanied Mr. Roosevelt to the Atlantic Charter meeting with Mr. Churchill and other conferences.

Others named as honorary pallbearers included Bernard Baruch, presidential advisor.

Senator Bilbo Is About The Busiest Man In Washington

Washington, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Senator Bilbo, Mississippi Democrat, was just about the busiest man in town today with a filibuster, a personal picket line and an 18 1-2-pound country home on his hands.

He acknowledged that the filibuster and the ham shared first place in his affections. And, of course, he had no affection for the picket lines deployed in front of his apartment by people who don't see eye to eye with him on various pieces of legislation.

TO IMPOSE PENALTY FOR UNPAID TAXES

A penalty of one percent on unpaid 1945 taxes will become effective after Friday on accounts owed to both the city and the county, and both collecting agencies have issued warnings to property owners that settlement must be made on or before Friday to escape the levy. During December and January all settlements have been made at face value of the account. Discounts were allowed during the summer and fall through December 1.

China Unity Parley Ends

Chungking, Jan. 31. — (AP) — China's unity conference, with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek presiding, formally approved today all decisions reached by sub-committees charting the nation's future.

With that action taken, the unity session, known as the Political Consultation Conference, then adjourned—21 days after it was convened.

Chiang entertained the delegates afterward at a dinner in the Hall of Ceremonies at Government headquarters where the all party talks began January 10.

UNO Trusteeship For Indonesia Is Suggested By Kerr

Singapore, Jan. 31.—(AP)— Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, en route to Batavia to represent Britain at negotiations between the Netherlands Government and the unrecognized Indonesian republic, said today he believed Indonesia might become a United Nations trusteeship when "the present difficulties are settled."

Sir Archibald, who will become British ambassador to the United States in May, voiced his belief at a press conference in response to questions on the Indonesian situation.

He made it clear that his statement was merely a personal observation and not a recommendation, declaring that the question of committing Indonesian territory to trusteeship was one for the Dutch Government to decide and not an affair of the British Government until the matter had reached the United Nations Organization.

More Workers Are Laid Off As Result Of Steel Strike

Pittsburgh, Jan. 31.—(AP)— The nation-wide steel strike, now in its 11th day, picked up momentum today in its impact on related industries, making idle more than 10,000 workers for a total of 54,000 to date.

The figures do not include the approximately 750,000 CIO - United Steel Workers directly concerned in the strike.

Another 10,000 workers will be idled tomorrow when the Ford Motor Co. closes six plants—at Buffalo, N. Y., Chester, Pa., Chicago, Edgewater, N. J., Louisville, Ky., and St. Paul, Minn.

Other Ford plants and department shutdowns between now and Feb. 3 will make idle still another 10,000 workers or a total of 40,000 in all.

The increasing speed of the lay-offs lent credence to earlier predictions of business and union leaders that more than a million workers in related industries would be forced out of work if the steel strike continues five weeks.

While Reconversion Director John Snyder expressed hope of a settlement this week, such an outcome appeared to hinge on whether the Government will allow a price for steel which industry representatives consider sufficient to enable them to pay USW demands.

The steel workers asked 18.5 cents an hour. United States Steel, bargainer for most of the steel companies, says it must have an increase "very much" more than $4 a ton before it can pay a raise of more than 15 cents an hour.

The Government had been reported willing to allow $4 a ton although the OPA has held steadfast to its original assertion that no more than $2.50 should be granted.