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SHARON'S SAFE WITH UNCLE GARY



ORPHANED when her parents were burned to death in their Philadelphia home, four-months-old Sharon Lee Hallowell (left) communes soberly with her uncle Gary Lee Williams, also four months old, at the home of Sharon's grandparents in Defiance, Pa. Sharon's mother saved her from the fire by rolling her in blankets down a porch roof. (International)

HOMMA ADMITS HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH MARCH

Jap General Says He Was Morally Responsible For Ordering It

Manila, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma admitted under cross examination at his war crimes trial today he issued the order for the Bataan death march of 70,000 American war prisoners and added:

"I am morally responsible for anything that happened under my command."

Seventeen thousand Americans and Filipinos died on that march.

Homma made the admission in replying to a series of questions by Lt. Col. Frank Meek, chief of the prosecution staff.

"You knew you had 70,000 prisoners of war at the fall of Bataan?" Meek asked.

"Yes," replied Homma.

"You knew you had issued orders for them to march from Balanga to San Fernando?"

"Yes."

"Did you inquire the physical conditions of the men?"

"I did not."

"Did you consider the conditions at Camp O'Donnell, your responsibility as commander in chief?"

After a pause, Homma replied: "I am morally responsible for anything that occurred under my command."

Homma said that although he considered treatment of prisoners "an important matter" he was not kept advised as to their treatment except perchance as "the chief of staff had one he thought I should know about."

He said he was not informed as to what Meek described as a malarial conditions of the death marchers.

"Were deaths at O'Donnell reported to you?"

"I heard a thousand a day were dying."

"Did you think that excessive?"

"Yes, it was."

Homma then conceded his "moral responsibility" and reiterated it despite Meek's statement that he had not again asked "if you were morally responsible."

Issuance Of New Pay-Price Policy Delayed By Dispute

Differences In Agencies Cause Delay

Washington, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Top level administration advisors strove today to iron out last minute differences over details of a new Government wage-price policy aimed at ending the steel strike as well as most other major labor disputes.

One high official, not quotable by name, said that a White House announcement of the formula might come right away. Another, reported the disagreements had developed late yesterday which could force further delay.

Both agreed, however, that the government's position on steel price increases—key in settling the walk-outs of 750,000 "10 steel workers"—would be stated either simultaneously with announcement of the wage-price policy revision or immediately afterward.

Disagreements unclear.

What disagreements had developed remained unclear. Reportedly they involved OPA administrator Chester Bowles and Reconstruction Director John Snyder, who have been at odds on the price question for some time.

It was obvious, however, that President Truman's advisors were working under heavy pressure to bring out the policy statement as quickly as possible.

Unless the hearing is again postponed, Bowles is scheduled to testify on wage-price policy before a Congressional committee tomorrow.

Lending weight to belief that a major break is due in the strike situation, CIO President Philip Murray called a strategy conference today between leaders of the CIO's big three unions—automobile, electrical and steel workers.

These together represent 1,125,000 striking workers and have adopted a "stick together" policy in considering wage agreements.

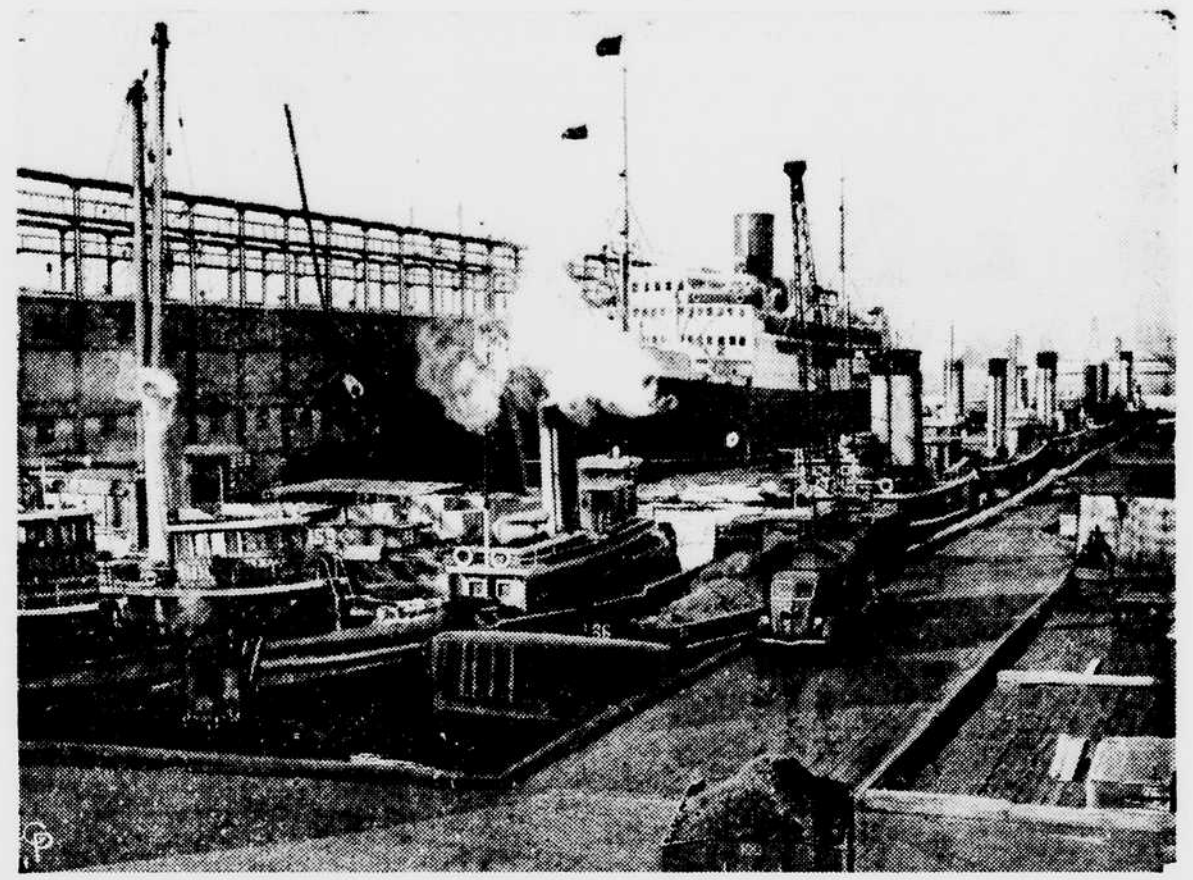
Murray insisted, however, that there was "nothing significant" in Thursday's meeting.

An official close to Government policy makers said the new wage-price statement would include relaxation of the present regulation which prohibited management from seeking price relief in less than six months after making a voluntary wage increase.

General Douglas MacArthur also instructed the Japanese government to round up and deliver to Sugamo prison 18 other militarists suspected of crimes against war prisoners.

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STRIKE TIES UP TUGBOATS IN NEW YORK HARBOR



NEW YORK PORT—WORLD'S LARGEST AND BUSIEST—was almost completely swept clear of moving tugboats as some 3,500 crewmen walked out on strike. Here is a view of one of the piers with tug boats tied up and idle. Affecting about 400 tugs and fuel barges, the strike was based on a demand for a 40-hour week at the prevailing 48-hour wage. With tugs idle, virtually every commodity usually brought to New York by ship, from Sandy Hook to New Haven, Conn., was being held up at points of origin. (International)

Army Sets Aside Money For Buggs Island Work

\$3,000,000 Given In Fund Measure For Roanoke Dams

Washington, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The Buggs Island reservoir for the Roanoke River in Virginia and North Carolina was allotted \$3,000,000 in the War Department's civil functions appropriations bill for 1947 as introduced in the House today.

This is in addition to a \$1,000,000 appropriation approved in December. Only allotment up to that time had been \$3,000. The estimated cost of the project is \$39,900,000.

The bill goes from the House to the Senate appropriations committee before final approval by Congress.

Equals Flood Damage.

The two appropriations, totaling \$4,000,000 equal, approximately, the damage that army engineers estimated floods caused in the Roanoke basin from 1935 through 1944.

The Buggs Island project includes a concrete dam with power house on the Roanoke river about 179 miles above the mouth and 18 miles upstream from the Virginia-North Carolina State line.

It will afford protection to the towns of Roanoke Rapids, Weldon and Williamston, N. C., and to the valley of the lower Roanoke in Virginia and North Carolina, the engineers said.

Washington, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The House got a \$300,000,000 appropriations bill today to tussle with after it finishes the job of putting together a strike control bill.

Most of the money will finance river and harbor and flood control work which was put off during the war.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Shows this afternoon and in east portion tonight. Warmer and central sections followed by clearing and somewhat colder tonight. Near freezing in west tonight. Thursday fair and mild.

He's Her Dad



IN NEW YORK CITY for a vacation, motion picture star Alexis Smith is shown with her father Alex Smith at a city night club. Alexis is wed to Craig Stevens. (International)

Futures Are Up During Forenoon

New York, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 29 to 45 cents a bale higher.

Noon prices were 15 to 35 cents a bale higher. March 25.43, May 25.40, July 25.39.

	Pv. Close	Open
March	25.49	25.47
May	25.36	25.43
July	25.33	25.42
October	25.17	25.23
December	25.15	25.23
March 1946	25.12	25.17

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Nomination Of Pauley Hot Issue

Washington, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The battle over Edwin Pauley's appointment as Undersecretary of the Navy went into a temporary lull today amid indications some administration leaders wanted the nomination withdrawn.

Pauley had been scheduled to bring before the Senate Naval Committee today a record of political contributions made by oil men while he was Democratic national treasurer.

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High Jap Official To Be Arrested As War Criminals

Tokyo, Feb. 6.—(AP)—General Shimomura, Japan's post-surrender war minister, today was ordered arrested as an international war crimes suspect. Authoritative headquarters sources said that he had signed final orders for the execution of three Doolittle fliers in 1942.

General Douglas MacArthur also instructed the Japanese government to round up and deliver to Sugamo prison 18 other militarists suspected of crimes against war prisoners.

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ODT Operates NY Tug Boats

Reds, China Confer On Manchuria

Consultations On Soviet Withdrawal Held In Chungking

Chungking, Feb. 6.—(AP)—China is consulting Russia on withdrawal of Soviet troops from Manchuria, Minister of Information K. C. Wu, told newsmen today in reply to persistent questions at a press conference.

Wu made two points: First, there has been no formal Soviet request for an extension of the last deadline, February 1, for completion of withdrawal; second, China has made no request to Russia to delay the withdrawal beyond that deadline.

Presumed Factor.

Wu said transportation difficulties were "a presumed factor" delaying Russian withdrawal. He declined to list any other "presumed factors." Nor did he say whether Chinese interests were being served by the Russians remaining in Manchuria.

The Russians originally were scheduled to complete the withdrawal from Manchuria December 3 but this was extended to January 3, then to February 1.

Wu said the lifting of censorship in recovered areas of China was only a matter of a few days.

About 500 Persons Reported Rescued From Broken Ship

Ketchikan, Alaska, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Removal of all the 490 persons aboard the wrecked liner Yukon, which went on the rocks Monday at Johnstone Bay and broke in two, was reported early today by the Ketchikan Chronicle.

About 190 were landed on a nearby beach by breeches buoy, the newspaper said, and the rest are in Seward on board vessels which overcame a northland gale in tedious but successful rescue operations.

The report said the rescue ships were presumably taking all survivors to Seward, where 50 had been landed previously.

MacArthur To Tell Decision Thursday On Gen. Yamashita

Tokyo, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Allied General Douglas MacArthur would headquarter his review tomorrow of the death sentence imposed on Lt. Gen. Yamashita and release his decision immediately.

Vital Strike-Bound Industry Ordered Seized By Truman

New York, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Lawrence Turner designated to operate New York's strike bound tug boat industry under government seizure said today that if striking longshoremen did not return to work "we'll operate the best we can with facilities available to us."

Turner said, however, that strike leaders had assured him they "would do everything in their power to get the men back to work," and he expressed belief that service might be resumed tomorrow or within the week in any event.

Strikers Hold Meeting.

Ever as he made his statements, to a news conference the 3,500 striking members of the AFL-International Longshoremen's Association were meeting in an emergency session to consider returning to their jobs.

The Government seized the industry at 12:01 a. m. today to prevent interference with the movement of necessary fuel and food supplies for New York.

Turner, director of the Office of Defense Transportation's department of water transportation said after conferring with the wage negotiating committee of the New York Tug Boat Owners Association:

"The situation is so grave from a public health standpoint that we are not prepared to drag our feet very long. There's no alternative. The President has ordered me to resume service and I must take such steps as I deem necessary."

ODT Takes Control.

President Truman ordered the Office of Defense Transportation to take control of the 91 tug boat companies operating in New York and nearby waters. Lawrence Turner, director of the ODT's waterways transport department, was named Federal manager of the properties.

The tug men struck Monday morning in a wage hour dispute with the New York Tug Boat Exchange, halting commercial shipping in the world's busiest port and producing the worst waterfront tie-up since 1919.

The union meeting was called by leaders after they conferred with Mayor William O'Dwyer and were told that "no more serious disaster had ever faced the city than confronts it now."

O'Dwyer declared that refusal of the tug boat workers to carry vital city supplies would "sign the death warrant of many New York residents."

"We Don't Like It."

Capt. William Bradley, president of the I.A.'s United Marine Division questioned regarding the union's reaction to the seizure order declared: "We don't like it, but we will leave it up to the membership at their meeting."

The strikers want a 40 hour week in place of the present 48 hour week; hourly wage increases from \$1.10 to \$1.57 and from a \$1.42 to \$1.85 for licensed personnel. A flat \$1.35 an hour was asked for unlicensed personnel to reduce the present 67 to 72 cents scale.

Bevin Tries Compromise In Dispute

Cabinet Considers Attempt To Settle Crisis Over Greece

London, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin went before the British cabinet today for a decision on a new proposal to break the British-Russian deadlock over Greece and extricate the United Nations security council from a first rate crisis.

The British cabinet meeting broke up at 2:15 p. m. (8:15 a. m. EST) and ministers left Number 10 Downing Street without disclosing what had taken place.

Similar considerations were being United Nations leaders to be underway in Moscow. The council looked hopefully to Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Attlee to approve the proposed compromise.

Secret Meeting.

Both Bevin and Andrei Vishinsky, Soviet vice commissar of foreign affairs, told a secret emergency meeting of the five major power members of the security council that they would have to ask their governments for renewed instructions.

An air of tension prevailed in the whole United Nations meeting. There was much speculation that the British cabinet, in view of Bevin's strong demand for complete expropriation of Russia's charges that British troops in Greece were endangering peace, might find unacceptable the compromise proposal made by Norman J. O. Makin, of Australia, chairman of the security council.

Answers from both the British and Russian governments were expected before the council meets at 4 p. m. EST for its fourth attempt to settle the Greek question.

OPA ACTS TO END SHIRT SHORTAGE

Washington, Feb. 6.—(AP)—OPA today relaxed its maximum average price regulation in a move designed to relieve the acute shortage of men's shirts.

At the same time the agency said "only a very small percentage of shirt manufacturers have let themselves get into difficulty by failing to make enough low-priced goods to balance their higher priced production."

The revision of the "MAP" regulation applies only to shirt production. The OPA said the effect would be to permit manufacturers to deliver a somewhat larger proportion of higher price line shirts.

Safford Violated Rules To Help Clear Kimmel

Washington, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Naval Capt. L. F. Safford testified today he knew he was breaking naval regulations when he undertook a campaign to clear Rear Adm. Husband Kimmel of blame in the Pearl Harbor disaster.

Safford told the Senate-House committee investigating the December 7, 1941 attack that he had believed he had to launch the campaign because he had at first felt bitter against the 1941 Pacific fleet commander.

"I had to do something to make amends," he said slowly.

Safford wrote in a secret code letter to Capt. A. D. Kramer, in January 1944, that Kimmel and the 1941 army commander at Pearl Harbor had been "framed." He asked that Kramer line up Adm. William Halsey in the cause of clearing Kimmel.

"This defense of Adm. Kimmel had puzzled me," Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) told the witness. "You knew you were doing something wrong, violating navy regulations, did you not?"

Safford sat silent in the witness chair. His right hand pressed against his red face and he waited long before he answered:

"Yes."

Rep. Murphy (D-Penn.) demanded that Safford give the committee at once all letters written in his campaign to clear Kimmel of the Pearl Harbor blame.

Lucas likewise called for additional light on Safford's efforts in pushing what the naval officer called his "unsolicited interest" in behalf of Kimmel.

SLOWLY STARVING DESPITE ALL FOOD



THOUGH HIS APPETITE IS ENORMOUS and he eats twice as much as a normal person, Bates Plamondon (above), 11, of Miami, Fla., is given only a slim chance to live. Physicians say that he is starving and that there is no known method of treatment for his condition, which developed from osteomyelitis and "just a sore jaw." (International)