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Major Conflict Rages In India

50,000 Pakistan Irregulars Battle To Control Kashmir

By JAMES MICHAELS

NEW DELHI, Jan. 9 (UP)—Fifty thousand Moslem irregulars were locked in battle today with veteran British-trained divisions of the Indian Army for control of the fabulously beautiful north Indian state of Kashmir.

Men who fought shoulder to shoulder against the Germans and the Japanese three years ago, were killing each other for the enormous wealth of the 84,000 mountainous square miles of this remote territory.

The smell of death raked over roads from blackened, unburied corpses half hidden along the roadsides by restless, seething swarms of fattening black vultures.

And behind the lines persisted the grim weary parade of refugees—Moslems waging their war has produced no decision and refugees saw no immediate hope.

Large numbers of Moslem veterans of the last war—some Kashmiris and some Pakistanis—gathered with fanatical fight-loving Moslem tribesmen of the northwestern frontier, made up the bulk of the anti-Indian forces.

Fighting began in October with scattered guerrilla battles between invading Moslem tribesmen and Kashmir Moslem ex-soldiers from the Poonch area of Kashmir on one hand, and the small amateurish Hindu Army of Maharajah Sir Hari Singh on the other.

Holy Land Skirmishes Continue; Lie States UN Will Aid Commission

By EDWARD CURTIS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9 (AP)—Gunfire blazed across Jerusalem and nearby hills today as bitter communal fighting elsewhere in the Holy Land claimed 15 lives—eight Jews, five Arabs, a British policeman and a Pole.

Thousands of bullets crashed and ricocheted into grey stone buildings and rocky hillsides in the confused three-cornered fighting in southern Jerusalem among Arabs, Jews and British soldiers and police.

Nevertheless, only one person was listed as seriously wounded in this Jerusalem skirmish, in which shooting apparently started after the Arabs at the Jaffa gate threw up road blocks on hearing the Jews were planning new bomb attacks there.

Several hundred Arabs armed with automatic weapons and grenades massed at the gate and along nearby walls. Even Palestine police were not permitted to pass the Arabs road blocks.

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 9 (AP)—Secretary General Trygve Lie said today the Security Council "will have to act" if the United Nations Palestine Commission asks for protection when the commissioners begin dividing the Holy Land into Jewish and Arabic countries.

Shimada Claims Togo Has 'Feeling Of Guilt'

By FRANK WHITE
Associated Press Correspondent

Former Japanese Navy Minister Shigetaro Shimada returned to the witness stand today to charge that a fellow defendant who accused him of threats in a Tribunal cell "has a feeling of guilt" and wants to throw up a smokescreen.

His target was former Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo. Shimada termed Togo's suggestion by Associate Prosecutor Capt. J. J. Robinson, USN that Shimada and the late Adm. Osami Nagano had attempted to persuade Togo to change his testimony that the Japanese Navy wanted to stage a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor without notice to the United States.

Nagano, another defendant, died during the progress of the trial before the International Military Tribunal for the Far East.

Asked if he meant Togo really did not regard as threats his conversation with Shimada and Nagano in a cell at the Tribunal building in May, 1946, and whether Togo was deliberately lying when he testified they were

Brazilian Gov't Bars Communists From Public Posts

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 9 (AP)

The Chamber of Deputies voted last night to remove all Communists from elective posts throughout the country, the Chamber's President declared the bill had passed before the complete vote was recorded.

The measure, already passed by the Senate, went to President Eurico Gaspar Dutra who immediately signed it. His signature abolished the last legal remains of Communist activity in Brazil.

During the session, Deputy Pereira Silva drew a pistol and said he was going to shoot Communist Deputy Gregorio Bezerra. He did not fire, but the meeting was suspended temporarily as a precautionary measure.

The Communist Party was ruled illegal last May, but previously had elected 15 members of Congress.

Brazil recently broke diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

Royall Expects Final Word On Japan Plants Picked For Reparations

DENVER, Jan. 9 (UP)—Army Secretary Kenneth C. Royall, said today he expects to receive during January final recommendations on specific plants to be dismantled and distributed in Japan's reparations payments.

He said, "We have had a competent group of industrial engineers in the Pacific selecting specific plants which, consistent with obligations, can be dismantled and distributed with a minimum detriment to the Japanese economic recovery. The report and recommendations of this committee should reach the Department of the Army during this month."

Royall said the United States has committed itself to delivery of 30 per cent of Japan's dismantled war industry to China, the Philippines, British Far Eastern possessions and the Dutch Government in the Pacific.

"There have been no commitments of any specific amount to Russia," Royall said, and no decision has been reached on the disposition of the remaining 70 per cent of Japan's war industries.

Snow Snarls Traffic In New York



(Acme Photo)

Although snow plows had been busy for three days clearing over two feet of snow from New York's streets, traffic was still snarled in many places with only two lanes open to motorists. The scene above is at 8th Avenue and Hudson Street.

Marshall Pleads For Prompt Aid

Challenges Lawmakers With Proposal Of 'Either Do It All Or Not At All'

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—Secretary of State George Marshall appealed to Congress today for an adequate, prompt and effectively administered European aid program and bluntly challenged the lawmakers: "Either undertake to meet the requirements of the problem or do not undertake it at all."

At the same time he rejected outright the Republican-backed proposal to create a new Government corporation to administer the projected program.

He called for a single administrator responsible to the President and working in harmony with the Secretary of State on foreign policy questions. "There cannot be two Secretaries of State," Marshall asserted.

The Secretary appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as the first of more than a dozen high officials assigned to present the Administration's case to the Congress for a four-year multi-million dollar program of assistance for western Europe.

Of the need for such aid he said: "Dollars will not save the world—but the world today cannot be saved without dollars."

The Cabinet officer's statement brisely sketched the arguments for the huge project, unprecedented in America's peacetime history. The full amount of the aid cannot be determined at this time, Marshall said, but estimated that it would range between \$15,100,000,000 and \$17,800,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—Secretary of State Marshall told Congressmen today that Russia and the Communist Party will "oppose and sabotage" the European Recovery Program at every turn.

He added, however, he has no doubt the U.S. can undertake the plan successfully.

LATE FLASHES

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9—Well-informed diplomatic sources said British Foreign Minister Bevin, in conversation with Secretary of State George C. Marshall during the recent Foreign Ministers' Conference, categorically rejected any idea of permitting the Big Four Powers to hold the veto power over decisions of the Japanese peace conference.

MANILA, Jan. 9 (UP)—The battle between dissident Hukbalahaps and the Philippine constabulary, after raging more than 24 hours in Bocaue, 18 miles north of Manila, ended yesterday morning, and latest reports said 21 Huks, including two commanders, were dead.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (UP)—A bill giving the State Department permanent authority for its "Voice of America" broadcast was approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today as the Administration disclosed the program would be taken over by George V. Allen, United States ambassador to Iran.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 9 (AP)—The first shipment of guns and tanks in a 1,000,000-ton purchase of junked war equipment from the Chinese Government arrived here today for the Patapco Scrap Corporation, a Bethlehem Steel subsidiary.

Safety Of Passengers Aboard Dvina Assured

1,000 To One Chance Against Passage

GOP Leaders Junk Truman Tax Plan

By LYLE C. WILSON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (UP)—Republican Congressional leaders junked President Truman's tax program without a second look and confidently promised to beat his veto this session with a new tax-reduction bill of their own.

As sentiment stands now, the chances are 1,000 to one against enactment of the combination tax-reduction, tax increase plan proposed by Truman.

The tax controversy rapidly is becoming the bitterest of Truman's administration.

Democrats are divided on his plan to give every taxpayer an across-the-board \$40 tax reduction while boosting corporation taxes about 12 per cent to offset the \$3,200,000,000 in lost revenue.

Republicans ridiculed the proposal as political trickery.

Chairman Harold Knutson of the House Ways and Means Committee has proposed a bill which would reduce both corporation and personal income taxes by \$5,600,000, thus relieving 7,000,000 taxpayers entirely.

Truman's plan would drop about 10,000,000 persons from the tax rolls.

Republicans are counting on trimming Truman's budget for 1949 sharply, thereby making more dollars available for hungry Europeans and heavily taxed Americans.

Flour, Cotton Arrive At Kobe

KOBE, Jan. 9—The American freighter, Governor Sparks, arrived in Kobe Wednesday laden with 7,835 long tons of soy bean flour. The Sparks was followed by another American freighter, Greater Victory, which arrived yesterday with 19,000 bales of cotton.

5 Die, Damage May Exceed Millions Worst Flood Since 1945 Hits Pacific Northwest

By The Associated Press

The worst flood since 1945 beset the Pacific Northwest Wednesday, blocking highways, flooding homes, causing five deaths, and leaving in its wake damage that may run into millions of dollars.

Dozens of rivers and streams, swollen by a week of pounding rain—four and eight-tenths inches fell within 24 hours at one Oregon point—burst their banks and eddied into houses, streets, and farmyards.

Three people were drowned in a small cable car which crosses the Rogue River at Ilabe in southwestern Oregon. The car, which normally rides 15 feet above the water, was apparently caught by the swiftly rising flood.

Swept to their deaths were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lackey, summer lodge caretakers, and their guest, Mrs. Ross Cooper. Mr. Cooper's husband swam to safety.

First Cavalry To Hold Manila Day Festivities

The First Cavalry Division today announced plans for the annual celebration of Manila Day to be observed on February 3.

Among the scheduled events of the day will be a colorful review at Heaton Field, open house at the officers' and enlisted clubs, a basketball game at Cornelius Field House and a special theater program.

Many notables of the Navy, Army and Diplomatic Corps will be there for the occasion, which will celebrate the division's penetration of Manila February 3, 1945, when they crushed Japanese resistance in the Philippine capital and liberated 3,700 internees of Santo Tomas prison.

Troopers who participated in that attack, press correspondents who were liberated from the prison and other persons who were in Manila at the time will take part in the program, as will representatives of the Philippine Government.

Red Trieste Strike Called

TRIESTE, Jan. 9 (UP)—The Communist-controlled Sindicati Unici called a general strike in Trieste Thursday in protest to the arrest of 29 pro-Communist partisans.

Leaking Soviet Ship Still Afloat

By RUSSELL BRINES
Chief Of Tokyo AP Bureau

Safety of 780 passengers aboard the leaking Russian ship Dvina off Southern Hokkaido appeared assured. American naval authorities said today, as the stricken vessel remained afloat with four surface craft standing by to give immediate assistance.

Rough seas and 40-to 50-mile winds still prevented the surrounding vessels from throwing a line aboard the Dvina.

However, the vessel appeared in no worse condition than last night and standby craft could take aboard passengers in case of any emergency, Navy officers said.

They added that officials at the spot were waiting for better weather conditions to begin towing the Dvina to port, presumably Hakodate, Hokkaido, for repairs. Officers here expressed belief that no attempt to remove the passengers at sea would be necessary unless the Dvina suddenly starts to crack up or ships water more heavily than it appears to be doing now.

The pilot of a B-17 rescue plane radioed from above the scene that the Dvina still had a 30 degree list. He said he was talking by radio to the ship's officers, who did not respond yesterday to aircraft efforts to establish communications by radio or blinker light.

The four vessels kept an all night vigil around the Dvina and the American B-17 hovered over the stricken ship in case of an emergency. Surface craft were a Russian patrol boat, two American controlled Japanese manned repatriation ships Taihoku Maru and Unzen Maru and the Japanese tanker Yoko Maru. The repatriation ships, which are empty, are capable of accommodating easily all of the Dvina's passengers. (Continued on Page 4)

30 Mile-Per-Hour Sub Is Planned By British

LONDON, Jan. 9 (INS)—Naval research yards in Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire, are planning to build ocean-going submarines capable of 30 miles per hour under water.

These three times faster than normal submarines, according to the Daily Express, will be fitted with a new "quick-getaway" unit invented by Dr. Rudolph Walther, German U-boat scientist, now working for the British Admiralty.

The unit is powered by two fuels—a special oil and a highly concentrated form of hydrogen peroxide—which meet in a combustion chamber and burn violently. The energy set free can power a submarine for several miles.

The device is intended for emergency use when short bursts of speed are needed, claims the Express.

13 Drown As Fishing Boat Sinks In Storm

By The Associated Press

Thirteen crewmen of the 48-ton fishing boat Sachi Maru drowned, when the craft sank in a storm near Hakodate, Hokkaido Wednesday, the Japanese press reported today.

Meanwhile, the United States destroyer Henderson continued search for sign of another stricken fishing boat, the Kaiyo Maru, which was reported to be breaking up 200 miles eastward from Tokyo. The destroyer radioed earlier it had found no trace of the vessel or the 30 crewmen who reportedly abandoned the ship in lifeboats.

Claims For Reparations Made By Four Nations

Initial claims have been submitted by the four nations—China, The Netherlands, the Philippines and the United Kingdom—participating in the 30 per cent advance transfer reparations program, Brig. Gen. W. K. Harrison, chief of SCAP's Reparations Section, reported today.

Claims have been made for more than 11,930 machine tools and items of secondary metal-working equipment following an inspection of 17 former government owned arsenals.

The first shipment of reparations equipment to leave Japan is expected to go to China. General Harrison said, an LST, scheduled to reach Japan last month to take equipment to the Philippines, was damaged en route and had to return for repairs.

Three other ships are scheduled to arrive this month—from The Netherlands on January 15, China on January 20 and the Philippines on January 25.

New High In China Inflation

SHANGHAI, Jan. 9 (UP)—The blackmarket price of the United States dollar soared to 220,000 and goldbar to 12,400,000 Chinese dollars per ounce in another spurt on the Shanghai market.