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PLACE FRENCH TROOPS ON WAR BASIS IN AFRICA

Move Made to Prevent Nazi Invasion of Morocco, Reports State.

FLEETS ARE MOVED

Close Co-operation Maintained With Great Britain; Hope for Approval.

(Copyright, 1937, by United Press) PARIS, Jan. 9.—Garrisons in French Morocco were on a full war-time footing today and ordered to be on the alert as the Algerian Government, fearing German penetration, talked of canceling German commercial rights in its zone.

Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos returned to the foreign office from his vacation to consult political experts on the crisis. Premier Leon Blum remained on the Riviera but maintained contact over a direct special telephone with his office here.

The Ministry of Marine announced that the Mediterranean fleet would conduct its winter maneuvers off the North African coast without leaving the Mediterranean. The Atlantic fleet, 38 ships, is to sail Jan. 15 for Casablanca, on the Atlantic coast of Africa, and Dakar, Senegal, farther down the coast.

Edouard Daladier, Minister of National Defense, expects to go to Africa next week to inspect Moroccan garrisons.

Reports Are Denied

Denying reports published abroad that the government contemplated military action in Morocco, the foreign office said that the question had not arisen. On the contrary, France maintained close co-operation with Great Britain and expected to obtain British approval to any steps taken. It was pointed out that there are definite treaties governing Morocco and the foreign office said that it was up to the powers with responsibilities there to permit no situation to arise that would render forceful action necessary.

Berlin Denies Reports Of Moroccan Invasion

(By United Press) BERLIN, Jan. 9.—Government spokesmen said today there was no basis for French anxiety over alleged German penetration into Morocco.

Reliable private sources tended to strengthen a propaganda ministry denial that German troops were landing in Morocco or were already in Morocco, or that German barracks were being erected there.

Great Britain Protests Bombing of Embassy

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden today instructed Sir Henry Chilton, British ambassador to Spain, to protest "vigorously" to Spanish nationalist authorities at Salamanca against yesterday's bombing of the British embassy at Madrid. Chilton is at Hendaye, on the French-Spanish frontier.

The British protest reserves the right to claim compensation for damages.

Rebel Planes Drop 20 Bombs in Raid

MADRID, Jan. 9.—Fourteen rebel tri-motor aircraft planes sailed over Madrid this morning, dropping more than 20 high explosive bombs in the University City area.

The bombers were escorted by a large number of fast pursuit planes which engaged loyalist defenders who rose to drive off the bombers.

Italian Cabinet Boosts Military Budget

ROME, Jan. 9.—The cabinet approved higher military appropriations in the 1937-1938 budget at a meeting today.

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Hit and Run

City Hospital Burglar Jumps Through House In Mad Flight.

A burglar was in a linen closet at City Hospital early today. Charles Young, watchman, found him and called Patrolman Robert Devault.

They put him in an admitting room. The burglar said he was ill and officer Devault went to get a doctor.

With the patrolman away, the burglar started out a window. Young fired two shots and said the burglar fell but got up running. He ran into the surgery but didn't claim he needed an operation.

Another attack picked up the chase and the burglar left the building pretty well in front of them. He ran to the home of Lizzy Durham, at 1023 Coe St.

He jumped through a front window of the house, kept on running, jumped through a rear window of the house, kept on running and that's as far as the record goes.

DEATH DRIVER IS GIVEN 1 TO 10

James Nielsen, 21, Is Sentenced for Fatal Injuries to Mrs. Dona Hardin.

Hundreds of Indianapolis drivers are escaping prison terms only because fate has kept them from being caught. Criminal Court Judge Frank P. Baker declared yesterday when he sentenced a young driver to 1 to 10 years in the Reformatory.

James Nielsen, 21, of 368 Beauty Ave., was given the sentence for involuntary manslaughter in connection with the traffic death of Mrs. Dona Hardin, 47, of 1348 S. Sheffield Ave., on Dec. 23.

"The law of averages has singled this young man out to pay the penalty that many others should be paying," the judge remarked. "There are hundreds of others just as guilty as this young man and the only reason they aren't in court, too, is that they haven't had an accident."

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STUDY 5 TAX BILLS DESPITE M'NUTT STAND

Legislators Consider 2-Cent Cigaret Levy Among Other Proposals.

LABOR VICTORY IS SEEN

Townsend Is Expected to Back Bills Creating New Department.

(Editorial, Page 10)

Five new revenue-raising measures were being discussed by legislators today despite Governor McNutt's declaration yesterday that no new taxes are necessary.

The House and the Senate, having adjourned yesterday following the Governor's farewell message, are in recess and will convene Monday at 11 a. m. for the inauguration of Governor-elect Townsend.

Recognition of labor's part in the Democratic Party victory in Indiana was seen today by observers as Governor-elect Townsend tentatively approved bills creating a State Department of Labor with powers to mediate labor disputes.

In his message to a joint session of both houses last Wednesday, Governor-elect Townsend is expected to recommend a program backed by the Indiana State Federation of Labor to bring all labor divisions of state government under a commission of labor.

The bill would consolidate the following labor divisions: Department of mines, boiler inspection, building inspection department, State Industrial Board and department of women and children in industry.

In a second bill arbitration would be required in case of strikes. The proposed measure provides that if the Governor calls out the National Guard for a strike or lockout his act automatically closes the plant or industry affected by the strike or lockout.

Meanwhile, the State Highway Survey Commission recommended revisions in the method of gasoline tax distribution to local communities in keeping with the retiring Governor's suggestions.

\$800 Distribution Favored Senator Floyd J. Hemmer (D, Huntington), is to present a \$800 yearly distribution to teaching units from state revenues as a means of lightening the local property tax burden.

The Highway Survey Commission in its report recommended that the weight tax on trucks, tractors, trailers, semi-trailers and buses be extended to private carriers.

The extension would raise from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, Earl Crawford, commission chairman, estimated.

Rep. William E. Treadway (D, Spencer), Tuesday is to present a bill placing revenue-producing plants in the Reformatory.

LINTON, Ind., Jan. 9.—Motorists traveling on State Road 54 northwest of here were warned today by highway signs of a one to four-foot hole in the road which resulted from a cave-in of an abandoned coal mine, under the highway.

The mine had not operated since 1925. The road on which about 150 yards were sunken into the earth will not be repaired until the entire cave-in settles, highway officials said. Several houses in the vicinity also were affected.

FIND 'KING OF FIXERS' MURDERED AT KNOX KNOX, Ind., Jan. 9.—Among scores of threatening letters police today hoped to find clue to the slaying of Morris Siegel, 77, alleged "king of fixers."

The elderly alleged swindler and confidence man was found beaten to death in the basement of his farm home here yesterday. Wednesday two unsuccessful attempts were made to fire Siegel's farm buildings, according to authorities, who revealed that the aged recluse said he feared he would be slain.

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Postoffice Workers Ask More Clerks

Business is booming in Indianapolis so that 20 permanent clerks are needed to handle the mail at the Postoffice, Rep. William H. Larrabee was informed today.

His information came in a letter from the Indianapolis local of the National Federation of Postoffice Clerks, who petitioned the Congressman to get the Postoffice Department to act on the matter at once.

Contacting department officials, Mr. Larrabee was assured that an inspector will be sent to the Indianapolis postoffice to conduct a survey and report on the need for additional clerks there.

Mr. Larrabee predicted that the report would be favorable.

LABOR DIVIDED ON AUTO STRIKE

Eight Unions Said to Protest Action Making U. A. W. Bargaining Agent.

(Photo Bottom of Page)

DETROIT, Jan. 9.—Organized labor divided today over the issue of whether to support or oppose the United States Automobile Workers' strike against the \$1,500,000 General Motors Corp.

As Governor Frank Murphy resumed attempts to bring General Motors executives and strike leaders together to start negotiations, unions in scattered cities began to choose sides in the major industrial struggle.

General Motors made public telegrams from eight A. F. of L. unions, protesting against any action that would make the United Automobile Workers the sole bargaining agency.

The telegrams were signed by representatives of: The International Union Operating Engineers, the United Association of Journeymen Plumbers and Steam Fitters, the metal trades department of the A. F. of L., the Pattern Makers League, the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Union, the International Association of Machinists, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and the building trades department of the A. F. of L.

The factory council in the Chevrolet plant here refused to endorse the United Automobile Workers' strike and sent a telegram to President Roosevelt, asking him to intervene with the delay in finding the arrival of Neal from a Kentucky town in which he was captured.

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YOUTHFUL PAIR CHARGED WITH BRIGHT KILLING

State Police Claim Confession From Neal and Marshall.

FORMER TERMED SLAYER

'I Don't Know Why I Did It,' He Says on Arrival Here.

(Photo, Bottom of Page; Editorial, Page 10)

Two Indiana youths who met over a bottle of gin and planned a robbery between drinks, were in jail today charged with the murder of William H. Bright, Indianapolis druggist.

The prisoners were Vurtis Neal, 21-year-old hawk-nosed Madison ex-convict, and Hugh Marshall, 19-year-old Indianapolis jack-of-all-trades who they have confessed, State Police claim.

They slept well in the city prison last night, jailers said, and today were to make their second armed trip to Shelbyville—this time with someone else holding the gun.

In Shelbyville, Prosecutor Fred Cramer, who took office Jan. 1, awaits the prisoners and will draw indictments, he said, charging first degree murder in commission of a robbery. Conviction on this charge carries the death penalty.

He said it was to be the first murder trial in Shelby County in many years.

It was in Shelby County that they said they shot Mr. Bright, whom they had kidnapped in his car at a stop light here Monday at 6:15 p. m.

They said that on the first auto trip to that lonely cornfield near Boggs-town, Marshall sat in the back seat with Mr. Bright and held a cheap, foreign-made, 38-caliber revolver on him.

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