

RUSS-JAPANESE
PACT IS HINTEDPledge of Non-Aggression
Would Clear Tokyo's Way
Into South Pacific.

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base of Bizerte, in Tunisia across the narrow Sicily Channel, persisted.

Vichy revealed that its delegate Fernand de Brinon has returned to Paris from Berlin and is expected shortly in Vichy. He may bear proposals from Adolf Hitler casting light on repeated rumors of German interest in Bizerte.

The British were pushing the Italians hard on every front in Africa. Derna was surrounded and reports persisted that some British advance units actually had entered the town. The Italians admitted that the British had fought almost halfway across the Libyan plateau on the direct cross-country route to Benghazi, Libya, capital.

Ethiopians Rise in Revolt

To the east British attack columns killed into Italian East Africa and Ethiopian natives rose in revolt at many points.

The northernmost British column approached Agordat in Eritrea and threatened to drive on to Asmara, the capital, and Massawa, Red Sea port.

Another column was pushing south into Ethiopia in the Lake Tana region and east of Lake Tana. Ethiopian rebels were reported to have slain 200 Italians.

Other British forces pushed north into Ethiopia from Kenya Colony and northeast into Italian Somaliland.

Other developments included: On the coast the air war was renewed as the R. A. F. told of attacks on Hanover, Germany, during which the British Air Ministry claimed two large fires and several small conflagrations were started. It was the first British air action over Germany since Wednesday, apparently because of bad weather.

Germany Admits Four Dead

Germany admitted four civilians were killed and six wounded by British bombs and claimed that its own bombers assaulted convoys and their own merchantmen on Britain's east coast.

The Moscow newspaper Red Star, organ of the Soviet Army, doubted that the Italians could save the day in Africa and praised Britain's offensive tactics there. It also emphasized the massive task facing any German force attempting to invade the British Isles.

At home Italy had trouble, too. Rumors that German troops had been pouring into the country and that rioting had occurred at Turin and Milan were denied flatly and American correspondents in Italy could find no basis for the rumors of the northern Italy outbreaks.

Swiss correspondents checked the Italian border and found all quiet.

Food Supply Causes Worry

However, the Italian food supply was causing difficulty. Rationing was extended to spaghetti and rice served in restaurants and food hoarding was denounced. Eight Milan textile and clothing factories were denounced for alleged profiteering.

In Albania the Greeks reported that Gen. Ugo Cavallero was making desperate efforts to score some military success to improve Italian military prestige. However, they said despite attacks by masses of Fascist troops Greek lines held firm and the Italians have gained little but heavy losses of men.

Antonescu Forms Cabinet

In Rumania, Gen. Ion Antonescu formed a new cabinet as his loyal Army troops strengthened their hold on this strife-torn country.

Troops were on duty on all borders to prevent Guardists from fleeing Rumania.

All persons who bore firearms in the revolt, it was understood, will face the death penalty and other participants will be given prison sentences.

The Iron Guard was given no representation in the new cabinet. It was made up of military and naval officers with the exception of the Minister of Justice and Propaganda.

Captured Nazi



Baron Franz von Werra... must face U. S. jury.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 (U.P.)—Baron Franz von Werra, 26, a German pilot who shot down 14 planes over England was at liberty in \$5000 bail today pending his appearance before a Federal Grand Jury at Albany Thursday to explain his entrance into the country.

Werra was arrested at Ogdensburg, N. Y., after escaping from a Canadian prison, hitch-hiked across the Laurentian Mountains, gone sight-seeing in Ottawa, Ontario, and rowed across the St. Lawrence River into the United States.

The Baron was received here by attaches of the German Consulate, which posted his bail.

CIVIL SERVICE
THEFT PROBEDG-Men Seek to Learn If
List of Names Went to
Foreign Government.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (U.P.)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation sought to determine today whether foreign agents were involved in the theft of confidential personnel files from the Civil Service Commission.

G-men already have in custody here Harlan G. Canfield, 29-year-old Civil Service Commission clerk, and Lawrence Haynes, whom they identified as an official of an establishment which furnishes mailing lists, presumably to private arms seeking prospective customers.

Check Ramifications
"We are certainly looking into possible ramifications involving persons who have been alleged to be sympathetic with foreign powers," an FBI official said.

He said that one serious aspect of the theft was the fact that questionnaires filled out by G-men were among the stolen files.

"We are concerned," he added, "over the possibility that these stolen files might reveal to foreign agents the identity of special agents assigned to counter-espionage work."

May Be Arranged

Meantime, it was indicated that U. S. District Attorney Edward S. Curran may seek the arraignment of Canfield and Haynes on either petit or grand larceny charges, pending a thorough inquiry into possible foreign angles.

The Civil Service Commission said that Canfield has been suspended during investigation of the case. He will be dismissed with prejudice if the charges are sustained.

WALKER CONFIRMED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (U.P.)—The Senate today unanimously confirmed the renomination of Frank O. Walker to serve as Postmaster-General.

1400 RETURN TO
WORK IN MOINEHarvester Dispute Settled;
Peace Sought in Other
Defense Plants.

By UNITED PRESS
One major labor dispute in defense industries was settled today and Federal conciliators strove to reach agreements to end strikes in shipbuilding, heavy machinery and steel plants that threatened to hamper production of war materials.

International Harvester Co. announced a strike of 1400 workers at the East Moline, Ill., plant had ended when members of two rival unions agreed to resume production while negotiating their differences with the firm.

Harvester holds defense contracts totaling \$10,000,000 and workers had threatened to spread the strike through the firm's eight middle west plants. A strike at the Harvester Rock Falls, Ill., plant still remained deadlocked.

Green Offers to Do Part

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, announced today in a radio broadcast from Washington that the A. F. of L. had "enlisted for the duration of the emergency" and would do anything within reason for the defense program when called upon by the President.

President R. J. Thomas of the United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.) Union charged at Chicago that leading automotive industries were attempting to "crush industrial democracy" under the guise of emergency operations. He spoke at a meeting of 1000 U. A. W.-C. I. O. workers who today began a campaign to organize 200,000 workers in automotive industries in the Chicago area.

A third Federal conciliator entered negotiations attempting to settle a strike at the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co., Milwaukee, Wis., plant where defense contracts totaling \$36,000,000 have been tied up by a strike of U. A. W.-C. I. O. workers who demand higher wages, extended union recognition and "union security."

Truce Sought at Mobile

A truce in the strike of 3400 C. I. O. shipbuilders at the Mobile, Ala., drydocks of the Alabama Drydock and Shipbuilding Co. was sought in conferences arranged between the union and company officials.

Company officials said "every effort" would be made to settle the dispute that resulted in disturbances at the Johnstown and Bethlehem units of the Bethlehem Steel Co. which has defense contracts worth \$1,185,000,000.

HALIFAX TO PRESENT
CREDENTIALS TODAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (U.P.)—Lord Halifax, the new British Ambassador, was expected to present his credentials to President Roosevelt today.

The meeting—the usual procedure set up by State Department protocol—will be anti-climatic in view of the dramatic first meeting of the President and the new ambassador last Friday afternoon on Chesapeake Bay.

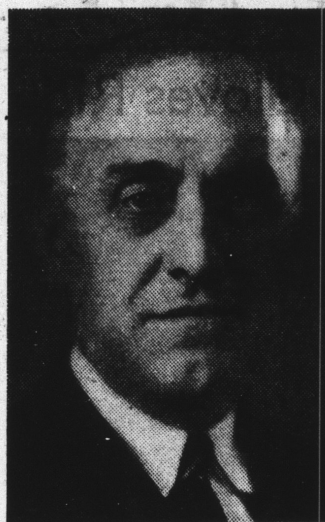
President Roosevelt is expected to announce early this week his choice of an Ambassador to Great Britain. He is understood to have chosen John G. Winant, former Republican Governor of New Hampshire.

Meanwhile, it was revealed that the battleship King George V left one of its sailors at Annapolis when she lifted anchor Saturday noon and steamed out of Chesapeake Bay to an unannounced destination.

Wilfred J. Bader, the spokesman, broke a leg while helping the ship Saturday morning and was left at the Naval Academy Hospital. Bowler and 19 other seamen were dropped into the bay when a loading rigging collapsed.

The last seen of the King George V was when it passed the Norfolk, Va., lightship late Saturday heading out to sea. Under the neutrality law, belligerent warships can remain in American waters only 24 hours if they are seaworthy.

Helps as Civilian



Henry E. Ostrom... He'll help us procure flying cadets.

HENRY E. OSTROM, long identified with civilian aviation activities, has been named Indiana civilian aide to Brig.-Gen. C. A. Trot, Fifth Corps Area commander, to assist in Army procurement of flying cadets.

Mr. Ostrom, who heads the Ostrom Realty & Construction Co., has had a prominent part in Indiana efforts in the national civilian aviation program.

The procurement of flying cadets is one of the major objectives of the Fifth Corps Area, embracing Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio, in connection with defense activities.

According to Gen. Trot, whose headquarters are at Ft. Hayes, Columbus, O., Mr. Ostrom will appoint deputy aides in each of the 12 Indiana Congressional districts.

END CONFUSION.
MINORITY ASKSCongress Urged to Halt
'Defects' in Agency
Procedure.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (U.P.)—A minority of the Attorney General's Committee on Administrative Procedure today urged Congress to eliminate "unnecessary defects, confusions, and uncertainties" in the existing procedure of Federal agencies.

The full committee's recommendations, providing separation of the investigative, prosecutive and judicial functions of agencies, will be the basis of an Administrative measure to replace the vetoed Walter-Logan Bill. That bill would have made the rulings of many quasi-judicial agencies subject to court review.

Urges Further Steps

The minority—Carl McFarland, former Assistant Attorney General; E. Blythe Stason, Dean of Michigan University Law School; and Arthur T. Vanderbilt, former President of the American Bar Association—accepted the committee's recommendations as a step for major improvement in administrative procedure, but proposed as further moves:

1. Complete segregation of the hearing and deciding offices by placing them in independent administrative agencies.
2. A clear legislative definition as to the scope of judicial review of actions of administrative agencies.
3. A statement of principles by Congress establishing standards of procedure by administrative agencies.

Asks Room for Change

The minority said Congress should describe the scope of judicial review rather than leave it to the courts to venture into the controversial field upon their own initiative.

"What is needed is not a detailed code, but a set of principles and standards of procedure. The prescribed pattern need not be, and should not be a rigid mold. There should be ample different agencies," the minority said.

ARMY PROBES SALE
OF LAND IN STATE

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McCord's fees would be about \$195,000, it was pointed out.

Five per cent charges were made on land purchases for the Union Center Ordnance works in La Porte County, and the DuPont powder works at Charlestown, the Army was informed.

Mr. McCord is said to have entered the picture through Charles Hawksworth of Virginia, who was in direct charge of the purchases for the Government.

An example of alleged excessive prices cited to the War Department was the option taken on the Annie Dik tract of 50 acres which is located nine miles north of Madison, near Bryansburg. This tract sold at administrator's sale about the time the Army project began for \$2250, but it was optioned to the Government for \$5500.

Another sample is the 160-acre Wahlman estate in Jefferson County, which was probated at \$1400 and optioned by one of Mr. McCord's agents for \$7000. This included land improvement, \$6000; disturbance, \$500; abstract, \$90; revenue stamps and recording, \$10; and Mr. McCord, \$460.

CRETORS TO DISCUSS
SAFETY AT FORUM

Frederick Cretors, Indiana State Public Accident Prevention Bureau public relations director will speak on "Safety Challenge to Youth" at the Indianapolis Youth Forum at 7:45 p. m. tomorrow.

The forum, sponsored by the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A. and the Indianapolis Church Federation, will be held at the Indiana World War Memorial. Mr. Cretors, a Butler University graduate, will discuss various phases of safety, including traffic rules.

Woodrow Cochran is Youth Forum president. James Barnes is chairman of the committee in charge of program arrangements.

IRON GUARDISTS
PAY FOR REVOLTCaptives Face Death As
Premier Swings Rumania
Into Line With Axis.

By GEORGE WELLES

(Copyright, 1941, by The Indianapolis Times and the Chicago Daily News, Inc.)
BUCHAREST, Jan. 27.—The battle of two generations, which reddened the snowy streets of Bucharest and other Rumanian towns and villages, is being liquidated today as the captive young members of the Iron Guard, their former defiance shaken, stand before the stern military tribunals of the generation they strove to overthrow.

Several death sentences already have been carried out on minor leaders. The police are pursuing minor leaders, and the Iron Guard is being liquidated. The Iron Guard, their former defiance shaken, stand before the stern military tribunals of the generation they strove to overthrow.

Antonescu Is Bitter

The wind of revolution has in one breath swept away all the 13 Iron Guard newspapers of the Capital. So minute has been the tracking down of the rebels that even a young sports writer for the Daily Axa, American-born and educated, has been arrested for writing the fighting but took no part in it, will be standing before a court-martial as these words are read.

Premier Gen. Ion Antonescu has stated his intention to exterminate the Iron Guard, which he charges with giving lip service to the Axis while openly employing sabotage and revolution to serve the ends of ambition, greed and through Communism, the territorial expansion of the Iron Guard.

With the approval and advice

of the German forces here, he is breaking up the guards with military thoroughness.

Rumanians, already stricken with the loss of Bessarabia, Transylvania and Dobruja, with earthquakes and abdications, can hardly believe that they have witnessed such scenes as four youths wearing university regalia, carrying pistols in their hands, pursuing two soldiers down a crowded boulevard.

The incredible thing that Rumanians are just waking up to today is that the chiefs of both pursuers and quarry were in full agreement that the nation should follow a pro-Axis, anti-British, anti-Semitic policy. There was not the shadow of any disagreement between the Rumanians that the destruction of Bucharest's 23 synagogues and two temples was a rightful act of popular retribution, nor that the assistance of German forces was anything but desirable.

Nazis Eager to End Quarrel

The Germans took no part in the first two days of fighting and began to take the streets in trucks only on the morning of the third day.

In the interest of truth, it must be said that the only German casualties that are unquestionably verifiable—which amount to two soldiers killed at the telephone building, in the presence of an American diplomatic official, and one officer wounded by snipers before my eyes outside the Royal Palace—occurred only after Gen. Antonescu, loyally backed by the Army, had by his own efforts gained control of the situation.

A continuance of the family quarrel could not serve Axis ends in any way, and the Germans were eager for it to stop as soon as possible. A German major intervened as peacemaker at the besieged headquarters by pledging his word that Guardists who laid down their arms and came out would not be machine-gunned, as had been their predecessors.

Help Clean Up Snipers

A German armored column moved through the downtown streets, helping Gen. Antonescu's men clean up snipers, who still remained on rooftops and I saw a German marksman, sheltered behind the equestrian statue of Carol I before the lower, battle-shaken tower of an earthquake-shaken building, but, at the time, the Rumanian Army was already in control.

The German assistance to Gen.

Antonescu was more demonstrative than significant.

In the revolution's early phase, the unpurged streets were in control of Guardist youths, who directed traffic, guarded stores which they had not already looted and addressed all passersby as "comrade." The question most frequently directed to an American was, "What do the German officers tell you now? Do they say when they are coming to our assistance?"

War Moves Today

By J. W. T. MASON
United Press War Expert

Of special significance is today's comment by the Russian Army's official organ, the Red Star, which emphasized the "immense" increase in British strength since last June and the difficulties confronting the Axis powers.

The policy of Stalin in dealing with the present international situation is adjusted to military conditions and certainly is influenced by such judgments as reach the columns of the Red Star. It is understood to coincide with the opinions of the Russian High Command. It is indifferent to international political conditions.

Thus, when the Red Star declares the German military machine has proved its inadequacy to overcome the water barrier of the British Isles and a "colossal force" would be required even to attempt an invasion, this opinion can be accepted as reflecting Stalin's own viewpoint. The undoubted meaning is that the Russians do not believe Hitler can defeat the British by invasion tactics.

Furthermore, the Red Star pays high tribute to the skill of British generals in adapting themselves to new methods of warfare, especially in the North African campaign.

The estimate of the Red Star that British control of the Mediterranean may be hampered but cannot be overcome by German intervention in the air, is further tribute to British competence to meet new problems.

The opinion of the Red Star that one-third of the Italian Army has been immobilized by the Greek war shows Russia's realization of the major importance of the Albanian fighting to the Fascists. The further comment that despite this proportion of Italian fighting strength the Greeks retain the initiative and are pushing the Italians to the sea shows Russia's opinion of Italian military competence.

Neither Germany nor Italy can doing.



McMurray Gives Data

A subcommittee of the House Education Committee has begun a study of the problem. They asked Floyd L. McMurray, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to draw up some facts and figures. He handed them the information today.

His survey covers a five-year period, from 1935 to 1940. Although the average enrollment for the period was 482,723, the 1939-40 figure was only 461,730. Mr. McMurray says that "in my opinion, enrollments are probably now stationary."

Here are some of the highlights of that report:

The estimated original cost to provide books for pupils in the first eight grades is \$1,640,211.

Anticipating the life of these books to be five years, it will cost \$1,640,211 to replace them.

This means a total cost of \$3,280,422 in installing and perpetuating a free textbook system.

The annual cost this would be \$656,084. This amount, divided by 461,730 (the 1940 enrollment) gives \$1.42 as the per capita cost.

Net Price Lower

The net (contract) price is lower than the retail price which parents pay, since dealers are permitted 20 per cent profit under existing laws.

Using the State adopted books, the prices per pupil in each grade would be:

Grade	No. of Books	Net Price	Retail Price
First	3	\$1.02	\$1.23
Second	3	1.08	1.30
Third	3	2.83	3.39
Fourth	3	3.11	3.73
Fifth	3	3.81	4.57
Sixth	3	4.40	5.28
Seventh	3	4.40	5.28
Eighth	3	4.40	5.28

Under the 1939-40 enrollment, it would cost \$516,104 to install free textbooks for the first four grades, and \$1,244,106 for the other grades.

These figures, incidentally, do not include the parochial schools, which have a five-year average enrollment of 48,180 and a 1939-40 enrollment of 48,066. On the basis of the latter figures and the \$1.42 average cost per pupil, it would cost \$68,653 more to introduce free textbooks in these schools.

These estimated costs are based upon the present contract price with publishers. No supplementary materials or textbooks other than those subject to adoption by the State are included.

Free in 11 States

Eleven states now provide for free textbooks purchased in part or wholly from state funds.

It's very likely that a proposal will be made to appropriate \$600,000 at this session to get the free textbook bill rolling.

distributed on a per capita enrollment basis, or used for the first grades.

When that proposal is made, the arguments will start. And here's the way they will go:

FOR

1. The State Constitution guarantees a system of education free and equally open to every child. This can be accomplished only when basal textbooks are furnished.
2. A state which compels school attendance should provide the tools for schoolroom use.
3. Textbooks are an essential part of any education program, the same as buildings, transportation, teachers, etc., and should be provided.
4. The cost to the citizens will be less when furnished by the State at wholesale.
5. Free textbooks are used more economically and to a greater extent than when purchased by parents.

AGAINST

1. The term "free textbooks" is misleading. There is, in reality, no such thing as someone has to pay—that's the taxpayer.
2. Indiana already has a law in effect which permits cities to provide free textbooks if 51 per cent of the voters petition. (Few cities have taken advantage. Anderson is one, and has been operating satisfactorily about five years.) Indiana also has a law providing for free textbooks for children of indigent parents.
3. Children have to use soiled, second-hand books and there is danger of infection.
4. The pupil is deprived of personal ownership and care of his books and further dependence on the State is encouraged.
5. Taxes are increased by a statewide levy for book purchases.
6. Heavy investments of State Funds will tend to discourage changes of textbooks when needed to meet modern demands.

That's the textbook situation to date. But you'll be hearing more about it.

LIBRARY TO EXHIBIT
STATUARY BY ROGERS

One of the largest private collections of John Rogers plaster cast statuary in the country will be placed on exhibition in the Central Library today for a two weeks' period.

The statuary is the property of Audley Dunham, local locksmith, who began collecting the once common sight in American homes as a hobby.

The American sculptor, Lorado Taft, called Rogers' work an important contribution to both American art and history, and, technically, "exceedingly faithful and amazingly accurate."

Mr. Dunham's collection consists of nine groups, some of which were posed by Rogers' wife and children. Others were made from photographs. Mr. Dunham believes that his "Othello" group is the only reproduction in existence.

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SENATE PASSES
FLEET MEASURECommittee O. K.'s Billion
For Navy Patrol Craft,
Anti-Aircraft Armor.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (U.P.)—The Senate Naval Affairs Committee today unanimously reported measures which would authorize expenditures of \$1,200,000,000 for construction of small naval patrol vessels, expansion of shipyard and ordnance facilities and improvement of fleet anti-aircraft protection.

Within 45 minutes, the Senate, by voice vote, passed and sent to the White House a \$300,000,000 authorization bill for strengthening the Fleet's anti-aircraft protection on the basis of lessons learned in the European War.

Seek 400 Small Boats

Committee Chairman David I. Walsh announced he would move to take up at the next session of the Senate another authorization bill of \$908,000,000 to construct 400 small boats and expand shipyard and ordnance facilities.

The Senate also passed unanimously and sent to the White House for President Roosevelt's signature a bill which will enable each member of Congress to appoint five, instead of four, young men to the Naval Academy each year.

Meanwhile, War Department officials disclosed that the induction of selectees, considerably behind schedule, will be speeded up after March 1 in order to have 800,000 in the Army by June. They said delays in camp construction rapidly were being overcome.

WPA in Home Defense

Acting War Projects Commissioner Howard O. Hunter announced that the WPA activity is entering the home defense field through a broad expansion of all community services.

Assistant WPA Commissioner Florence Kerr's division of professional and service projects is prepared to take over on Feb. 1 the training of thousands of women in nursing, food preparation, food conservation, first aid, mapping and drafting and related activities.

URGE AID BILL DEFEAT

PLYMOUTH, Ind., Jan. 27 (U.P.)—A resolution, urging defeat of the aid-to-Britain bill in Congress, has been forwarded to President Roosevelt and Indiana's congressmen by Mayor J. Abner Bowman.

The resolution was adopted yesterday by 625 persons attending a lecture by the Rev. Fr. John O'Brien of Notre Dame.

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