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U. S. PROMISES TO GIVE ARMED AID TO GREECE

Joins Britain in Pledge of Help If Satellites of Soviet Attack.

By LUDWELL DENNY
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer
PARIS, Oct. 12.—The United States and Britain will go to war in defense of Greece if she is attacked by Soviet satellites now threatening her.

This is the meaning of an American statement to the Paris peace conference yesterday in reply to Siam demands for withdrawal of the U. S. fleet from the Aegean and of British troops from Greece.

Ambassador Jefferson Caffery, after challenging Bulgaria's right to frontier militia beyond treaty limitations and demanding prohibition of Bulgarian fortifications within range of Greek soil, stressed the "paramount importance of the future security of Greece." Then he added:

"The United States delegation can give full assurance that the United States can be counted on to act in accordance with its solemn undertakings under the United Nations if Greece's security should be endangered by acts of an aggressor nation."

Greek Troops Fall Back

While these challenges and counter-challenges were being exchanged here, the following had occurred elsewhere:

Greek frontier guards under pressure of Siam armed bands withdrew from isolated mountain posts to stronger defenses.

Gen. Miles C. Dempsey, British commander-in-chief in the Middle East, who flew to Greece to inspect British forces, hurriedly took a plane for London to a war office meeting. He was accompanied by Lt. Gen. Crawford, British commander in Greece.

Gen. Eisenhower is in London as the guest of Field Marshal Montgomery and the British general staff.

At the same time Gen. Bedell Smith, U. S. ambassador to Russia, was flying from Moscow to Paris for a meeting with Secretary Byrnes.

Delivers Strong Note

Gen. Smith had just delivered to Premier Stalin a strong American note opposing Soviet demands for Dardanelles bases and joint Russian-Turkish control of the straits.

London has sent a similar note to Moscow. Turkey was expected to do so today or tomorrow.

Meanwhile large-scale Soviet and satellite troop movements are taking place throughout southeastern Europe. At least that is the interpretation of western military authorities. American and British authorities, however, do not share the same of jitters afflicting Greece, Turkey and others.

Anglo-American policy is to avoid provocation but to be prepared where aggression threatens—and to let the whole world know we are prepared.

U. S. Asks Reduction Of Claim on Hungary

PARIS, Oct. 12 (U. P.)—A U. S. spokesman appealed to the western bloc at the peace conference today to cut Russia's reparations from Hungary by one-third to \$200 million.

Willard Thorp, U. S. delegate, appealed during debate on the Hungarian treaty to reverse a previous reparations decision. The vote was due tonight, and the possibility of a major upset in conference procedure was seen.

The plan Mr. Thorp was trying to eliminate was fixed in armistice terms with Hungary, providing that she pay Russia \$300 million in goods. The United States maintains that is more than Hungary can pay.

Pedro Gusev of Russia sharply accused the U. S. of trying to hamper economic reconstruction of the Soviets.

Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, reiterated American opposition to the forced transfer of populations.

Yugoslavia rejected all decisions at the conference affecting that country, and denounced the western system of outvoting the east as the "extreme limits of ruthlessness."

BLOWN 100-YARDS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 12 (U. P.)—One man was hurled 100 yards today and seven others were injured when gas used to ripen bananas exploded at a produce shed here.

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Siam War Heroes Visit Indianapolis



Lt. Col. C. D. Dawee (left) and Pises Pattabongse. . . . Key men in Siam underground during war, they are representing their country at air conference here.

Key Members of OSS in Orient Attending Air Meeting Here

Two Oriental heroes from far-off, mysterious Siam, who helped win the war as members of O. S. S. and a powerful underground movement, are visitors in Indianapolis today.

Supple and militaristic, yet pleasant and easy-going, Lt. Col. Chulha Dawee and his studious, smiling friend, Pises Pattabongse, are guests at Municipal airport.

Both have come to Indianapolis from Bangkok, teeming Eastern capital of Siam, and the land of Buddhas.

Understanding of the ways of Indians, Lt. Col. Dawee and Mr. Pattabongse, themselves, are far from unfathomable. They are eager in their talk of their home in the Orient, of their reasons for being here, of their experiences during the war.

14 Years Service

With 14 years of service in the Siam air forces chalked up to his credit, Lt. Col. Dawee, 33, was in charge of flying operations for the Siam underground during the war.

As a member of this mighty secret organization, he served the Office of Strategic Services.

Lt. Col. Dawee made many harrowing flights from Siam to India in planes carrying precious cargoes of American soldiers, rescued from the Japanese by the underground.

Several times he nearly lost his life while evacuating escapees and once was forced to land on a Japanese occupied air field.

Lt. Col. Dawee is the nephew of the man who was chief of the Siam underground. Predi Panompong, Both he and his uncle appear in the pages of a book entitled, "Into Siam Underground Kingdom."

Mr. Pattabongse is much the opposite of Lt. Col. Dawee. He is a student and an engineer, slender, with slightly rounded shoulders.

Mr. Pattabongse installed radio stations for the allies in China and Siam while in the service of O. S. S.

He said airplanes would fly over during the night and drop supplies and parts to his small lonely construction team in some desolate site deep in enemy territory.

Cornell Graduate

Mr. Pattabongse came to this country to study mechanical engineering. He has been graduated from Cornell university and now is working on his master's degree at John Hopkins university.

Lt. Col. Dawee was sent here to study at army air corps schools. Before the war he was here to visit a number of airplane factories.

Just recently both men, who have known each other since 1939, were chosen by their government as delegates to PIAAO air show at Municipal airport, which is now in its third day.

125 AIR DELEGATES ATTEND N. D. GAME

Instrument Landing System Witnessed Here.

Aviation authorities from 37 countries went to the Notre Dame-Purdue football game today. They traveled by train.

The 125 delegates to a two-week seminar here on international air navigation aids attended the football game as part of a week-end entertainment program which included a dinner last night and another dinner Sunday.

Before adjourning for the round of festivities the delegates flew through rainy skies yesterday and were landed at the Weir Cook airport without the aid of a pilot.

The flights were staged by the civil aeronautics authority to demonstrate its recently developed instrument landing system.

The CAA and the state department, co-sponsors of the meeting of the provisional international civil aviation organization, hoped that the 37 member nations would adopt the instrument landing system as part of a planned program of standardizing air navigation throughout the world.

The "Truculent Turtle," which set a non-stop flight record of 11,228 miles, will fly here from Washington Oct. 21 and will be on display during the last three days of the meeting.

STILLWELL GROWS WEAKER

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12 (U. P.)—Gen. Joseph W. Stillwell, 63-year-old hero of the Burma campaign, was reported growing "progressively weaker" today in his fight against the embezzlement.

Police said Hurt talked freely of the embezzlement. He had expressed willingness to sign extradition papers and return to Miami, where he will be charged with embezzlement, grand larceny and theft.

A hearing probably will take place in the courtroom.

HEROIC ACTION SAVES 26 AS PLANE BURNS

Purser, Druggist Dare Fire In Rescues; Army Crash Kills Five.

By JAMES F. DONOVAN
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—A low-hanging mist that blotted out the lights of Washington's National airport was blamed today for the crash last night of a fully-loaded Eastern Airlines luxury liner eight miles south of here.

A purser and a Georgia druggist shared the hero's role in rescuing passengers from the flaming plane.

The pilot and co-pilot of the DC-4, 45, critically injured in an Alexandria, Va., hospital.

But the other two crew members and the 22 passengers—including one-year-old Marvin Edwards Jr. of Sweetboro, N. J.—miraculously escaped injury.

The plane, crowded with late vacationists, was en route from Miami to New York.

Although six hours behind schedule, the pilot messaged that "all was well" as he began to descend for his landing.

Three minutes later, the liner was crashing and bumping along the uneven terrain of an estate near Groveton, Va.

It rolled over on its back and burst into flames. Passengers heard the screams of the seven women aboard were deafening.

Eastern Airlines and the civil aeronautics administration have ordered an investigation to determine the exact cause of the crash.

Just a scant half-hour before the crash, and less than three miles away, an army B-25 bomber had crashed and exploded in Franconia, Va. All five soldier-occupants were killed.

The army withheld their identities pending notification of next of kin.

Scramble for Safety

Inside the Eastern liner, flames licked their way along the fuselage as the passengers scrambled for safety.

There were conflicting reports among the eye-witnesses as to who was hero of the incident.

Some said it was Purser John Johnston, who threw open the hatchways just before the crash and personally assisted the women out of the plane.

With the passengers safe, Purser Johnston dashed through the flames and dragged the injured crew members—Pilot Capt. Joe Morris and Co-Pilot P. K. Zepernick, both of Miami—to safety.

Other passengers told a story of how a middle-aged Rome, Ga., druggist, C. H. Elliott, slashed at a cloth covering a hatchway with his pen knife until he had opened a hole large enough for a single passenger to scramble through.

Hero Lost \$25,000

Mr. Elliott, it was said, was the last passenger to leave the plane.

He told police, moreover, that he lost \$25,000 in cash and a \$27,995 check in the flames, but gave no details.

In the case of the military plane, army officials said it was on its way from Richmond, Va., to Andrews Field, Md., its home base.

The pilot tried to land at Bolling Field near here, but traffic conditions made such a landing impossible.

The plane, obviously in trouble, flew low around the Washington area for about 10 minutes. It finally crashed and burned on a lonely farm.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

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7 a. m. 43 11 a. m. 49
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I LOVED HER THAT MUCH!

Tearful Sweetheart Traps Youth in Theft of \$725,880

CHICAGO, Oct. 12 (U. P.)—A \$30-a-week clerk, led in to a police trap by the girl he loved, confessed the theft of \$725,880 today and agreed to return to Miami, "to face the music."

Elmer S. Hurt, 22, a corsage box tucked under his arm and a bracelet and diamond engagement ring in his right hand cost pocket, was seized on a downtown street corner when he kept a date with the girl.

At the detective bureau, Hurt burst into sobs and confessed taking the money in an effort to win back his fiancee, who had broken off their engagement to him.

"I loved her that much," he said simply.

Hurt led police to his hotel room and a drop-a-dime railroad station locker, where they recovered nearly \$29,000 in cash and \$697,000 in money orders which he admitted stealing from an American Express Co. branch in Miami. The money orders, police said, were negotiable anywhere in the world.

Hurt said he had stolen the money.

"I'm sorry," the girl said, her eyes brimming with tears. She turned and walked away.

Authorities declined to identify the girl.

Hurt said he was sorry he had stolen the money.

"This," he told a policeman, "is the sad story of one guy who fell in love."

A hearing probably will take place in the courtroom.

Saves Honor



Labor Secretary Schwellenbach
... No picket line to cross.

Predict End of Meat Controls Before Election

WASHINGTON CALLING—

Cabinet, Facing a Choice Of 'Slaughtering Cattle or Democrats,' Chooses Beef

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Meat controls are coming off.