

Around the World—

Western Powers Plan To Rebuild Ruhr as Bulwark Against Reds

Move to Create Arsenal for Recovery, Peace Under International Control

By United Press
The Western Powers set a new stone in their wall against communism today by announcing a plan to rebuild the Ruhr as an arsenal or recovery and peace.

Emphasizing once again the split with Russia in Europe, the United States and the Brussels pact nations gave final burial to the long-dead Morgenthau plan which would have ended Germany as an industrial nation.

They announced instead a draft plan to revitalize the heavy industry of the rich valley which forged the arms of the Kaiser and of Hitler, this time to serve as a keystone in Western European recovery under control of an international authority.

In deference to fears, especially those of France, that rebuilding of the Ruhr might mean renewal of German aggressive tendencies, the Western Powers set up special controls to keep Germany disarmed, and said in their joint communiqué:

"In the past, the resources of the Ruhr have been used for the purpose of aggression. The six governments are determined that... any recurrence of such a situation shall be prevented."

The Ruhr Plan, agreed upon after autumn-long negotiations which gave form to a general concept arrived at last spring, was another step in the direction of building a Western European bloc reaching to the borders of the Soviet zone of Germany.

It fitted neatly into the pattern which began with the Brussels pact and the Marshall Plan, in which Russia and its satellites refused to join, and which may be extended further in the near future by the proposed North Atlantic Security Pact.

India

Two thousand women marched on a government secretariat today to demand the release of persons held in custody for allegedly belonging to the Hindu extremist organization Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh. The women presented a petition to the governor of Bombay province urging the government to compromise.

In Bombay province a total of 1476 arrests have been made since the Indian government began a roundup of extremist factions Dec. 9.

Local press reports today said rioting broke out this morning in the central India province of Indore.

At least two deaths resulted, and a curfew has been imposed, bringing the situation under control, the reports said.

London

Buckingham Palace today denied a report published here that Princess Margaret might make a holiday trip to the United States next year.

United Nations

Great Britain urged the United Nations Security Council today to order a cease fire in Palestine and a Jewish withdrawal to old truce lines, opening the way for penalties against Israel in case of refusal.

Harold Beeley, British delegate, told the council that the responsibility for violation of the Palestine truce two days before Christmas "rests squarely on the shoulders of Israeli authorities."

A plan to permit Japan to charter or purchase 91 Liberty ships from the United States was among the proposals carried to Washington by the SCAP economic mission headed by Dr. Sherwood Fine, a reliable source told the United Press today.

The proposal originally was prepared by the Business Managers Association of Japan and was accepted by Allied officials after numerous conferences with the Japanese sponsors of the idea.

The basic American argument for adoption of the plan is that it will permit the Japanese to secure urgently needed foreign credits by allowing them to carry a portion of Japan's imports and exports.

Observers here believe the plan has a good chance of becoming effective since the broad outlines of such a program were suggested last May by the Johnston Committee report on the economic situation in Japan.

A part of the plan is to permit the Japanese to acquire other foreign currency by permitting Japanese insurance companies to issue marine insurance policies in other than Japanese currency.

Slain GI's Wife Held Guilty Of Homicide by Army Court

Mrs. Ybaro Gets 20-Year Sentence

MARBURG, Germany, Dec. 28 (UPI)—Mrs. Wilma Ybaro, 23-year-old Malden, Mass., mother, was found guilty today of homicide with malice aforethought for shooting her husband, Sgt. John Ybaro. She was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

The verdict was returned by a three-man American military government court which spent eight days in taking testimony and spent another week in considering its verdict.

Mrs. Ybaro, mother of a 6-year-old son, Jimmy, admitted to the court that she shot her husband three times with a tiny Hungarian pistol, but pleaded that she acted in self-defense.

She said her husband often beat her. On the night of last Sept. 20 when he was shot, she said he had beaten her again and had threatened to kill her.

Sgt. Ybaro was shot three times. One of the bullets struck his kidney and he died 11 days later.

Mrs. Ybaro was charged under both military government law, which provides the death penalty for killing a member of the Armed Forces, and German law.



Mrs. Wilma Ybaro

Assassinated



Egyptian Premier Mahmoud Fakhry Nokrashy Pasha was shot and killed today by a Cairo college student identified as a member of an outlawed nationalist organization, the Moslem Brotherhood. The killer disguised himself as a police officer.

Mr. Thurston's appointment as superintendent was Mr. Schriener's second attempt to fill the job for his administration which began Jan. 10.

Mr. Thurston served with the FBI from 1938 to 1944 in Knoxville, Tenn.; San Francisco; Quantico, Va.; Washington, D. C.; New York, and London.

He was a naval officer during the war and had experience with the Office of Strategic Services, Served in Japan

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28 (UPI)—A Chinese Nationalist military spokesman in Nanking said today he has received information that Russian naval vessels are escorting Chinese Communist boats ferrying supplies and men across the Chihli Gulf from Manchuria to Shantung province in north China.

The spokesman said the Russian ships usually concealed their insignia to avoid identification. The pro-government Chinese newspaper Shun Pao also charged in a Tsingtao dispatch that Russian planes were scouting the mouth of the Chihli Straits, where the Chinese navy is building a base to aid in the battle for the vital Tangku area near Tientsin.

The spokesman confirmed that Russian planes have been sighted over the gulf but commented that Soviet air reconnaissance of Chinese waters has been going on for a long time.

Marshal Yen Hsi Shan, war lord of Shensi province, was en route to Nanking unexpectedly today aboard a Chinese Air Force transport plane from Shansi's besieged capital of Taiyuan.

The governor immediately called on Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, presumably to report on the war situation in his area.

The arrival of the war lord, whose domain has withstood Communist pressure for months, led to a wave of speculation that Yen might have appeared to discuss with Chiang abandonment of surrender of Taiyuan.

Accepting the appointment as State Police head, Mr. Thurston praised the Indiana department as ranking with the best state police organizations in the country along with those of New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Towering 6-feet-3 and weighing 215 pounds, the 33-year-old appointee will be the "biggest" man ever to head the department. He is soft spoken and personable and smokes a pipe.

Last July Mr. Thurston married Suzanne DePrez, daughter of Gen. D. Wray DePrez who once commanded Indiana's National Guard.

He was graduated from Indiana University in 1936 with a degree of Bachelor of Science in banking.

"Pretty Sudden"

Mr. Schriener previously had appointed Arthur Campbell, treasurer of the Bookwalters Printing Co. here, for the superintendent's post, but had to withdraw the appointment. Mr. Campbell had not had enough police or military experience to qualify him for the job under the 1945 State Police Act.

Commenting on the newest appointment, Mr. Schriener said: "Indiana should be proud to have a man so well qualified at the head of its police department."

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S. Side Resident Throttled, Robbed

A South Side resident was held up in his bedroom early this morning and robbed of \$60.

John VanDyke, 49, of 1220 York St., told police two men entered his home last night, came upstairs to his bedroom and while one choked him the other took his wallet from the table.

The victim said the men then fled from his home. He told police one man appeared to be about 25 years old. Both were shabbily dressed, he said.

Egyptians Admit Setbacks

The spokesman, Col. Moshe Perlman, said the Egyptian forces were pushed southward. An earlier report by the Egyptian commander to the United Nations truce mission acknowledged the Jewish successes in the Khan Yunis area.

Col. Perlman declined to comment on reports that the forward Jewish positions were only two miles from the Egyptian frontier.

The Arabs said some of their positions south of Khan Yunis, itself less than five miles from the border, had been overrun.

The army spokesman said Israeli forces made other gains in "certain parts of the Negev." He declined to give details. A tight Israeli censorship has cloaked most of the operations.

Study Blast in Mine That Killed Digger

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 28—Authorities today sought to determine the cause of a blast which yesterday caused the death of Emery LeMay, 67-year-old Terre Haute coal miner, in the Dresser mine near here.

Mr. LeMay, who had been employed in the mine 23 years, was killed by explosion of about 15 pounds of powder which he was carrying. Several other men working within 100 feet were not injured.

2 Officers Killed

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 28 (UPI)—A detective and a deputy policeman were killed and a police chief and three other men were injured seriously when the automobile in which they were returning a fugitive to Aliquippa, Pa., crashed head-on with another car near here.

Urges Law Parley

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UPI)—Sen. Wayne L. Morse (R. Ore.) proposed today that a national labor-management conference be called to recommend labor and business legislation to the new congress.

Ruling Friday In Pit Slaying

New Trial Motion Filed by Brunner

Ruling on a motion for a new trial of Herbert Brunner, who was found guilty of first degree murder last April in the gravel pit death of an Indianapolis man, will be made Friday in Criminal Court.

Special Judge Dewey E. Myers has had the motion under advisement since shortly after the 26-year-old Brunner's trial.

Brunner, 820 Division St., was charged with fatally beating Theodore Wolfe, 21, the night of July 12, 1947. Wolfe's body was found several days later in a W. Raymond St. gravel pit.

"You'll just have to continue to speculate," Mr. Truman said firmly.

Mr. Truman again declined to expand on the remark made yesterday which set speculation buzzing.

The President began the last full day of his one-week Christmas visit in his hometown by taking his usual early morning walk over slushy streets.

As he tramped back into the driveway of his home, a reporter asked again if he would clarify the statement about Russian leaders because there has been considerable speculation.

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Truman Keeps Russ 'Peace Bloc' Secret

Tells Press It Must 'Guess' About Group Seeking 'Understanding'

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Dec. 28 (UPI)—President Truman today told reporters they would have to keep on guessing what "certain leaders" of Russia he said were willing to "reach an understanding" with the U. S. about world peace.

Mr. Truman again declined to expand on the remark made yesterday which set speculation buzzing.

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He then broke into a slow smile.

The remark was made in Mr.

Truman's explosive off-the-cuff attack on Russia, at a testimonial luncheon yesterday to his old haberdashery partner, Eddie Jacobson.

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