

Around the World—

11-Man Mission Confers With Red Leaders on Surrender of Peiping

Drives Out of Enemy-Encircled City Under White Flag; Defenders of Tangku Flee

By United Press
Peiping, ancient capital and second largest city of China, offered today to surrender to the Communists. Its fall would give the Reds practically all north China except Tsingtao, Nationalist-held base of the U. S. west Pacific fleet.

An 11-man mission from the self-styled north China People's Promotion Association drove out in a truck under the white flag to discuss the city's surrender with Communist Commander Yuh Chien-Ying.

The delegation had been authorized by Nationalist Commander Gen. Fu Tsio-Yi to seek a meeting between Communist and Nationalist representatives.

The Communist radio reported that Red forces consolidating their hold on Tientsin had captured the port of Tangku, another 30 miles to the southeast.

Escape to Sea

The defenders of Tangku, estimated at 10,000 to 20,000, were said to have fled to sea in small boats to await transfer to Chinese naval vessels.

Above Nanking, Nationalist refugees and soldiers were fleeing south from the Communist-threatened northern bank of the Yangtze River.

Radio Moscow blasted the Nationalists' last hope of big-power mediation in the civil war. Moscow said Russia has rejected a Nationalist request for mediation on grounds that the Soviet Union cannot interfere in the internal affairs of another nation.

Other foreign news included:

Durban

Race rioting in South Africa tapered off into a state of uncertain calm today with the official death toll standing at 120.

Minor clashes were reported last night and today in Maritzburg, the rural community of Howick, and two coastal points. But in Durban the frightened Indians began to come out of their guarded refugee centers and move about in groups.

Rhodes

The military chief of the Israeli armistice mission flew here from Tel Aviv today with new instructions expected to clear the way for the withdrawal of 2000 Egyptian troops trapped three months ago at Faluja, Israel.

Third Post Office On Wheels Starts

Indiana's third post office on wheels started its first regular run today over a scheduled 152-mile course between Indianapolis and Ft. Wayne.

Yesterday the bus made its maiden trip with a cargo of about 3000 souvenir letters for stamp collectors.

With the addition of the third rolling post office, mail officials expect to replace many contract mail services in rural areas and speed up deliveries at points reached by the busses.

The other two operate between Indianapolis and Vincennes and Indianapolis and South Bend.

Towns along the new route include Cumberland, Greenfield, Maxwell, Willow Branch, Shirley, Kenedy, New Castle, Mt. Summit, Springfield, Oakville, Cowan, Minon, Eaton, Hartford City, Montpelier, Keyston, Ponto, Bluffton, Ossian and Yoder.

Orthopedic Surgeons To Hear Local Doctors

Three Indianapolis physicians will be among more than 2000 orthopedic surgeons from the United States, Canada and Europe who will attend a six-day meeting of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons opening Saturday in Chicago.

Drs. George J. Garneau and Thomas Brady will present a joint paper on a study of 31 patients suffering from paraplegia, complicating tuberculosis of the spine.

Dr. Lowell Thomas, with two New York surgeons, will give a paper.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Talented Actor

Answers to Previous Puzzles

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Congress—Administration Aids Get Key House Posts

Truman Program Facing Approval

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (UPI)—President Truman's legislative program was assured of a favorable reception in the House today as administration supporters moved into the chairmanships of virtually all key committees.

Congressmen sympathetic to most of Mr. Truman's proposals will head the Appropriations, Banking, Labor, Judiciary and Foreign Affairs committees.

The assignments were ratified by a Democratic caucus late yesterday and probably will be approved by the House later today.

One committee not controlled by an administration supporter will be the tax-writing ways and means group. Rep. Robert L. Doughton of North Carolina, who has sometimes clashed with the White House in the past, will head that committee.

Rankin Loses Post

The Democrats knocked two southern "bolters" off the Un-American Activities Committee.

Rep. John E. Rankin, Miss., was banished under a policy decision that committee chairman could not sit as members on other committees. And Rep. E. Edward Herbert, La., was removed on the ground that he is not a lawyer.

Democrats have decided henceforth to appoint only lawyers to the investigating body. There is talk in Republican ranks of doing the same thing.

Meanwhile, there were these other developments:

Pay Raise

The Presidential pay raise bill was on Mr. Truman's desk and all he has to do is sign it before Thursday noon. The House yesterday approved the measure which boosts the President's salary from \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year, and his tax-free expense account from \$40,000 to \$60,000 annually.

The Senate had approved it earlier. Under the bill, Vice President-Elect Alben W. Barkley and House Speaker Sam Rayburn also would come in for pay raises.

Espionage

Sen. Homer Ferguson (R. Mich.) said he's all for the Justice Department's plan to do away with the three-year statute of limitations in espionage cases.

He believes it should be set aside in sabotage cases, too.

Fires Dog Bill

Sen. Walter A. Baran (D. East Chicago) wants to make dog owners pay the cost of any medical treatment resulting from dog bites.

Sen. Dorothy Gardner (R. Mich.) and Von A. Eichhorn (D. Uniondale) introduced a recodification of all public health laws.

A bill to create a division of safety in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles was proposed by Rep. Clyde Matthews (R. Mt. Vernon).

Labor Commissioner Appoints 12 to Staff

Twelve new members were added today to the staff of Indiana State Labor Commissioner Thomas R. Huston of Brazil.

Mr. Huston announced the appointment of Helen Robinson, Kokomo, as inspector for the Women's and Children's Bureau; Robert Autterson, Terre Haute, conciliator; Max Crosley of Ft. Wayne; Edward Erickson of Evansville, Norval Wagner of Greencastle and Roscoe Davidson of Princeton, safety directors; Elizabeth Spears, Brazil, secretary and bookkeeper; John A. De Barge, Bicknell, and James E. Sebree, Terre Haute, mine inspectors.

House Here to Hear Truman Sworn In

House Democratic leaders today planned to hear President Truman's inaugural address Thursday on the radio.

Few legislators were among the 75-member delegation which headed for Washington today, led by Democratic Gov. Schricker.

Plans for the Democrats' big day here, included a continuation of legislative sessions so the radio was scheduled to be installed in the House of Representatives.

Meanwhile, the special train for the national capital was scheduled to leave here at 4:20 p. m. State Chairman Irvin Haymaker, Party Treasurer Frank McKinney and National Committeeman Frank McHale left ahead of the main party yesterday.

Trackless Trolley Rams Building

A trackless trolley crashed into a Salvation Army building at 1403 S. Belmont Ave. late last night, just one and a half hours after a revival meeting adjourned.

Four squads of police were rushed to the scene in the excitement which followed, but no one, including the four passengers and motorman on the trolley, was injured. The building, unoccupied at the time, was badly damaged.

Operator of the trolley, James McGill, 28, of 2214 N. Dearborn St., reported the air brakes on the trolley failed to hold, police said.

Concrete steps leading into the building helped halt the motion of the trolley, although the front of the building was caved in.

Pyle Highway Bill Passes State Senate

The State Senate today passed and sent to the House of Representatives a resolution to honor Ernie Pyle, famed Indianapolis Times and Scripps-Howard war correspondent, by naming U. S. 36 the Ernie Pyle Memorial Highway.

The Senate also passed a resolution to name U. S. 40 and 31 as the Blue Star Memorial Highways, and a bill to change the name of the Northern Indiana Hospital for the Insane to the Dr. Norman M. Beatty Memorial Hospital.

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OK's Airline Service

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (UPI)—The Civil Aeronautics Board today authorized British Caribbean Airways to operate service between Miami, Fla., and Kingston, Jamaica.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

Film Stars to Marry in Rome



Britain Hints Recognition Of Israel

Release of Refugees At Cyprus Expected

LONDON, Jan. 18 (UPI)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin eased his "get-tough-in-Palestine" policy today, hinting that Britain might recognize Israel and announcing his readiness to release the Jewish refugees of military age detained by the British at Cyprus.

Mr. Bevin delayed until next week his defense against bristling attacks on his Palestine policy. But he gave the House of Commons a number of pointers indicating some relaxation of that policy.

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He said the refugees of military age who were funneled to British detention camps on the island of Cyprus when they sought in vain to enter Israel would be freed as soon as Israel could provide transportation for them.

At the same time he assured the House that Britain, working with the United States, was doing everything possible to bring about permanent peace in Palestine.

He reported that Israel and Egyptian delegations are making progress in armistice negotiations at Rhodes, and that Israeli representatives were in touch with "other contestants"—Arab states other than Israel.

All that balance of affairs would be tipped over by acrimonious discussion of the issue in Commons at this time, Mr. Bevin said.

This is the second BSAA plane to drop in a year to vanish in the same general area. On Jan. 31, 1948,

2 U. S. Carriers Join Hunt For 20 Missing on Plane

Search Criss-Crosses Caribbean; No North Americans Aboard Craft

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Jan. 18 (UPI)—Two U. S. Navy aircraft carriers joined the biggest air-sea search on record today for a British South American Airways plane with 20 persons aboard which disappeared on a flight from Bermuda to Kingston, Jamaica. The carriers were the Leyte and the Kearsarge.

Sixteen planes from the carrier Leyte fanned out at dawn over the search area.

The stretch of relatively calm ocean reaching from 125 miles south of Bermuda to a point 425 miles south of the island was criss-crossed by planes and surface craft in a minute search.

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