

Around-the-World—

2 China Envoys Off to Peiping For Peace Talks

Seek Direct Parleys With Reds; 200,000 Foes Near Nanking

Acting President Li Tsung-jen of Nationalist China tried today to speed up arrangements for a peace conference with the Communists.

He sent two personal emissaries to Communist-held Peiping with orders to seek a direct line of communication with Communist leaders Mao Tze-tung and Chou En-lai.

Eleven Communist columns totaling 200,000 men were converging from three directions on Nanking, President Li's capital, for a climactic assault that only an early peace conference can avert.

Advance Toward River
One thousand Communist vanguards advanced down the red clay slopes facing the Yangtze River opposite Nanking at dawn and engaged Nationalist outposts at Fucheng, two miles north of the river. But the Nationalists scattered them in a brief engagement.

Nanking reported that pessimism over an early peace spreading through government ranks as result of the Communist demand for the arrest of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and other top Nationalists as war criminals.

Shanghai
Lt. Gen. Yatsugu Okumura, former Japanese commander-in-chief in China, was acquitted today of charges of committing atrocities and supporting aggression.

The war crimes tribunal of the Nationalist Defense Ministry said there was insufficient evidence to sustain the charges.

London
The cabinet met in special session today and was understood to have discussed disciplinary action against rebel Labor party members who spoke against the government in Palestine debate and then failed to support it in a crucial vote of confidence.

Prime Minister Clement Attlee called his cabinet together to assess the damage done to the government's position by the unimpressive 283 to 193 vote of confidence in Commons last night.

Rio de Janeiro
President Eurico Gaspar Dutra of Brazil expects to visit President Truman in Washington May 15 at Mr. Truman's invitation, the foreign office announced today.

Tel Aviv
Leaders of Premier David Ben Gurion's Socialist Labor Mapai party were understood to have begun a series of informal conversations today to form a possible four-party coalition government for Israel.

Mapai leaders, assured of a clearcut victory in Tuesday's elections even though the final vote may not be known until tomorrow, were cautious about disclosing their plans.

Paris
Several unusually bright meteors were reported seen over western France last night. Observers near Limoges said they saw two brightly burning meteors moving eastward. Near Clermont-Ferrand in the same region a workman said he saw an enormous ball of fire fall near him.

Protestant Group Seeks Fund for Fight
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (UP)—An organization led by 12 Protestant clergymen has opened a drive for \$1 million to "cope with the aggressive program of the Roman Catholic Church."

The board of directors of "Protestants and Other Americans for Separation of Church and State" said it plans a three-year program. The board described it as a fight against "the danger which threatens religious liberty."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Wise Old Bird

- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Depicted bird of prey
 - 2 Notions
 - 3 Dined
 - 4 Contend
 - 5 Social group
 - 6 The deep
 - 7 Venerate
 - 8 Fasters
 - 9 Withdraw
 - 10 Uneasiness
 - 11 Suffix
 - 12 Symbol for niton
 - 13 Rabbit
 - 14 Hope's kills
 - 15 Giant king of Bashan
 - 16 Rough lava
 - 17 Whirlwind
 - 18 Names (ab.)
 - 19 Former Russian ruler
 - 20 Storm
 - 21 Measure
 - 22 Either
 - 23 Larists
 - 24 Avers
 - 25 Fleet
 - 26 Come
 - 27 Capuchin monkey
 - 28 Espingie
 - 29 Harden
 - 30 Worm
 - 31 It is a bird
 - 32 Malayan pewter coin
- VERTICAL**
- 1 Above
 - 2 It has a look

Answer to Previous Puzzle

GREAT BLUE HERON

33 One of Dumas' musketeers

34 Cosmic order

35 Bellow

36 Sketcher

37 Demolish

38 Ages

39 Arabian gulf

40 Hindu

41 Window frame

42 Waste allowance

43 At all times

44 Caterpillar

45 Symbol for silver

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Object to Singling Out Teachers for Anti-Red Statements

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The conference, which has been in session since Tuesday in the Third Christian Church, closed at noon today.

The pastors, after considerable discussion, yesterday passed a resolution in which they indicated they consider it unfair to single out teachers and require them to sign the non-Communist affidavits when everybody else is not asked to do so.

The conference also considered indorsement of the Fair Employment Practices Code but took no official action on the subject. However, they did refer the matter to the social action committee of the Indiana Council of Churches for thorough study and possible action.

Express Sympathy
Since Dr. Peter Marshall, Senate chaplain, who died Tuesday in Washington, D. C., had been invited to address the conference, the organization voted that an expression of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Marshall.

Dr. Paul Hutchinson, editor of the Christian Century, Chicago, spoke twice yesterday and Dr. Reuben H. Mueller of Dayton, O., Evangelical United Brethren official, today. Dr. Mueller is a former Indianapolis pastor and former chairman of the National Teaching Mission.

The pastors also ratified the proposals of the nominating committee by electing suggested officers, and passed a resolution condemning an Indiana House bill which would legalize part-time gambling for soldier bonuses.

Officers Named
Officers which will serve the organization during 1949 and '50 are: Dr. Wesley Bransford of Anderson, president; the Rev. Victor Frohne, Evangelical and Reformed pastor of La Porte; Dr. Chester Wharton, minister of the Prentice Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, second vice president; and the Rev. Philip Palmer, Methodist of Evansville, third vice president. Dr. Ralph L. Holland was re-named secretary-treasurer and Dr. A. C. Brooks, president of the Indiana Council of Churches, was re-elected an ex-officio member of the conference executive board.

Lt. Goll to Head Security Fete

Chairmen Named for Observance Here

Lt. John N. Goll today was named director of the city's celebration of National Security Week Feb. 12 to 22, by Capt. Claude M. Spillman Jr., president of the Indianapolis chapter of Reserve Officers' Association.

The following committee chairmen were appointed by Lt. Goll: Lt. Col. Howard S. Wilcox, radio; Lt. Col. Robert E. Coates, window display; Lt. Col. Wendell Phillips, publicity; Col. Glen D. Crawford, speakers' bureau; and Capt. Stanley G. Cederquist, military ball.

Appointments of the speakers' bureau included Col. Alvin C. Rasmussen, Col. William Cannico, Capt. William H. Cook and Lt. Philip L. Benefield.

Capt. L. A. Iverson will be in charge of military ball tickets and Lt. Joe M. Edmundson will handle decorations.

Members of the speakers' bureau will appear before civic organizations and church groups with messages on national security.

CIO Union Voted Out By Seymour Employees

SEYMOUR, Jan. 27.—Employees of the Seymour Manufacturing Co. here have voted out the United Auto Workers, CIO local 610, as their bargaining agent.

The balloting in an election conducted by John Hines, Indianapolis, representative of the National Labor Relations Board, was 49 to 36 in favor of withdrawing from union representation.

The employees' action was a reversal of their vote in May, 1946, when the UAW was chosen as the collective bargaining agent.

3 Hunted in Florida After Schooner Blast

MELBOURNE, Fla., Jan. 27 (UP)—The waters and shore line of the Indian River were searched today for three persons believed to have been aboard a 36-foot auxiliary schooner which exploded and burned to the water line last night.

A dinghy drawn up on the north shore at the east end of the Melbourne causeway was found early today by W. E. Malsland, Melbourne harbor master, leading searchers to hope that the persons aboard the burned craft had escaped.

FIND FUNERAL VASES
Funeral vases closely modeled after potato tubers have been found in pre-historic Peruvian graves.

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Mr. Frey was among 13 persons in nine states and Canada honored by the commission for heroic attempts to save the lives of others. The youth's father, Henry Frey, received a bronze medal award.

Officials of the commission said Mr. Frey died while trying to save Ruth Schmidtke at Lake Wayne, Ind., on July 5, 1948. Witnesses said Miss Schmidtke was thrown into deep water when a wave lashed the boat in which she was riding with Mr. Frey and several other companions and overturned it.

They said Mr. Frey swam to the drowning girl, who grasped him by the shoulders and pushed him under the water during the struggle that followed. A group of sportsmen in a nearby motorboat rescued the girl. Authorities did not find young Frey's body until the following morning.

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