

RED ATTITUDE TOWARD JAPAN ASSUMES HEAT

Fresh Peril Threatening China Stressed By New Developments

By DEWITT MACKENZIE Associated Press War Analyst I want to drag you away from the Allied offensive in Western Europe for a moment to consider another critical situation in our Global War—the fresh peril threatening China from the great Japanese offensive, and the volcanic circumstances surrounding it.

Let's start with those volcanic circumstances first as the easiest approach to the subject. We've heard sharp words exchanged in the past few days between Moscow and Tokyo, beginning with Marshal Stalin's blunt characterization of Japan as an aggressive nation. The Allied public has seized eagerly on this as possibly signaling Russia's entrance into the war against Japan.

Now that's a startling development, for Moscow and Tokyo long have been observing polite silence towards each other, recognizing that they have a non-aggression pact. What then should cause this sudden heat? Stalin is a man of few words and never speaks without purpose.

It strikes me that it may well be connected with China's new danger, which a cabinet spokesman asserts represents the greatest military crisis she has faced in more than seven years of conflict. I'll put a finer point on it than that by saying that China is about as close to being knocked out as she could be and still hang on by her teeth.

The intensified Japanese offensive already has almost completed capture of the Hankow-Canton railroad, thereby driving a huge corridor—north and south—through the heart of Southern China. It has deprived the American air force of invaluable bases near that railway. It's rapidly nearing a junction with Japanese forces in French Indo-China to create a land route over which supplies could be brought from Indonesia into China and also on to Japan in these days when the Allied Navies increasingly threaten Japan's vital sea communications. The Mikado's brigands

even are challenging the Chinese capital of Chungking. What's the real meaning of all this? Maj. Gen. Wedemeyer, who recently succeeded Gen. (Uncle Joe) Stilwell as American commander in China, says Japan is pouring a formidable army into South China with the idea of fighting out the war on the continent rather than on her home soil. She already has strong forces in the north and in Manchuria.

This creates a position which not only is a matter of anxiety for China and the Western Allies but which Russia can't ignore. If China is to be the site of the Oriental armageddon, it means that huge land forces will have to be brought to bear against the Japanese invaders. Some Allied troops can be sent into China over the Burma road—if and when that tortuous route is reopened. Amphibious landings on the southeastern coast of China can provide others. But an expeditionary clean-up might call for the use of Russian bases—and maybe Red forces.

FEAR SACRIFICE OF AIR POSITION

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held her own. The official British position has been for a quota arrangement. With congress always reluctant to heavily subsidize private business, it was pointed out in Capitol Hill that American air lines might find themselves at a disadvantage with foreign lines under the program.

Sen. Bailey (D-N.C.), chairman of the senate commerce committee, was authoritatively reported to have served a demand upon Bell that any international agreement dealing with division of air lines be limited to three years. This would afford a frequent congressional check.

Despite progress being made at Chicago on technical agreements, reports received in Washington indicated that a general world agreement may be prevented or delayed. The first blow dealt the conference was the refusal of Russia to attend. While she gave as her reason the fact that anti-Soviet nations were present, it was reported that Russia was reluctant to give foreign nations freedom of the air over Russia.

Russia remains on the outside and extends her control in Europe, an important portion of the world's air routes might be barred to other nations under any international agreement, it was said. The conference has applications from 52 countries for post-war air lines. These include six in the North Atlantic, four in the South Atlantic and four in the Pacific, with two of them having Tokyo as a destination.

British officials were reported to be planning to make London the air hub of Europe and the Mediterranean route to the Far East. France, however, is said to be insisting that no arrangement be made which would prevent her from assuming what she believes to be her natural position as the hub of European air routes.

One major objection being raised to the doctrine of complete air freedom is that private air lines would offer an opportunity for prying into defense secrets of other nations. The proposed world air map shows three projected routes touching Hawaii, where Pearl Harbor is located. Another world route traverses Alaska and the Aleutians, on which the United States may maintain secret fortifications in the post-war period.

MIAMI-BOUND TRAIN WRECKED, OFFICIAL SAYS JACKSONVILLE, Nov. 18 (AP)—An official of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad announced here that its passenger train No. 91, bound from New York to Miami, was wrecked at about 7:30 a. m. (Lima time) today between Horthense and O'Neal, Ga., about 79 miles north of this city.

Chief Clerk W. S. Bailey said he had been informed that all but the three last cars of the 18-car train had left the track, but there was no information as to whether any deaths resulted, nor concerning the number of injured.

Honolulu Has KELLY'S SHIP RAID Blackout STILL AFLOAT

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HONOLULU, Nov. 18.—(INS)—Honolulu underwent its longest air raid blackout in more than two and a half years, and anti-aircraft guns on Oahu opened up on actual targets for the first time since Dec. 7, 1941 last night as unidentified planes approached the island and failed to give recognition signals.

The approaching planes were later identified as "friendly." The sirens sounded throughout the island at 10:57 p. m. when the planes were discovered several miles away. After they failed to identify themselves following several signal attempts, ground fire opened up on the known course of the approaching aircraft.

Cloudy conditions which might have offered enemy planes good cover prevented earlier recognition. The all clear sounded at 12:35 a. m. NAVY CLAIMS 14 JAP SHIPS SUNK (Continued From Page One)

unique, the Navy said, among other things: "The victory may turn out to be among the decisive battles of our times. "The Japanese are still wondering what hit them. "The enemy fleet sustained losses and damage which materially weakened their overall Navy and air strength against the final drive of the United States forces against the empire.

An earlier communique issued by Adm. Chester Nimitz on the battle had referred to a Japanese battleship "Haruma." That announcement was issued here textually, however, and despite the Navy's insistence that the spelling was correct, it never has been confirmed. "Haruma" had become "Harana" somewhere along the transmission line.

7 OHIO HUNTERS DIE; NONE HERE (Continued From Page One)

William M. Taylor, 59, a resident of Lima for 28 years, died at 9:30 p. m. Friday at his home, 80 E. Vine-st., after an extended illness. Before he became ill he was employed as a drop former.

He is survived by his wife, Clara; three daughters, Mrs. Donna Kratzer of Cleveland, Mrs. Mary Louise Latham of 321 N. Cole-st., and Mrs. Thelma Schaefer of 801 E. Vine-st.; a brother, Charles Taylor of Chicago; two sisters, Mrs. William Dumond of Columbus, and Mrs. Ethel Wagner of Lima; a grandchild, and four half-brothers, James of Flint, Mich., and Homer of Lima.

NAVY AND ARMY DISAGREE ON FATE OF BATTLESHIP HARANA

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—(UP)—It's official now that the late Capt. Colin P. Kelly didn't sink the Japanese battleship Harana. At least, it is as far as the Navy is concerned.

The army's records on the matter always have been a bit hazy. On Dec. 11, 1941, Army communique No. 3 said the sinking of the Harana on a ship of its class north of Luzon had been confirmed. On Dec. 12 communique No. 6 said Kelly "successfully attacked the battleship Harana, putting the warship out of commission. In the destruction of this important unit of the Japanese fleet, Capt. Kelly lost his life."

But on Feb. 17, 1942, Army communique No. 127, recapitulating losses inflicted on Japanese losses, listed one Japanese battleship as probably sunk and none as definitely sunk.

The Navy meanwhile refused any official comment on the status of the Harana, although many Navy officers said privately they were certain the ship had not been sunk. The Navy, however, maintained its official silence until last night, when an official communique recapitulating the three-day second battle of the Philippines last month said, without elaboration or explanation: "The larger enemy force of the central group of the attack was initially composed of five battleships, the modern Yamato and Musashi, and the Nagato, Kongo and Harana."

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"Meet Your Navy" Features Vital Message By Adm. King

Adm. Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Navy, will deliver a message of vital importance via WJZ broadcast of "Meet Your Navy," Saturday at 8:30 p. m. (Lima time). Adm. King will be introduced by Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr.

Red Barber, one of radio's big-league sports announcers, who for years has called the play-by-play on baseball and football broadcasts will render an expert's decision as armchair detective for Ellery Queen's tussle with pluck and crime in the "Adventure of the Right End," Saturday at 6:30 p. m. over WJZ.

The lovely star of George Abbott's new Broadway comedy hit, "Snafu," Enid Markey, turns to serious drama when she guest stars on "Grand Central Station" on Saturday at 12 midnight over Station WABC. Her supporting cast in the drama includes Brandon Peters, Rosemary Rice and James Dotson, now rehearsing for the Ben Martin production of "Bonanzaville."

Indicating his whole-hearted approval of songs whose titles mention dancing, Arthur Murray has named "Dance With Dolly," as his musical autograph to be played during the WJZ broadcast of Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians in "Musical Autographs" Saturday at 9 p. m.

PHONE STRIKE SPREADS IN OHIO (Continued From Page One)

The dispute was certified to the Regional War Labor Board at Cleveland, which scheduled a hearing today and ordered federation Pres. R. G. Pollock of Cleveland, Miss Reedy and three other unionists to appear and "show cause" for failure of the union to comply with an earlier work-resumption order.

Some communities, such as Xenia and East Liverpool were without communications, since all their telephone equipment is operated manually.

Two West Virginia towns, Chester and Newell, were without long distance service, since their toll calls normally are routed thru East Liverpool, where 70 operators left their jobs late yesterday.

The number idle thruout the state was not available. The union reported "at least 2,500" idle. The War Labor Board said it was informed 700 were affected at Dayton, where 350 unionists were on strike, and that 350 were out at Columbus and 350 at Toledo, with about 600 affected in each city.

PATROLS FORCE INTO CITY FROM NORTH, SOUTH

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122 American tanks were shot up in the first two days of the battle. In the shadow of the Swiss Alps French Colonials punched well into the 25-mile wide Belfort gap and were within five miles of its narrowest part of Belfort.

At the northern end of the Allied line the British Second Army in its sweep thru the Maas river pulge in Southeastern Holland established a nother bridgehead across the Zig canal, advanced its previous crossing and captured Beringen, 2 1/2 miles southeast of Meijel. The British rapidly were developing a threat to the Dutch border city and communications hub of Venlo, nine miles to the east.

Farther south the British mopped up remaining pockets of enemy troops and completed their firm hold on the Maas front facing Roermond, like Venlo a gateway city to Germany.

On the extreme southern end of the Allied line tanks of the French First Army smashing into Belfort gap overran the fortified town of Montbéliard and took Heistercut five miles from the city of Belfort, in gains of three to four miles on a 12-mile front. Belfort was now within the range of artillery.

North of the French and American Seventh Army lunged forward in a general assault which gained two to three miles all along a 30-mile front pointed at Strasbourg on the Rhine. The Seventh Army closed in on Blamont, Badonviller and St. Die.

The six Allied Armies, swelled to a fighting force of 1,250,000 men with a similar number of reserves, were attacking German lines believed held by less than 500,000 troops.

The Germans were putting up their stiffest fight against the American First and Ninth Armies slugging their way toward the Roer river, the first natural barrier before the Rhine.

Fighter-bombers, supporting the ground operations on all sectors of the front, bombed and strafed the enemy from Duren in the Aachen area to Colmar and Mulhouse in the south.

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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS—CAT'S OUT



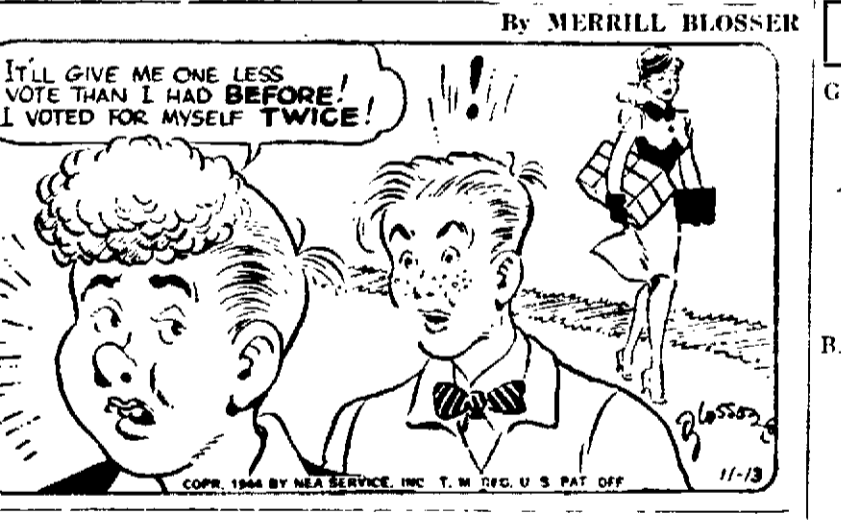
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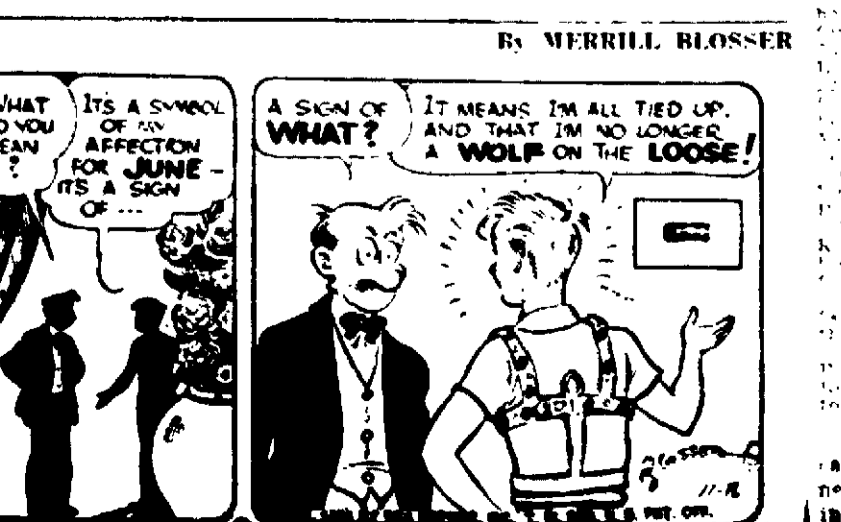
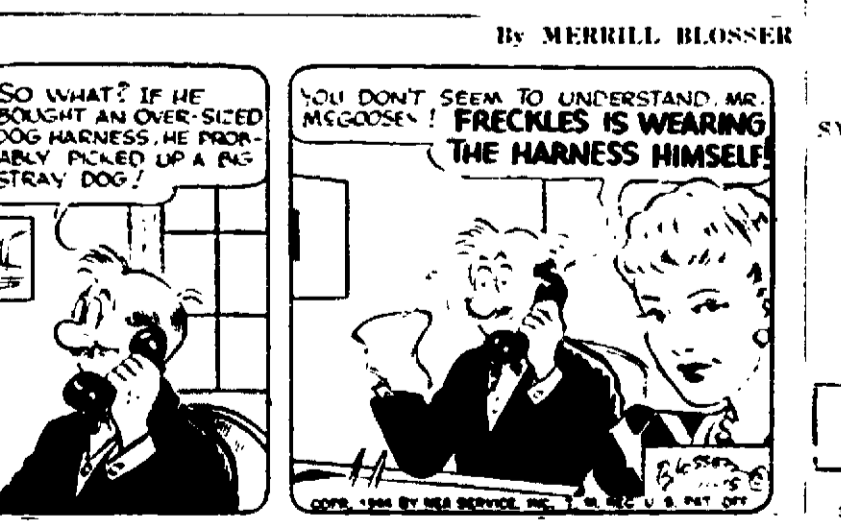
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SMITH, Dr. Charles — Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday in the Davis, Mill and Son central chapel with Rev. Ira Jones officiating. Burial will be made in Greenlawn cemetery near Elida. The body will remain at the funeral home, Dr. Smith was a member of the Lima Medical Academy.

PAYMENT REFUSED

COLLIER'S, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Three Ohio Development and Publicity Commission bills, totaling \$27,555 for meeting rooms and luncheons were refused payment yesterday by State Auditor Joseph T. Ferguson.

Declaring the bills "evidently" were incurred by the commission in entertaining guests, Ferguson asserted "it would not be unfair but an outrage to expect the taxpayers to pay for the entertainment."

The Marine Corps was formed by the Continental Congress on Nov. 10, 1775, and made a permanent organization in 1798.

IRA E. DOUGLAS WAYSFIELD, Nov. 18.—Ira E. Douglas, 68, a lifetime resident of the Waysfield vicinity, died at 10 p. m. Friday at his home. Before his retirement he had been employed by the Cincinnati and Lake Erie interurban railroad company.

Surviving are his wife, Lulah; three daughters, Mrs. Harry Dawson of Indianapolis, Mrs. Myron Moyer of Waysfield and Mrs. Claude Fisher of Waysfield; Route 1, Route 3, Earl E. of Waysfield and Pvt. Waldo of Camp Maxey, Texas; 10 grandchildren and three great grand children.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

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RAYMOND P. SMITH, Probate Judge. NOTICE: Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Mayor and Treasurer of the City of Lima, Ohio, City Building, until 12:00 noon, Monday, December 4, 1944, for the purchase of the following material: Fifteen Hundred (1500) tons, more or less, of T. & H. State Highway Specifications asphaltic concrete, said material to be furnished either in bulk or laid on street or in the neighborhood of the City of Lima, Ohio, designated by the Mayor.

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