

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Japanese Maneuvers in China Betray Fear of U.S. Invasion; United Nations Chart Peace

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B-29s are dropping propaganda leaflets as well as bombs on Japan. At left, leaflet depicting Uncle Sam standing over Jap leader with planes and ships, reads that warlords miscalculated American strength; in center, military clique is shown pulling nation down; and at right, native feudal warrior is pictured battling modern U. S. weapons, with inscription quoting Jap sergeant on honor and logic of surrender.

THE LIVING SOUTH This column will appear on June 30—the day that FEPC is scheduled to go out of business because Dixie's weasel politics have sucked off its life blood by denying it funds.

June 30 will also be a day when thousands of Negro workers—first victims of cutbacks and layoffs—will be trudging home with polite pink discharge slips tucked in their Saturday pay envelopes. June 30 may be a day of mourning for awakening black America, wondering if it must again sell its life blood for a pair of ducking breeches and a plate of poke greens.

June 30 may be no day of rejoicing for the people. But neither shall the weasels rejoice for longer than it takes us to plow them up and throw them over that fence which separates the South's yesterday from the South's tomorrow.

It is the South of yesterday which fights FEPC. But it is the South of tomorrow which fights FEPC. It is the South of tomorrow which will give thousands of black champions and thousands of white champions to that new movement for full and fair employment due to arise if Congress acts like a pack of weasels on June 30.

You see, both the white people and the Negro people of Dixie have had their blood sucked by the weasels. And I reckon that's why I heard so many white people declaring themselves in favor of a permanent FEPC when I took a recent trip through the Deep South.

Meet Sister Janeway You've probably never met Mrs. Lura Janeway, of South Pittsburg, Tennessee. I never had either until that morning when I sat next to her on the rear seat of a Chattanooga-bound bus. But I think that Sister Janeway is of the stuff which the South will furnish for that nationwide movement to dig out the weasels.

I've got nothing against colored people and I don't mind riding here on the back seat with them," said Sister Janeway after a haughty old dame from Nashville chose to stand up rather than sit with Negroes. "I don't know much about this here FEPC because I don't have more than a third grade education. But I'm for it if it means that the government backs up everybody's right to work for whatever he can do and for the same wages. I just don't think that white people will get their just share of things until colored people get theirs."

All 'Depressed' In Atlanta, I was handed a copy of a declaration asking that FEPC be made permanent, signed by dozens of prominent white and Negro Georgians with the majority of the signers being white. The declaration declared in human words and not in weasel words that "Here in the South, we have experienced the unwholesome consequences of discrimination in employment. A large section of our people, held at a low wage level, has depressed the income of all and stunted the progress of the area."

When I read those words which are the words of people as Southern as my grandma's hoe-cake, I remembered Charlie Bruce, the white Macon, Georgia, fireman who testified before the FEPC in the Central of Georgia railroad hearings back in 1943. Charlie, you will remember, refused to accept promotion over a Negro railroad worker with longer seniority. He said that there were dozens of other white men in the yards who felt just like him about their colored fellow-workers.

I also read with pride the call to action for a permanent FEPC sent out to the people of the South by Southern Conference for Human Welfare in Nashville. I heard the voice of the South that despises the weasel words, blaspheming the spirit of man, when I read an editorial in the white Durham, North Carolina Herald that "it seems vitally essential to set up a permanent and broader FEPC immediately." The Herald was one of the five Southern dailies, listed by Congressman Frank Hook in the Congressional Record as supporting a permanent FEPC.

In a majority of the Southern States, there are white people fighting actively to guarantee democracy in the South, by guaranteeing the right of every worker of every color to hold his job through an FEPC with teeth sharp enough to bite the stuffing out of the weasels. Maybe, some Negro leaders made an honest mistake by failing to include in their fight for the FEPC thousands of Southern white people who would have gone down the line had they been mobilized into action. It's hard to feel that you have some friends in a section run by the weasels.

PACIFIC: Strategic Moves

Maneuverings by both Chinese and Japanese troops in China commanded the shifting spotlight in the Pacific, with the enemy seeking to strengthen his position on the Asiatic mainland against an expected U. S. invasion. Fervent Japanese activity in China continued as Okinawa fell and the enemy reported the anchorage of 100 Allied transports off the Ryukyus and the presence of an impressive task fleet in Formosan waters.

While Jap-occupied China considered a twin defensive bastion along with the homeland, itself, the enemy's movements in the territory apparently were designed to meet the threat of a combined U. S. attack from sea and Chinese assault on land, while also consolidating communication lines.

Reports from the mainland conflicted with the Chinese playing up their assault on the big bomber base at Liuchoo previously lost to the Japs, and the enemy emphasizing action northeast of Hong Kong where they claim to have foiled the plans of 60,000 Chinese troops to aid an American landing.

While the Japanese maneuvered about in China, U. S. conquest of Okinawa made their overall position even more precarious, affording an excellent operational base for future aerial, sea or land assaults on either Japan itself or nearby enemy holdings, notably Formosa.

Marked by some of the bloodiest large-scale fighting of the war, the Okinawa campaign cost the Japs over \$7,000 in dead alone with the usual small smattering of prisoners, who failed to battle to the end like the majority. Though overwhelming U. S. air, sea and ground power doomed the enemy from the start, the Japs fought hard from cave-studded terrain until the island fell.

Shuri fell across the island deprived them of strong natural defenses. Of 45,029 U. S. casualties, 11,269 were killed or missing, and 33,769 wounded.

Creation of the international air, sea and ground force under a general military staff with regional branches marked the first time in history that such an organization had been established.

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Although no peace conference was held at San Francisco, the United Nations postwar organization provided for international trusteeships over conquered enemy territory and the eventual attainment of self-rule or independence for so-called "subject" people. Under the arrangements, the U. S. would be permitted to retain Jap possessions for defensive bases until congress agreed to turn them over to the peace organization.

In addition to providing for political and military action, an international court of justice was set up for the settlement of legal disputes among nations, with the security council empowered to enforce decisions. Special bodies looking toward the social, as well as economic development of nations, also were established.

MONARCHY: Under Fire

With the opposition threatening virtual civil war if King Leopold should return to his throne in Belgium. Europe's time-honored but diminishing institution of monarchy came under further fire.

Weekened long ago by constitutional stringencies, monarchy has come under heavy assault in the wake of World War II, particularly where underground elements resisting German occupation claimed a hold on the people.

In the case of Greece, George II finds himself unable to return to Athens because of internal opposition; in Yugoslavia, Peter has been forced to bow to the Partisan Tito, ex-metal worker; in Italy, Victor Emmanuel was forced to retire because of democratic politicians' opposition to his countenancing of Fascism and put the monarchy in Prince Umberto's nose too firm or popular hands.

No weaking, Leopold has not been cowed by his opposition, seeking to return with the support of the strong Catholic party plus sympathetic elements from other political parties. Though Britain has professed open neutrality in the Belgian dispute, Leopold's mother has been active in his behalf in London, where strong attachment to monarchy continues to exist particularly because of the opportunity it affords for wedding alliances through family relationships.

Reciprocal Trade: Pass New Act Termed by Pres. Harry S. Truman "of the first order of importance for the success of my administration," the bill extending the reciprocal trade act for three years and authorizing the chief executive to set tariff levels 50 per cent below existing levels was passed by both house and senate.

HIGHWAY PROBE: Graft Charged

Spurred by charges that hundreds of millions of dollars are being grafted on the construction of the inter-American highway linking the U. S. with the Panama canal, the senate war investigating committee prepared to undertake a probe of all projects on foreign soil. Launched by the war department, the inter-American highway came in for the major attention, with Representative Arends (Ill.) pointing up the charges with the declaration that while a private construction firm botched up a road building job in Nicaragua for \$8,000,000, army engineers laid a similar stretch perfectly for only \$2,000,000.

Echoing charges of Senators Ferguson (Mich.); Moore (Okla.) and Robertson (Wyo.), Representative Arends also declared that most of the graft is made under arrangements whereby private contractors rent their own equipment to the government for use on a project. Monthly rental of a D-8 crawler type tractor is \$775 whether the machine is worked or left idle, he said.

TRUCK STRIKES: G.I.s Man Vehicles

Thousands of army troops poured into Chicago by air, vehicle and train to man idle carriers and break the back of an extended strike of members of two trucking unions dissatisfied with a War Labor board ruling allowing them a raise of \$4.08 for a 51 hour week. They asked for a \$5 raise and a 48-hour week.

Though neither the Independent Chicago Truck Drivers union nor the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL) officially called a strike, some 10,000 of their 14,000 members were out, with non-striking drivers afforded police and military protection on their routes. Under federal law, union officers are liable for prosecution for calling a walkout on government-managed industries.

With workers ignoring their leaders' pleas to return to their jobs in the early days of the strike, much essential war and civilian freight lay unremoved as the force of some 400 G.I.s and 4,000 non-striking drivers proved inadequate. When union members persisted in holding out, 10,000 additional G.I.s were ordered to the city. "The army will break the strike. You can't beat the United States army," said Ellis T. Longenecker, federal manager for the struck-bound properties.

Find Tuberculosis Vaccine

Seven years of experience at the Chicago Municipal Tuberculosis sanitarium have held out high hope for a TB vaccine capable of preventing growth of the disease in children whose parents or other family members have or have not been afflicted by the malady.

Known as the bacillus of Calmette and Guerin, or BCG, after the French physicians who developed it, the vaccine was given to 1,302 infants within three to seven days after birth. At the same time, 1,276 unvaccinated children were kept under observation for comparison.

According to Dr. Frederick Tice of the Chicago tuberculosis center, only three cases and one death of TB were reported out of the 1,302 vaccinated children, while 23 cases and four deaths were recorded for those unvaccinated. Of vaccinated children whose parents or other family members have had the disease, only one contracted TB and none died, while of the unvaccinated in the same group four developed the malady and three died.

MOSCOW: Sentence Poles

In a case typical of swift Russian court procedure, 12 of the Polish underground leaders charged with carrying on subversive activities behind Red army lines were found guilty and sentenced to imprisonment, with three acquitted. Also typical of the conduct of defendants on trial in the Soviet, the accused wholly or partially admitted their guilt and virtually co-operated in the prosecution against themselves.

During the brief trial, the defendants said that the Polish underground had been ordered into hiding by the government in exile in London and advised to form a military-political organization designed to resist alleged Russian encroachments against Polish independence. Charging the Reds with trying to set up a communist-dominated rule in Poland, the London regime long has been at loggerheads with Moscow.

Russia's arrest of the underground leaders after allegedly inviting them to discuss political questions first provoked a stir in U. S. and British circles, with one of the objectives of Harry Hopkins' recent mission to Moscow being to straighten out the tangle.

STATE REVENUES RISE

Collections from general sales, use and gross income taxes levied by a total of 23 states soared in 1944 to an all-time high of \$745,000,000—38.5 per cent of the \$1,930,000,000 collected by all 48 states from all their major excise taxes during the year.

Total sales, use and gross income taxes, also, represents a 7.5 per cent increase over collections for 1943. Make frequent inspection of the heels of your family's shoes and file down immediately any protruding nail heads or have heels repaired. Nail heads that protrude can cover a linoleum or felt base floor with a network of tiny scratches and that disfigures the floor.

Indian Horses The American Indians did not have horses before the arrival of Europeans upon this continent. Dogs were the only animals used by these North Americans. Some authorities believe that all the wild and Indian horses of the West sprang from a few which escaped from the troops of Coronado in 1541.



MORE AND MORE PEOPLE SAY...



QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"My Lord! He's five stars, and human, too!"—Overseas GI after meeting Gen. Ike Eisenhower.

"He's just an average man with a sense of humor."—Prof. Allen Craft, Univ. of Kan., describing "any Kansan."

"Maybe if we'd known more about America."—Wistful reminiscence of Gen. von Arnim, former commander Afrika Korps, now war prisoner here.

"There is always a better way to do everything than the way now used."—Chm. Robert E. Wilson, Standard Oil (Ind.), urging more industrial research.

"Private enterprise and workers in cooperation are the only real assurance of a prosperous and lasting economy."—Adv. Dir. C. B. Brown, RCA.

"We've got to draw the line some place!"—Mayor Laft, Goshen, N. Y., sponsoring law banning bare knees and shoulders in village.

Tidal Waves Whether or not a river has a tide depends on the slope of the river and whether or not a dam in the river prevents the tidal wave of the lower reaches of the river from going upstream. Large lakes, generally, have tides, but in many, such as the Great Lakes, the tide is comparatively feeble.

Fuel Saver Drawing window shades at night, half way during the day and keeping them drawn in unused rooms all the time provides excellent insulation. This practice can cut fuel consumption 10 per cent in winter.

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who were the children of father bluejay and mother bluejay. The family lived in a little nest at the top of an old maple tree. One day when mother and father were hunting for worms, the three children climbed on a limb and were going to try to fly. Now there was one little bluejay who thought he knew everything, he stood up straight and quickly jumped from the limb. Little brother was hurt badly.



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