

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

U. S. Code Interceptions Bared Jap War Plans; Attlee Outlines Labor Party Economic Program

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As joint U. S.-British commission studies Palestine problem, Jewish youth parade in Jerusalem in protest against restriction of immigration into Holy Land.

PEARL HARBOR: Code Secrets

As the Pearl Harbor investigation got underway at Washington, D. C., before a joint 10-man congressional committee, intercepted messages placed in the records disclosed that U. S. intelligence officers had cracked the secret Japanese code a year before the start of the war.

While the early intercepted messages dealt with ship movements, chief interest centered in the diplomatic documents dating from July 2, 1941, when Tokyo told Berlin that Japan would work for its "greater East Asia co-prosperity sphere" regardless of the world situation.

On November 22, Tokyo advised Nomura and Kurusu, Jap envoys negotiating in Washington with Secretary of State Hull, that it had been decided to set November 29 as the final date for effecting an agreement, after which things would "automatically... happen" in case of failure.

Then on November 26, Nomura told Tokyo of Hull's ultimatum and the improbability of reaching a settlement.

On November 30, Tokyo informed Berlin of the imminence of war with the U. S. and later relayed the same message to Rome. Meanwhile, Tokyo warned its consulates on December 3 to be on guard for the "winds" messages in short wave radio broadcasts indicating rupture of relations with the Allies.

The "east wind, rain" message (meaning war with the U. S.) then came through on December 5.

Among the last messages decoded were Tokyo's reply to Hull's ultimatum on December 6, with final instructions for presentation to the U. S. at 1 p. m. the following day coming in on the morning of December 7. Dated December 7, a Jap message from Budapest, Hungary, to Tokyo stated that the American minister to that country had presented its government with a communique from the British that a state of war would break out on the seventh.

BIG TALK: Reassures U. S.

In the nation's capital to discuss disposition of the horrific atom bomb and touchy international questions, British Prime Minister Attlee also found time to address congress and outline the democratic objectives of his labor party.

Aimed at helping Britain get its export-import trade functioning again and lighten the load of six billion dollars of debts to wartime creditors, the projected multi-billion dollar advance was attacked in some circles as an aid to the labor party in socializing the United Kingdom.

In addressing congress, Attlee declared that British businessmen were only to be nationalized when they had grown into monopolies detrimental to the economy.

No radical in speech or appearance, the short, mild-mannered, mustached British leader described the labor party as a representative cross-section of liberal English society, with professional and business men, and even aristocrats, joining with the working classes in its membership.

In determining to retain the secret of the know-how of harnessing the atom, President Truman and Attlee declared that until effective safeguards were set up against its de-

FOOD: Europe's Need

As congress wrangled over appropriation of \$550,000,000 to complete the original government pledge of \$1,350,000,000 to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, and President Truman asked for another \$1,350,000,000 for the agency, UNRRA officials abroad estimated that liberated European countries would need 9,000,000 tons of foodstuffs this winter to avoid starvation and serious malnutrition.

Because of interruptions in farming caused by the war and drought, European agriculture will be able to furnish metropolitan districts with food assuring a daily intake of only 1,200 calories, UNRRA said. Though receipt of 9,000,000 tons of food would boost this figure to 2,000 calories, the diet still would fall below standard nutritional requirements.

Investigations in Czechoslovakia, Greece, Italy, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Yugoslavia and Norway revealed that there was a pressing need for feed to help rebuild the cattle and dairy industries, seriously depleted by butchering of conquering armies and the diversion of grains to human consumption. Having already shipped 2,400 cows to southern and eastern Europe, UNRRA plans additional substantial monthly deliveries through the winter.

Meanwhile, American grain markets boomed upon the prospect of heavy demand in the coming months, with cash and December rye a sensational leader on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Cash rye held a substantial margin over cash wheat, what with distillers scrambling for the grain in view of a shortage of corn and sorghum, while the December future soared to almost \$1.90 a bushel, topping December wheat for the first time since 1921.

Another bullish factor in the market was an estimated drop of 287,000,000 bushels in the 1944 rye crop in Europe where the grain is an important bread staple, and smaller supplies in both the U. S. and Canada.

Because of the slowness in delivery of grain to coastal ports, many experts feared exports in the early half of 1946 might fall below expectations. Railroads clamped on emergency demurrage charges in an effort to speed up unloading of box cars to ease the situation.

'Sonny' Sets Fast Pace

To the question of what makes Ellisworth ("Sonny") Wisecraver, 16, so irresistible to women older than him, Mrs. Eleanor Deveny, 24, who figured in his latest romantic interlude, mused: "Dream man—ideal companion—perfect lover."

Mother of two children and wife of an army corporal serving in Japan, Mrs. Deveny eloped with "Sonny" following a meeting at the home of a mutual friend. Two years ago, Mrs. Elaine Morfeld, 22, and also the mother of two children, ran off with young Wisecraver in his first amorous episode.

In elaborating on "Sonny's" attributes, Mrs. Deveny asserted: "I'd like to take care of him the rest of my life... He's good, considerate and older than his years. She would not return to her husband, she said.

CHINA: Friendly Enemies

Once deadly enemies, Chinese nationalists and Japanese troops have become brothers in arms in northern China, where Japanese forces have been employed by the central government for the protection of vital territory and railroads against communist attack.

While the Japanese actively aided the nationalists in their drive to secure a foothold in the north, U. S. marines kept their distance in the bloody strife between Chiang Kai-shek's troops and the Reds, being ordered only to guard American lives and property in the battle zone.

Meanwhile, the nationalists pressed their advantage with lend-lease supplies originally destined for use against the Japanese.

Though fighting raged throughout the whole northern area, attention was riveted on nationalist attempts to smash into the industrial province of Manchuria, which the communists reportedly planned to convert into a military stronghold. Early fighting centered around Shanhaikwan, gateway city to Manchuria lying at the eastern end of the Great Wall.

G.I. INSURANCE:

Too much high pressure on draftees when they took out government life insurance on entering the service and not enough salesmanship now to get them to keep it after discharge, are the main reasons why three out of four veterans are lapsing their insurance, according to a study by Northwestern National Life Insurance company.

World War II service insurance is less flexible and carries fewer privileges than government insurance for veterans of World War I.

The Home Town Reporter in WASHINGTON

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S.-Sgt. L. P. Lewis Writes From... the PACIFIC

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Standing here now, she seemed so small compared to her towering height. Arms entwined around each other, not wanting to ever let go; knowing that the whistle would soon be heard by the both of them, tearing them apart, forever. No words passed from their lips, not even a whisper. Afraid to let each other go, clinging so hopelessly, helplessly, and knowing that there would be no world to come for them, but years of longing, wanting and not finding.

Finally, and very softly, he spoke, "My Darling, I didn't think it could ever be like this, our love, our being together. You have given me life where I have known no life; you have given, without thought for yourself or your future, and believe me my Dearest Love, there is no way that I can ever repay you."

Tears slowly formed in her eyes, never dulled. Her trembling body suddenly relaxed, as if to give way to the pain in her heart, tearing her very soul. Trying desperately to answer, words failed her as she murmured, "My Dearest, Dearest, Darling..."

Somewhere from a distance a whistle was heard, and knowing that this was the end, they stepped back from each other as if driven apart by a flash of lightning. Taking one last look at her beautiful face, and as if afraid to look at her loveliness again, he turned sharply, walking straight and fast up the gangplank. No going back now, it was over, all over.

Her tear strained eyes followed him. Eyes that had brightened with joy so often at his coming. Smiling through her tears, waving weakly to him, panic took hold of her. She stumbled, running after him, and then crumpled in a broken mass of tortured flesh upon the ground, exhausted, from the heart-ache, the emptiness. Struggling to rise again, her lips moved, but only she knew what they uttered, but un-heard, because of the terror in her heart, in her soul. She whispered, as if to herself, "I'll always love you," and fainting, fell to the earth.

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