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FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET WITH STALIN

Soviet Premier Stalin on Wednesday night received the British and American foreign ministers and ambassadors in a meeting lasting an hour and a half. U. S. Ambassador Harriman reported afterwards that, following his 68-day vacation on the shores of the Black Sea, Stalin was tanned and looked better than ever. The subjects discussed at the meeting were not immediately announced. The A. P. said that continued smooth progress was being made in the talks between Byrnes, Bevin and Molotov. The conferences will not end before Christmas as planned. Mr. Byrnes has already announced that he will spend the holiday with the American colony in Moscow.

5 MILLION OUT BY JANUARY FIRST

Indications are that by January First about 5,000,000 veterans, half the total to be released, will be mustered out of the armed services, and the national economy will experience the full impact of these releases in the next few months, according to a Department of Commerce publication. "The nation faces a primary problem of developing a labor demand sufficient to provide employment for the returning veterans," said the article, along with the additional problem of finding jobs satisfactory to the veteran, with previous training, newly acquired skills and generally high expectations.

MARSHALL'S ARRIVAL SPURS CHINESE HOPES

The new U. S. Ambassador to China, General C. Marshall, arrived yesterday at Shanghai in an Army transport plane. He is expected to go to Nanking today where he will meet Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, the Chinese leader. Both sides — the Nationalists and Communists — in the recent Chinese strife, are hopeful that he will help solve the many problems. The A. P. reported from Yen-an that a high Communist official said that he held sincere hopes for an early compromise agreement with the Government. It was further announced that Communists had approached Nationalist officials for an unconditional and immediate cessation of hostilities. Reports of heavy fighting in the vicinity of Peiping and Tientsin continued to come in.

TABRIZ COMMANDER ON TRIAL

An Iranian court martial in Teheran on Wednesday began investigating the surrender to the new Azerbaijan regime of the Iranian garrison of Tabriz. Facing court martial was General Darachsiani, commander of the garrison, and 11 of his officers. The 12 arrived in a Russian plane Wednesday. Dr. Mossedeh, member of the Iranian parliament, who had urged that body to bar oil concessions until the Russian, British and American forces have left, Wednesday attacked the Government for neglecting Azerbaijan during the last ten years and doing nothing for that province's peasants.

ONE FORD STRIKE SETTLED, ANOTHER LOOMS

The 99-day-old UAW-Ford Company of Canada strike was settled yesterday following an appeal by the Dominion Government, which will launch an official inquiry into the dispute. In Detroit, the UAW resumed talks with Ford, Kaiser and GM. The 12.4% wage increase offered by the Ford Company was rejected by the union. The UAW declared it will accept less than the 30% increase it's demanding if Ford will grant guaranteed annual wage conces-

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PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO THE FORCES

The following Christmas greetings message from the President of the United States is reaching members of the U. S. armed forces in every part of the World:

"To the members of the armed forces at home and overseas:

"On this Christmas Day, I send a sincere and heartfelt greeting to you men and women of the U. S. armed forces who have brought us victory. I speak in behalf of a nation grateful for your service, your devotion and your sacrifice. We shall not forget the price you have paid."

"To you especially I want to express my hope for an early return to your homes and loved ones. We are doing our utmost to insure that the occupational duties that are so vital to the solidification of the peace may be successfully performed, even as we strive to transform your dreams of return into reality."

"Christmas Day is celebrated in honor of the Prince of Peace. He brought peace to the souls of men; you have helped bring peace to the nations of the world. Our prayer this day is that our world may find a true and lasting fellowship of peace."

BRITAIN GETS U. S. VIEWS ON SITUATION IN JAVA

Under-secretary of State Dean Acheson on Wednesday told newsmen in Washington that the British Government had been notified of the American stand on the Javanese situation and recent Anglo-Siamese negotiations. Acheson said the British mandate in Java was to evacuate interned Allied personnel, to disarm and repatriate Japanese forces and to restore order in the Indies. This was interpreted as a pointed reference to recent charges in both Britain and America that Empire forces were being used to further the cause of Dutch imperialism at the expense of the will of the native population in the Dutch East Indies. Regarding peace treaty talks between Siam and the United Kingdom, Acheson said the United States would like to have discussions suspended until the conclusion of current talks on the matter

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JEWISH SABBATH EVE

Jewish sabbath eve services will be held tonight at 1900 at the new synagogue and Hospitality Center, 26 Bethlehemstraße, Linz.



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between the U. S. and Britain. The U. S., declared Acheson, is interested in the stability of Southeast Asia and the maintenance of the Open Door Policy there.

Java Clashes Continue

Fighting was reported yesterday between the British and Indonesian forces on Java, this time in Batavia and Bandoeng. British headquarters, meanwhile, announced that so far in Java they had suffered 178 dead, 742 wounded and 173 missing. It was reported that native leaders on the island of Sumatra had promised full support of Indonesian claims for complete independence. The Dutch governor, who flew to Holland early this week, was expected to visit London soon for talks with British Government heads.

S. S. SHOT CAMP INMATES WITH POISON BULLETS, U. S. CHARGES

The four-power tribunal hearing the war crimes trial on Wednesday granted the application of former reichsmarshal Goering for the interrogation of Sir Alexander Cado, permanent under-secretary of the British Foreign Office, and Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the U. S. The application of Joachim von Ribbentrop, nazi minister of foreign affairs, for interrogation of Lord Derby was refused.

Major Warren Farr, of the U. S. prosecution staff, opened the case for the declaration of the S. S. as a criminal organization. Farr gave evidence that the S. S. supplied prisoners of the Dachau concentration camp for medical experiments on the effects of freezing and high altitude, with subsequent casualties. An official S. S. document also described the experiments conducted by S. S. oberfuehrer Doctor Rugowsky on 12 September 1944, which consisted in shooting prisoners in the thighs with poisoned bullets to discover the effects.

83RD HQ FIVE TO PLAY STRONG, LANKY USFA

Although the games scheduled to be played yesterday in the Division Gymnasium were postponed owing to electrical difficulties, it was announced last night that the 83rd Div Hq team will take on the USFA Hq team which recently defeated the XV Corps quintet in a 20-15 victory. The starting line-up for the 83rd is as follows: Alderman and Feber forwards, Beck center and Gilliat and Nusblatt guards. Game starts tonight at 2015, preceded by preliminaries at 1830 between the 25 Reg Sta and 735 ROB.

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sions or longer paid vacations. From Kaiser the union wants their proposed wage scale, 30% above those at present in effect in the motor industry. The Kaiser-Frazer company is not yet producing.

MRS. ROOSEVELT GETS UNO POST

President Truman signed legislation yesterday outlining the U. S. participation in the United Nations Organization. The bill permits the president to direct fully the votes of the U. S. delegates, to impose economic sanctions and send U. S. troops against aggressors, in accordance with the security council decisions. Truman sent the following nominations to the Senate. Edward R. Stettinius Jr. to be the U. S. representative to UNO, with the rank and status of ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary, and the representative on the UNO security council. The following persons to be the U. S. representatives to the first part of the first session of the general assembly of UNO in London in January: Stettinius, Senator Tom Connally, Senator Arthur Vandenberg and Mrs. Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

U. S. CONSIDERS NOTE ON FRANCO

Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson said Wednesday in Washington that he knew of no undue diplomatic activity in prospect regarding Spain, but added that the French note urging a joint Anglo-French-American diplomatic rupture with the Franco regime was still under consideration. The French had requested that the contents of their note should not be made public, and it had not been forwarded to Secretary of State Byrnes, now in Moscow, he said. In Paris, Leon Blum, leader of the French Socialist party, advocated Wednesday prompt and independent French action against Franco. He said, "Although the exact content of the French note to the Allies on Spain is not known, the initiative itself is important, and we applaud it without reserve."

RUHR INDUSTRY PLAN IS READY

The Allied Control Commission in Berlin will soon announce the expropriation of the heavy and coal industries in the Ruhr Basin, climaxing a long process of denazification, according to Reuter. British industrial experts will take over the German companies. British occupation authorities will hold the Ruhr "in trust" until the Allies decide its future.

HERE. THERE and EVERYWHERE

At Heidelberg, Germany, Army doctors announced that General George S. Patton Jr.'s condition had slightly worsened and that he spent an uncomfortable night Wednesday The eastern U. S. continued under a blanket of snow today. The storm, resulting in 62 deaths, left five feet in upper New York, 12 inches in New York City, the most in ten years . . .

TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

- Central — 1310, 1815, 2015 — "Guest Wife," with Don Ameche and Claudette COLBERT (last day today).
 Cleveland — 1315, 1815, 2015 — "Bedside Manner," with Ruth Hussey and John Caroll (Fri. and Sat.).
 Volks (Steyr) — "Bewitched," with Edmund Quenn and Phylis Thaxter (Fri. and Sat.).
 Hollywood (Wels) — "Twice Blessed," with Preston Foster and Gail Patrick (Fri. and Sat.).
 Chattanooga (Gmunden) — "Hollywood," with Bud Abbott and Lou Costello (Fri. and Sat.).
 Music Hall (Ried) — "Dangerous Partners," with James Craig and Signe Hasso (Fri. and Sat.).
 Varga (Scharding) — "I Love a Bandleader," with Phil Harris and Rochester (Fri. and Sat.).
 Linz Red Cross — Club hours 1400-2230. Doughnut bar opens 1030. Tonight 19-2000 German class. Choral group meets at 2000.