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CHUNKING PREDICTS PEACE IN ORIENT

The "cease fire" order is expected to be given in China before next Thursday, ending the civil strife between the Nationalists under Chiang Kai Chek and the Communists. A meeting of negotiators will be held 10 January, and preliminary meetings will begin tomorrow. Gen. George Marshall, ambassador to China, will attend these meetings.

BERLIN FOOD RATIONS INCREASED

American military government authorities in Berlin have ordered a twenty per cent increase in calories issued to the German people in the lowest ration categories. The order affects 1,000,000 persons. At the same time it was announced that U. S. army officials would soon go to Prague to make arrangements for the transfer of 1,750,000 Sudeten Germans from Czechoslovakia to the American occupational zone. Soviet officials stated that at present no more Sudeten Germans can be accommodated in the Soviet occupational zone.

THE WORD FROM TOKYO

The present Japanese cabinet is on the verge of falling as a result of the MacArthur statement regarding elimination of men who supported the Jap program of aggression. The Premier may make an effort to hold the cabinet together until after the general elections. The president of the United Press, news service organization, made a statement in praise of MacArthur's administration of Japan, pointing out that in the short time since occupation began that demilitarization had been completed, democratic education revived, Shintoism had ended, and that the emperor had made the revolutionary admission that he is not "Divine".

U. S. PRESS COMMENT ON THE TRUMAN SPEECH TO CONGRESS

Reaction to the president's speech criticising congress evoked different opinions, a review of the American press disclosed Sunday. It is difficult to find any one prevailing pattern of comment although the early messages received from citizens were eighty percent favorable. More telegrams were sent than after most of Truman's addresses. The press commented:

... **The Baltimore Sun:** "A blistering indictment of congress"; **The Washington News** believes Congress "Has shown itself better aware than Truman what most of the American people want." The attitude of several of the papers was that the address was "A confession" of Truman's inability to control his own party in Congress, which it admits is not unusual in White House-Congress relationships. **The New York PM** thinks the messages contained no verbal thunderbolts, that it was a tactful approach.

KOREAN LEADER ACCUSES GEN. HODGE

The Korean leftwing spokesman Pak Heun Young at a press conference Saturday charged the U. S. military police and "pro Japanese" officials of the military government with "supporting Fascist terrorists groups" by failing to suppress them, accusing Lt. Gen. John Hodge, commander of the XXIV Corps at Seoul with "suppression of the democratic movement" of communists and "the peoples republic."

Pak said the American commander was "to liberal" toward the Kim Koo group which has set up a provisional government. He

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NO REDEPLOYMENT NEWS FROM STATESIDE RADIO

Neither radio broadcasts direct from the United States nor teletype news messages arriving at Linz Information Offices made any comment about redeployment changes. The only information received here was that printed in the Southern Germany Sunday edition of The Stars and Stripes.

BATAVIA NOW QUIET AND ORDERLY

People are now able to go about the streets of Batavia safely to do their buying and selling. But outside Batavia danger continued. Local officials attributed the problems to the people having been educated to brutal power and terrorism by the Japanese. Secret talks with members of the Indonesian cabinet gave Governor General Dr. Van Mook the minimum terms acceptable to the Indonesians before he left Java for Holland 15 December. The Indonesian leaders demanded primarily, according to Reuters, recognition of the present administration under Sutan Sjahrir as the de facto government. The Further Indonesian discussions might proceed along three possible lines, recognition of the present regime, confederation of Holland and Indonesia, and self-rule for Indonesia within the Dutch Commonwealth.

BYRNES LEAVES FOR ENGLAND

Secretary of State Byrnes left the United States this morning for Great Britain to participate in the opening of the General Assembly of UNO, which begins Thursday in London. Before leaving he conferred another time with President Truman.

UNRRA OFFICIAL PRAISES POLAND

Dr. Wilhelm Sawyer, director of health for UNRRA, who has just returned from a two month tour of Poland, praised the Polish government for its health program. Although lack of medical supplies and transportation hampered operation, Sawyer said distribution of UNRRA medical supplies had been made. Large supplies of DDT delousing powder, sulfa drugs and penicillin have already arrived with more on the way. Sawyer stated that the number of doctors and nurses in Poland had decreased about twenty-five percent during the war.

U. S. TO SPEED WHEAT SHIPMENTS

A government inter-agency on export transportation has been set up to expedite the shipment of

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6,000,000 tons of wheat from the U. S. to the liberated areas during the first half of 1946, it was announced yesterday. In addition to making immediate plans to ship the wheat the committee will expedite the shipment to those areas of a deficit of 2,000,000 tons of coal which the U. S. was unable to ship last year because of transportation and production problems.

U. S. CHEMISTS AHEAD OF THE GERMANS

I. G. Farben textile and chemical researchers in Germany lagged considerably behind American chemists. Dr. Miles A. Dahlen, of Du Pont Corporation, has just returned from a survey of German industrial and chemical developments. Dahlen stated that German chemists were interested chiefly in new dyestuff products to bring immediate monetary return to their organization instead of bettering existing products.

REACTION GAINS IN HUNGARY

"New Voice", the organ of the Russian Army in Hungary, says that in the last months, with the approach of the conclusion of peace, confidence in Hungarian democracy has considerably lessened. Liquidation of reaction is stipulated in the armistice agreement, and "actually reaction not only remains unliquidated, but is growing stronger in the state administration offices in the army, in some parties, in the church, and in all spheres of public life."

BELGIANS TAKE OVER COLOGNE

It was announced Saturday that Belgium divisions will take over occupational duties in Cologne and the sector at the southernmost tip of the British zone adjoining the German-Belgium frontier. The British will continue to retain control of military government.

RUMANIAN DIPLOMATS DISAPPOINTED

The diplomatic correspondent of the influential independent "Observer" (London) in discussing the activities of the three power commission in Rumania says "It is clear that both leaders of the two great Rumanian parties now in opposition are disappointed with the terms laid down in Moscow. They have expressed disappointment with Averill Harriman, U. S. delegate to the commission, Sir Archibald Kerr of Great Britain, and Mr. Vyshinsky of the Soviet Union.

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objected to permission to Kim Koo followers to demonstrate hostility toward the five year trusteeship agreed on for Korea at the Big Three Foreign Ministers meeting in Moscow. From Chunking, Reuters, British news agency, reported Saturday that representatives of the government in China, claiming to present the wishes of 30,000,000 Koreans signed a manifesto which said the Moscow decision containing "such dishonor, disgrace and insult" would destroy Korean faith in the United Nations.

COAL CRISIS THREATENS FRENCH INDUSTRY

The current coal crisis is threatening the whole of the French industrial north with economic paralysis. The electricity shortage has enormously increased the demand for coal, and the north is sending 10,000 more tons to Paris than before the electricity restraints were imposed.

In the textile industry, new factories are daily closing their doors while at Lilli a blast furnace stopped this week. Unless new deliveries of coal can be made available it is reported here that half the factories in the Nord Departments (North Province) will close by 10 January, and stoppage will be complete by the end of the month.

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

The Allied Control Council has announced an additional 43 plants taken from Germany to be used as part reparations Pope Pius has made an appeal, in a letter from the Vatican, for food and clothing for children caught in the savage destruction of war In the U. S. electric workers have threatened a strike beginning 15 January. The offer to them a ten percent raise for all men earning less than one dollar an hour was refused by the union The possibility of a forty-ninth state loomed on the horizon again with Secretary of the Interior Ickes statement that he favors admission of Hawaii as a state. Up to now the status of Hawaii has been that of Alaska, a territorial possession President Truman yesterday accepted the resignation of vice-admiral Emery S. Land as chairman of the maritime commission Russia has asked for more time to study the Bretton Woods agreement. Russia is the only major nation which has not yet signed the agreements to establish an international monetary stabilization fund and international bank for reconstruction

— AUSTRIA LOOKS TO THE FUTURE —

The French Government announced late last week in Paris that it has made a 'de jure' recognition of the Austrian Government.

Edmond Michelet, Minister of Armies, announced Saturday in Paris that plans are underway to reduce the French occupational forces in Germany and Austria. The announcement said that 15,000 men will be stationed in Austria following the reduction.

TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

- Central — 1310, 1815, 2015 — "Beside Manner," with John Carroll and Ruth Hussey (last day today).
- Cleveland — 1315, 1815 — "Men in her Diary," with John Hall and Louise Allbritton (Mon. and Tue.).
- Volks — "I'll Tell the World," with Lee Tracy and Brenda Joyce (Mon. and Tue.).
- Hollywood — "On Stage Everybody," with Jack Oakie and Peggy Ryan (Mon. and Tue.).
- Chattanooga — "Lady on a Train," with Deanna Durbin and David Bruce (Mon. and Tue.).
- Music Hall — "Ten Cents a Dance," with Jimmy Lyod and Jane Frazee (Mon. and Tue.).
- Varga — "My Reputation," with George Brent and Barbara Stanwyck (Mon. and Tue.).
- Landes — The Broadway stage success. "Arsenic and Old Lace" (Mon., Tue., Wed.) at 1930 hours. Military personnel only. Free tickets at box-office open daily 0900—1130 and 1300—1700.