

President Truman today opened the doors of all Pearl Harbor information in the possession of the United States Government. ~~As you will recall,~~ there have been loud complaints that certain departments and agencies were suppressing testimony relating to December Seventh, Nineteen ~~Forty~~ Forty-One. The President today issued an order to the heads of all government departments and agencies telling them to instruct all of their subordinates to give the Congressional Investigating Committee all the information they have. That order of the President's applies also to the joint chiefs-of-staff of our military establishment.

The Committee also asked Mr. Truman to authorize government employees to volunteer information to individual members of the Committee as ~~well~~ well as to the whole body. It is reported that the President had told Senator Barkley that this would be okay. However, this will not permit individual Congressmen to examine the files of the government by themselves.

The records may be investigated only by the specific authorization of the whole committee.

One of the first witnesses to be called will be Admiral J. S. Richardson, who was Naval Commander at Pearl Harbor up to February, Nineteen Forty-one, and whom Admiral Husband E. Kimmel replaced. President Roosevelt jumped Kimmel forty numbers in order to give him that command.

CHINA

Uncle Sam is going to give the Chiang Kai-Shek Government of China three thousand planes. That information comes from Major General Chou Chin-Jou, Director of the Chinese Air Commission. General Chou Chin-Jou ~~said~~^{says} also that the Chinese Army has begun training men to use those planes, pursuit ships, fighter-bombers, large transport craft, and cargo ships.

The Chief-of-Staff of the Eighteenth Group Chinese Communist Army repeats his complaint that the U.S. Marines are helping the Chinese Government Troops. The Red Chief-of-Staff, General Yeh Chien-Ying, says our leathernecks occupied the Headquarters of the Eighth Route Army in Tientsin, disarmed the soldiers found there, and questioned members of the Headquarters Staff. Also that American planes machinegunned a Communist-held town in the Province of Hopeh.

Furthermore, that our planes have been dropping leaflets calling upon the Communists to withdraw. General Yeh addressed the protest to General Wedemeyer, asking him to give the Tientsin Headquarters back to those from

whom it was taken, return the arms of the Communists, and apologize.

Chungking today admits that one of its armies has been defeated by the Chinese Reds in battle on the Chang River. And a Communist spokesman claimed that on October twenty-fifth, the Communist Divisions had captured two Generals of the Kuomintang Army, one of whom, lo and behold, turns out to be our old friend General Ma.

Remember the General who was always changing sides? Even when he was taken prisoner, which happened from time to time, he would escape usually taking with him the Army that had captured him and considerable treasure to boot.

A Chungking Government spokesman declared today that General Ma had committed suicide. But that also is no new report about General Ma. I can remember how Ma was killed off at least five times. When the number reaches nine we'll change his name from General Ma to General Meow.

ADD CHINA

Fierce fighting is reported along the Great Wall of China. Chou's armies are deployed there on a wide front. The fiercest fighting is ~~said~~ said to be going on at the Shanhaikwan Pass, where the Nationalists are trying to force their way through into Southern Manchuria.

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JAVA

Transports loaded with Dutch Troops are on their way from Australia, and the island of Timor, and are expected to dock tomorrow morning near Soerabaja.

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ATTLEE

Prime Minister Attlee's conversations, as we suspected all along, will not be confined to the atomic bomb, when he visits the White House. The British Cabinet had a full meeting today and talked over what subjects their chiefs should take up with Mr. Truman when the P. M. arrives in Washington this weekend. Attlee has already told the Commons that several British scientists who are leaders in the field of Nuclear Physics are now in North America and will be available to advise him if he needs them.

Although the Cabinet did not reveal the results of its deliberations officially, word leaked out that Attlee and President Truman will discuss such questions as relations with Russia and the troubles in Palestine. One report has it that Attlee will try to persuade President Truman that Stalin should be urged to attend another Big Three meeting, soon.

PALESTINE

A new idea for the settlement of the Palestine question. The British Chief Justice of the Holy Land suggests partitioning Jerusalem into Arab and Jewish Boroughs - a Brooklyn and Bronx arrangement in Old Jerusalem. He has made a recommendation to the British Government. But as this is only one phase of the Palestine problem, nothing will be done until the Attlee Government makes up its mind what to do about keeping the various promises that have been made to both Jews and Arabs.

Meanwhile, propaganda continues to give the Jewish discontented credit for the riots. On the other hand, we are told it was Jewish property that suffered and Jewish people who perished.

FRANCE

At Paris, the new French constituent assembly elected a Socialist as President of the Chamber of Deputies, ^{— M. Souin.} Since the liberation of France, he has been Chairman of the Consultative Assembly in the Provisional Government of General DeGaulle.

^{M. Souin} He was the only candidate for President of the Chamber of Deputies and received five hundred and twelve votes.

The talk is that the assembly, ^{altho luke} ~~is sure to~~ ^{warm about it, will surely} elect General DeGaulle head of the temporary government of France for the next seven months, ^{— at least} until the new constitution is adopted.

KRUPP

The head of the great German Krupp Armaments Firm will probably escape punishment. He has been examined by a board of six doctors. They^{all} all agree that Gustav Krupp Von Bohlen^K and Halbach is too ill to be tried. So the Allied Tribunal will probably dismiss the charges against him.

Krupp is in a hospital at Salzburg. He is seventy-five years old, has been bedridden for a long time, and is almost completely helpless.

Otherwise he would have fared poorly. The people of Soviet Russia have called him the chief warmonger. In the indictment against him, he was charged with having taken part in the Nazi planning for war, ^{also that} and in the general war he ~~had~~ ruthlessly exploited slave labor.

Rudolf Hess, once the number two Nazi, is next on the list to be examined by doctors. But it will be psychiatrists who take him under observation, an American and a Russian.

ADD KRUPP STORY

When Hess flew to Scotland, looking for the Duke of Hamilton, Hitler gave out the report that his deputy and former pal had been off ~~his needle~~ ^{the beam} for some time. Hitler's report was then considered mere propaganda, ~~an~~ an excuse to cover up Hess' escape from Germany in the plane. But since then those who have had the job of guarding Hess have ~~claimed emphatically that~~ ^{been inclined to} ~~he was not all these~~ to agree with Dier Furerher that Hess was baling.

ADD LABOR

The United States Steel Corporation today added itself to the list of companies ~~which~~ ^{ing} declined ~~even~~ to discuss a thirty per cent raise in wages unless ~~they are~~ allowed to raise prices. The big steel concern, which broke off its conversations with the union, will not take them up again unless they have a concession from O.P.A. ^{be allowed to} that they ~~can~~ raise prices the moment they raise wages. This, of course, concerns every person in the United States. If the price of steel goes up, the cost of everything made of steel products will have to go up too.

President Truman had suggested management raise wages now and wait a few months to see whether the wage increase would make a price increase necessary. This the big corporations declare they ^{can not do!} ~~no can do,~~

ADD LABOR

The Canadian Government is trying to settle that strike against the Ford Company ^{at} Windsor, Ontario, where the other night the pickets seized the automobiles ^{of} private persons to build their barricade. There was a conference today between Henry Ford the Second, ^{Youthful} ~~the young~~ head of the Ford Corporation, and the Canadian Labor Minister, also the attorney General of Ontario. This conference followed a warning from the Canadian C.I.O. that it would pull out all its three hundred and fifty thousand members all over the Dominion to support the strike of the workers of Ontario who forcibly took the cars of private people.

~~An almost equally lawless act happened at Stamford, Connecticut, Employees of the Yale and Town Company picketed the place. When the President of the firm tried to get into the factory this morning, the pickets refused to let him through. Photographs in the New York papers show Stamford policemen standing by grinning, making no effort to help the heads of the firm to get ~~z~~ into the firm's premises.~~

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There was another spirited scene at the labor amangement conference today, and yes, John L. Lewis was in it. It was all over Phil Murray's resolution that the conference take up wages. Lewis talked about that resolution contemptuously, said it was namby-pamby. That annoyed the C. I. O. President, who cried: "The C. I. O. is not afraid of anybody and I'm not afraid of you".

"Nuts", replied Lewis.

"And nuts to you", said Murray.

SUBSIDIES

An item for farmers: - The Government is going to drop food subsidies next year. That's tonight's word from the office of the Stabilization Administrator. Nearly all subsidies to be abolished by June Thirtieth.

The Administrator is in an optimistic mood. He says some food prices will rise, but that the over-all cost of living will not increase. He goes on to say that the abolition of subsidies will raise the price of milk, bread, cheese, flour and the better grades of beef and pork.

SUBMARINE

In the fall of Nineteen Forty-Four, two of Uncle Sam's submarines started from Australia, the Darter and the Dace. Said the Skipper of the Darter to the Skipper of the Dace, "We'll split fifty-fifty this time," And he explained: "I'll sink the ships, you take the depth charges."

On October Twenty-Third, Darter and Dace ran smack into a ^{big} ~~group~~ Japanese Fleet, ten heavy cruisers, a couple of light cruisers, fifteen ^{that were} ~~They were~~ destroyers on their way north, trying to break up the invasion of the Philippines in the Gulf of Leyte.

The Darter and Dace gave battle at once. Right ^{off} ~~out of the box~~ ^{the} Darter sank a heavy cruiser and damaged another. Then she took the depth charges for twenty minutes. Meanwhile the Dace sank another heavy cruiser, and, according to the bargain between the two skippers, ^{the} Dace then took ^{depth charges,} ~~the asheans,~~ for four hours. Altogether, the two submarines fired sixteen torpedoes. Thirteen of them smack into three

Jap cruisers. After that, the Jap destroyers ~~XXXX~~ counterattacked. ~~They~~ dropped about fifty depth charges, ^{in all, these} ~~which~~ bounced the Dace around a bit, blew out some ~~of the electric~~ ^{her} lights and made some of the caulking come off.

But eventually the enemy destroyers gave it up, ~~and went about their business trying to stop MacArthur.~~ Then the Dace got a radio message saying ^{the} Darter had grounded on what they called bombay shoal.

The skipper of the Darter and Dace were Annapolis classmates, class of Thirty-Five. A ^{fellow} ~~man~~ couldn't ~~very well~~ leave a classmate hung up on a shoal. So he took seventy-five men and ten officers from the stranded sub in the dead of night, ^{took them} ~~by~~

^{off in} rubber boats.

So Captain Bladen D. Claggett, Skipper of the Dace, became host to Captain Dave McClintock Skipper of the Darter. And, says Claggett, "I couldn't get him out of my bunk the rest of the trip except to play ~~XXXX~~ poker. It took us two weeks

back to Australia, and we had a hundred and seventy men aboard that sub. At the end all we had to eat was mushroom soup and peanut butter sandwiches.

"When it came to decorations, Darter and Dace split fifty-fifty. Claggett and McClintock got Navy crosses, and both crews got Navy commendations.

FLIERS

At Elmira, New York, Uncle Sam's Treasury Department stages an air show, a wings-for-victory show, in connection with the Bond Drive. The fleet took off today on its way to Stewart Field at West Point. A bomber and a single-seated fighter roared down the runway side by side. Then something happened, nobody knows exactly what, maybe a sudden gust of wind. The B-25 collided with the P-47, just a hundred feet off the ground. Both planes crashed onto the runway so violently that engines were ripped off and parts of the planes were flying all over the field. Then the gas tank caught fire. Rescue parties ^{were helpless} ~~could not even get~~ ~~near the victims~~.

And so six fliers perished, six who had lived ~~safely~~ through innumerable air battles during the war.

Many thousands of miles away, near the shores of the Red Sea, another army B-25 crashed. ~~fatally. This~~ ~~was~~ ^{the} At Asmira in Eritrea, formerly ~~an~~ Italian Colony.

Eight ~~perople~~ were killed, including Jack Nichols, former Congressman from Oklahoma and Vice-President of Transcontinental and Western Air.

The sporting world got a jolt today, from Stockholm. The Swedish amateur athletic association has been investigating rumors and now comes out with the word that fourteen Swedish stars, including Gunder Haegg and Arne Anderson, have competed in foot races and other events, for pay. So, the fourteen are forever barred from taking part in any more amateur events.

Haegg and Anderson, two of the greatest runners of all time! Haegg who ran the mile last summer in the astonishing time of four minutes, one and four-tenth seconds. Fans have been looking toward the day when ~~ya~~ he would achieve the impossible - run a mile in four flat.

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One effect of the decision will be that all the records made by Haegg, Anderson and the other twelve will be erased from the books.

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Seems harsh, that decision. Just what is an amateur? I know Hugh here is no amateur.