

# 1,600 FURNITURE WORKERS STRIKE

PORTLAND, Or., Friday, Jan. 2.—Pickets took up their posts today at the Doernbecher Manufacturing Company plant here as the strike of 1,600 Congress of Industrial Organizations furniture workers became effective.

Meanwhile, Charles A. Wheeler, Portland, assigned to the strike by John R. Steelman, head of the Conciliation Service of the United States Department of Labor, met with the union's policy committee to hear the workers' case.

The union seeks stabilized wages within various divisions of the plant.

# London 'Leak' On Pacific Plan Stirs Curtin

CANBERRA, Friday, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Prime Minister John Curtin said today that announcement in London, in advance of official confirmation, of parts of a Washington agreement on Pacific strategy had caused a considerable surprise in Australian official circles.

"I sent a cable to Prime Minister Churchill assenting to the text of the agreement as sent to us," Curtin said. "It was a draft and, of course, subject to change, but I've been informed of no changes."

"I asked Mr. Churchill to let me know the time and text for a joint official announcement, which I understood was to have been made. To that message I have received no reply yet."

# Nazi Plane Losses Put at 14,000

LONDON, Friday, Jan. 2.—(AP)—British authorities today gave a war-long summary of German air losses. Their tabulation showed about 14,000 German planes destroyed during the war, including 8,935 in the Middle East and Western Europe and 5,000 in Russia. British plane losses were put at 3,961.

# 30 Thai Americans Arrive in Burma

SINGAPORE, Friday, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Belated reports from Rangoon said today that a party of 30 Thai Americans and 19 Britons reached Burma December 23 after a four-day trip by motorcar and exhort from Northern Thailand.

The party, which included women and children, crossed the border just before the only road connecting Thailand and Burma was closed by Thai authorities.

# City Open to Bombs, Despite Gun Placements, Says Major

Anti-aircraft guns set up since the war do not protect Seattle as a city—only specified industrial plants, Maj. Willard A. Johnston of the Army's Chemical Warfare Service warned 800 key men from the Puget Sound area's civilian-defense organizations.

"Don't feel safe just because you see those anti-aircraft guns," the major said, as he opened a three-day civilian Chemical Warfare School in the auditorium of Garfield High School. "There is a great difference between bombing a set target and merely flying over a city and letting the bombs fall where they may."

"There's no reason to believe the Japanese can't fly in here and sow incendiary bombs over the city by sacrificing their planes. They probably wouldn't even have to crash them. They could land at some outlying field; the pilots could surrender and be treated very nicely as prisoners."

Major Johnston is chief of a group of chemical warfare service officers who are serving as the faculty for the three-day school—the second of three being held in Washington by the State Defense Council.

Air-raid wardens, policemen, firemen and other key men in civilian defense, who are attending the school will spread information about poison gases, incendiary bombs, and blackout techniques to others in their neighborhoods or cities.

It was announced today that the chemical warfare officers would give an actual demonstration of the action of incendiary bombs tomorrow evening at the Civic Stadium and would explain methods of handling and extinguishing them.

Major Johnston, speaking bluntly as he opened the school, said he believed civilian defense set-ups were not yet ready for work and sacrifices that would be made in a matter how well grounded civilian defenses became—they would become really efficient only after bombs began to drop.

Grim Business Stressed

"There is a vast difference between sitting here and discussing air raids academically and in carrying out the duties of an air-raid warden, or fireman, or of other civilian defenses in pitch darkness during an actual air raid," Major Johnston added. "It's a lot easier to talk about incendiary bombs than to climb up in the attic at night with planes overhead and put one out."

"We have, however, all the lessons learned by the British to profit by—if we will. Personally I'm not so convinced that we learn so fast. We seem to be trying to learn the hard way—up to now."

"If we have air raids now in Seattle they will be taken raids—raids carried out at long distance just because the Japanese want to show us they can do it. But if the outer defenses—the Philippines, Hawaii and Alaska—fell or were made ineffective, then the war might well come closer to this coast."

"There are always a lot of casualties when air raids first begin. After a while the casualties level off and after a longer time they drop as civilian populations learn to protect themselves. We must try to learn first. But though England learned, in two years of bitter experience, that big air-raid shelters are not the best type of protection, I have been reading of construction of big air-raid shelters in places in the United States."

"Some people feel that a thing like civilian defense can't be run except in a military way. They want to make a kind of military field day out of it. I do not agree. Civilian defense must have discipline, but not the rigid kind of Army discipline. It is a civilian effort, headed by the civil authorities."

"One man in Washington, D. C., wanted to know what the dress uniform of a civilian defense group would be like. The idea that members of civilian defense groups will do little but work hasn't quite penetrated."



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# Wife Kills Self After Gambling Away Savings

SAN FRANCISCO, Friday, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Across the breakfast table William Reed, 54-year-old deep-sea diver, told his wife that he was going to withdraw their \$10,000 savings from the bank today and invest it all in defense bonds.

After breakfast Reed went out for a shave. When he returned he found his wife, Jewell Reed, 35, lying dead across the gas stove with all jets turned on and a bullet hole through her mouth.

A note beside her asked his forgiveness and explained she had gambled away all but \$4,000 of their savings.

Coroner John J. Kingston said the bullet wound was self-inflicted and had caused the death.

Italian General Dies

ROME, Friday, Jan. 2.—(Official Broadcast Recorded by Associated Press)—Gen. Giuseppe Motta died unexpectedly at Turin today of a heart attack during exercise, the Stefani News Agency reported in a dispatch from Turin.

# MISENER 'FIRES' 6 MORE DEPUTIES

Bringing to a total of 36 the number of deputies ousted in the past two months from the county assessor's office, Assessor Roy B. Misener announced today that six additional deputy assessors have been given two weeks' notice.

They are Charles Haley, R. W. Streppy, Ruth Rackner, Austin Massari, Charles Bradford and Douglas Jones, a half-brother of Misener. All have obtained other employment, Misener said.

C. D. Bridges, Jr., Misener's veteran chief deputy, and D. J. McPhee, chief deputy of the personal-property department, were notified Wednesday that they no longer were on the assessor's staff. Misener's ouster of his two chief assistants and the replacement of Bridges by Arnold Brown, a deputy assessor under Misener since 1933, came as a surprise to the principals.

Misener said he was forced to reduce his staff of 86 deputies to 50 as an "economy move," necessitated by the county commissioners' action in slashing \$90,000 from the assessor's requested 1942 budget.

Over 60,000 barrels of oil will be shipped monthly from Peru to Brazil.

# Few Firearms Surrendered By Aliens Here

More firearms were surrendered by aliens before official orders for this action than were turned over to authorities in the 24 hours following the edict, the sheriff's office and Police Department said today.

O. K. Bodia, chief criminal deputy sheriff, said about 25 rifles and pistols had been brought in since the government yesterday ordered Japanese, Italian and German nationals in this country to give up their firearms. However, Japanese nationals voluntarily surrendered more than 100 weapons to the sheriff's office, while complying with orders to turn in cameras and radios in the preceding few days.

There was no rush of firearms-surrendering aliens at Police Headquarters today, either. A detail of five men under Detective Capt. K. G. Anderson was prepared to handle the "rush," but aside from about 20 pieces checked yesterday and last night, there were few comers.

Britain's well-known explorer, Lieut. J. W. Slessor Marx, who has been awarded a clasp to the Polar Medal, began his Polar exploration when he was chosen by Shackleton because of his qualities as a Boy Scout.

# 13 MORE ALIENS HELD FOR PROBE

One Italian and 12 Japanese aliens were taken into custody yesterday by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in a continuation of its round-up of dangerous enemy aliens.

All 13 are being held in the United States Immigration Station, 815 Airport Way, where an alien-enemy hearing board began hearings today to determine whether those arrested previously should be released or interned.

The board, composed of Frank E. Holman and J. Speed Smith, Seattle attorneys, and Leslie A. Stone, Orting, Pierce County, banker, heard evidence submitted by agents of the F. B. I. and Assistant United States Attorney Gerald Shucklin and G. D. Hile. The board will make recommendations to the United States attorney-general, who will order disposition of the prisoners.

The arrests yesterday brought to 182 the total number taken into custody here. However, more than 100 Japanese aliens already have been transferred to an internment camp at Fort Missoula, Mont., and several other aliens, as well as citizens, have been released.

It is believed that only about 50 aliens now are being held here.

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