

Fighting Subsides After New Java Truce Made

Conditions Better On Dutch Island RAF Planes Again Strafe Natives

By RALPH MORTON
BATAVIA—(AP)—Peace was restored in the Maclelang area at noon today by a temporary truce which followed a night of sharp fighting between Indonesian extremists and British Indian troops, during which RAF planes again strafed the Indonesian forces.

Elsewhere in Central and Eastern Java conditions are reported generally improved, although the situation at the naval base of Sorabaya was described as "very delicate."

At Masang, British and Indonesian leaders were reported conferring during the truce, effected with the aid of Dr. Soekarno, President of the "Indonesian Republic," whose cease-fire mission was being sponsored by the extremists.

The RAF strafing during the night enabled Gurkha infantry to successfully surround a neutral town, which is about 200 miles Southwest of Batavia, and reduced damage to the hospital previously reported under fire by the Indonesians.

A British commentator said the fighting involved extremists apparently out of the control of Dr. Soekarno, and added that a neutral position depended upon whether the extremists would obey Soekarno's instructions.

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In the background of the troubled political situation, Dutch economic experts were attempting to compile complete information on current Indonesian economic conditions.

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As Conant saw it, there are three lines of defense against the atomic bomb: (1) international arrangements; (2) military preparations and (3) basic research.

He also said that just as the atomic bomb is peculiarly the product of a highly organized society, it is peculiarly adapted to the destruction of an industrial society.

This was in reply to an observation by Fulbright that discovery of the atom bomb has had a far-reaching effect on the world, making it more vulnerable.

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Service of six Greyhound bus lines operating east of the Mississippi River on the Atlantic Seaboard day by a strike of some 4,000 AFL strikers who quit their job over a dispute on wages.

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The Army newspaper said the troops of the 12th and 94th Chinese Armies were taken to Manchuria in U. S. transports from Hainan, Indo-China, and Hong Kong.

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UNION PROTEST
The plants were closed suddenly at 3 P. M. on the fourth day of the walkout, staged by about 2,000 members of 33 AFL local unions. The union men said they were protesting the refusal by Higgins to negotiate with the AFL over a new contract.

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"I'd sell these plants, but they couldn't operate under the name of Higgins," he added.

"There'll be no more Higgins Industries, Inc. in the manufacturing industry," Higgins asserted.

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Field Marshal Lord Gort resigned as British commander of Palestine because of illness. British Colonial Secretary George Hall announced Wednesday.

Disturbances in Egypt centered in Cairo and Alexandria. Crowds of rioters, protesting on this 26th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration promising the Jews a national home in Palestine, hurled stones and bricks at Jewish and all other places; bearing foreign names. Egyptian troops patrolled the streets to keep the air to disperse crowds.

Arab Strife
Arab sections in Palestine also started a general strike against the Balfour Declaration and Zionist aims. Saboteurs cut Palestine railroads in 152 places and only sketchy service was restored. At least four saboteurs were killed, two while trying to set off explosives at the Hafia Oil Refinery.

The independent Palestine Press said the Jews have passed over from the defensive to the offensive. A curfew on motor traffic in Palestine was imposed for between 10 P. M. and 6 A. M.

In Cairo and Alexandria, police and British troops were ordered to attempt to quell riots. American service troops were ordered to remain in their barracks. Some trucks, coursed in Cairo, ordering British troops to leave the streets.

Ambulances carried scores to hospitals and declared a curfew. In Cairo, numerous arrests were made by helmeted troops. The demonstrators left paths of broken glass from store windows in the marches from Mustafa Street to the city center.

New Conferences Industry & Labor Men See Truman

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman today seeking the solution to labor strife and took the problem also to his Cabinet.

Press batches of industry spokesmen and labor leaders conferred with the President on the National Labor-Management Peace Conference starting Monday.

As he left the White House, James Tamm, vice-president of the Texas Co. and a conference organizer, said he would enter the conference with an "open mind" but observed:

"I'm hoping something can be worked out, although I wouldn't go so far as to say something will be worked out at the Labor-Management Conference."

Chiang Men In Landings

CHUNGKING — (AP) — Chinese Government troops, pouring from the coast of Liaoning Bay, occupied landings today at two points in Manchuria on the same day the Russians were scheduled to begin withdrawing from the country, the Army newspaper Sao Tung Pao reported. Japan greeted Manchuria from China in 1931.

The landing points were on opposite sides of Liaoning Bay. On the west side, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's men were landed at Hultiao, 70 miles northeast of the scene of clashes between Chinese and Chinese Communist forces in the area of Chiwangiao.

On the east side, the troops were landed at Yungko, 100 miles south-west of Mukden and 140 miles north of Port Arthur.

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