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Must Keep Hands Off Nip Press And Radio

MacArthur Irked By Suppressions

TOKYO (AP)—General MacArthur commanded the Japanese Government to keep its hands off Japan's press and radio, ceasing all censorship, suppression or control—after the Home Ministry tried to ban Emperor Hirohito's interviews and pictures and the Mikado's visit to MacArthur.

The Ministry had suppressed Tokyo and Osaka newspapers in effort to keep the news from the Japanese people.

General MacArthur's order to the Japanese Government to halt immediately all control of the "written or spoken word" put an end to the Government's stratagem to police the very thoughts of the Japanese.

PAPERS SEIZED
He acted within a few hours after the Japanese Home Ministry had confiscated Tokyo and Osaka newspapers because they printed interviews of American correspondents with Emperor Hirohito and showed photographs of the Mikado calling on MacArthur.

In the strongest directive yet issued, the Supreme Allied Commander ordered the Japanese government to stop not only the newspapers but the mails, telephones, telegraph lines, cables and radios.

The Home Ministry, making what is regarded by American authorities as a prime political blunder, had seized the newspapers and suppressed them on the pretext that the contents were "too awesome and would have a bad effect on the Japanese people."

The new MacArthur directive, issued through his civil censorship section, demanded:

"The Japanese Government forthwith will render inoperative all censorship and restrictions of freedom of the press and communication."

It stated that such restrictions as are specifically approved by SCAP (Supreme Commander, Allied Powers) will be permitted in censorship of newspapers and other printed matter, but that censorship of radio, cable, internal telephone and telegraph, mail, motion picture or any other form of the written or spoken word.

DIRECT ACTION
This was a direct action against the Japanese Government's long practiced "thought control" program whereby the Japanese are held under the Government's thumb. They not only have to speak but almost have to think what the Government wants.

The Home Ministry's seizure of the newspapers appeared to American to be a political blunder, because the obstructions were based on publication of the pictures showing the Emperor calling on MacArthur.

Such a move suggested the government did not desire for the people to see the Mikado and MacArthur together.

Yet the Emperor had requested the interview, thus shattering all precedent. Japan's press, in hand, on a foreign ruler of his own land.

The Japanese government action apparently was taken under laws which go back as far as 1906. MacArthur ordered that until those laws could be repealed that all enforcement "be suspended."

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS
Other new developments today: Danger of actual starvation among Japanese this winter "is very real," asserted Col. Raymond Kramer, head of MacArthur's economic and scientific section. Occupation forces will not attempt to supply the needed food.

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HERO INTRODUCES NEWLY-BORN SON—Capt. Don Gentile of Piqua, Ohio, leading fighter pilot of World War II in the European Theater grins proudly as he looks down at his young son, Dumile Salvatore Gentile Jr., at the Piqua Memorial Hospital.

The Captain now stationed at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, visited his wife and son to introduce them to the news photographers.

Capital Conference Braden, Acheson Discuss Argentina

WASHINGTON (AP)—Ambassador Spruille Braden went into conference with Acting Secretary of State Acheson today on the Argentine situation.

U.S. Seeks To End Jam

LONDON (AP)—The United States was reliably reported today to have presented a compromise proposal in an effort to break the deadlock of the foreign ministers' committee over who should write the Balkan treaty.

Members of several delegations held the Balkan policy decision would have to be made this week-end and expressed hope the decision would enable the delegates to get started on drafting the actual pact.

Braden, citing the Potsdam decision that only signatories of the armistice with the defeated nation should participate in citizenship of the new treaty, has demanded the exclusion of France and China from the pact with British-American backing, has isolated on the point on the ground that the two nations had agreed to full participation.

Authoritative sources said the United States plan would create a subcommittee of the five-nation council to deal with the Balkan treaty, but details were not available.

Adjustment of the conference, which yesterday completed its 26th session in eighteen days, has been delayed a week already because of the Balkan issue. But the council was nearing the end of its job and it was reported that delegates already were working on the final communique, which must be approved by all five foreign ministers already reported in the treaty.

The treaty was expected to be signed by the end of the week, but a general rise in tension in the Balkans, and in the North American States, and a forecasters' said that while the treaty was still under consideration, the "trend is upward."

Temperatures throughout the Balkan states are rising rapidly today, and the Greek lakes region and Upper Mississippi Valley will begin to warm up Monday, forecasters predicted.

Coal Talks Urged; Oil Men Raised

Firm Grants 30 Per Cent Boost

By HAROLD WARD

WASHINGTON (AP)—John L. Lewis today renewed his offer to meet with soft coal operators in an attempt to settle a dispute over recognition of the foremen's union. The argument has halted work at more than 80 West Virginia and Pennsylvania mines.

The operators flatly rejected the United Mine Workers' president's invitation for a conference Monday afternoon, asserting the union was attempting to take over management of the mines.

Lewis announced his offer as conciliation conferences to settle an eight-state oil strike were resumed here under the supervision of Secretary of Labor Schweitzer. The CIO oil workers announced they had signed a contract with a California oil company calling for a 30 per cent wage increase.

LASHES VAN HORN
In a telegram to Ezra Van Horn of the National Bituminous Negotiating Committee at Cleveland, Lewis said:

"I fear greatly that your inaction will have a highly provocative effect on the minds of your disappointed foremen."

"We deplore these circumstances and again ask you to join with us in a calm approach to the conference."

Lewis made public a letter which the union had attached to the contract written last Spring giving the background to the negotiations over recognition of the foremen's union.

STRIKE DEPENDS
A demand for inclusion of supervisory employees was dropped by Lewis at that time as a last minute effort to reach agreement on an industry-wide contract.

Lewis disclosed that he had offered a substitute demand, which had been rejected by the operators, providing for referral of the supervisory issue to the National Labor Relations Board for settlement. As the contract finally was signed, however, it contained no such provision.

Lewis said the local contract for the Charlotte Optimist Club yesterday to Baltimore to Mrs. J. C. Pinion and her sons, then that is a story especially for you.

It began some eleven years ago in the middle of the depression. Three of the Pinion children were in orphanage because of an accident of their father, and an orphanage of funds at home. The oldest, Mrs. Pinion, was at home with his mother.

It was December, the year 1924, and Christmas was in the air. Christmas, of course, wouldn't be so beautiful, but the Pinions had the spirit, and that was the main thing.

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Elevator Strike Stopped After Dewey Intervenes

Arbitration Agreement Is Reached In New York

Workers Return Immediately

NEW YORK (AP)—Building service workers and elevator operators whose six-day-old strike had paralyzed a vital part of Manhattan's business and cost millions of dollars were ordered to return to work immediately today after both sides had complied with a request by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey that their differences be arbitrated.

The order was issued by David Sullivan, president of Local 20 of the AFL Building Service Employees International Union, and Frank Nelson, president of Local 104 of the same union.

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Waiting For Death—Here are the three pathetic Pinion boys and the Charlotte Optimists who took them \$1,042 in contributions. In the chair on the left is Billy, aged fifteen, with the Rev. J. C. Cornette. That's David, aged nineteen, on the cot with J. B. Vogler standing beside. Playing with their new dog on the floor is Lloyd, aged twelve, as Lawrence Mason bends to talk to him. (Photo by Johnny Suther.)

Christmas In September Santa Comes Around Early For Hopelessly Ill Lads

By MARTHA AZER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
This is the story of three little boys who are going to die. They are the Pinion brothers of Salisbury, stricken with progressive muscular dystrophy for which there is no cure.

This is the story of a tender-hearted world which heard of their plight and contributed over \$5,500 for their comfort—as long as they all shall live.

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Winter Preview Cold Snap Moves Over North Central States

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
A preview of winter took its first tentative cold snap at Summit, Neb., today, as heavy frosts were reported from the North Central portion of the country.

The frosts, accompanied in some localities by heavy snow, extended from "Bault" in Michigan through Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, and the entire section as far south as the Ohio Valley. The Middle Mississippi Valley and southwestern Texas was markedly colder. Texas, reported a low of 26.

Strikes Increase Higher Pay, Shorter Hours Main Issues In Labor Strife

CHICAGO (AP)—Higher wages and shorter working hours are the principal issues in most of the nation's labor disputes.

Strikes over these issues have increased since the end of the war when most of the country's industries returned to shorter work-week schedules.

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Time Will March Back At 2 A.M.

WASHINGTON (AP)—When you put the clock out tonight and wind it up, don't forget to spend in the timepiece back an hour.

At exactly 2 A.M. Sunday the nation goes back on Standard Time. And except for those individuals who stick by the footers there'll be an extra hour to spend in bed.

WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness with scattered showers and occasional drizzle, but no rain today and tonight. Sunday, Sunday, Sunday.

Temperature at 3:30 Today	High and Low Last 24 Hours	Forecast
61-64	61-64	Partly Cloudy