

Russia Raps U. S. Offer To Mediate Indonesian War

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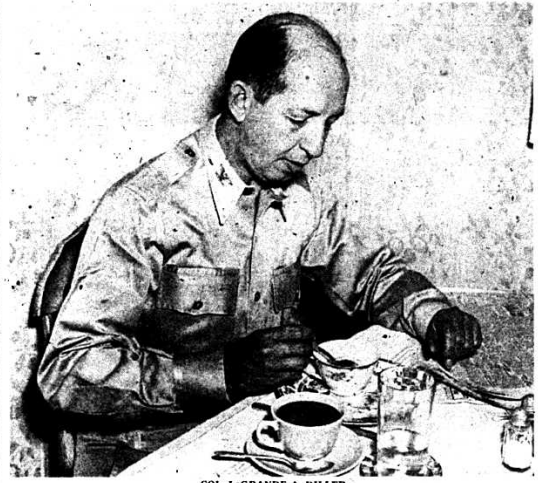
—LAKE SUCCESS — (AP) — Russia charged today that a United States offer to mediate the undeclared war in Indonesia was a "means of circumventing the United Nations and demanded that the Security Council itself take the binding" action.

The Security Council must seriously complicated the mediation plan which already had been accepted by the Netherlands Government.

Soviet Delegate Andrei A. Gromyko with agreement of the United States that the Council should act immediately to order a cessation of hostilities but he urged the Council to go slow on the question of mediation.

CHARGES DUTCH FAVORED Although not stating definitely that he would oppose mediation, Gromyko made strong objections, including his charge that the move would by-pass the U.N. He said it also would give the United States an advantage over the Indonesians because they could start the negotiations at a more favorable military position.

Gromyko announced that he would offer a formal proposal that both the Dutch and Indonesian Government return to the positions they held at the outbreak of the fighting.



COL. LAGRANDE A. DILLER

Occupation A Success

Diller Lauds U. S. Policies In Japan

By NANCY BRAFF Writer Charlotte News Staff Writer Col. LeGrande A. Diller, public relations officer for Gen. MacArthur throughout the Pacific war and later secretary of his general staff, believes that America's policies and practices in the occupation of Japan are meeting with great success, that the Japanese people themselves have a sincere desire to know about the American way of life, and that Christianity is gaining a firm stronghold in that country.

GM Raises Auto Prices

DETROIT — (AP) — General Motors Corp. today announced a two to six per cent increase in the list prices of all passenger cars effective immediately.

"Price adjustments on specific models and body styles will be established individually by the divisions involved," the announcement said.

Cadillac, Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac and Chevrolet passenger cars were affected.

President C. F. Wilson said the company's first general price boost since last November was necessitated because "increased costs of both labor and materials are now too great for General Motors to absorb through improved processing and the use of better machinery and tools or from any potential increase in volume."

He cited what he termed a 12 per cent increase in labor costs because of the new wage agreement with the CIO United Auto Workers, as well as rising costs of steel, pig iron and other materials.

Landlord Gets Triple Penalty

PHILADELPHIA — (AP) — A landlord has been penalized three times the \$175 excess rent he obtained from nine tenants.

Federal District Judge M. Orson Hall to refund the overcharges to his tenants and to pay double the amount to the U. S. Treasury as damages for "persistent, willful and flagrant violations of the Federal rent control laws."

British Face Food Cuts

LONDON — (AP) — Immediate large-scale cuts in Britain's meager food rations were forecast today as Cabinet Ministers studied plans to combat the nation's economic crisis.

A well informed source close to the Government said Prime Minister Attlee would disclose the details in announcing his crisis program in the House of Commons next Wednesday.

Measurably The Daily Express and Daily Telegraph, persistent critics of the Labor regime, said the cuts would be in some 25 and 50 per cent in some foods already rationed more strictly than in wartime.

The newspapers forecast deep cuts in meat, butter, grain and tinned foods, especially fruit and vegetables. The source confirmed that such reductions were coming, but declined details.

While the people awaited details of the cuts, a Government source said Britain was pressing the United States to relax provisions of the American loan agreement restricting British exports—excluding food imports—from other nations.

Under the agreement Britain may increase her expenditures in other nations, except those with war-damaged economies. If the increases are made at the expense of her buying program in the United States.

In the meantime the Foreign Office announced today that Britain was giving "urgent" consideration to the reduction and withdrawal of British troops from the Pacific area.

A spokesman uncollectedly told a news conference that while no date has yet been decided upon, the question was being considered "urgently" as part of Britain's policy for speeding up demobilization of her armed forces to provide man-power needed for industrial and for reducing her financial commitments overseas.

The spokesman said the United States Government was being consulted on the matter, but told newspapers that he had not said whether the U. S. had expressed any views.

Withdrawal from Italy, he said, would not affect 5,000 British soldiers stationed in the Trieste area as part of an international force established under the Allied peace treaty.

Under the treaty, he said, these troops would remain until the Government in Trieste decided they could no longer be maintained.

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Jury Hears Daughter Of Phillips

Harnett Trial Moves Along

LILLINGTON — (AP) — Blonde eight-year-old Marie Phillips today testified in her father's wife murder trial that just before the shooting Charlie Phillips, 31, accused Angier tenant farmer, sent her out of the house to play, saying "it doesn't make a damn bit of difference where."

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Hughes Views

The 'Little Dog' vs. The 'Big Dog'

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Howard Hughes, Central figure in a Senate-War Investigating Committee probe, turned accused today and announced he would demand a Department of Justice inquiry into the relationship of Senator Owen Brewster and Pan-American Airways.

Other developments in the matter.

Hughes announced he would not "jump through a hoop like a trained seal" to answer demands that he appear in Washington immediately but that he had promised to appear before Senator Brewster's committee next Wednesday.

Hughes released statements from an airline hostess and a flight captain designed to refute Senator Brewster's allegation that the hostess "didn't dare" fly alone with Hughes in his plane last September.

Hughes' demand for the Justice Department probe came in his first public statement in 24 hours.

"The basis of my demand," he said, "will be substantially on charges I have already made." Last Wednesday, in a statement, he had accused Senator Brewster if it were not true that the Senator had offered to call off the investigation into some \$40,000,000 in Hughes plane contracts if Hughes, who also is president of Trans World Airlines, would agree to merge with Pan-American Airways.

He discussed Pan-American Air length in a copyrighted article over his signature appearing in the Los Angeles Examiner today and at one point quoted Jack Fry, then president of TWA, as telling:

"How do you get to know that Pan-American Airways has the biggest, most complex and strongest political machine that has ever hit Washington?

Juan Trippe, president of Pan-American, feels who have moved in on his territory, which he considers to be the entire world outside of the U. S. and he is going to make your life miserable. You have no idea what this means until you see it."

"Well, I guess Jack Fry was right, because since the day my company first started flying the Atlantic, what has happened to me should have happened to the airlines with me."

In his statement dealing with his plans to appear in Washington, Hughes also charged that the Senate-War Investigating Committee had been to put the screws on me through the release of unfavorable publicity. . . . I stated to the public, including tests of the XP-11, one of the planes under investigation, to drop everything and go to Washington immediately and said "I made a damn bit of difference where you play," she quoted her father.

She told Prosecutor Jack Hooks she had seen her father strike her mother many times and had heard him curse her frequently.

Salmon said, "Your grandmother, Mrs. Etta Watson, told you of the shooting, didn't she?" Marie said yes.

PHILLIPS INTENTLY Phillips testified intently to her testimony.

The State rested its case today and the defense put three witnesses in the stand for cross-examination. Phillips was sworn in just before the recess and will take the stand again in a few days in a previous trial last September.

Marie said she misses her father. She said she had never seen her father with a gun.

Hughes Ship Picked As Best Then Available

Gen. Echols Takes Stand

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Maj. Gen. Oliver P. Echols testified today that E11101 t Roosevelt picked a Howard Hughes' plane as the best available for wartime photographic reconnaissance work after the Air Force high command turned it down in 1943.

Echols, wartime chief of the Air Corps flight school that the United States War Investigating Committee that the son of the late President Roosevelt in effect reversed the decision of the Air Corps staff.

The General agreed that if the plane could be shown safe in an hour it then would have been the 'Air Corps' fastest plane of the type.

Chairman Ferguson, Republican, Michigan, commented that the General's testimony was "a very interesting and important contribution to the case."

Gen. Echols' testimony was the first of several by members of the committee. The committee is investigating the alleged sabotage of the ship.

SENATOR 'SNEAKING' HIM His other statement, addressed to Senator Brewster, declared:

"You tried to smear me with a yarn about an airplane hostess. I should have taken the yarn right to you. I am sorry to accompany you when I flew you, free of charge, to Columbus, Ohio, because she 'didn't dare' to be alone with me in the airplane on that trip."

Then he incorporated a signed statement by Stewardess Harriett Applebaum, saying in part: "I was flying with you on the XP-11. This is the most ridiculous statement I have ever heard."

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Devers' Opinion

A-Bomb May Never Be Used

NEWARK, N. J., (AP) — Gen. Jacob V. Devers, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, said today that the atom bomb probably would never again be used in war.

Wanted To 'Squeeze' Something

Sex Fiend Held For Slaying

CHICAGO — (AP) — State's Attorney William E. Miller today he would go before the grand jury to seek a murder indictment against a man charged with sex offenses, whom Ruby said she admitted stealing a 1-2 ton truck from his son and a good worker. His wife corroborated this.

Historical Group In Post-War Meet

MEMPHIS — (AP) — Members of the Robert Barry Historical Association held their first post-war meeting Sunday at Unity Presbyterian Church, the ceremony of which is the last resting place of the pioneer Robert Barry, for whom the association is named.

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