

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

By Edward C. Wayne

Wavell Is Removed as Commander In New Southwest Pacific Shakeup; Pincers Movement of Russian Army Closing on 96,000 German Troops

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BAD NEWS: From Pacific

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Washington Digest
'Man of Peace' Promotes Korean War Against Japs

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Washington has just witnessed a most remarkable ceremony, one which might be called the laying of the cornerstone of a new revolution. Not a mere revolution of ideas, but a substantiated plot of wild, wild, wild, but the orderly preparation for a real, powder-and-ball, life-and-death revolt.

The Korean Liberty conference has just met in Washington to commemorate the March, 1919, revolution and make plans for a 1942 revolution.

The most remarkable thing about this that is going to smothering of a tyrant's power is that its moving spirit is a wild little figure who describes himself as a man of peace born in the Land of the Morning Calm. He is Synghwan Rhee, president of the Korean government in exile since 1919, and revolutionary since 1909.

With a group of Koreans from Hawaii and others living in the United States, and with the help of a group of American friends who make up the Korean Committee of Los Angeles and Honolulu and the Korean-American council, Dr. Rhee is now busy setting ready for the revolution of 1942.

Korea, Dr. Rhee points out, was the first victim of Japan's planned "new order" in the Far East. The present war between Japan and America and tried to warn this country. More than a year before the Pearl Harbor attack he said:

"If the Koreans had seen Japan in 1934 in 1934 and 1934 as they are today, they would have saved their country and themselves from the plight in which they find themselves today. On the other hand, if the American people had seen Japan in 1934 and 1934 as they are today, they would have looked ahead at the annexation of Korea, which we have before us as it is to turn a nation, naturally attuned to peace, into a nation whose military tradition is limited compared to the countries of Europe. These people of different language, race and customs are crowded within narrow frontiers—boundary lines which have been drawn and redrawn in the blood of thousands who were taught from childhood that the word 'foreigner' was almost synonymous with the word 'enemy'."

We have lived and worked and had our being, between two unforgotten borders and with two unfriendly oceans to guard us. Suddenly we are being forced to play a part in a world which has accepted "this is right." We are mighty, so mighty that it has never been a question in the hearts of even the most arrogant of our kind whether we could defeat them. Only a question of whether we would make the effort. Whether, in our words, we would be complacent while they "strut and trill their hour upon the stage." History proves that only a short space of time is granted for tyrants to oppress freedom. Longer than that no tyrant has ever existed. And America, if awakened, will number the days.

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Long Years Of Giving Warnings This quiet little man who has been imprisoned, tortured, exiled, has a price set on his head by the Japanese, has been haunting international conferences for forty or more decades. At Geneva, at London, in Chungking, he has moved among the statesmen and delegates quietly whispering his warnings, patiently explaining and urging, ceaselessly working for the freedom of his own people and seeking to build the co-operative effort of all free people. For many years he has lived in Washington.

"It is one of the great ironies of history," says Dr. Rhee, "that Japanese animosity is now directed particularly against the United States, which broke the shell of her insularity and introduced Japan to modern civilization. When, in 1914, Commodore Matthew Perry negotiated the treaty which marked the first step in opening Japan to foreign commerce and commerce, he helped, all unwittingly, to set the people of the Rising Sun in the path which was to bring them later full tilt against the American people."

At the liberty conference just concluded in Washington, three main steps were taken: The Korean declaration of independence of 1919 was reaffirmed; the United States was called on to recognize the provisional government of Korea, and Korean allegiance was declared to the cause of the United Nations.

Without bitterness or recrimination these devoted patriots pointed out that the United States has its obligations to them, for the treaty of peace and amity and mutual protection between the United States and Korea still exists although we stood by without interfering when Japan crushed them, and "lightened their grip," as Dr. Rhee puts it, on his country back in the days of Theodore Roosevelt.

As the leader of these gentle revolutionists, Dr. Rhee at 67 watches his predictions coming true. He feels that the goal is near, that the philosophy of his great master—Rhee was educated in a Confucian school—he looks forward to in flames with new courage.

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NEWS AND VIEWS ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

There can be no question of Japan's intention to absolutely dominate all of Asia and the East Pacific, and to completely drive the white races from that vast, rich, little-developed area. For many years, Japanese foreign and military policy has been based squarely on the principle of "Asia for the Asiatics," and her statesmen and warlords understand that doctrine at every opportunity.

In addition, many an authority is convinced that, incredible as it may seem, Japan also intends to dominate and rule the world. Basis for that belief is found in the famous—or infamous—"Taka Memorial" this astonishing document, so the story goes, was conceived and prepared by Baron Gishiki Tanaka and handed by him to Emperor Hirohito in July, 1927. The Emperor, the story continues, gave it his seal of approval and ever since it has been the official guide for Japanese diplomatic, naval and military strategy.

A copy of this Memorial, according to the accepted story, was stolen by an agent of Felix Dzerzhinsky, who used to be the chief of the Russian Cheka and was considered one of the ablest spies in the world. When the text of the Memorial was made public, the Japanese government promptly branded it a forgery. But Leon Trotsky, who was Soviet War Commissar at the time of the incident, testified that it was absolutely genuine, and accurately represented Japan's program for world conquest.

The Memorial runs to some 10,000 words. It states that Japan must first conquer Manchuria, Inner Mongolia and other provinces—made which Nippon has already achieved in whole or in part. It states further that this must be followed by seizure and conquest of the Philippines, Thailand, Malaya, Singapore, the South Sea Islands, and Australia. Everyone who has followed the news since that fateful December 7 of last year, knows what Japan is doing in that direction.

These Japanese victories, it continues, will permit the subjugation of India, and once that is accomplished, the way will be paved for invasion of Asia Minor and Europe. And, says the Memorial flatly, to achieve these goals, it will be necessary to crush the United States, and defeat Great Britain, Russia and other Pacific and Asiatic powers.

Additional evidence of Japan's intentions is found in a speech made sometime ago by an Admiral who is now in command of Japanese naval forces. He said that his ambition was to invade, conquer and occupy the Pacific Coast, to drive the defending forces back toward the Middle West, and so eventually dictate the terms of peace to a helpless President in the White House at Washington.

The Japanese have obviously placed great faith in their enemies' indolence, blindness and pacific ways of thinking. That faith has already paid them great dividends. They have built up a highly efficient fifth column organization, which played a major part in the Malaya and Singapore disasters. Experts believe that a long-established organization of that kind exists in this country, and that unless it is destroyed we may suffer a disaster even greater than Pearl Harbor, somewhere within our continental boundaries—probably on the Pacific Coast, with its great

phone factories, water-power plants etc.

At any rate, all must have learned by now the suicidal folly of underestimating Japan, and of believing that the coast and a Pacific war with unqualified victory in a matter of weeks or months, as we were long told. The Jap is a wily, crafty, fatalistic and intelligent enemy. His weapons and equipment are superbly well suited from a military standpoint, to the various campaigns he has undertaken. He has been checked only by men who are his match in intelligence and foresight—such as General MacArthur. Therefore he has been opposed by armies headed by commanders who blindly believed that he wouldn't dare to attack them, as in Singapore, he has won with relative ease and with astounding speed.

The shake-up in the United Nations' military commands have been salutary. The American, British and Dutch commanders who have been given the vast job of repairing the mistakes made by their predecessors and building a military machine capable of attacking the enemy, are all of the daring type. They aren't bound by red tape and sterile traditions, not defensive caution. The work of these men, and the magnificent soldiers and sailors under them, argues well for the cause of the United Nations.

If you happen to come in contact with any military organization of any kind, keep it to yourself. The government is now pushing a determined "serve in silence" drive and it is being given the full cooperation of industry.

Many a ship has been sunk because someone talked too much. Telling what you know about military matters amounts to giving "lip service" to the enemy with a vengeance. He has spies here plenty—and you never know who they are.

Leghorn Hen Makes An Extra Effort

Ocala, Mar. 12 (FNS)—Inspired, no doubt, by the demands for greater production, a white Leghorn hen belonging to Robert H. Hood, Marion County poultryman, put that "extra strain effort" that Donald Nelson has been calling for into the production of an egg which her proud owner thinks is an all time record.

The egg, on display at the Moore and Chambliss National Bank, weighs six and one-half ounces. The average weight of a Leghorn egg is about two ounces.

There is nothing freakish about the egg, except its amazing size. It is perfectly proportioned in the accepted egg shape.

Small Community Doing Its Share

Safety Harbor, Mar. 12 (FNS)—With a population of only 494, Safety Harbor, attractive community on the shores of Old Tampa Bay, famed for the Explorist de Soto springs, said to have been discovered by Hernando de Soto, points with pride to the fact that it has already sent 50 men to the armed services.

This means that over 7 percent of the town's population has enlisted and the Safety Harbor Herald reports "more will follow"

Marine Corps Needs Radio Technicians

The U. S. Marine Corps is in need of Radio Technicians (RDAR) Maintenance men in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve and applications are now being accepted at the U. S. Marine Corps Recruiting Station in the Federal Building, Tampa, Florida.

1. Qualifications governing enlistments in this field are as follows:

(a). Must be in age group 17 to 35 years, inclusive.

(b). Be a high school graduate.

(c). Hold or have held an Amateur Radio Operator's License, Class A or B, or a Commercial Telegraph or Radio Telephone Operator's License, 1st or 2nd Class.

(d). In the absence of qualifications under (c) above, must have been engaged in actual repair or service of radio equipment for a period of at least 3 months or have had experience in connection with design or construction of high frequency or Ultra High frequency transmitting or receiving equipment.

Men with the above qualifications and accepted for enlistment will be appointed a Staff Sergeant (special warrant) and transferred to a signal battalion for further assignment to a special course of training in (RDAR) maintenance.

Applications are also being accepted for general radio duties in which the "core" qualifications apply except that applicants are not required to be high school graduates.

Cabbage A Drug On Vegetable Market

Orlando, March 12 (FNS)—Despite the clamor and frantic "raise more food" and "plant a garden" appeals, it is disheartening to find Florida growers, who have produced crops for which there is no market, faced with the loss of seed and fertilizer, to say nothing of labor.

Failing in his effort to interest the government in purchasing his cabbage acreage and not wanting to stand by and see it rot in the field, O. P. Swope, with extensive farming activities in this area, gave it to the government. But in order to get them to take it he had to pay the additional cost of cutting. Officials did finally consent to provide trucks to haul it away.

Frostproof Man Needs A Pied Piper

Frostproof, March 12 (FNS)—Anybody want a white rat? Major Edward T. Keenan, who has been making experiments in feeding citrus to white rats, reports that he now has more of these pink-eyed rats than he knows what to do with.

If you happen to know a sick man, a very sick opportunity to serve their country in this time of extreme emergency. A naval career is an opportunity that no man who can qualify should overlook. If you want to do your bit to keep this country free, go to the Navy Recruiting Station for full details.

Commenting on his experiments, Keenan states that rats fed citrus gain much faster, grow

Florida Exhibits In North Making Bids For Visitors

New York City, Mar. 12 (FNS)—Continuing to make its bid for tourists and recreation seekers, Florida has presented her beautiful state exhibit to thousands at the National Sportsman's Show in Boston and has now been moved to the Grand Central Palace in New York where it is attracting larger crowds than ever.

Navy Needs Colored Mess Attendants

The United States Navy urgently needs negro mess attendants at the present time. The qualifications are that men must be between the ages of 17 and 21 and must pass a physical examination. No high school education is required but men with sixth or seventh grade education up, may qualify.

The Tampa boys are coming in very nicely but more are needed now. The Navy Recruiting Service would like to have enough men to be able to send off about 25 or 30 men in a group. Full information may be obtained from the Navy Recruiting Station located on the third floor of the City Hall Building, Tampa.

The Navy offers young colored men a very fine opportunity to serve their country in this time of extreme emergency. A naval career is an opportunity that no man who can qualify should overlook. If you want to do your bit to keep this country free, go to the Navy Recruiting Station for full details.

Tires and Tubes Granted This Week

Dr. Clifford Jackson Gray, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., one passenger car, 1 Willie Martin, 1 truck, 1 truck tube.

Highland Circle Cooperative, 1 truck tire, 1 truck tube.

Ridge Road Co., Inc., 1 truck tire, 1 truck tube.

General Manager Earl W. Brown expresses real encouragement over the interest shown and feels that Florida can continue to count on a good tourist business summer and winter.

He points out that a large number of exhibit visitors express a keen interest in the state and plan to make it their future home. Many defense workers, now making more money than ever before in their lives, are eager to invest it in Florida.

"It would seem" states Mr. Brown, "from the number of inquiries we are receiving that just about everyone desires a home of their own in Florida. They do not have to be sold on the idea, they already have it, and are looking forward to the day when they can retire to a comfortable little home in Florida where they can sit in the sun and fish and hunt."

Attendance was over 400,000 in Boston and in New York is breaking all records, with greater interest evidenced than ever before.

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Tax Payers can save a considerable amount by paying their taxes before the above date.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Louise B. Armstrong
CLERK and COLLECTOR.

