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Loyalty Of President Roxas Of Philippines Again Questioned

By HAROLD I. ICKES
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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE HONORABLE MANUEL A. ROXAS, PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

On June 21, I published a syndicated newspaper column charging collaboration by highly placed Philippine officials with the Japanese invaders of the Philippines. I said that you had been one of the principal collaborators.

The same day, General Douglas MacArthur undertook to deny the facts that I had revealed. He said that you were a long radiogram charging that my statements were "completely false." However, you were careful not to denigrate any specific statement as "completely false." You said, "Your statement I signed declaration of war completely false." In short, you denied what had not been charged.

My statement read: "When he (Roxas) was taken to Baguio with others for the purpose of the Japanese government, he still wore the uniform of a brigadier general of the United States Army. When he was taken to Baguio, he supported a declaration of war against the United States. There is a record of this which the military does not seem to understand, at least so far as the Philippines are concerned. I still stand on that statement. I would an inspection of the record disclose it."

President Truman said on March 18, 1946 "The principal is well established in the Philippines that an act of disloyalty to the United States was an act of disloyalty to the Commonwealth and to the Philippine people."

OPA Bills Back To House And Senate

Violence In Palestine Explosion Wrecks Jerusalem Hotel; 50 Or More Dead

JERUSALEM — (AP) — An armed band destroyed the grand part of the luxurious King David Hotel today, bombing out British Army and Palestine Government offices there and killing 50 or more persons in an explosion that shook the modern part of Jerusalem.

A Palestine police communiqué blamed the attack on "Jewish terrorists."

The secretary of the Palestine Government was hard hit and many of its victims were its employees and visitors. Headquarters of the British Army apparatus was less seriously damaged since the military was on the upper floors. The blast, however, ripped the 250-room hotel—largest in Palestine—from bottom to top.

The attack came 23 days after the British Army occupied the Jewish agency and arrested 2,000 Jews and leaders. A police communiqué gave an estimate of dead among the 60 reported unofficially as injured. It said that the wreckage of the King David Hotel, one of the finest in eastern Mediterranean countries, was scattered into the rubble for more bodies and for wounded.

Proconsul General G. D. Kennedy, a veteran of 25 years of Government service in Palestine, was injured. He was an American. Gun-wounds Richard Mowser of the Palestine Ministry.

Showdown Scheduled Tomorrow

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House-Senate Conference Committee decided today that in the revival of OPA, price ceilings cannot be restored to eggs, milk, 20 on meat, poultry, eggs, fruit and a list of other basic foods.

Whether those foods can be controlled at all again will be left to the determination of a three-man board with higher authority than OPA.

The conference committee completed the writing of the compromise OPA measure and passed the issue again directly to the House and Senate for a showdown tomorrow.

Earlier Senate Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky, predicted at the White House, OPA Act House and Senate would approve the compromise promptly and expressed hope Mr. Truman will sign it.



FIGURE IN MEAD COMMITTEE PROBE — Rep. John Coffee, Democrat, Washington (left), at his home in Tacoma, Wash., said he would welcome an investigation by the Mead Committee of a \$2,500 check he said was a "campaign contribution." Eivind Anderson (right), a contractor in Tacoma, said he had a "patriotic purpose" in writing the \$2,500 check to Rep. Coffee's secretary. (AP Wirephotos).

Bloody Coup Ends After Four Days Of Battle

2,000 Killed Or Injured

LA PAZ, Bolivia — (AP) — Student and labor revolutionists took over the Government of Bolivia today after assassinating President Gualberto Villarroel, who was thrown bodily from the Presidential Palace, hanged to a lamppost and then paraded lifeless and naked through the streets on an Army tank yesterday.

After the macabre parade in the highest capital in the world, the slain President's body again was hanged from a lamppost before the palace. The four days of bloody street fighting in which 2,000 persons were reported killed or wounded ended Sunday with victory for the rebels. Many of the President's close collaborators died with him.

Disaster Seen For China U. S.-Russian War Plot Is Charged

By SPENCER MOOSA

SHANGHAI — (AP) — Chinese Communists and the Government mutually claimed victims north of the Yangtze River today as Madame Sun Yat-sen accused Government Party reactionaries of striving to incite war between the United States and Russia in the hope of thus crushing the Communists.

Madame Sun, highly-respected Chinese revolutionary leader and sister-in-law of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, declared in a rare statement that China was heading down the road to disaster and that American reactionaries were abetting Chinese reactionaries.

As steps toward solution, she urged formation of a coalition government, withdrawal of all American troops from China, and cancellation of all war materials and other military assistance from the United States.

Hope Truman To Sign Voiced

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Soldiers Move Bread In Profits Probe

LONDON — P. — Army trucks manned by 200 soldiers took over the distribution of bread throughout Belfast today when 1,800 Northern Ireland deliveries refused to service their routes on the first business day of bread rationing.

Authorities mustered 21 trucks in Belfast, one for each emergency bread distribution center in the city. The bread drivers Association had rejected a compromise to give the rationing a trial for a week by a vote of 277 to 225.

The full effect of the bread delivery strike was not expected until Tuesday or Wednesday, for households in the city of 400,000 were reported to have stocked their shelves before rationing started yesterday.

Munitions Agent Freeman Recalled In Profits Probe

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Senate War Investigating Committee announced today that Joseph Freeman, Washington agent for a Midwestern munitions combine, will be recalled tomorrow for questioning about reports that he attempted to influence a witness in the war profits inquiry.

Committee Counsel George Meader said the group also heard several other witnesses tomorrow, including Representative May, Democrat, Kentucky, chairman of the House Military Committee, if May decides to answer a summons for his appearance. On the list, in addition to May and Freeman were: New York Supreme Court Justice Samuel Dickstein, former chairman of the House Immigration Committee; William H. Hays, who telephoned calls between his office and the Washington headquarters of the munitions combine.

Wyatt Raps Lobbyists

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Housing Administrator Wilson W. Wyatt said today that "potent" lobbyists were responsible for failure of the House Banking Committee to report out the Wagner-Elender-Taft housing bill.

Wyatt, leaving a conference with President Truman, told reporters there still was a possibility of Congressional action on the bill before adjournment, but that he could not guarantee "probability."

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HOLLOWAY, Eng. — (AP) — English Yard pressed an investigation today to trace the identity of a 46-year-old farmer's widow, who was found strangled in a rooming house in London outside St. Luke's church. Police have detained for questioning a man whose name has not been disclosed.

Work Left For Solons

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senate Democratic Leader Barkley said after a conference with President Truman today he sees no prospect of adjourning Congress before the middle of next week.

The Kentucky told reporters Mr. Truman is having the compromise OPA revival bill analyzed with a view to deciding whether to accept or veto it.

Meader said he hopes Mr. Truman will sign the measure, but added that he and Henry Garson, one of the combine's promoters, requested that the bill be "passed" in her recollections about certain occurrences in the Washington office.

Butter Sold At Cut Rate Prices

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — (AP) — A butter price war between two stores on the opposite sides of a street here apparently was at an end today with each selling 75 cents a pound for the product.

For a time Saturday the price dropped to 50 cents a pound at one store until both stabilized the price at 35 cents for the day.

Final Report Issued Senate Committee May Undertake New Pearl Harbor Defense Probe

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A new bipartisan Pearl Harbor investigation report was issued today by the Senate-House committee which delved into the blame behind Pearl Harbor and of the Senate's special War Investigating Committee, now engaged in an attempt to summon May for testimony concerning his relations with a Milwaukee munitions combine.

Central figure in the projected new inquiry is Col. Theodore W. S. Brewster, Jr., Army district engineer in the Hawaiian Department when the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor.

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