

# HULL REJECTS JAPAN'S NAVAL PARITY DEMAND AS TREATY IS SCRAPPED

## Fears of Race in Building Manifest.

### SAITO RETAINS HOPE FOR PACT

### Envoy's Denial of Contest Is Given Tokio Support.

By the Associated Press.

A quiet but definite refusal of Japanese demands for naval equality was the United States' answer last night to Japan's formal denunciation of the Washington naval limitations treaty of 1922.

Secretary Hull, accepting from Hiroshi Saito, suave Ambassador from Japan, the official signal of the death of the 5-5-3 pact on December 31, 1936, declared he did so with "genuine regret."

Pledging, simultaneously, continued efforts to "promote peace through disarmament" by co-operating toward new naval limitation, Hull, nevertheless, declared experience has shown that "equality of armaments" was not the path to peace.

Talk of Contest Scouted.

While a ferment of naval talk was stirred around the world, leaving a question mark after the possibility of an ensuing arms race, Saito scouted talk of such a contest.

In handing in his country's denunciation of the Washington pact, he expressed hope for a new treaty that would provide equality of armaments, a "radical reduction" in offensive armaments for all of the great powers.

After formally flashing word of the Japanese action to other great naval nations, Hull late yesterday made public his own answer. He was sorry to see the pact die, but he was confident of a belief that "existing treaties have safeguarded the rights and promoted the collective interests of all the signatories."

"We, of course, realize," he said, "that any nation has the right not to renew a treaty; also that any movement toward disarmament to be successful must rest on agreements voluntarily entered into by all nations."

"Each nation naturally desires—and we stand unalterably for that view—to be on a basis of absolute equality with other nations in the matter of national security. Experience teaches that conditions of peace or measures of disarmament cannot be promoted by the doctrine that all nations, regardless of their varying and different defensive needs, shall have equality of armaments."

U. S. Ready for Negotiations.

Hull then said that in the remaining two-year period before the treaty expires "the American Government is ready to enter upon negotiations whenever it appears that there is prospect of arrival at a mutually satisfactory conclusion."

The quietly executed final action by Japan, anticipated for months, nevertheless caused some stir both in Washington and other capitals as well.

From Tokyo there was reiteration that the denunciation did not mean a naval race and a renewed call for naval slashes.

"The pact came expressions of pleasure that the end of the pact was assured two years from today."

Simultaneously, but with officials disclaiming any connection, Navy chiefs disclosed plans for a gigantic war game in the Pacific, covering a 6,000,000 square mile area embracing America's most Western outposts.

Within a matter of hours after Ambassador Saito had formally delivered the decision of his government, Secretary Hull officially notified Great Britain, France and Italy of the denunciation. No certain copies of the Japanese notification will be mailed to the capitals of the three powers next week.

Although Saito's action—in the opinion of some officials—ushered in an era of increased international competition in steel.

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## Threat of Anglo-U. S. Accord May Alter Attitude of Japan

### Rapprochement of Britain and America on Navy Matters Seen as U. S. Conferees Sail for Home.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, December 29.—An American spokesman said tonight the possibility of an Anglo-American naval accord if there is no naval treaty after 1936 may force Japan to drop her demands for naval parity.

As Norman H. Davis, and Admiral William H. Standley, America's delegates here, sailed for home coincidentally with Japan's formal denunciation of the Washington treaty at Washington, the spokesman reiterated his assertion that Japan's action may draw Britain and the United States together on naval matters.

The Americans appeared confident such an accord will be made unless Japan proves willing to enter some agreement continuing the existing 5-5-3 ratios of the navies—something Tokyo has insisted she will never do.

The Japanese abrogation of the treaty, the Americans were represented as feeling, threatens the political stability of the Pacific and may lead to unrestricted ship building.

Delegations from Tokyo and Washington came to London October 16 and spent over two months with the British in conversations seeking bases (Continued on Page 4, Column 2.)

## 80,000 MEN CLASH IN CHACO BATTLE

### Paraguay Launches Major Offensive to Gain Bolivian Oil.

By the Associated Press.

BUENOS AIRES, December 29.—Paraguay's and Bolivia's biggest armies tonight were slowly coming to grips in their battle for possession of Bolivian oil fields.

The engagement, in which an estimated 80,000 troops evenly divided will take part, was expected to be decisive in the three-year-old Chaco war.

With developments lacking to confirm reports from La Paz yesterday that Gen. Jose Estigarribia's Paraguayans had launched their long-expected general offensive, scattered fighting and skirmishes in several sectors gave evidence that the rival tacticians were sparring for an opening.

Paraguayans Want Oil.

Villa Montes, principal Bolivian Army base, and the oil fields lying behind it on undisputed Bolivian territory were the apparent objectives of the Paraguayans. Their fate seemed likely to depend on the movements of Paraguay's second and fourth army corps, commanded by Cos. Franco and Brizuela, which are operating in the northern sectors of Carandayty and Huirapirity.

Both the Paraguayan leaders are experts at the swift enveloping movements which brought most of Paraguay's recent successes. A Paraguayan raid from the north in an effort to outflank the stoutly entrenched Bolivians, who were certain the "second Hindenburg line" they had prepared was impregnable, appeared likely.

Once before Bolivians dug themselves in—in the Fort Boliviana sector. It cost Paraguay seven months of repeated attacks, together with tremendous expenditures of men and material, to batter down those defenses.

Bolivia Marshals Strength.

Operating in the elaborately fortified Pilcomayo and Capirine sectors were Paraguay's first and third corps, commanded by Cos. Delgado and Fernandez, and they were expected to face withering fire from the Bolivian defenders when the major drive gets under way.

Each of the army corps numbered an estimated 10,000 men, while Bolivia, by virtue of her recent general mobilization, apparently had as many men in the field.

Bolivia yesterday claimed Paraguayan attacks in the Carandayty, Capirine and Pilcomayo sectors had been repulsed. La Paz apparently taking the thrusts to mean Estigarribia had started his offensive. Asuncion, however, labeled the encounters mere preliminary skirmishes.

## INCREASE IN STEEL IS AIM OF STALIN

### Russia Is Driving Into New Year to Take Place Next to U. S.

By the Associated Press.

MOSCOW, December 29.—Not content with having surpassed all nations but the United States in pig iron production for 1934, Soviet Russia is driving into the new year under Stalin's leadership with the determination to attain the same leading position in steel.

Joseph Stalin's warning to executives of the metallurgical industries that they must not get "swell headed" about exceeding the year's pig iron production plan with an estimated 10,500,000 tons—50 per cent above 1933—was the text for editorials in all leading Soviet papers today.

Higher pay for efficient technical men was one of the means Stalin suggested to directors for improvement of their technique.

This policy of paying according to services rendered no longer creates any comment in the Soviet Union where there was much murmuring about any inequality of wages before the first five-year plan launched by Stalin was finished in four years and the second five-year plan started a year ago.

During 1934 seven new blast furnaces and 18 open hearth furnaces were put in operation. Steel production was 40 per cent above 1933, with an output of 9,400,000 tons. Rolled metal production was about 6,700,000 tons, an increase of one-third over 1933.

## KIROFF ASSASSIN AND 13 EXECUTED BY FIRING SQUAD

### 117 Have Paid Penalty for Plot to Overthrow Soviet Dictatorship.

### STALIN AMONG THOSE MARKED FOR DEATH

### Dictator Orders Moscow New Year Eve Party to Be of Joyful Abandon.

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MOSCOW, December 29.—A Leningrad firing squad today ended the lives of 14 asserted anti-Stalin terrorists convicted of plotting and carrying out the assassination of Sergei Kiroff, powerful Communist, December 1.

Leonid Nicolaieff, who the Soviet said had confessed firing the shot, and 13 associates were shot in the city where the murder was committed. The execution took place immediately after the military collegium of the Supreme Court found them guilty.

The court, sitting secretly, needed only two days to hear the evidence against the men charged with heading the Leningrad counter-revolutionary group that assertedly plotted to overthrow Joseph Stalin's dictatorship by terrorism.

Stalin Marked for Death.

Stalin himself, secretary of the Communist party's all-powerful Central Executive Committee, was marked for death, the confessions of the men as published by the Soviet said.

The purpose of the group, the government charged, was the overturn of the proletarian dictatorship set up by Stalin's group and the adoption of the Zinovieff-Trotsky platform, which advocates the world Communist revolution.

The foreign office today scornfully denied reports that Gregory Zinovieff and Leo Kamenef, one-time potent figures in Communist ranks, had been executed.

They were arrested in connection with the Kiroff conspiracy and their fate is still unknown. The Soviet has indicated they may be deported to Siberia.

Executions Brought to 117.

Deaths of Nicolaieff and his associates brought to 117 the grim toll exacted by swift-striking Soviet justice as the Moscow government, stirred to bitter outbreaks of fury by Kiroff's murder, made good its threats to wreak vengeance on his assassin.

Hitherto 103 alleged White Guards, contra-revolutionists and terror suspects had been executed. So far as was revealed, however, none was directly implicated in the Leningrad crime.

The immediate execution of the 14 at Leningrad was in line with the recently promulgated new laws for speedy punishment of terrorists.

STALIN PLANS PARTY.

Soviet Dictator to Distribute Free Vodka to Dancers.

LONDON, December 29 (AP).—The London Sunday Express said tonight that Stalin has given orders to make New Year eve in Moscow, the capital, one of joyful abandon.

The dictator will encourage dancing in the streets, distribute free vodka and even provide government jazz bands, the dispatch said.

Stalin's plans for an extraordinary New Year celebration were said to include a huge New Year ball in the Kremlin, the first time it has been the scene of such revelry since it became the site of the government.

Invitations issued to distinguished Russians and all foreign dignitaries bore the request, "Please wear evening dress." The Warsaw dispatch said.

Not in many years has evening dress been requested.

N. E. A. Official to Marry.

SPOKANE, Wash., December 29.—Orville C. Pratt, vice president of the National Education Association, and Miss Laura Smith, his secretary, obtained a license to wed today. Pratt has been superintendent of Spokane public schools since 1916.



## ROOSEVELT PLANS U. S. JOB AGENCY

### Expansion of Public Works, Work Relief and C. C. C. Also Held Certain.

By the Associated Press.

BRANTFORD, Ontario, December 29.—Seventy-year-old Malcolm McGregor read that all firearms, no matter how old, must be taken to authorities for registration.

He took down a revolver which had lain unused for years. It was dusty and he prepared to clean it before presenting it at the police station. It discharged an ancient pellet lodged in the man's hip. He died at a hospital.

PLANS TO 'KIDNAP'  
PRESIDENT AIRED

Two Schemes to Seize Reins  
of Government Related.  
Fascist Plot Told.

A reputed Communist plot to kidnap the President and an alleged Fascist scheme to set up a dictatorship were made public yesterday by the House Committee which has been investigating un-American activities.

Walter S. Steele of Washington, appearing for the American coalition of patriotic, civil and paternal societies, said a Red plan was being widely circulated in Communist circles to kidnap the President during a general strike; invade the White House; kidnap the President, his cabinet too; take over the Government and supersede it with a Soviet state. (Steele, who lives at 2916 Twenty-ninth street, is general manager of the National Republic Magazine.)

An Army captain, Samuel Glazier of Baltimore, in charge of a civilian conservation camp at Eldridge, Md., gave the committee the testimony concerning the dictatorship plan.

\$700,000 Backing Reported.

Glazier said that Jackson Martinelli, New York attorney, had discussed with him formation of the "American Vigilantes," half a million strong, and backed with \$700,000,000 to turn out the administration and set up Martinelli as dictator. Glazier testified in New York recently. His testimony was made public before Steele appeared before the committee.

Martinelli, Glazier said, told him "he knew with the present policies of the President, eventually the country was coming to a revolution and when that time came he wanted to be ready with his organization to take over the reins of the Government."

"He said that there ought to be one man who would run the country and he would be the head of the organization."

The hearing yesterday concluded the (Continued on Page 6, Column 4.)

## MAN, 68, FATHER OF 24

### Baby's Oldest Brother Is Older Than Its Mother.

SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb., December 29 (AP).—William Platt, 68, today became the father of his twenty-fourth child.

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## Army Airmen Reported Uneasy Over Amelia Earhart's Hop

### Honolulu Newspaper Says Solo to Mainland Should Be Stopped.

### Experts Making Plane Ready for Long Test Flights.

By the Associated Press.

HONOLULU, December 29.—Declaring that Army airmen are uneasy over the prospect that Amelia Earhart may attempt to fly to California, the Star-Bulletin said today: "If Amelia intends to fly solo from Hawaii to the mainland, responsible authorities should stop her from doing it."

The newspaper said although Miss Earhart has not announced her plans, she has been completing a measure for working overtime to make the plane ready for long test flights. They are adjusting the motor, altering the two-way voice radio apparatus and installing extra fuel tanks.

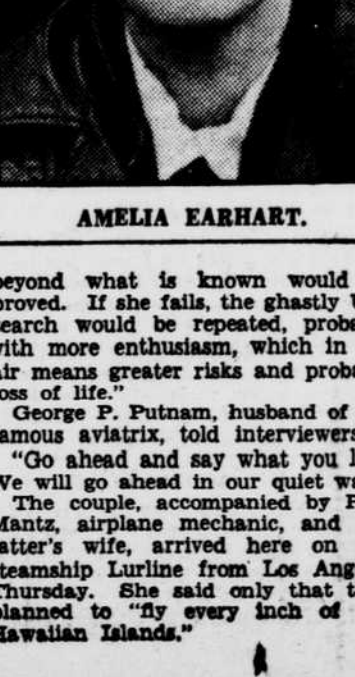
"When the plane is ready it will be so checked out of equipment that Miss Earhart will have to climb into the cockpit through the roof," the paper continued. "Extra fuel tanks in the cabin will bar her from access to the radio gear, which is set in the rear of the plane by remote control."

"There is nothing intelligent about flying solo from Hawaii to the mainland in a single-engine land plane, with no spare equipment for a long across-water flight."

"Even if she is successful, nothing beyond what is known would be proved. If she fails, the ghastly Ulm search would be repeated, probably with more enthusiasm, which in the air means greater risks and probable loss of life."

George P. Putnam, husband of the famous aviatrix, told interviewers: "Go ahead and say what you like. We will go ahead in our quiet way."

The couple, accompanied by Paul Mantz, airplane mechanic, and the latter's wife, arrived here on the steamship Lurline from Los Angeles Thursday. She said only that they planned to "fly every inch of the Hawaiian Islands."



## T. V. A. PARALLELS SURE TO BE ASKED

### Congress Expects President to Urge Similar Projects at Coming Session.

By the Associated Press.

Both Senate and House members indicated yesterday they expected other authorities similar to that for the Tennessee Valley to be established by the new Congress.

Senator Norris, Republican, of Nebraska, whose fight for Federal control of Muscle Shoals was primarily responsible for T. V. A., said he expected presidential recommendations to Congress on the development of other river valleys through a systematic plan for the use of the Nation's streams.

If such a program is not presented, Norris added, he would reintroduce his bill to create a Missouri Valley Authority.

Other Representatives are not waiting Mr. Roosevelt's proposals to draft measures for other authorities.

Representative Disney, Democrat, of Minnesota, also announced today he almost had completed a measure for the "Upper Mississippi (River) Valley Authority," modeled on T. V. A.

## FLARES SPUR HUNT FOR PLANE LOST IN SNOWBOUND HILLS

### Capital Man and Trio Ma- rooned in Storm—Radio Battery Low.

### RESCUERS FAIL TO FIND FOUR IN NIGHT FLIGHT

### State Troopers and Citizens Comb Mountains in Deep Snow to Hunt for Party.

BULLETIN.

ALBANY, N. Y., December 29 (Sunday) (AP).—State police early today reported a large fire on the north side of Fish Mountain, in lower Hamilton County, which they believed to be a signal of four men missing since Friday night when an airliner was forced down in the mountains.

A detail of troopers said it might take them several hours to make their way to the spot.

The occupants of the disabled plane had been instructed by radio to send up flares and keep a fire burning to aid searchers in locating them.

## DAWSONS TO GET MARYLAND JOBS

### Nice Will Name One State Secretary, Other to Park Board.

By the Associated Press.

ALBANY, N. Y., December 29.—A report that two flares had been seen go up from a heavily wooded section 20 miles west of Gloversville tonight sent a searching party into the sparsely settled area looking for four men lost since last night, when an airliner was forced down.

The report came from John Leek, a storekeeper in the Village of Lascassville, who said he and four other men saw the flares from a hilltop, where they had gone to stand watch.

The flares, he said, shot up in quick succession shortly after 9 p.m., the time the occupants of the disabled plane were instructed by radio to send up flares.

A party of volunteers and State troopers immediately set out across five miles of broken country on foot toward the spot from which the flares came.

Flares Give Hope.

The report of the flares gave new hopes to the weary searchers who had been combing the foothills of the Adirondacks for more than 12 hours for the missing men.

It came only a few minutes after a sister ship of the 15-passenger Curtis Condor had returned from a daring trip over the Adirondacks looking for the disabled plane. After flying more than an hour, the Condor was forced to land in a snowdrift, where it had seen no signs of the men.

They were known to be safe, however, for they established radio contact long enough during the day to say they were unhurt. Later their radio failed.

The last heard from them was at twilight.

"It is very cold up here and we would like to have help soon," they radioed. Then: "Our battery is about dead now."

D. C. Man Aboard.

Three of the four men in the plane are pilots. Ernest Dwyer, of Cleveland was in command of the liner. His brother, Dale Dwyer, copilot; Jack H. Brown of Boston, also a copilot, and R. W. Hambrook of Washington, an attaché of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, were the others.

Until the report came from Lascassville, the search had been concentrated in a 20-mile area around Caroga Lake in lower Hamilton County, a heavily wooded section, mostly State forests. The search area is about 40 or 50 miles south of this section.

Meanwhile, the search continued in the northern area where snow was more than six feet deep. Observation posts were established on all points of vantage in the hope that signals from the missing men might be seen.

The American Airlines, owner of the lost ship, sent out radio messages at intervals of 15 minutes, informing the men of the search's progress.

Earl Ward, vice president of the airlines, said he doubted the lights were flares, but will investigate carefully. The American Airlines radioed twice to burn flares. At the same time by radio, telephone, courier and word of mouth, residents and searchers of the 20 square miles between Gloversville and Speculator were requested to watch for the flares.

Carl Day, the blind flying instructor, was pilot of the searching plane. Shortly after midnight a group of State troopers set out from Speculator to the little hamlet of Hoffmeister to search the area where a farmer said he heard "a crash" last night.

A searching party also was working around Kane Mountain, about 15 miles north of Rockwood.

With the exception of the American Air Lines plane, all other ships were kept to the ground.

Full Reported Seen.

Varying and contradictory reports said dozens of persons saw the ship streaking through the snow storm last night. By nightfall officials of Airline, Department of Commerce and airports agreed with the troopers that the liner was down northwest of the Sacandaga Reservoir, directly north of the twin glove-making cities of Johnstown and Gloversville. Mount Hamilton, a stubby peak of 2,200 feet of that region was the latest of several mountains looked over today.

Darkness brought colder weather to the mountains and increased the (Continued on Page 5, Column 2.)

## CITY TRAFFIC TOLL 134 AFTER FATAL ACCIDENT

### Driver Held After Car Strikes Pedestrian at Benning Road Intersection.

The District's list of traffic fatalities for 1934 mounted to 134 late last night when Randolph Chisler, 65, colored, of 569 Twenty-third street died at Casualty Hospital of injuries received a few hours before. The traffic death toll now is 11 more than in any other year, the previous record of 123 having been set in 1932.

Chisler had suffered head injuries and a broken leg when struck at Twenty-fourth street and Benning road northeast by an automobile driven by Alfred T. Norris, 53, of Seat Pleasant, Md.

Norris was charged with reckless driving at No. 9 police precinct.

## LOAN NEGOTIATED

### Nanking Approves \$10,000,000 From U. S. for Steel Plant.

CANTON, China (AP).—Reports reaching here today said the Nanking government had approved a plan of the Kwantung Provincial Administration to secure an American loan of \$10,000,000 gold for the erection of an iron and steel plant designed by the Arthur McKee Corp. of Cleveland, Ohio, which arranged the loan with American bankers.

Suffragist Leader Dies.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., December 29 (AP).—Mrs. Elvora M. Babcock, prominent in the early days of the woman's suffrage movement, organizer of the first political club in Chautauque County and superintendent under Susan B. Anthony, died here today. She was 82 years old.

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