

State Department Lists Unprinted Details of Japanese Aggression

By the Associated Press.
Hitherto unpublished details of Japan's relentless march from one act of aggression to another during "prewar" days are revealed in a series of diplomatic documents published yesterday by the State Department.
Nearly 700 such records are contained in the first volume of "Papers Relating to the Foreign Relations of the United States, Japan: 1931-41, Volume I." A second volume is expected in a few weeks.
Scattered throughout the record are repeated indications by the Japanese that they had no intention of acceding to American wishes, particularly in regard to aggression in China.

Hull Comment in 1938 Cited.
Secretary of State Hull, in fact, is quoted as having told the Hungarian Minister in September, 1938, that "since August a year ago I have proceeded here on the theory that Japan definitely contemplates securing domination over as many hundreds of millions of people as possible in Eastern Asia . . . through the Pacific Islands and the Dutch East Indies and elsewhere . . ."

The story begins with the occupation of Manchuria by the Japanese in 1931, at which time Nelson T. Johnson, American Minister in Peking, cabled the State Department that a week before the Mukden incident he had been warned by John C. Ferguson, an American who was then an adviser to the Chinese Government, that Japan would occupy Manchuria within three months.
"Mr. Ferguson, since retired, is a representative on the Gripsholm due in New York December 2."
Mr. Johnson concluded, he reported, that the incident was an aggressive act long planned by Japan.

Jap Hand Revealed.
The Japanese got away with it, though their action brought them under sharp American criticism.
By July, 1937, the Japanese were ready for another venture and invaded North China after the incident at Marco Polo Bridge near Peking.
At this time, Ambassador Joseph C. Grew reported from Tokyo that the Japanese cabinet and the press were squarely behind the military aggression in China.

By November, 1938, Japan was ready to show her hand. She had joined the anti-Comintern pact with Germany and Italy, and Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye declared that "Japan is determined also to co-operate in the re-establishment of world order, guided by a common view of the world—the Axis view."
In February, 1941, Japanese attacks on American property were so frequent that Mr. Grew told the Japanese Foreign Office it was impossible to believe that the Japanese authorities in China were endeavoring to avoid new incidents.

Suit Charges Injury From Wood in Pie

Morris Berman, 5500 block of Seventh street N.W., has filed suit in District Court for \$20,000 damages against the John R. Thompson Co. for injury he maintains he suffered from swallowing a piece of wood in pie which the suit says was eaten in the firm's restaurant at 1109 Pennsylvania avenue N.W., last June.
The suit claims the piece of wood had to be removed by an operation. Mr. Berman is represented by Attorney Philip Wagshal.

Fats

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the most recent month for which statistics are available, showed collections declined for the third consecutive month. Household collections for that month totaled 7,226,926 pounds, as compared with a high of 8,646,000 pounds received in June of this year.

Fats Badly Needed.
WPB said approximately 200,000,000 pounds of household fats a year are needed in the war program. Collections must be more than doubled if the goal is to be reached.

The WPB official declared he was certain that institution of the points-for-fats program would result in a 100 per cent increase in collections. Household fats are near the top of the list of "critical" items needed in the war program. Materials obtained from the fats are used in manufacture of gunpowder, synthetic rubber and many other important items.

SUNK—The destroyer transport McKean, identified by the Navy as the small vessel reported sunk by enemy aircraft off Bougainville Island last Wednesday. (Story on Page A-1.) —Navy Photo.



PAW Takes Steps To Ease Shortage Of Gasoline Here

With Washington in the grip of a rapidly spreading gasoline shortage, officials of the Petroleum Administration for War reported last night that steps were being taken to relieve the situation.
An official of the gasoline dealers' association estimated that at least a third of the District's stations were completely out of gas.

The situation was brought to the attention of the Petroleum Administration for War when Army officials complained they were running short of supplies for operations here. Meanwhile, motorists were lining up at nightfall before the stations still fortunate enough to have supplies.

A survey of District stations showed that many have been closed since Wednesday.
A PAW spokesman explained that the Washington shortage was only part of the general picture in the East. He said this is one of recurrent shortages in every area. He asserted that the shortages are due directly to the failure of the area to reduce its consumption to the amount allocated by the Petroleum Administration.

"They've been having gasoline shortages all over the East, and now we've got hold of one here," an official of the gasoline dealers' association said last night.

According to PAW officials, the gasoline stocks now being sent here will assure that the present shortage will not last long. But a recurrence will be a constant threat so long as consumption exceeds the allocated supplies, they explained.

Musicians' Union Plans 2d Front Against Films

By the Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Council for the American Federation of Musicians (AFM), currently seeking to force record companies to pay into a union unemployment fund a fee on each record made, asserted today the union would "open a second front" against the movies when the principle was established.

The statement was made by Joseph A. Padway before a special War Labor Board panel hearing the case of the union and the record companies after Ralph F. Colin, counsel for the Columbia Broadcasting System's record company subsidiary, observed that the union "conveniently forgets" the juke boxes and the movies in its demands for fees to help musicians displaced by mechanical devices.

In an effort to obtain its demands from record and transcription companies the union banned its members from making records 16 months ago.

Answering Mr. Colin, Mr. Padway said, "We'll open a second front when its feasible," but he added that at present "it would take every penny of the million and half dollars in the AFM treasury to wage a fight against the movies, and it would be a losing fight."

"When we can establish the principle in the industry, then we can go to the movies."

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Advancing Japs Lose 4,000 Men in Fight to Take Highway Town

By the Associated Press.
CHUNGKING, Sunday, Nov. 21.—The Chinese high command announced today the Japanese lost more than 4,000 killed out of a force of 18,000 men in a continuing battle in which the Japanese seized Tzeli, a highway town 90 miles south of the Yangtze River port of Ichang. Describing the action there as one of the bitterest fights for any point in China since the fall of Hankow and Canton in October, 1938, the high command announced the Japanese opened the offensive Wednesday with 6,000 infantry and cavalry troops and subsequently brought up reinforcements of 3,000 and 9,000 men and sent wave after wave of planes to augment the artillery bombardment of the Chinese positions. The Chinese were said to have wiped out several hundred invaders in plain clothes.

May Menace Changsha.
The announcement came amid signs that the Japanese drive along a 100-mile zig-zag front, westward from Tungting Lake, might be intended as a prelude to the fourth battle of Changsha, whose fall would have particular significance in the expanding air war in China.

A counteroffensive by the Chinese from the mountains west of Tzeli on the Japanese flank was said by the Chinese to be developing favorably. The communique also said Chinese "troops attacking the environs of Ichang scored further successes."

The Chinese Central News Agency reported that Chinese planes had strafed Japanese columns in the Tungting Lake area and that 20 small boats loaded with troops and supplies on the Li River had been sunk and 50 others left burning.

At the same time American fighter planes, supporting Chinese ground forces, attacked the Japanese in the Tungting Lake and Salween River areas yesterday, a communique from 14th United States Air Force headquarters said. All the planes returned safely.

A semi-official dispatch said a Chinese drive toward Ichang during which more than 400 Japanese were killed had been checked when the invaders used poison gas. On several previous occasions the Chinese have accused the Japanese of using poison gas.

In a bloody engagement near Shien, 80 miles south of Ichang, first-line Chinese were said to have inflicted 600 casualties of the Japanese.

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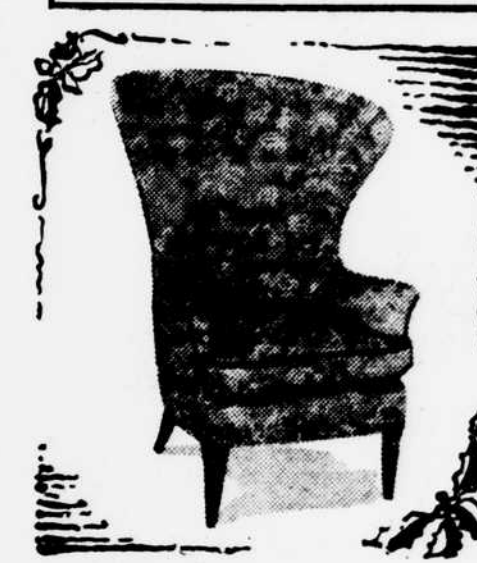
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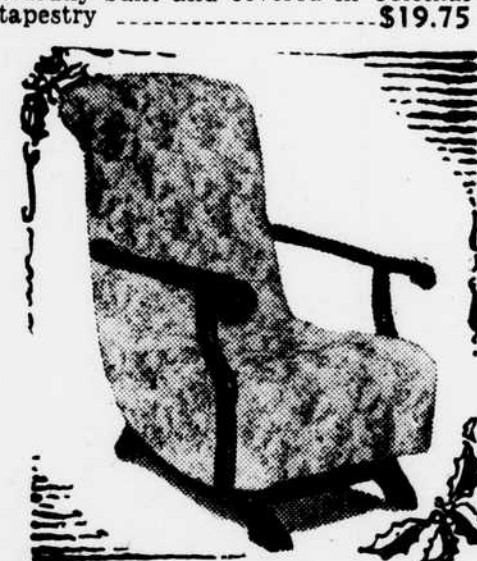
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