

## U. S. Liberators Drop 30 Tons of Bombs on Airdrome at Canton

By the Associated Press.

U. S. 14TH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS IN CHINA, Dec. 24 (Delayed).—American Liberator bombers escorted by fighters retaliated Thursday for a Japanese raid on a main base of the 14th Air Force with a smashing attack on the White Cloud airdrome at Canton, Japanese-occupied city in South China.

The American planes brought the total of enemy planes destroyed in two days to 25 with an additional 28 probably shot down and another 20 damaged.

Thirty tons of bombs cascaded on the White Cloud runway, revetments and dispersal areas. Several fires which broke out were believed planes burning on the ground.

A few minutes before the bombing run a large force of Zeros made an interception. About half of them were fast, new-type Tojo fighters. Four were confirmed destroyed by American fighters and six were destroyed by Liberator gunners. Ten others were probably destroyed and five damaged.

Additional confirmations raised the total of enemy planes destroyed Wednesday in an attack on a 14th Air Force base. Fifteen are now listed as definitely destroyed with 18 probably destroyed and 15 damaged.

One twin-engine fighter also was shot down near an advance airdrome which was not attacked by a flight of enemy bombers which jetisoned their bombs harmlessly in the mountains.

## Raids

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as it took off from an airfield near Lorient.

Meanwhile the Air Ministry announced that the RAF now had dropped 200,000 tons of bombs on Germany since the start of the war. The report said the figure was reached after yesterday's raid on Berlin. The first 100,000 tons were unloaded on Nazi targets between 1940 and the spring of 1943, but the second 100,000 were delivered in only seven months, starting last May 23.

The huge tonnage is that dropped by the RAF alone and does not include the great weight of bombs showered on German targets in 1943 by the United States Army Air Force.

Little more than 62,000 tons have been dropped on Britain by the German Air Force throughout the war. The Air Ministry estimated that 61,400 tons had been loosed against this country from the mid-1940 attacks through the first half of 1943. About 800 tons have been dropped since June.

## Widespread Assault.

If, as many persons in London believe, the greatest American air armada of 1,300 planes was out after alleged "rocket-gun" emplacements on the French coast closest to England, then the British had cause for peace of mind to night, for returning crewmen said they did a very good job of destruction on the secret targets. The German radio indicated the American assault yesterday was more widespread than first announced, with attacks on targets in Belgium and Holland.

The unprecedented fury of the pre-Christmas Allied aerial assaults which began with the Berlin raid overwhelmed the Germans' harried defenses.

Only 17 planes were lost. This was the lightest price the RAF has had to pay for a raid since it stepped up its assaults on Berlin.

As the great American daylight assault mounted, Nazi defenses on both the ground and in the air became so ineffective that not a single American plane failed to return from the blasting of the "rocket-gun" coast of France, only 25 miles from the British coast.

Industrial Area Hard Hit. In Berlin, perhaps three-quarters ruined by the RAF's seventh heavy assault, new fires still burned through Christmas Day and a Swedish traveler arriving from the capital in Stockholm said the Neukoln industrial area was the hardest hit.

"Naturally the new raid has done much to destroy the Christmas cheer in Berlin despite extra rations and special gay editions of the newspapers," he related.

"Although the raid seemed concentrated in Neukoln," he continued, "other parts of Berlin were hit and in many districts the dead are still lying under the ruins."

The Nazi International Propaganda Agency, in a broadcast recorded here by the Associated Press, accused the British of dropping a "great number" of delayed action bombs timed to explode Christmas eve.

## Railroads

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cents for the low-wage track laborers. The latest offer of the unions is to accept this if the carriers will add 6 cents all along the line as an overtime benefit. This proposal is based on comment in the report of the emergency board, which recommended a basic 8-cent raise last May.

## Report Cited.

That report said the employees had an established 48-hour work week and that if they were to be compensated at time and one-half for work in excess of 40 hours per week, "That is on the basis that is being increasingly applied in industry as a whole." This would mean an increase in pay of slightly more than 6 cents an hour, independently of any change in basic rates of pay.

The carriers rejected the 6-cent proposal and made a counter offer which has not been officially revealed but is reported to be 4 cents.

A settlement of the nonoperating case is expected to result also in a prompt settlement of the operating case, because of the new alignment of the two groups.

Since the withdrawal of the engineers and the trainmen from the operating group, leaders of the three remaining operating brother-

switchmen—have consulted the 15 nonoperating leaders regularly.

Although their cases are being handled separately they are in agreement informally on their objectives and are expected to maintain a united front. The operating unions are asking a straight 8-cent increase plus overtime benefits, expenses away from home, and vacations.

"We have given earnest consideration to this matter because we are in war," said the statement telling of the decision by the Trainmen's and Locomotive Engineers' Brotherhoods to accept President Roosevelt's offer to decide the wage issues, "and we feel our decision today will be bad news for Hitler and Hirohito."

A. F. Whitney, the trainmen's president, made this statement to the newsmen on behalf of himself and Alvaner Johnston, president of the engineers. The two unions contain well over half the 350,000 employees in the five unions whose members operate the trains. The other three are the conductors, switchmen and the firemen. Still another 1,100,000 men are in the nonoperating unions.

## Wheeler Is Confident Strike Will Be Settled

By GOULD LINCOLN.

Senator Wheeler of Montana, chairman of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, made two predictions yesterday.

First, there will be no railroad strike.

Second, the railroads will not be taken over by the Government.

"I am confident that the railroad brotherhoods do not wish the roads taken over by the Government," said Senator Wheeler. "Also I feel sure that they understand the railroad workers and their union officials cannot afford to bring a stoppage of transportation in this country. A railroad strike, tying up all troop and material movements, would be the worst thing that could happen to this country in the midst of its effort to win the war."

"Further, such a strike would set the labor movement in this country back for years. The American people would never condone it."

Points Out Difference. Senator Wheeler pointed out that the present controversy is vastly different from other disputes over wages of railroad workers. The railroad management, he said, has been willing to grant the increases in wages asked by the men. The hitch has come because the Government has been unwilling to permit this increase, and has stood out against it on the ground that it would bring about inflation.

"To say that the increase in wages would bring inflation, in view of the comparatively small difference between the amount involved in the brotherhoods' demand and the amount which is provided in the adjustment agreed to by Stabilization Director Vinson, is folly," Senator Wheeler continued. "My understanding is that this difference involved an outlay of only about \$11,000,000."

Senator Wheeler insisted that the dangers of inflation were infinitesimal "unless the railroads ask for increased freight rates."

"The roads could not get increases in rates," he said. "In my opinion they would not ask for them."

Others See Agreement. As chairman of the Interstate Commerce Committee, which handles all railroad cases, Senator Wheeler has taken a keen interest in the present controversy over railroad wages.

In certain other quarters the opinion was expressed that if the roads are taken over by the Government, the end will be a grant of approximately the wage demands made by the brotherhoods. Those who take this view referred to the outcome in the coal strike. The mines were taken by the Government, they pointed out, and in the end the United Mine Workers obtained practically all their demands. They see no reason for the intermediary step—the seizing of the roads by the Government—if in the end the wage demands are to be met.

Senator Wheeler made no comment on this phase of the question. He did say, however, that if the Government takes over the railroads—as it did in the last war—it may be more difficult to quickly hand them back to private management, than it was to turn back the mines, after an adjustment has been made.

## Air Transport Is Topic In United Nations Forum

Problems of postwar air transport will be discussed by William A. M. Burden, assistant to the Secretary of Commerce in charge of aviation, at the fourth lecture in the United Nations Forum series at Constitution Hall January 3.

Others speaking briefly on development of air transport will be Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, Maritime Commission chairman; Ralph Damon, vice chairman, American Airlines; Senator Brewster, Republican, of Maine and Representative Fulbright, Democrat, of Arkansas.

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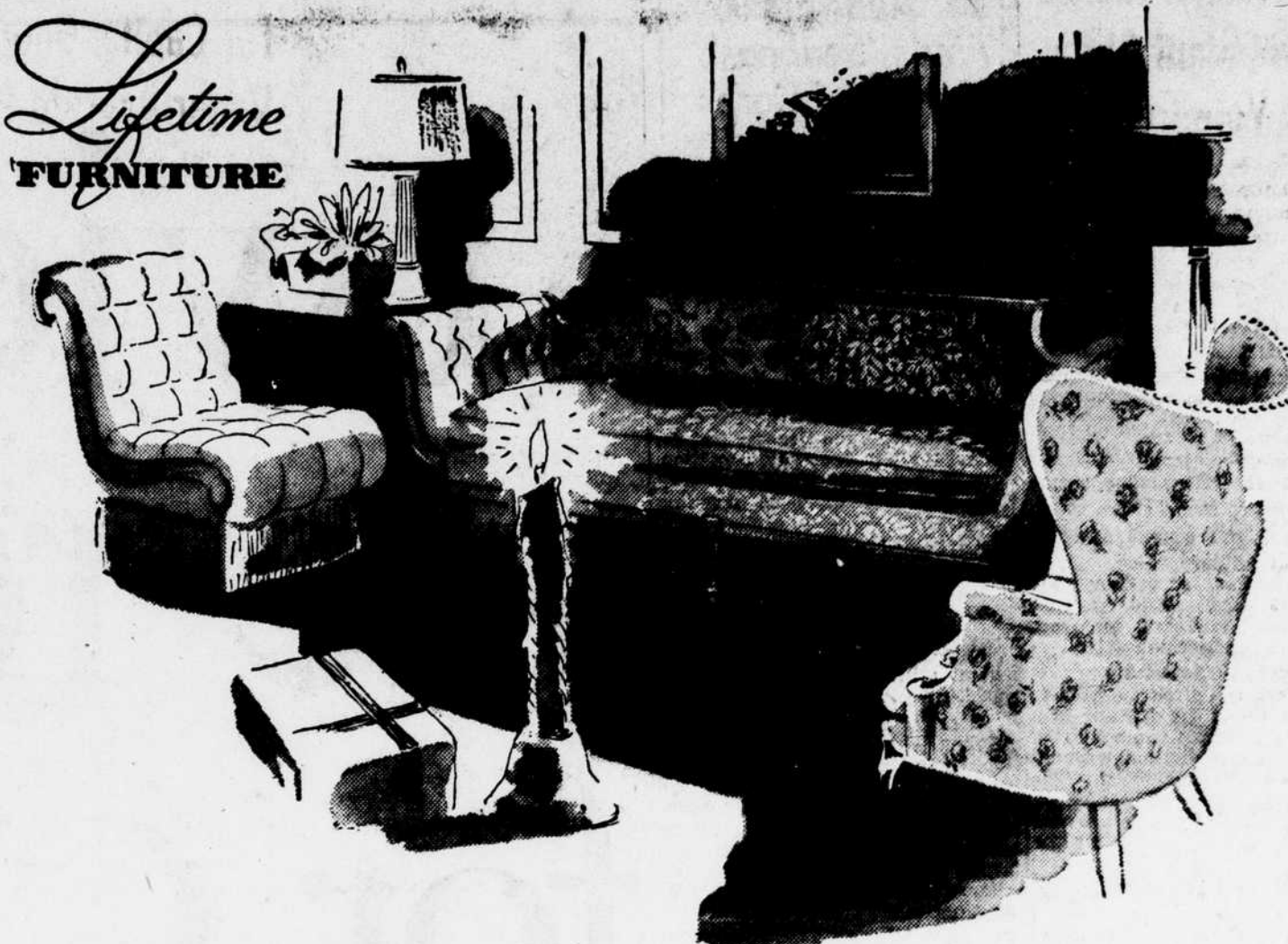
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