

U. S. Seizes Finn Ships In America

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(INS)—The United States tonight moved swiftly to take over all Finnish flag ships in United States ports as an initial measure to endorse Britain's declaration of war against Finland.

Disclosures of the American action came from Finnish Minister Hjalmar Procope who further advised that the Finnish legation had been informed of the forty coming seizures "some days ago."

Procope declined to elaborate on the extent of ships that would be involved explaining that it might be "10, 20 or more."

The navy listed the ships to be taken over as follows: The Finnish flag ship known to be at Boston December 4, the Kaunissaari, the Advance at Philadelphia, the Angot at Baltimore, and the Aurora at Newport News, Va.

American seizure of Finland flag ships followed by only several days.

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Canada followed Britain's lead in seizing and detaching the Finland, Rumania and Hungary.

hours a state department conference Secretary of State Welles considered the ship seizure as only the first of a series of similar restrictions by the United States against Finland.

Hull Accuses Japs of Lying In Stating Status of Pacific

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(UP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull today angrily told the Japanese "peace of war" envoys that their government's answer to his recent document on the United States position in the far eastern was "crowded with infamous falsehoods and distortions."

Hull's statement, the state department said, was directed to the Japanese ambassador, Ambassador Kichisaburo Nomura and special envoy Saburo Kurusu, after he had a document they handed him at 2:30 p. m., EST.

The announcement did not make public the contents of the document.

The department's announcement described the case as follows: "Secretary Hull carefully read the statement presented by the Japanese ambassador and with the greatest indignation said: 'I must say that in all my conversations with you, the Japanese ambassador, during the last 18 months, I have never uttered one word of untruth. This is borne out absolutely by the record. In all my 50-years of public service, I have never seen a

document that was more crowded with infamous falsehoods and distortions—on a scale so huge that I never imagined until today that any government on this planet was capable of uttering lies."

The statement recalled that Hull had given the Japanese representatives a statement of United States principle and policy on November 26, "setting out suggestions for a comprehensive peaceful settlement covering the entire Pacific area."

It said that Nomura had asked for an appointment for the Japanese representative to go today and that the appointment was made for 1:45 p. m.

The envoys arrived at the office, it continued, at 2:05 p. m. and were received by Hull at 2:20 p. m. when Nomura handed Hull "what was understood to be a reply" to Hull's document.

Nazis Reported Massing Huge Force For New Moscow Drive

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Mystery Surrounds Double Killing Near Elizabeth City

ELIZABETH CITY, Dec. 6.—(UP)—The mutilated bodies of a pretty brunette mill worker and a coast guardman who had been missing since Thursday night were found late today on the bank of an abandoned railway track near the "lovers lane" a mile south of here.

The killings were Miss Florence Watson, 20, Camden county, who worked in a hosiery mill here, and Robert O. Young, St. Bride, Va., coast guard station.

The double slaying was committed by two people acting because of jealousy, according to Forsyth county and Elizabeth City police investigating the murders. However, no suspects were named.

WILMINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Mrs. J. M. Broughton smashed a bottle of bubbling champagne upon the prow, and the 10,000-ton freighter Zebulon B. Vance slid gracefully down the ways into the waters of the Cape Fear river here today in impressive launching ceremonies.

The \$1,610,000 vessel in the first large ship built in North Carolina since world war II. It is the largest ship ever built here.

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Labor Bill Action Near

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This is in part borne out by letters received by members of Congress and labor leaders here.

Senator Thomas, chairman of the committee on education and labor, called a meeting of the labor committee for Monday to consider matters of procedure, and there is talk of having a witness next week.

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Hundreds Killed As Japanese Bomber Scores Direct Hit

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NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Three hundred and fifty men were killed by a direct bomb hit on Hickam field, an NBC observer reported tonight from Honolulu.

In addition to these casualties from an air raid by planes which the observer identified as Japanese, he said three United States ships including the battleship Oklahoma, were attacked in Pearl Harbor.

Several of the attacking planes, which came from the south, were shot down, he said.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(UP)—The White House said tonight that naval reports from Hawaii indicated that heavy loss of life and damage resulted in Hawaii from an early morning Japanese air attack.

White House Secretary Stephen T. Early said a preliminary report from Admiral C. C. Block, commander of the naval district at Hawaii, "expresses the belief there has been heavy damage done in Hawaii and that there has been heavy loss of life."

Early said no information was available as yet on damage and casualties in Manila.

The attack on Hawaii came in the early morning—"you probably should call it a dawn attack," said Early who previously described it as coming "wholly without warning."

British to Make Statement Soon

LONDON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A British statement, composed with the aid of United States Ambassador John G. Winant, was expected "fairly soon" tonight as London awaited fulfillment of Prime Minister Churchill's promise to declare war on Japan "within the hour" if she attacked the United States.

Churchill and Winant were expected in conference quickly after Premier Roosevelt's announcement that Japanese planes had attacked Hawaii and the Philippines said British sources said Britain's cabinet probably would be called for a rush meeting during the night.

The prime minister and ambassador were said reliably to be out of London but it was assumed that both were in closest communication with Washington.

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Polish Troops To Aid Reds

KUIBYSHEV, Russia, Dec. 6.—(Delayed)—Gen. Wladyslaw Sikorski, premier and minister of military affairs of the Polish government, declared today that Polish soldiers equipped by Soviet Russia, Great Britain and the United States would be ready to take part in an offensive after January 1.

Gen. Sikorski came here from two talks in Moscow with Joseph Stalin, which resulted in the signing of a mutual aid pact between the Polish and Russian governments in the first accord of this type in Russian-Polish history.

He said both Poland and Russia were agreed to have a Polish army in Russia "several times" larger than the present two divisions.

He said the care of the sick, the aged, and children also must be considered and the premier said unity of views prevailed on all points.

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Heavy police guards were rushed to the San Francisco bay area, and the city's bridges on west side were closed.

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