

# JAPAN AT BIG TOPIC AT BIG THREE PARLEY

## Atomic Problem Still Topmost In Importance

Moscow, Dec. 19.—(AP)—While authoritative quarters are still giving atomic problem still was of uppermost importance as the "Big Three" foreign ministers went into the fourth day of their exploration of the atomic bomb question, control of Japan appeared to be looming bigger in the picture.

# N.Y. City Feels Brunt of Lost Recent Storm

Buffalo, Dec. 19.—(AP)—New York City felt the brunt of a snow storm striking the state today as Buffalo slowly recovered from the paralyzing effects of a five-day record-breaking blizzard that brought a freight embargo on the nation's second largest rail center.

# Churchill Plans U.S. Visit, White House Announces

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The White House disclosed today that Winston Churchill, British prime minister, is coming to the United States early next year.

# Harbor Group Ponders Inquiry Continuation

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Pearl Harbor committee called an executive session for late today (4 p. m., E.S.T.) to consider how much longer the five-week inquiry shall continue—a question that may eventually bring a hot fight in Congress.

# Flu Closes Many Schools, Now Spreading to Adults

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 19.—(AP)—The influenza epidemic has forced closing many schools on a broad scale from Buffalo to Albany and spreading from school children to adults.

# Rescuers Remove Train Crash Victims

Rescuers remove a victim from the twisted wreckage of an open drawbridge over the Passaic River in New Jersey. Michael J. Mullin of New York, the motorman, was killed and 96 passengers were injured.

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# Truman Calls for Merger Army and Navy Urges Military Training Law

## Nine Arguments For Merger Outlined By Truman in Message

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—President Truman underlined nine arguments for "combining the War and Navy Departments into one single department of national defense" in his message to Congress today.

- 1 We should have integrated strategic plans and a unified military program and budget.
- 2 We should realize the economies that can be achieved through coordination of supply and service functions.
- 3 We should adopt an organizational structure best suited to inter-coordination between the military and the remainder of the government.
- 4 We should provide the strongest means for civilian control of the military.
- 5 We should organize to provide parity for air power.
- 6 We should establish the most advantageous framework for a unified system of training for combined operations of land, sea and air.
- 7 We should allocate systematically our limited resources for scientific research.
- 8 We should have unity of command in outlying bases.
- 9 We should have consistent and equitable personnel policies.

- 1 There should be a single department of national defense.
- 2 The head of this department should be a civilian. Under him there should be a civilian undersecretary and several civilian assistant secretaries.
- 3 There should be three coordinated branches of the department: one for naval forces, and one for air forces, each under an assistant secretary and advisory.
- 4 The undersecretary and the remaining assistant secretaries should be available for assignment to whatever duties the President and the secretary may determine.
- 5 The undersecretary and the secretary should be provided with ample authority to establish central coordinating and service organizations.
- 6 There should be a chief of staff. There should also be a command staff.
- 7 The chief of staff and the commanders of the three coordinate branches should together constitute an advisory body to the secretary and to the President. It would be wise if the post of chief of staff were rotated among the several services, whenever practicable and advisable.

# New Point Scores For Army Release Listed

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Army announced today another setback in requirements for release from service, effective Dec. 15, which will reduce the number of men and women eligible for separation.

# Court Retires To Consider N.Y. Verdict

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Federal Supreme Court retired today to consider the verdict in the case of *McVay*, which was sunk by enemy action in the Philippines sea last June with heavy casualties.

# Congress Seeks Action on Bills Before Holidays

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Congress put on the hot list today in an effort to complete legislative action before the holidays on two major bills dealing with international trade.

# Split Rock Residents Melting Snow for Water

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Thirty families in the Split Rock section are melting snow for water for the fifth day.

# Weather Forecast

Western New York—Occasional snow tonight and Tuesday night. Temperature at 7 a. m. 23; noon, 26. High next day 24; low, 16. Snow tomorrow at 7:30; sun, then tomorrow at 7:30.