

YANKS INVADE CAPUL ISLAND

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ground east of Sison in the steady campaign to push the Japanese into the mountains of northeast Luzon.

Heavy bombers swept enemy defense positions on eastern and western Luzon. Fighters and light bombers destroyed 15 gun positions in the Antipolo-Montalban area west of Manila, where the enemy has been reported girding for a stand.

Fighters and bombers swept the central Philippines in support of the new invasion across the China sea for their daily attack on Formosa and shipping off the China coast.

Sixty tons of bombs were dropped on barracks, supply areas and rail facilities on Formosa. The town of Chosu was raked. Fighters reaching Formosa's east coast destroyed 13 enemy planes on the ground.

Five coastal freighters were sunk off the coast and another was damaged.

Heavy bombers dropped 72 tons of bombs on north Borneo air-dromes.

Official Indicted



Attorney General Walter D. Van Riper of New Jersey (above) has been indicted by a federal grand jury at Trenton on charges of unlawfully possessing legal and counterfeit gasoline ration coupons worth thousands of gallons of gasoline. Van Riper said the indictment was the result of a "political conspiracy engineered by Mayor Frank Hague" of Jersey City, state Democratic chief. The attorney general is a Republican.

Stettinius Says America Aims At Freedom For All

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ed States will not shirk its responsibilities."

4. Creation before the end of the war "of an international organization to insure the peace of the world, by force if necessary." This is the aim of the April 25 meeting at San Francisco.

5. The development of an Atlantic Charter peace which will assure all men opportunity to live "in freedom from fear and want." This last point, Stettinius asserted in his prepared address, is not a mere "rhetorical assertion of vague intentions. We regard it as a necessity if the United Nations are to build a peace that will endure."

The American Secretary of State avoided any mention of Argentina by name despite the fact that Argentine policy presents one of the most critical questions before the conference. He did not set forth and counterfeited gasoline ration coupons worth thousands of gallons of gasoline. Van Riper said the indictment was the result of a "political conspiracy engineered by Mayor Frank Hague" of Jersey City, state Democratic chief. The attorney general is a Republican.

He summoned the Americas to be on the alert against Axis leaders and Nazi funds being hidden in this hemisphere "for an ultimate comeback" and he declared that tyranny and aggression must be destroyed everywhere.

Declaring "the Axis leaders will of course attempt to escape the consequences of their crimes," Stettinius told the Inter-American Conference that "we still face the danger of secret Nazi Fascist infiltration into the political and economic life of this hemisphere."

In his first major diplomatic appearance since the "Big Three" talks, which he attended, the secretary said the conferees had Yalta had united in a determination

to render Germany forever harmless. "The world," Stettinius declared in his prepared address, "may rest assured that the United States, in full agreement with our allies, is inflexibly resolved upon whatever steps may be necessary to insure that neither Germany nor Japan will ever again have the military or industrial capacity to make war."

Repeatedly emphasizing that from now on there are no longer "purely European problems of war and peace," Stettinius said the Big Three decisions will give strong expression to the objectives of the Atlantic Charter. He stressed that the United States is especially interested in the agreement for joint action to assure freedom of government and independence to the liberated and former satellite nations of Europe.

"The United States will not shirk its responsibilities in seeing to it, so far as it is within our power, that this purpose is achieved," Stettinius said.

He told the conferees that he had discussed the meeting with President Roosevelt only about a week ago.

"I reviewed the achievements of the Crimea Conference with the President of the United States when I met him again three days after we had left the Crimea," he said. "It is the President's firm conviction that the results of the Crimea Conference have greatly advanced the basic objectives of United States foreign policy."

He said one of the overall purposes of the Crimea Conference was to lay the groundwork for stopping war in the future "at the point, whatever point it may be on the surface of the earth, where war begins."

He declared that the same great objective must be before the meeting here in Mexico City and serve as a spur to the maintenance and peace of the same kind of unity which the hemisphere nations have had in war.

Stettinius did not go into the Argentine problem which has occupied so much of the opening discussions here. Nor in fact did he do more with respect to Pan-American questions than sketch broadly the need for continued unity in this hemisphere in defense and political and economic matters.

He did promise that the United States government will use to the fullest its facilities, including the lending power of the Export-Import Bank to promote "economically sound industrial development and the modernization of agriculture" in the other hemisphere countries.

LAWMAKERS CLASH IN FIST BATTLE

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adopted overwhelmingly. If it is, Hook will be brought before the House by the sergeant-at-arms and administered an official rebuke by the Speaker.

The two Democrats said a similar resolution of censure might be advanced against Rankin, but they predicted it would be tabled.

Cox said "the only thing that saves Mr. Hook from expulsion is Rankin's prior remarks" which led up to the fight. Cox thought they were "pretty harsh."

Hook heard the talk of disciplinary negotiations without getting very disturbed.

"If they do, too, there might be another resolution too," remarked Hook, his thoughts still obviously aimed at Rankin.

"If John Rankin would resign his seat I'd be more than happy to go with him, for the good of the country."

There was a confusion of shouts and short angry words between the two before Rankin plunged down the aisle to grapple with Hook. But these are the words that led up to the battle as the official reporters for the Congressional Record heard them:

"Mr. Hook: If the gentleman from Mississippi will quit his raving and ranting and get down and at least assist the good citizens of the CIO he would probably be doing a service to this country."

"Mr. Rankin: Whenever I get down to the gentleman's level as it is reflected down here by this FEPC and Communist party that he has been mixed up with—

"Mr. Hook: You are a God damned liar when you say Communist party—"

That did it.

Rankin tipped out of his seat shouting "I won't take those words." He hurried down the aisle and tore at Hook, flailing his arms as he advanced. They clinched and heaved around for almost a minute before other members came between them.

It was the first time the House had seen a fight since about four years ago when former Rep. Beverly M. Vincent of Kentucky and former Congressman Sweeney of Ohio traded punches.

Hook said after the encounter that he once was welterweight champion of Michigan, Illinois and Indiana.

After today's flurry, the word liar, with its adjectives, were stricken from the record by Rep. Ramspeck (D-Ga) the Democratic whip who happened to be presiding at the time.

Both Hook and Rankin are quick, short-spoken debaters in House oratory, frequently on their feet to argue with colleagues.

Their clash today came as a complete surprise to the representative who actually had the floor, Rep. Hoffman (R-Mich). Hoffman was making an attack on the CIO Political Action Committee.

He yielded briefly to Hook who spoke in defense of Political Action Committee associates—and the next thing Hoffman knew he was standing on the fringe of battle.

About 100 members were on the floor to see the fight—but several missed it. It happened too suddenly.

The clash upset the peaceful mid-afternoon atmosphere of the staid House of Representatives shortly after the members had sat attentively through a solemn reading of George Washington's farewell address to Congress—a Washington's birthday tradition on Capitol Hill.

POLICE PENSION BILL IS PLANNED

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and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"Any Police Officer who has served twenty years on the Police Force of the City of Wilmington shall receive as a pension one-half of his salary, based upon the salary at the time of his retirement and the same shall be paid to the pensioner monthly."

"A Police Officer who has served more than twenty years in the Wilmington Police Department shall receive, in addition to the above one-half of his monthly salary, one dollar for each year's service in excess of twenty years up to and including but not exceeding fifteen years excess over and above twenty years service, such additional sum and pension to be paid monthly from date of Officer's retirement; and, further Section 12, Subsection 3, as amended, the following:

"A Police Officer who has served more than twenty-five years in the Wilmington Police Department may retire on his own volition or serving notice on said Pension Board, and he shall be retired and his name placed upon said pension roll, the words "Police Officer" shall be deemed to include Policewoman."

Section 2. Amend Chapter 268 of the Private Laws of 1939 by striking out in line twenty-one of Section 1 of the said act after the word "the" and before the word "amount" the word "average". And, further amend by striking out in line twenty-two of Section 1 after the word "retirement" and before the word "retirement" the words "during the preceding six months before" and substitute in lieu thereof "at the time of his or her retirement".

Section 3. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This act shall be in full force from and after its ratification.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 26 of the Private Laws of 1937 relating to the firemen's pension fund of Wilmington, N. C.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That Chapter 26 of the Private Laws of 1937 be amended by striking out in Section 7, Subsection 2 in line fifteen after the word "increase" and before the word "of" in line sixteen the words and figures "Five (5.00) dollars for each additional five years" and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures "One (1.00) dollar for each additional one year."

Section 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

House Approves Rivers, Harbors Bill

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\$25,000,000 Santee-Congaree development.

Separate bills also have been proposed for the Missouri Valley Authority and the St. Lawrence Seaway.

This was the first Rivers and Harbors measure passed for several years. It authorizes nearly 300 projects—navigation, irrigation and hydroelectric power. Among them are the \$60,000,000 Alabama-Coosa Waterway, the \$15,000,000 Trinity River, Texas, program, the \$25,000,000 Illinois Waterway, and the \$58,625,000 Snake River development.

Congress sent a rivers bill to President Roosevelt shortly before the U. S. entered the war. He vetoed it on the ground that such work should be postponed until after the emergency.

But since then he has approved with plans to begin construction when peace comes.

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