

WITH THE AEF Battling To The End

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IN GERMANY—Despite the universal assumption—also generally accepted on this Ninth Army front—that the European war is almost ended, one phase of fighting still is being waged with a fanatical viciousness unsurpassed in any campaign I've witnessed.

It's the bitter battle for pockets, where Germans hold out far behind the front their resistance sparked by racial groups which represent the peak "efficiency" of a generation of Nazi training. These are the fanatical Hitler youth organization boys, the crack storm troopers, Gestapo experts and the most proficient SS killers. Thus their resistance operates on a political as well as a military plane—and, as always, the political conflict becomes the bloodiest of all.

PEACE AMENDMENT APPROVED BY U. S.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—(AP)—The American delegation approved today an amendment permitting future revision of the proposed United Nations charter when three fourths of the assembly members and seven security council representatives favored such action.

It was one of its first decisive actions at the conference which opened yesterday. The group agreed to submit a proposal by Senator Connally (D-Tex.), which would give the projected league a flexibility not included in the Dumbarton Oaks preliminary formula.

By repeatedly unanimous vote, the American delegates supported the Connally proposal to make possible the holding of a sort of constitutional convention at any time when an apparently overwhelming sentiment of members indicates that revision is necessary.

This amendment would expand the provision made at Dumbarton Oaks for minor changes in the charter to be drafted here. Under the Dumbarton Oaks language changes could be vetoed by the security council unless two thirds of the assembly members voted to override.

The American delegation's action was interpreted immediately as a concession to small nation demands that additional flexibility be given to the proposed league's charter. It was noted also that such a revision might be needed if enemy countries later are to be admitted to the United Nations circle.

S. S. CULBREATH TO BE LAUNCHED

The S. S. Harry Culbreath, named for the vice president of the Lykes Brothers Steamship company, is scheduled to be launched at the yard of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company Saturday at 12 noon.

The new C-2 cargo ship will be christened by Miss Mildred Culbreath, of Tampa, Fla., niece of Mr. Culbreath. She will be accompanied here by her mother, Mrs. Charles E. Culbreath, also of Tampa.

The S. S. Culbreath is the 212th vessel to near completion here and the eighth built by the yard for the Lykes Brothers company.

Correction

WASHINGTON, April 26.—(AP)—The "Young Sullivan" referred to in Kirke L. Simpson's series on "Franklin Roosevelt as I knew him" was James P. Sullivan, who in 1920 was secretary to Edward J. Pearson, president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Co.

In the first world war he had been a stenographer in the Navy Department. There Mr. Roosevelt, then assistant secretary of the Navy, first became acquainted with Young Sullivan's work. Impressed with his ability, Mr. Roosevelt asked for his services in the 1920 campaign, in which the late President was his party's nominee for vice president.

Mr. Pearson reluctantly consented to lend his secretary to Mr. Roosevelt, and Mr. Sullivan joined the vice presidential nominee's campaign staff, serving in a secretarial capacity.

Mr. Sullivan returned to his railroad position at the end of the campaign. He now lives in Dedham, Mass.

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When there was no time for the Germans to construct complete roadblocks, they simply felled trees across the roads every couple of hundred yards, leaving them flanked by a few mines and a few snipers. When the first battalion led by Lt. Col. Norman Campbell of Brooklyn, N. Y., broke up one large enemy outfit opposing it, it still was harassed by survivors who continued to fight to the end in small groups or as individuals.

No spot around the redoubt sector was safe from such fanatical forays. The company kitchen was ambushed at one point and its personnel captured, but later recovered.

The enemy halftracks and tanks were destroyed and it became apparent to even the most diehard German that the only possible fate was death or capture—but still they fought on. Essential American supply traffic had to proceed under scattered sniper fire which picked constantly at the columns.

As the pocket battle neared its end the 330th began to take more and more prisoners, but even those surrendered only when surrounded and obviously many times outnumbered.

A group of ten prisoners captured by Privates First Class Arthur Kellen, Le Mars, Iowa; Over Barnett, Dierks, Ark., and James Munger, South Bend, Ind., of a mine platoon were all Hitler youth products. Not one was more than 13 years old. They were led by a sullen, bitter, 23 year old girl.

Like many others it was obvious that they were solidly sold on the belief that the war was not nearly ended—but rather that it had barely begun.

Senate Asks Reduction On U. S. Bank Reserves

WASHINGTON, April 26.—(AP)—The Senate passed today and sent to the House legislation dropping the required gold reserves of Federal Reserve banks to 25 per cent of their deposits and notes in circulation.

Passage was on a voice vote. Under present law, the banks must maintain gold reserves equal to 40 per cent of notes in circulation and 35 per cent of deposits.

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