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CITY ESCAPES STORM DAMAGE

Communists In Germany Offer Plan

REJECT SOVIET IDEA

Party in Manifesto Asks For Coalition Form Of Government

MOSCOW, June 25.—(P)—The German Communist Party, in a manifesto issued in Berlin, today rejected a Soviet system for present-day Germany and instead for a coalition parliamentary government and the development of private enterprise and the profit system.

The appeal, signed by the central committee of the Communist Party and reported by the Russian Tass News Agency, was addressed to all German people everywhere.

Calling for equal rights before the law and free elections, the manifesto demanded the confiscation of the big estates of the Nazis, Junkers and "Imperialists" and their division among landless peasants.

It made clear that all Germans, except the Nazis and rich collaborators, should retain their property and that large-scale landowners and big peasants should keep their lands if they did not tie up with the Nazis.

In the document, the Communist Party not only blamed the German people for their plight, but also blamed the German Communists themselves for being unable to weld together Democratic groups in defiance of the Nazis.

The Communist appeal also admitted that Germany should repay the Allies for the damage and harm done during the war.

The German Communist Party, in the election of March 1933 which swept Adolf Hitler into power, tallied nearly 5,000,000 votes and elected 81 delegates to the Reichstag. Only two parties were stronger—the Nazis and the Social Democrats.

Leading signer of the document was 67-year-old Wilhelm Pieck, associate of Rosa Luxemburg and once a Reichstag deputy. Two women, Irene Gertner and Marta Arendsee, likewise signed the manifesto.

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SENATORS EULOGIZE "COTTON ED" SMITH

WASHINGTON, June 25.—(P)—The late Senator Ellison D. (Cotton Ed) Smith of South Carolina, who had served longer than any other Senator at the time of his death last fall, was eulogized today by his colleagues in a memorial service.

"Cotton Ed now sleeps under a live-oak tree," observed Senator Aiken (R-Vt.), "but over the United States today thousands of farm families are living happier, better lives because of the battles he fought and won for them."

SAN FRANCISCO ACCLAIMS TRUMAN

President Gets Noisy Welcome In Parade Through City Streets

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—(P)—Cheering, applauding crowds running into many thousands gave President Truman a roaring welcome upon his arrival today to close the United Nations Conference.

Standing in his open car, a trench raincoat about his shoulders, Mr. Truman waved his gray hat to the crowd and smiled his thanks for the biggest and noisiest acclaim since he assumed the presidency.

The city's police traffic bureau estimated the throng at 250,000 persons. It said there were 100,000 in seven long blocks on Market Street alone.

Mr. Truman traveled through 2 1/2 miles of suburban and city streets. In downtown San Francisco ticker tape floated from many windows and confetti poured down upon the parade, in which the chairmen of 50 delegations to the Security Conference participated.

The procession followed formal greetings at Hamilton Field and ended at the President's headquarters in the Fairmont Hotel where he held a reception for all the Conference delegates.

His head bared to a stiff breeze which ruffled his hair, Mr. Truman obviously enjoyed the occasion.

He seemed, too, to have had a full measure of pleasure out of the playing of the "Missouri Waltz" at the airport.

While the band played the theme song of his campaign for the vice presidency last year, Mr. Truman kept pace to the music as he strolled briskly around troops drawn up for his review.

Earlier he had been given a military welcome by General H. H. Arnold, chief of the Army Air Forces, and Admiral Royal E. Ingersoll, following the diplomatic welcome from Edward R. Stettin, Jr., secretary of state, the American delegation and the chairmen of the 49 other delegations.

It was the second big public welcome of the day from the west coast.

The president flew in from Portland, Ore., where he was greeted by other cheering thousands in a 90-minute visit, while en route here from his vacation at Olym, Wash.

Stopping at the debarkation hospital near the airport, the President exchanged greetings with dozens of the wounded who had been brought out into the yard.

During the long ride from the airport to his hotel Mr. Truman stood all the way, constantly waving his hat at the crowds.

Paid For Stepping Stones To Japan



OKINAWA, 35,116—82 DAYS
IWO, 19,938—26 DAYS



Losses of American lives in the campaign on Tarawa, Saipan, Iwo Jima and Okinawa, four of the enabled us to strike at the heart of Japan. Above picture chart shows the U. S. killed and wounded in killed on same fronts were: Tarawa, 6,500; Saipan, 28,000; Iwo Jima, 19,938; Okinawa, 35,116.

Yanks Close Vice On 20,000 Japs; Warplanes Sink, Damage 21 Ships

Infantry Gains Six Miles In Northward Sweep

MANILA, Tuesday, June 26.—(P)—A gain up to six miles northward by the U. S. 37th Infantry division and a thrust southward by the 11th Airborne Division troops and guerrillas tightened a vise on an estimated 20,000 Japanese now "thoroughly trapped" in the Cagayan Valley of Northern Luzon, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

Extent of the advance by the Southbound forces, which landed Saturday near the North coast port of Aparri, was not disclosed, but they had made 11 miles in the first few hours after their unopposed descent by parachute and glider.

The two forces were approximately 50 miles apart at last reports.

Between them, and now only four miles North of the hastening 37th Division, were American-led guerrilla forces in the Cagayan province capital of Tuguegarao.

These guerrillas seized the town last week and since have fought off constant enemy counterattacks.

Status of Tuguegarao was in doubt today as the Japanese continued their blistering counterattacks, but the enemy had little to gain in recapture of the fire-blackened ruins of the town as Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler's 37th Buckeye relief column drew near.

The 37th, driving down highway No. 5 alongside the Cagayan river, destroyed an undisclosed number of Japanese heavy 150-caliber artillery pieces and killed.

Nation-Wide Strikes May Close 300 Plants

By The Associated Press
With 78,620 workers idle over the nation in labor disputes, an AFL-CIO jurisdictional dispute in Detroit threatened to extend last night to another 9,000 persons.

DELEGATES ADOPT WORLD CHARTER

Pomp, Color Predominate Pre-Signing Session Of Conference

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—(P)—A historic charter, dedicated to "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war," was adopted by the United Nations Conference tonight in a ceremony replete with pomp and color.

The Charter, wrought by the delegates of 50 United Nations after nine weeks of debate and discussion, creates a new organization to keep the peace and endows it with power to crush aggression.

The final draft was adopted only a few hours after President Truman arrived here by air for his address tomorrow—the final day of the Conference when all nations will formally sign the Charter.

Final approval was given to the reports of the four commissions charged with producing the 10,000 word document that sets up the new machinery which is to function not only to banish war but to improve the living conditions of men everywhere.

All that remains before this conference is adjourned is the formal ceremony of signing the Charter in its five official languages and the windup address by Mr. Truman. He speaks between 4 and 5 p. m., Tuesday, presumably after the delegates have affixed their signatures to the document.

The conference held its next-to-last meeting with the flags of the United Nations backgrounding the stage and the Hollywood Klieg lights bearing down from the galleries and side walls. Lord Halifax, chief of the British delegation and one of the four conference presidents, presided.

Charter approval was merely a formality and a foregone conclusion. The document that pledges the signatory nations "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war" must be ratified by 28 nations, including the Big Five, before it becomes operative.

Unlike the old League of Nations Covenant, this Charter has teeth in it. Dedicated to the peaceful settlement of international disputes, it realistically provides for an international air force to keep the peace and for the apportionment of troops from the signatory nations to see that aggression is quickly quelled.

It also establishes a new International Court of Justice to succeed the old one at the Hague. It establishes a Trusteeship Commission.

DRIVER STRIKE STOPS PITTSBURGH PRESS

PITTSBURGH, June 25.—(P)—The Pittsburgh Press suspended publication today because of a strike of 80 A.F.L. truck drivers who want a separate contract in place of a joint contract with the three daily Pittsburgh papers.

E. T. Leech, editor, and Frank G. Morrison, business manager, said the newspaper would not be published for the duration of the strike, which began Saturday night.

The company charged that the contract with local 211, A.F.L. Teamsters Union, provides that any issue in dispute is subject to arbitration, and the union had refused a company offer to arbitrate.

Simla Conference Takes Up British-India Pact

SIMLA, INDIA, June 25.—(P)—A greatness... it is not a final solution of India's complex problems that is proposed. Nor does the plan in any way prejudice or prejudice the final issue. If it succeeds, it paves the way to settlement.

Vacationists Quit Beaches During Day

Tropical Disturbance Brings Record Rainfall To Wilmington Area With 8.24 Inches Being Recorded In 18 Hours; With Velocity Maximum Placed At 45 Miles Per Hour

Sweeping up the North Carolina coast, accompanied by dangerous winds, a tropical storm that blew out of the Caribbean deluged Wilmington with a rainfall of 8.24 inches yesterday, the highest ever recorded during June by the U. S. Weather Bureau here, and the second highest ever recorded in this section. Precipitation was recorded from 1 a. m. until 7 p. m.

Approximately 6,000 vacationists who were driven from Wilmington beaches as early as 4 a. m. yesterday began to move back to the beaches late yesterday afternoon.

STATE EMPLOYEES GET WAGE BOOST

Advisory Budget Commission Orders Three Per Cent Raise July 1

RALEIGH, June 25.—(P)—The State Advisory Budget Commission today ordered into effect July 1, a three per cent salary increase for all state employees, and formally transferred \$63,000 a year from the State Department of Labor's biennial appropriation to take care of the new State Veterans Commission.

The new salary increases for state employees, which was authorized by the 1945 legislature, includes the present bonus being paid all workers who earn less than \$2,600. However, the raise does not include the 10 per cent bonus authorized by the General Assembly and which will be paid at the end of the next fiscal year if funds are available.

The commission simultaneously approved new salary classifications for employees of the State Highway and Public Works Commission. In the latter division salary classifications were revised upward approximately three per cent and most cases make minimum and maximum salary ranges conform to round numbers.

In other action the commission: 1. Sent up a new salary classification for the consolidated post of Major of the State Highway Patrol and Safety Division Director. The classification ranges from \$4,500 to \$5,500.

2. Increased the salary of W. Vance Baise, chief engineer of the State Highway Commission from \$6,000 to \$7,500.

3. Set a new salary classification to take care of the post of Director of the State Veterans Commission. The post, which has not been filled, will carry a salary of from \$4,200 to \$5,000.

4. Authorized a deputy commissioner of labor at a salary of \$4,300.

5. Set a salary classification of from \$4,200 to \$5,000 for the post of Director of the Division of Tuberculosis Control of the State Board of Health.

6. Set salary ranges for four new posts created in the State Insurance Department by the recent legislature as the result of a program to broaden the authority of the commission.

CIANO'S DIARY

Ciano's Diary, which is revealing so much of the inner history of the dictators and their preparations for World War II, will be found on the editorial page daily.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS FATE OF AMERICANS

GUAM, Tuesday, June 26.—(P)—American patrols searched conquered Okinawa today for still lurking foes and for bodies of comrades, hoping to solve the mystery of what happened to U. S. soldiers and Marines captured by the Japanese during the 82-day battle for the island.

No trace of the missing Americans or their bodies has been found, Associated Press Correspondent Robert Geiger reported from Okinawa.

The missing (of the total of 6,990 announced as killed and missing through June 19) probably does not exceed 300, on the basis of previous official figures. The last report listing missing separately gave 165 through May 14, approximately four per cent of the killed on the same date.

Col. J. M. (Mickey) Finn, 32nd Regiment commander, told Geiger many bodies had been examined in caves of Hill 89 on the Southern Tip of Okinawa, the last Japanese command post. None was identified as American.

The hill also was being searched for the Japanese army commander. There was no announcement that he or his body had been found.

Geiger reported that two captured Japanese army doctors volunteered to help treat wounded and sick. They expressed surprise at the considerate treatment shown them by the Americans.

BIG STRIKE AVERTED

DETROIT, June 25.—(P)—CIO unionists embroiled with the AFL over a reconversion work dispute accepted conditionally tonight a peace proposal and averted immediate danger of a widespread walkout.

Superforts Strike Jap Planes Today

WASHINGTON, June 26.—(P)—Superfortresses in very great strength struck yesterday at military and industrial targets in four Japanese manufacturing areas.

Headquarters of the 20th Air Force said the early daylight attack (June 26 Japanese time) was directed against "multiple important" targets located in the areas of Nagoya, Osaka, Akashi and Gifu.

WEATHER

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.

Temperature
1:30 am 77; 7:30 am 72; 1:30 pm 79; 7:30 pm 77.
Maximum 75; minimum 72; mean 74; normal 78.

Humidity
1:30 am 87; 7:30 am 97; 1:30 pm 96; 7:30 pm 98.

Precipitation
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 8.67 inches.
Total since the first of the month, 11.53 inches.

Tides For Today
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)
Wilmington High 10:22a 5:28a Low 10:55p 5:20p
Masonboro Inlet High 7:58a 2:15a Low 8:30p 2:07p
Sunrise 5:02; sunset 7:27; moonrise 8:37p; moonset 5:33a.