

Defense Agreement Surmounts Last Big Conference Hurdle

Regional System In Western Hemisphere Approved By Russia

San Francisco, May 21.—(AP)—Agreement among the big five and Latin-American nations today put the United Nations conference safely past its biggest stumbling block.

The Russian acceptance of the regional plan with only minor changes in wording was followed by signs that a smooth and early solution of Soviet-American differences over a system of international trusteeships is close at hand.

Furthermore, satisfaction of the Latin-American republics that the regional defense system in this hemisphere will be preserved melted their opposition to decisive action on the other major conference issues, mainly a veto-voting system for the big powers in the proposed world security council.

As the fourth full week of the conference opened, many United Nations leaders were hopeful that the job of charting the new international league could be finished June 2. Proposals for speeding up the work to meet that deadline were ready for a steering committee session today.

Nominations Are Given The Senate By The President

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—President Truman today nominated Rear Admiral Harold B. Sillada to be chief of the navy's bureau of aeronautics with the same rank.

Admiral Sillada will replace Rear Admiral DeWitt Clinton Ramsey, who has been chief of the bureau of aeronautics since August 3, 1943. Ramsey's new assignments were not announced immediately.

The President also nominated Monnet E. Davis, of Colorado, to be minister to Denmark. Davis is now a personal representative of the President in Denmark, with the rank of minister.

Slight Gains Lift Cotton

New York, May 21.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to 15 cents a bale higher. Noon values were five to 25 cents a bale higher. July 22.41, October 22.47, December 22.41.

	Pe. Close	Open
July	22.40	22.40
October	22.47	22.47
December	22.41	22.41
March	22.31	22.31
May	22.17	22.20
July	22.09	22.12

Stocks Find Good Backing

New York, May 21.—(AP)—Individual stocks enjoyed fairly good support in today's market, although many leaders were more or less neglected. Ahead most of the time were U. S. Steel, Sears, Roebuck and Douglas Aircraft. Occasional stumbling blocks included Southern Pacific and Chrysler.

Strikers In Gastonia Go Back To Jobs

Gastonia, May 21.—(AP)—Employees of the Coker Machine & Foundry Company returned to their jobs today as the plant resumed operations under the control of the U. S. Army.

Ben Abernathy, president of the molders union local, said members of his union were going back to work, ending a strike that began January 30 as the result of the labor dispute. All machine workers had already been returned, he added.

The company produces machinery used in the manufacture of war essential tires.

The Army took over on an order by President Truman issued Sunday, and possession was taken at 2 p. m. by Captain Benjamin Anderson of the quartermaster general's office, who announced late Sunday operations were expected to return to work today.

The plant was closed last January when machinists and foundries walked out, but the company still is unwilling to accept compulsory company maintenance of union membership, the War Labor Board announced.

Testifies at Probe



THE HOUSE Committee on Veterans' Affairs, headed by Rep. John Rankin, Miss., has voted 13 to 5 to cite for contempt Albert Deutscher (above), New York City reporter. The action was taken after he had testified on articles he had written concerning treatment of patients in veterans' hospitals and refused to divulge the names of men who gave him information. (International)

Most Miners Back After Wage Boost

Anthracite Workers Accept Pay Increase Agreed To Saturday

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 21.—(AP)—Most of Pennsylvania's 72,000 hard coal miners on the basis of early reports, returned to work today.

All anthracite mines in district seven, United Mine Workers, around Hazlet, resumed work and all mines checked in district one around Wilkes-Barre were reported in operation. District one employs 38,000 miners, district seven 15,000.

Daily production of the anthracite mines is approximately 190,000 tons, shut off since May 1, when the miners' union contract expired.

John L. Lewis, president of the U. M. W., ordered the workers to return, officers of local unions being notified by telegram.

Operators and mine representatives reached an agreement late Saturday to raise the miners' pay by \$1.37 a day.

FRENCH MINISTER CALLS ON TRUMAN

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault made a second call on President Truman today. There was no immediate disclosure of what was discussed.

'HAY-BURNER' ON THE JOB FOR US



WORKING ON THE RAILROAD is this 60-year-old elephant, shunting a loaded freight car along a Bengal & Assam Railway siding at Begopani in India. He draws his rations from the U. S. Army, which operates his section of the line. Signal Corps photo. (International)

House Body May Change Its Citation

Otherwise, Rebuff On Contempt Issue May Result On The Floor

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—The House Veterans Committee faces the alternative of reversing itself in contempt proceedings against a reporter or risking a possible rebuff from the House membership.

Its decision may come tomorrow, when it meets to question a magazine writer, Albert Q. Miesel, in its investigation of the Veterans Administration.

The committee last week instituted contempt proceedings against Albert Deutscher, reporter for the New York newspaper PM, for refusing to identify Veterans Administration officials who gave him information used in the articles criticizing the medical program for war veterans.

While Chairman Rankin, Democrat, Mississippi, showed no signs of breaking down in his determination to ask the House to cite Deutscher to the Federal district court for contempt, Representative Edith Nourse Rogers, of Massachusetts, ranking Republican committee member, said she would press for a reversal of the 13 to 5 committee vote against Deutscher.

Mrs. Rogers said she believed a majority of the committee realized how deeply the issue of freedom of the press is involved in this matter and will welcome an opportunity to reverse the hasty decision of last Friday.

She predicted that, even if the committee stood pat, the House would not sustain it "in an attempt to force a newspaper reporter in disclosing confidential sources of information."

Enlisted Men Of 40 Can Ask Discharges

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—The army today fixed at 40 years the age at which enlisted men may apply for discharge.

The army only last month had lowered the discharge age to 42 years, and estimated 50,000 enlisted men in the army in the 40 and 41 year age groups.

At the same time, the War Department announced that WACs 40 years of age or over who have served the required period on active duty will be eligible for discharge. It is estimated that 8,000 enlisted WACs will be eligible under this provision.

The new order provided that in case of men 40 or 41 years of age, commanders will be permitted to retain for not more than ninety days any man for whom a replacement is not available at the time he requests discharge.

The War Department said that "when the military situation permits," a further reduction in the age limit will be made.

CHARLEMAGNE BODY BACK INTO AACHEN

Frankfurt, May 21.—(AP)—Arrangements were being made today to return the remains of Emperor Charlemagne to their historic resting place in the Aachen cathedral. At present they are in an air raid shelter in a copper mine at Siegen.

Major General Ernest Harmon, corps commander in the 15th U. S. Army, and the Most Rev. Johannes Van Devereiden, bishop of Aachen, negotiated for the transfer.

Big Three Meeting Demanded As Peace Problems Increase

MARINES BLAST JAPS FROM OKINAWA CAVE HIDEOUTS



WITH TRIGGER FINGERS TENSE, a group of Leathernecks cover the entrance of a cave on Okinawa where they had just exploded a charge to drive out Japs huddled in it. Such enemy positions as this formed a "Little Siegfried Line" before Naha and slowed the American advance on the capital city. The fight for that objective is now being waged with the utmost savagery. Marine Corps photo. (International)

Japs Weaken Near Davao On Mindanao

Single Navy Plane Sinks Whole Convoy Of Five Jap Ships

Manila, May 21.—(AP)—In one of the war's outstanding aerial feats, a single Philippine-based navy patrol plane destroyed an entire Japanese convoy of five ships, totaling 17,000 tons, off Formosa Saturday, General Douglas MacArthur reported today.

The largest ship, more than 5,500 tons, was a troop carrier, judging from its numerous life rafts.

The Japanese forces, driven north of Davao into a succession of defense lines on Mindanao Island, appeared to be weakening.

A U. S. 24th division column, which appeared on the coast threatening a flank attack, did not meet resistance until the end of a full day's advance. At nightfall, it overcame strong Japanese positions 3,000 yards northwest of the Ipi village.

Other elements of the 24th knocked out strong Japanese resistance around Tugueog on the main Japanese escape route into the mountains. The Sava highway on north central Mindanao was opened to the Yanks as far as Baling village as the 40th and the 41st divisions drove south.

Advancing northward toward a juncture the 24th met snipers and reached within eleven miles of Malabaly in the province of Bukidnon.

On Luzon, where fog and rain added to the toughness of the fight, Yanks closed off resisting pockets in the Bulet pass in the northern sector and in the Ipo pocket east of Manila.

Chicago Colonel Served As Double For Eisenhower

Paris, May 21.—(AP)—A Chicago lieutenant colonel was used as a double for General Eisenhower last December after the Germans voiced threats against the supreme commander's life. It was disclosed today.

Supreme headquarters said, however, that the plot was a hoax—a story the Germans spread to heighten their army's morale.

The double, Lt. Col. Baldwin B. Smith, was placed in Eisenhower's four-star automobile on a journey between St. Germaine and Versailles, Smith volunteered for the role of decoy when the army clamped an iron-tight cordon on the Paris area and set up the most elaborate machinery of the war to prevent possible destruction of supreme Allied headquarters and assassination of the commanding general.

Marines Take Last Peak Before Okinawa Fortress

Heroic Chaplain



JESUIT PRIEST and Catholic chaplain aboard the U. S. aircraft carrier Franklin when it was badly hit off the coast of Japan. Lieut. Commander Joseph O'Callahan of Boston is credited with heroic work at the risk of his life in the fateful hours of explosions and fire. (International)

Brig. Gen. Dalton Killed By Sniper On Luzon Island

Manila, May 21.—(AP)—Brigadier General James L. Dalton, 35, one of the youngest generals in the army, was killed by a Japanese sniper near Bulet pass on northern Luzon island, General Douglas MacArthur announced today.

Dalton, whom MacArthur referred to as "discreet, calm and intrepid", was killed May 16. MacArthur announced the young officer's death with "great sorrow."

YOUTH GROUPS GET SLAUGHTER RIGHTS

Raleigh, May 21.—(AP)—The programs of Future Farmers of America, 4-H clubs and similar youth organizations in Eastern North Carolina OPA District Director Theodor S. Johnson today called attention to a provision in the meat control program which enables them to apply for authorization to have "club livestock" custom slaughtered for them.

Frequently at fairs and other shows and exhibits the "club livestock" is bought by persons who ordinarily could not have the animals custom slaughtered because they do not have quotas, he explained.

Under this provision, buyers of the livestock at sales authorized by the OPA may apply to War Price and Rationing Boards designated by the district OPA office, for permission to have the animals custom slaughtered, he said.

Elaborate Hillside Defenses Of Enemy Taken By Americans

Guam, May 21.—(AP)—First Marine division troops have driven to the crest of the last ridge before the Okinawa fortress city of Shuri in a tank-led drive through 300 yards of ferociously defended ravines and draws.

Elaborate Japanese hillside defenses were cleared by flame-throwing tanks and weary riflemen as they climbed the steep inclines until the tanks could go no farther and the battle turned into a hand-to-hand, cave-by-cave struggle.

Shuri, lying below the hilltop positions of the Marines, was a pile of rubble from the incessant bombardment to which it has been subjected.

The Sixth Marine division sent elements eastward toward Shuri, from its positions in snarls of Naha, present capital of Okinawa. Despite continued fierce Japanese resistance, Major General John R. Hodge said there "were some indications that the Japanese are disintegrating as an overall fighting unit."

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and slightly warmer today and tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy and warm, with afternoon thundershowers in the mountains.

U. S. Supreme Court Rule Backs N. C. Divorce Ban

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—The Supreme Court today upheld a North Carolina Supreme Court ruling that a Nevada six-weeks divorce was invalid because a bona fide residence was not established there.

Justice Frankfurter delivered the court's six to three opinion. Justice Black wrote a dissent in which Justices Douglas and Rutledge concurred.

Black asserted that the court's finding would "pass a cloud over the lives of countless numbers of a multitude of divorced persons in the United States."

Black added that the decision "undermines and makes uncertain the validity of every contested divorce decree."

The court in a 1942 decision, held that Nevada's six-week divorces are valid and must be recognized by other states.

Tension As To Trieste Is Growing

London Press Says Urgency for Peace As Unity As For War

London, May 21.—(AP)—The British press clamored today for an early meeting of the big three to settle a multitude of problems in shattered Europe as tension mounted in the dispute over the Adriatic port of Trieste.

"The time has come when Allied leaders must rally their peoples to a united front for peace as they did in war," declared the Daily Sketch, adding that "some of the issues are beginning to assume the nature of international crises, and there are still darker clouds ahead."

"The Trieste dispute, the Polish problem, punishment of Nazi war criminals and plans for Allied government of Germany," said the Daily Telegraph, "should be arranged on generally uniform principles between the Allies at once. Any differences which exist are far more superficial than fundamental, and differences which are allowed to drift on, too often become disastrous."

A Belgrade dispatch said American and British diplomatic personnel and civilians in Yugoslavia were alerted by their embassies yesterday to prepare for the eventuality of immediate evacuation, but Associated Press Correspondent William D. King reported there was no sign of unfriendly feeling toward the Allies in the capital, and any evacuation would take place only if the situation reached a point of open conflict.

Marshal Tito's commanders, meanwhile, moved their main headquarters out of Trieste, following a sharp exchange of statements between the partisan leader and British Marshal Sir Harold Alexander. This was believed, however, to be part of a general re-shuffle of Yugoslav troops.

Congress Medal Given By Truman

Washington, May 21.—(AP)—In the first ceremony of its kind, President Truman and Congress joined today in honoring the 100th infantryman to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor in World War II.

Twenty-four-year-old Tech, Sgt. Jake W. Lindsey, of Lucedale, Miss., who killed 20 Germans with rifle and bayonet, was invited to the Capitol to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor from the hands of the President in view of a joint session of the Senate and House.

Mr. Truman arranged a 400 to 500-word presentation speech in the House chamber at 1 p. m. EWT.