

Fears Over Future May Force Accord At Nations Meeting

Quits Labor Post



FRANCES PERKINS

Miss Perkins left the Labor Department as secretary when her appointment was accepted this week by President Truman.

World Bank Approved By House Body

Banking Committee For Bretton Woods Plan By 23-3 Vote

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—The House Banking Committee, by a 23 to 3 vote, today approved the Bretton Woods agreement for a world bank and international monetary fund.

The second committee triumph within a week for the international economic program, accompanying political arrangements being worked out at San Francisco.

The House Ways and Means Committee last week approved 14 to 21 the proposal to give the President broad new powers to reduce tariff duties and to negotiate with other nations.

The legislation ratifying Bretton Woods was approved today by Banking Chairman Spence and "does not change a word of the substance of the basic agreement" drawn last summer by representatives of 44 nations at Bretton Woods, N. H.

Armies Stand By As Peace Accord Nears At Trieste

Trieste, May 24.—(AP)—Military might of the British-American south army and the Yugoslav army did not rock Trieste today as the governments involved in the occupation controversy argued out the remaining points of difference in a new spirit of friendliness.

Marshal Tito's acceptance of the main Allied principles, including a demarcation of the important Adriatic port city by the Allied Military Government, left only three important Yugoslav reservations to be decided, it was understood. Optimism prevailed.

Himmler Is Suicide

London, May 24.—(AP)—A Reuters dispatch from the British second army said Heinrich Himmler killed himself at 11:04 P. M. yesterday.

Heinrich Himmler, head of the German Gestapo, committed suicide at the headquarters of the second British army, at four minutes past eleven last night," the dispatch said. "This news was made available officially this evening."

The Exchange Telegraph agency, in a dispatch from Terence Duncan, with the British second army, said the 44-year-old Gestapo chief had been arrested three days ago in Luebeck, and was held captive in a house in Luebeck.

The agency's report said Himmler took his life by drinking the contents of a hidden vial. Reuters said the death was announced officially at British second army headquarters.

Conference Senses Urgency Of Solving Problems At Outset

San Francisco, May 24.—(AP)—The United States sought by firm and friendly negotiations today to prove that a foundation exists in the ruins of postwar Europe for an effective United Nations organization around the world.

That is the real significance seen by delegates at the United Nations conference in President Truman's dispatch of Harry Hopkins to Premier Stalin's Kremlin office.

Formal negotiations began every quarter of the globe are emphasizing now that if the great victorious nations of the postwar world move hesitantly now to settle the first issue of peace, the world quarter being drawn up here may not be worth its weight in silver.

Topping all these issues in gravity at the moment is the question of providing a more democratic government for Poland in accordance with the Yalta agreement. The prevailing belief here is that Hopkins' main assignment is to find a direct conversation with Stalin over way out of the deadlock between Russia and her western allies.

On the matter of his efforts may very well change the possibility of a meeting among the chiefs of the United States, Britain and France. It is doubtful whether Mr. Truman would agree to find plans for such a big three policy, but he is convinced of prospects for concrete accomplishments on the Polish and other problems.

Broad Social Security Plan Is Presented

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—A broad social security plan, including health insurance, was introduced in Congress today with a plea that the nation needs it as a postwar bulwark.

The legislation, introduced by the House Ways and Means Committee, is the first step in a program to provide health insurance for all workers and their families.

The bill would provide for a national health insurance program, covering all workers and their families. It would also provide for a national old-age insurance program, covering all workers and their families.

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Truman Seeks Authority To Overhaul His Offices

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—President Truman asked Congress today for permanent authority to reorganize the executive branch of the government and in order to make it "more business-like and efficient."

The President declared that the first war powers act of 1941, which empowered the President to make adjustments to meet the needs of the conflict, should be replaced by peacetime legislation of equal scope.

He said many agencies set up under the war powers act, which expires six months after the war, would be automatically abolished with its expiration, while other agencies would revert to an unsatisfactory pre-war status. He pointed out that permanent adjustments

Labor Party Head



CLEMENT ATLEE

BRITISH Labor Party leader and Deputy Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee (above), flanked by party conference at which England's wartime coalition government was virtually dissolved. At the top left, Hopkins leaves a general election in July—his first since 1935—with Prime Minister Churchill's leadership challenged. (International)

Churchill To Pick Cabinet By Week-End

Labor And Liberal Ministers Quitting During The Interim

London, May 24.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill will begin today the task of choosing the members of his new coalition government as a result of the London press's refusal to accept the resignation of the Liberal government.

Churchill's resignation of the Liberal government was generally expected, but the press's refusal to accept it was a surprise.

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White House Says Big Three Meeting Definitely Planned

Hopkins And Davies Lay Final Plans

Envoys Hurried To Moscow And London To Arrange Parley

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—The White House said today that an early meeting of the "big three" definitely "is in the works."

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said the special missions of Harry L. Hopkins and Joseph E. Davies to Moscow and London were preliminary to the projected meeting of the Russian, American and British chiefs of state.

"They do not take the place of the big three conference, which definitely is in the works," Ross told his news conference. "They are a substitute for the projected meeting of President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin. They are part of the general pattern, which will include the big three meeting."

"The conference definitely has been decided upon," a reporter asked.

"The conference is projected," Ross replied.

Harry L. Hopkins, recently bedridden, is on his way to Moscow, Ross said. Joseph E. Davies, former ambassador to Russia, is headed for London for conferences with Prime Minister Churchill.

These developments followed earlier disclosure that Mr. Truman has decided to make a personal visit to San Francisco to address the closing session of the United Nations conference. Following an yesterday's talks at the White House with Secretary of State Stettinius, two round conferences with former State Secretary Hull and meetings with officials of most of the United Nations, they ended up with the conclusion that the chief executive is preparing to move hastily into the international scene.

U. S. Casualties Now Bare Shade Under a Million

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—The army and navy have suffered about a million casualties since the beginning of the war, the two services reported today.

The army has lost 886,525 on a basis of individual names received here through May 14. Navy losses of 109,564 make the total 996,089.

This is an increase of 9,875 above last week's report. The breakdown on army casualties and corresponding figures for the preceding week: Killed, 101,739 and 178,854; wounded, 300,500 and 344,249; missing, 57,243 and 66,684; prisoners, 91,478 and 98,192.

Similar figures for the navy: Killed, 42,307 and 41,939; wounded, 52,009 and 50,421; missing, 10,505 and 10,929; prisoners, 4,247 and 4,243.

Truman Will Fly On Trip To The Coast

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—President Truman will fly to San Francisco to address the concluding session of the United Nations conference.

The White House said today the chief executive will also fly to the Pacific Northwest for a few days of rest and recreation after the conference engagement and would also return to the White House by plane. His absence from Washington, however, probably will be for less than a week.

Charles G. Ross, press secretary, said the President would arrive in San Francisco a few hours before the time for his speech to the plenary session in the San Francisco opera house. Mr. Truman planned to witness the signing of the world security charter, then speak for about fifteen minutes. The address will be carried over a worldwide radio hook-up.



UP WHERE THE ACTION IS HOT, a Marine Corps combat photographer (right) pictures a grenade in the air (upper left) on his way from the hurler's hand to burst among Japs entrenched on the Okinawa front. In the middle distance (right), sheltered from the enemy by the roadway embankment, are other Marines—each busy with his part of the job. Late reports from the Okinawa battle showed heavy fighting with U. S. 10th Army forces closing in on the fortifications of Shuri. Marine Corps photo.

Germany, Wholly Destroyed, Begins Years Of Atonement

Disarmament Task Completed Before Officials Arrested

Paris, May 24.—(AP)—Germany entered an era of atonement today as the dissolution of the last vestiges of her government marked the end of the phase of disarmament through which she has been passing.

Germany has ceased to exist as a nation. She has no more army except as provided for by the Allies. She is no longer a sovereign state. She is now a territory under the control of the Allies.

Expressed today that the Allies might install a puppet government from the remnants of Admiral Karl Doenitz's regime. He is the last German leader to have held command of the German military forces.

Almost simultaneously came General Eisenhower's order that German prisoners be screened and those over age and not war criminals be returned to Germany to work farms and perform other duties necessary under Allied occupation.

This screening will start with the war veterans and those Nazis who will be heading for home and will be screened for their participation in the war.

The war has been a long and bloody one. It has cost the lives of millions of people. It has left a trail of destruction in its wake. It has shown the world the power of atomic energy.

Most of this has been accomplished by the Allied Supreme Command under General Eisenhower, which has been hand-picked by the last of a single great day for all Allied governments.

Now that the surrender of Germany is complete, a situation which might have required a British-American friction over the degree of control to be given the Germans has been averted.

The removal of Germany's policy-makers by almost any means that the only difference between the American and the British zones of occupation will be the extent to which Germany will owe for administration. The Russians have said nothing regarding their zone.

BAKED HAM NO POINTS. Shanghai, Pa., May 24.—(AP)—Three tons of ham and bacon were destroyed by fire at the Harry Broad Parking Co. yesterday.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair tonight, Friday partly cloudy and slightly warmer.

Yanks Snapping Pincers After Flanking Okinawa

Guam, May 24.—(AP)—Leathernecks and doughboys of the tenth army held the Japanese key fortress of Shuri in a giant cash-pinned pincers today as they turned both ends of the Okinawa battle line.

Flanking attacks hitting against the Shuri position on the Okinawa front today, the 10th Army's pincers snapped the Japanese line. The Japanese were forced to retreat from the Shuri position.

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Texan Made New Bishop

New York, May 24.—(AP)—The Rev. Thomas W. Hall, D. D., of San Antonio, Texas, was elected bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina today, succeeding the Rt. Rev. Thomas A. Smith, who retired last year because of ill health.

Dr. W. Hall, 61, a native of Wilmington and now pastor of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in San Antonio, was the only candidate for the bishopric. He has been a member of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina since 1934.

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Superforts Start Fires In Tokyo Seen 200 Miles

Guam, May 24.—(AP)—Nine million pounds of fire bombs, dropped by more than 550 Superfortresses in the biggest single air blow of the Pacific war, spread fires in Tokyo today which were visible for 200 miles and smashed waterworks, rail road yards, and aircraft parts shops south of the imperial palace.

One B-29 pilot reported direct hits on yards which handle one-third of Japan's rail traffic. A brilliant moon and a ring of 90 fires set by lead planes illuminated the target area, the Shinagawa industrial section, which is populated by 750,000 of Tokyo's millions and crowded with highly inflammable shops making precision instruments for Nippon's air force.

Pilots saw their incendiaries burst into flames and fall in scores of exploding parachutes. General Thomas Power, commanding general of the Superforts on Guam, reported today that night would spread the fire over a widening area.

Sergeant Charles Hiler, of Santa Monica, Cal., the bomber gunner on the City of Santa Monica, looked back at the glow in the sky over Tokyo, checked 2 1/2 in his navigator and was told the number was 200 miles out on the return trip.

A bomber command spokesman said the target area provided "one of the happiest combinations of inflammability and congestion." The area extends from the Tama river on the north to a boundary about three miles south of the imperial palace.