

METROPOLITAN TOKYO REPORTED WRECKED

Arms Conference In Wake Of Jap Defeat Appears Probable

Would Be Part Of Future Plans For Maintaining Peace

San Francisco, May 26.—(AP)—The probability of a United Nations arms conference following close on the defeat of Japan emerged today from the plans for future world security now being put into final shape.

These plans provide for both maintenance of land, sea and air forces large enough to safeguard peace, and regulated reduction of armaments to relieve the victorious nations of this war of the heavy burden they have carried for the past several years.

Committee action in the United Nations conference to date indicates substantial agreement among the 49 nations represented here on these two objectives.

In fact, about the only controversy remaining in the conference is that between the small and great nations over the authority to be exercised in the projected world security council by the big powers.

The big four are due to reach final agreement today on a statement upholding the veto formula worked out early this year at Yalta, but declaring at the same time that it could not be used to prevent any nation from presenting to the council charges against another nation.

The United States delegation was summoned to a pre-conference on the statement, with the prospect that it would go to a meeting of Secretary of State Stettinius and the other big power delegation chiefs by this evening.

This means failure of the efforts to settle the controversy this week, and a full conference committee on the security council will not get the statement before Monday.

It is expected that critics of the big power veto will carry their fight to a showdown in the committee. Big four leaders continue to claim enough votes to block the great variety of proposed amendments designed to limit their authority in the council.

FIRST ARMY TO LEAVE AT F. JACKSON BASE

Washington, May 26.—(AP)—F. Jackson, S. C., will be the base for extramuring the First Army for Pacific operations, the War Department said today. The First Army, commanded by Gen. Courtney B. Hodges, is now returning from Europe.

The establishment, one of the larger camps in the country, was a national guard camp used early before the war when the government took it over and established it for infantry training.

BLACK MARKET HIT BY ACTION OF OPA

Charlotte, May 26.—(AP)—The Office of Price Administration announced today that quota bases would not be issued and that existing ones would be canceled for all class II commercial meat slaughterers who for any three accounting periods, whether consecutive or not, since January 1, 1944, did not surrender any of the required ration points.

POTATOES GO TO MARKET

Columbia, May 26.—Fayette county Irish potatoes started this week leaving for northern markets, with five cars leaving Monday and 10 cars moving Tuesday, which is the total of the cars loaded so far this season. Potatoes are still leaving in large quantities by trucks for northern markets.

Hopkins Begins Meetings With Soviets In Moscow

Moscow, May 26.—(AP)—Presidential Advisor Harry Hopkins probably will begin discussions with Soviet leaders on current American-Russian questions late today.

The Russian press and radio, describing Hopkins as "the personal representative of President Truman," reported his arrival in detail, but without editorial comment.

An informed diplomatic source said that while the visit was important, persons looking for any sensations probably would be disappointed. This source said the visit should not be interpreted as the result of any crisis in affairs, but rather for

Join Cabinet



THOMAS C. CLARK



CLINTON ANDERSON

PRESIDENT Harry S. Truman, revising his Cabinet, named Assistant Attorney General Thomas C. Clark (top), 45, of Dallas, Tex., to succeed Attorney General Francis Biddle, the Chief Executive also appointed Representative Clinton Anderson (bottom), 49, of New Mexico, to the post of Secretary of Agriculture, following the resignation of Claude R. Wickard. (International)

Presbyterian Church Gains 15,000 In '44

Montreat, May 26.—(AP)—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States voted today to meet again next year in Montreat, assembly ground of the denomination. At today's session the assembly approved a proposal to join with other Protestant churches of the South in arranging for a weekly hour for radio broadcasting. The Presbyterian Church would have one hour each month under the plan.

Dr. E. C. Scott, of Dallas, Texas, submitted a report showing the church gained more than 15,000 members last year, making a total of 589,389. A financial statement said total gifts during the year amounted to \$18,536,499, an increase of better than \$2,000,000 over the preceding year. The per capita gifts was \$31.94, an increase of \$2.61.

Churchill's New Cabinet Is Complete

Faces Fiery Ordeal Before Parliament On Coming Tuesday

London, May 26.—(AP)—The new government of Prime Minister Churchill will face Parliament for the first time Tuesday in what one political commentator said today would be "the fiercest baptism of any administration for a long time."

The Times of London lent support to the view of some observers that the "care-taker government" named last night to serve until Britain's election, July 5, was also Churchill's choice for his permanent administration should the Conservative party retain its majority at the polls.

Praising the cabinet as a "carefully balanced team," the Times said its members, when they appear before the House, "would ask for a mandate to press on the Japanese war to its conclusion."

Churchill, who retained Anthony Eden as foreign secretary, chose mainly members of his own party to replace the thirty Labor and Liberal ministers leaving the government. Also there are a few from other parties, including the Liberal M. G. Gwynn Lloyd George, son of the late World War I Prime Minister David Lloyd George, as minister of fuel and power, and the Liberal National Ernest Brown, new minister of aircraft production.

Cabinet members without definite party affiliation who were retained included Sir James Grigg, secretary of war.

Ignominious Burial Given To Himmler

Lüneburg, Germany, May 26.—(AP)—The body of Heinrich Himmler, wrapped in a gray British army blanket, was carried by truck into a woods near here today and dumped into a grave spaded out by three British Tommies.

For two days the body had been left on the floor of a Lüneburg villa, where the Gestapo chief ended his life with poison while undergoing examination after his arrest by British authorities.

A senior intelligence officer of the British second army said he had been told to dispose as he saw fit of the Nazi Gestapo chief, whose private currency hoard of approximately \$1,000,000 was discovered yesterday hidden under a barn near Berchtesgaden.

A major and three sergeants carried out the unceremonious burial. A soldier who witnessed the removal said the sergeants took Himmler's body by head and feet, carried it behind the house where he died and dumped it into a one-ton truck alongside three spades.

The body had not been embalmed and was clad only in a British army shirt, and the army blanket he chose to drape about him when his over-clothing was taken away after his arrest.

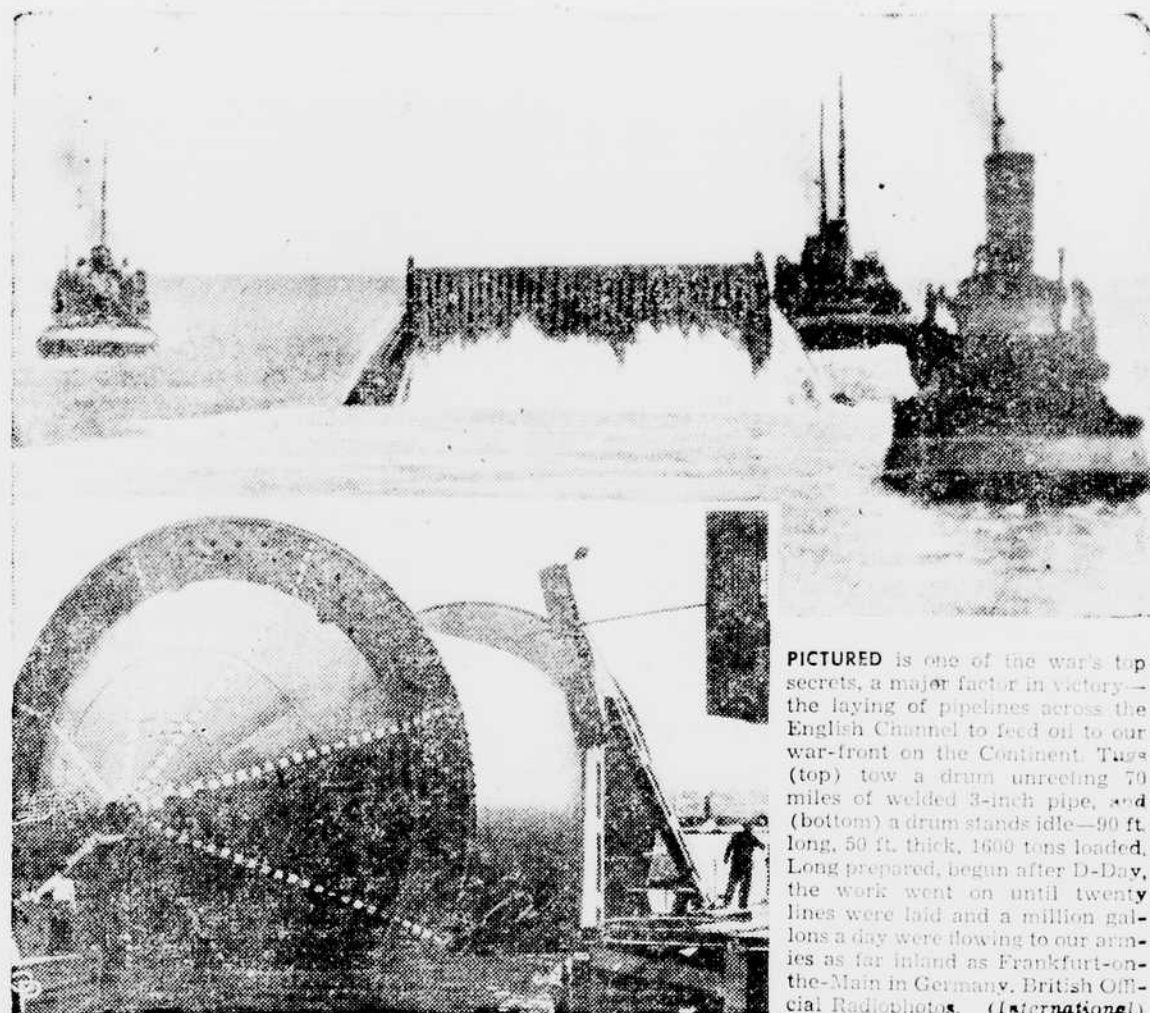
The Himmler grave in the woods, a patch of pines, was not marked, for the Allies do not want the Germans to penetrate the body or mark the spot with some monument later. Dirt was shoveled on the body and the ground smoothed so as to leave no trace that it was the final resting place of one of the men who strode most heavily across the Nazi stage.

U. S. And British Occupation Finds Yugoslavs Cordial

Trieste, May 26.—(AP)—Marshal Tito's Yugoslav partisans have met British and American occupation of the area north of here in a friendly spirit, and there has not been a single "incident," Allied officers reported last night.

The partisans have taken down all concrete road blocks between Trieste and the border of Yugoslavia, an action which was looked upon as a friendly gesture to speed traffic and relieve a food shortage.

SECRETS OF 'OPERATION PLUTO' NOW REVEALED



PICTURED is one of the war's top secrets, a major factor in victory—the laying of pipelines across the English Channel to feed oil to our war-front on the Continent. This (top) tow a drum unreeled 70 miles of welded 3-inch pipe, 4-1/2 (bottom) a drum stands idle—30 ft. long, 50 ft. thick, 1600 tons loaded. Long prepared, began after D-Day, the work went on until twenty lines were laid and a million gallons a day were flowing to our armies as far inland as Frankfurt-on-the-Main in Germany. British Official Radiophotos. (International)

11 Naval Craft Damaged 111 Enemy Planes Downed

Channel Oil Lines



THIS MAP shows where 20 pipelines were laid under the English Channel from Britain to France to carry the Allied oil supply that crushed Germany. Four were from the Isle of Wight to Cherbourg and sixteen others from Dunquerque to the Bologne coast. (International)

Jap Suicide Troops Wiped Out Without Much Sabotage Done

Guam, May 26.—(AP)—Eleven light units of the Pacific fleet were damaged in Okinawan waters in a dramatic series of raids. Thursday night and Friday morning by a motley assortment of Japanese planes, some of which carried atomic bombs.

During the 18-hour battle, 111 Japanese aircraft were shot down. One bomber glided into a perfect belly landing on American-held Yontan airfield and disgorged a handful of suicide assault troops. They set fire to a number of American planes before they were cut down.

Only a single few casualties were suffered on the eleven damaged American ships. A Associated Press War Correspondent Verne Hargland reported from Okinawa. He said each craft shot down from one to four attacking planes before and after they were hit. One vessel was hit and, surprisingly, no one was killed. Five were wounded.

A Pacific fleet communiqué today announcing this string of air attacks gave no details as to the types of ships hit or the extent of damage. Hargland said attacking formations included all types of aircraft ranging from light, outmoded fighters to modern dive bombers and medium bombers.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz reported this heaviest counter blow in weeks today as Marines drove tanks through the cluttered streets of Naha, Okinawa's shattered capital, and artillery pounded the half-encircled fortress city of Saipan. Mud and rain hampered ground operations.

Nimitz announced overall American casualties of 35,116, including 9,602 dead for the army, marine corps and navy since the Okinawa campaign began March 18, with preliminary carrier sweeps. Japanese dead in ground actions alone were listed nine days ago at 48,103.

FIVE U-BOATS SUNK JUST BEFORE V-DAY

London, May 26.—One of the greatest U-boat hunts of the war, in which four and possibly five Nazi submarines were sunk in 24 hours, occurred just before V-E day, the British air ministry disclosed last night.

The hunt was carried out by royal air force coastal command Liberator bombers from a base in Scotland. Several of the attacks were made on surface submarines, all of which fought back furiously. All but one of the strikes were made in daylight, thus enabling the RAF crews to obtain firsthand evidence of the deadliness of their depths charges.

DESTROYER AND FOUR SMALL VESSELS LOST

Washington, May 26.—(AP)—The destroyer Little and four other small craft have been lost in the Okinawa area from enemy action, the navy announced. The small craft lost were the LSM 190, the LSM 195, the fleet mine sweeper Swallow and the LST 447.

Casualties were described as moderate and next of kin of all casualties have been notified.

Special Envoy



NAMED by President Truman as a special envoy to London, Joseph E. Davies, former U. S. Ambassador to Russia, is expected to begin important conversations preliminary to the forthcoming meeting of the "Big Three." (International)

Cherry Urges Duke Class To Defend Press

Durham, May 26.—(AP)—Governor Cherry told the Duke University graduating class today that "I hope you fight for the right of free speech and a free press."

He said that "these twin guarantees of freedom, having their roots embedded in the fundamental law of the land, have been sturdy oaks in their resistance against the storms of violence and abuse, when various alienisms sought to gain a foothold in this country. The restraining influence of the press has been one of the bulwarks of freedom."

The governor added that "when Hitler started out to conquer the world, he first stifled the voice of the press. A controlled press and radio dictated the thoughts and actions of the German people. Freedom's life was soon snuffed out."

Japs On Luzon Showing Readiness To Surrender

Manila, May 26.—(AP)—A disintegrating Japanese force, encircled northeast of Manila in mountains suited for a long, delaying stand, is showing a disposition to surrender.

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Yesterday, however, 20 Nippone, including two medical officers, gave up in a group. They indicated others would like to give up.

Two Palaces Are Ruined In Bombings

Two Universities Declared Burned; Japanese Incensed

Guam, May 26.—(AP)—Superfortresses, carrying their fire bomb scourge to the heart of the enemy empire for the second time in 48 hours, by Japanese count destroyed two palaces and left metropolitan Tokyo "literally scorched to the ground today."

The attack was announced by Washington yesterday.

The 500-plane raid "practically laid waste what was once the world's third largest metropolis," the broadcast reported.

"The outer palace within the imperial palace compounds, as well as the Oniya detached palace, were destroyed by fire," it added.

Struck by the strike into the very nerve center of the empire, Radio Tokyo diverged from a later recital of damages to declare that the "enemy's inhuman atrocity" had increased the Japanese "feeling of hostility and (they) are firmly determined to fight to the last Japanese."

Damages listed in the Tokyo metropolitan area, generally forming a horseshoe from east to west, southward along the imperial palace compounds, included destruction by fire of the Imperial University, Keio University, a number of elementary and middle schools, "several" large hospitals, the Atago shrine and the Zojo temple.

The Swedish and Finnish legations were reported completely razed and the former U. S. embassy partly destroyed.

Cotton Sears To New Highs

New York, May 26.—(AP)—The cotton futures market rallied into new seasonal high ground today on dull and unseasonable home buying, stimulated by the unfavorable crop outlook and expectation of continued government price support for the staple. Futures closed 30 to 35 cents a bale higher.

	Open	Close
July	22.02	23.04
October	22.60	22.65
December	22.50	22.58
May	22.35	22.47
March	22.31	22.57

Stocks Reach 8-Year Peak

New York, May 26.—(AP)—Led by rails and selected industrials, the stock market today extended its recovery swing to a new eight-year average peak.

While dealings slowed after a fairly active opening, gains of fractions to a point or more were widely distributed near the final hour. Ahead most of the time were Santa Fe, Chrysler and Sears Roebuck.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Mostly cloudy and warm, with scattered showers and thunderstorms today, followed by partly cloudy and continued warm tonight and Sunday.

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