

Russia Firm In Stand On Veto Powers

New Note Presses Rigid Application; Adjournment Nearer

Washington, June 2.—(AP)—President Truman has been advised that the San Francisco conference will not close on June 6, as at first believed possible, but will continue for some days thereafter.

The White House said today the President will go to San Francisco for the final session, however, whenever that may be.

San Francisco, June 2.—(AP)—Russia is standing firm on a rigid interpretation of big five veto power in the United Nations machinery designed to keep world peace.

A spokesman for Andrei Gromyko, Soviet delegation chief, handed a new note on the Russian attitude last night to the Secretary of State, Stettinius and the chiefs of the British, French and Chinese delegations at the United Nations conference.

It was learned today that Gromyko rapidly summarized its contents. Others present gathered that Moscow firmly opposes any relaxation of the veto power, and may be insisting even to receipt of a complete plan by the security council of the proposed world organization except where there is unanimous agreement among the big powers.

The veto power stands as an overriding right of any of the big five nations to forbid any decisive step if they disapprove.

While this appeared to intensify differences among the big five over how the veto should be applied, Britain pressed for a less rigid interpretation. Stettinius went ahead, nevertheless, with plans for trying to speed the conference to conclusion early this month.

It was agreed tentatively that the big five should meet at least once a day from now on until the beginning of conference committee work, which has been blocked principally by the veto issue, is completely broken and all remaining problems are cleared up.

In line with this schedule, the big five were called to another meeting at Stettinius' penthouse quarters today.

Hopkins Journeys Back To America To Offer Report

Moscow, June 2.—(AP)—Presidential Representative Harry Hopkins prepared today to return to the United States to report on his talks with Premier Stalin.

Hopkins officially wound up his second visit to the Soviet Union when he was the Russian premier's guest at a dinner last night at the Kremlin.

POPE HOPING FOR RISE OF GERMANY

Vatican City, June 2.—(AP)—Pope Pius XII expressed hope in a world broadcast today that the German nation can rise to new dignity and new life once it has laid the solemn spectre raised by national socialism and the guilty have expiated the crimes they have committed.

The pontiff strongly defended Vatican policy toward Nazi Germany throughout the years preceding the war. He addressed the college of cardinals, paying their respects on St. Eugene's day, his name day.

SYRIAN CAPITAL OF DAMASCUS REPORTED SHELLED



AS BRITISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES in the Middle East planned to intervene in the trouble between Syrian and French troops, it was reported that the capital of Damascus, pictured above in a panoramic view, had been shelled by mortars and bombed. The Parliament building was heavily hit. (International)

Planes From Carriers In New Blasts

Airdromes Strafed Along With Trains And Other Centers

Guam, June 2.—(AP)—Carried raids on Japan were renewed today. Tokyo radio reported, in the wake of B-29 fire raids which have inflicted "shockingly great" damage on Nippon's major industrial cities.

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Americans Begin New Okinawa Drive After Taking Shuri

Guam, June 2.—(AP)—The U. S. 10th army, after completing capture of Japan's main defense line on southern Okinawa by capturing all of Shuri spring forking drives today aimed at obtaining use of the island's best airfield and harbor.

A footnote dispatch from Associated Press Correspondent Al Dopping said another ten days might be the end of organized enemy resistance.

An Okinawa dispatch from Associated Press Correspondent Verne Hoagland noted, however, that the west coast peninsula below the fallen capital, Naha, is "alive with troops" in position to defend the big Naha airfield.

An official navy spokesman said yesterday in Washington, he was "in view of the backbone of Japan's Okinawa defenses had been broken."

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Enemy Resistance In Philippines Stiffer

Manila, June 2.—(AP)—Tanks of the 39th division ran into strong opposition yesterday while attacking Japanese elements forced out of the old Shimbun line east of Manila.

Energy resistance, also stiffened against Mandanville, but American tanks pushed into the head of the Kadayan valley, prospective last stand for the Japanese on Luzon, and a survey showed Allied air bases in this area had sunk or damaged 2,117,682 tons of Japanese shipping since January 1.

Despite the beating administered to the Shimbun line by the Americans after the Japanese were driven into that sector from Manila in February, the enemy managed to conserve important forces there. In yesterday's attack, 150 or more Japanese were killed at a river bend position.

On Mandanville, the 31st division drove the enemy back about a half mile east of Malaybalay, but reported heavy opposition Wednesday east of Manaoag.

The 2nd division blasted the last of the Japanese from the Villa Verde trail, historic route between the central Luzon plains and Kagayan valley.

Philippine President Sergio Osmena announced use of division of the Commonwealth army had been accepted by General Douglas MacArthur for "the campaign against Japan," and would be equipped with American arms. It is being formed at two centers on Luzon island.

Norway Urged To Speedy Trial For Vidkun Quisling

Oslo, June 2.—(AP)—Karl Hambro, president of the Norwegian Parliament, has warned his country that American good will might be lost through a slow deliberate trial of Vidkun Quisling, Norway's former puppet fuhrer.

Back in his homeland after five years abroad, Hambro said yesterday that Norway has the "genuine good will of America."

Quisling's trial is due to start on or before August 25.

GENERAL'S ARE NOT MEETING IN BERLIN

Paris, June 2.—(AP)—Supreme Allied headquarters today denied reports circulated in London that General Eisenhower, Field Marshal Montgomery, Marshal Zhukov and an unnamed French general would meet in Berlin this week-end to organize an Allied military control commission.

Supreme Headquarters also was not yet prepared to announce the boundaries of final Allied occupational zones in Germany.

Cotton Drops After Spurt

New York, June 2.—(AP)—After registering small gains today, the cotton future market eased off moderately on profit-taking and hedge selling. Early steadiness was influenced partly by reports of government plans to grant subsidies to the textile industry in order to increase production. Private advisers reported some improvement in mill demand for spot cotton, although buying was still small. Futures closed 15 cent a bale lower to 10 cents higher.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy and continued hot today and tonight. Scattered thunderstorms in mountains late this afternoon or tonight. Sunday considerable cloudiness with scattered thunderstorms and not so warm.

Britain Is Blamed By De Gaulle

England Has 600,000 Men In Levant But Would Oust French

Paris, June 2.—(AP)—General De Gaulle clearly indicated today that France will not submit the Syrian question to the proposed tripartite conference. He declared a number of British agents created the uprising in Lebanon and Syria.

As part of his submission of the problem to the conference of French, British and United States representatives, De Gaulle told a press conference.

"We wish that when we were invited to London an answer would have been given in a different way—and it would have been better also for the invitation itself."

France, he said, had withdrawn all but 4,000 to 5,000 troops from the Levant, but Britain had kept 400,000 men there, including the ninth army. De Gaulle said British agents in the Levant had created a situation contrary to the interests of France. France had tried to negotiate with the republics of Syria and Lebanon on pending questions, including France's material interests in the Levant, he said. France should have military bases in the world just as Britain and America, he asserted.

The French chief of state said a large measure of independence had been granted Syria and Lebanon. Fire order in Syria was executed by French commander May 31 before Prime Minister Churchill's note to him requesting the action was delivered.

Anti-Russian Activity At Berlin Hinted

London, June 2.—(AP)—Indicating the appearance of an anti-Russian activity in the area of shattered German capital, Arthur Werner, the Soviet-appointed mayor of Berlin, has warned Germans that city former Nazis would be shot for every attempt on the life of a Red army soldier or Russian official.

Meanwhile, an Associated Press dispatch from Geneva quoted Emil E. Boesch, international Red Cross representative, just returned from Berlin, as saying some 500,000 displaced persons and 100,000 Allied prisoners of war still were mulling about in the general area of Berlin, and needed prompt inter-Allied aid to avoid starvation and epidemic.

CAMP BUTNER IS RECONDITIONED

Camp Butner, June 2.—The buildings of the Camp Butner convalescent hospital of the hospital center commanded by Brig. Gen. Roy C. Herberover have been undergoing a general modernizing and improvement. The office of the post engineer recently announced that 87 enlisted patients' barracks and seven officer patient barracks, and several other buildings have been reconitioned within the past few months.

Every patient barracks is now equipped with a two-story masonry fire escape tower complete with three automatic fire doors. As the activities of the reconitioning program have expanded over the 20 blocks of the convalescent hospital area, several barracks and automotive repair shops were converted into classrooms and shops for the educational reconitioning branch.

DE GAULLE IS AGAINST PLAN FOR MEDIATION

Premier of China



PREMIER T. V. SOONG



PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Elevated to China's top administrative job, in which he has been acting since last December, T. V. Soong succeeds his brother-in-law, Chiang Kai-shek, who resigned as premier but remains as president and supreme commander of Allied forces in the China theatre of war. Chiang is expected to concentrate on fighting. (International)

Opposes Conference On Crisis In Syria; Russia Seeks Peace

London, June 2.—(AP)—There were indications today that General Charles De Gaulle was unwilling to take part at the present time in an international conference to settle France's dispute with Lebanon and battle-scarred Syria, as Moscow told other members of the big five "the conflict which has arisen must be settled in a peaceful manner."

An Associated Press dispatch from Damascus reported French troops there acting to their barracks late yesterday under the noses of British tanks. An official Paris statement had said merely that the troops had been ordered "to keep fire and hold their positions."

The broadcast Soviet statement by the people's commissariat for foreign affairs, disclosing the Russian note to Paris, Washington, London and Chungking, asked for "speedy measures to stop military operations in Syria. The statement referred to "armed claims" in progress in Syria. The statement concluded:

"The Soviet government has addressed this suggestion to the French people's government and also has addressed it to the governments of Great Britain, United States of America and to China, to whom belongs the initiative in the creation of a postwar organization for peace and international security."

The statement also said: "The events in Syria and Lebanon do not correspond to the spirit of the decisions adopted at Dumbarton Oaks or to the aims of the United Nations conference for the creation of an organization to insure peace and security for the peoples." The statement pointed out that France and Lebanon all were members of the San Francisco conference.

Himmler Planned To Enslave Whole Of East Europe

London, June 2.—(AP)—The Luxembourg radio said today that a new secret document had been found in which Heinrich Himmler planned to reduce the people of eastern Europe to the status of uneducated brutes, "available for road building and quarries, and as mobile workers."

Jews would have been exterminated entirely under the Nazi plan, and others would have been taught only to write their names, perform hard labor and to obey the Germans," the radio said. It reported the document was intended only for eastern district leaders, Hitler and labor ministers.

Laval Suicide Discounted In Paris Circles

Barcelona, June 2.—(AP)—Officers at Montjuich castle, where Pierre Laval is held, denied today that he had killed himself.

Paris, June 2.—(AP)—A London report that Pierre Laval had committed suicide was received with skepticism today in Paris circles, where the former Vichy chief of government was well known.

The Exchange Telegraph Agency in London quoted the Luxembourg radio as saying Laval had committed suicide. These sources had no information concerning the radio statement, nor the earlier claim that Laval, last reported in Spain, had agreed to surrender himself to France.

"He is not the type to settle things so easily," said one person who had known Laval.

Truman Seeks Speedy Peace In Far East

Raleigh, June 2.—(AP)—Robert E. Hannagan, national Democratic chairman and postmaster general-designate, said here today President Truman was insisting the cooperative efforts of all Americans regardless of party in uniting for a quick defeat of the Japanese.

He made the statement in commenting on the fact that Thomas E. Dewey, governor of New York and Republican presidential candidate last fall, had been invited to the White House.

Mannegan, paying his first visit to North Carolina to address the Jefferson Day dinner tonight, attended Governor Cherry's press conference. He talked generally of lectures coming up in 1946 and 1947, and spoke optimistically on his party's chances.

He especially praised Governor Cherry and Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the navy and more recently ambassador to Mexico.

LITTLE JAPS SAVED BY MARINES



DISCOVERED IN CAVES where they'd been hidden by parents to save them from Yankee "torture", these tiny Okinawans relax just a bit in kindly hands of the American forces. The mud-faced Leatherneck arms riding them out of danger—though the muddy-faced little girl in the foreground seems not at all sure that all is well. Marine Corps photo from News of the Day Newsreel. (International)

A MacARTHUR WELCOME IN MANILA



FIVE-STAR GENERAL Douglas MacArthur (center) is shown greeting President Sergio Osmena (left) of the Philippines and Sen. Millard Tydings of Maryland on their arrival in Manila by plane from the United States. The U. S. Senator is head of the Presidential Commission assigned to study rehabilitation in the Philippines. (International)