

HERE RESTED THE FIRST U. S. DEAD IN FRANCE



HALLOWED GROUND IS THIS—a bit of Normandy earth that was the first American cemetery of World War II in France, for a time the resting place of men who died on D-Day in Europe, one year ago. The ground is empty now, for the bodies it held were re-interred at St. Laurent; and here on "Omaha Beach" only the posts and the marker remain, with T/Sgt. Robert Bradley of Altoona, Pa., remembering. (International)

Japs Fear Invasion Imminent

Split Threatens Peace Parley

Chiefs Move Frantically For Accord

Stalin Reiterates Right For Veto Of Even Discussions

San Francisco, June 6.—(AP)—Urgent talks seeking to avoid a permanent big five split over the veto issue are reported under way today in both Moscow and San Francisco. Premier Stalin is said to be renewing Soviet insistence on the right to veto even discussion in a world security council.

President Truman's personal emissary, Harry Hopkins, is handling the negotiations in the Russian capital. Secretary of State Stettinius, as chief United States delegate to the United Nations conference, is holding conferences on the subject here with Soviet Ambassador Andrei Gromyko.

The American officials hope for an answer which must come initially from Stalin by this week-end at the very latest. They consider the issue of such importance that they are expressing ideas as to their expressed idea is that if the present split among Russia against the United States, France, Britain and China continues, small nations will demand that opposing views be put to the test of a conference vote.

In that event the odds are about one hundred to one that the Russian view would be battered down hard, and the position of the other four powers upheld. Virtually all the small nations except those directly in Russia's sphere of influence favor limiting the veto power. The next move of the United States delegation, according to present indications, will not be decided upon by President Truman until Stalin has sent new instructions. These might either reaffirm Russia's previous view, first expressed last Friday to the other powers here, or modify it.

LEST WE FORGET



A HELMET, AN UP-ENDED AUTOMATIC RIFLE, a mound of loose earth—the new-made grave of an American who died that morning for liberty. The time was D-Day, Europe, one year ago; the place, a beachhead in Normandy. We had come to grips with the Nazi menace, and men were dying to end its bondage. Their battle stands won. V-E Day has come and gone. Europe is free—but Asia is not. The Jap menace remains. D-Day, Japan, lies ahead. Photo by U. S. Coast Guard. (International)

Battle For Okinawa Is About Over

Virtual Admission Made By Japan That Stronghold Is Lost

Guam, June 6.—(AP)—Japanese admitted today American invaders have reduced Okinawa to an "isolated island," and warned an invasion of Japan was "imminent."

The virtual admission that Okinawa was lost came as an unexpected American source indicated a possible end of the campaign, and the semi-official Dozoku news agency claimed "bitter fighting" raged between the U. S. 10th army and the Japanese "firmly entrenched in new positions."

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, in his daily communique, failed even to mention ground action on the island, reporting only United States air strikes into Japanese home waters.

Such news blackout in the past often have preceded announcement of developments of major importance, such as conclusion of campaigns or the launching of new invasions.

Japan's invasion remoteness was sharpened further by a plea for its citizens to complete the children of soldiers, who died in hard grueling "battles" charges against American troops, and by Radio Tokyo's claim the Japanese mainland has been converted into an "impenetrable fortress."

A new kind of underground warfare now being prepared by the Japanese is so different from anything used in Europe it will mark a new epoch in military history," Tokyo said.

Airfield Of Japs Seized By Chinese

Chungking, June 6.—(AP)—Reports from American sources said Chinese troops today captured Lungchow, Kwangsi province rail junction, and site of a former U. S. air base.

Earlier General Yang Sen, governor of Kweichow province, announced the re-taking of the city, but there was no official army confirmation.

Another unconfirmed report said Chinese spearheads only ten miles from the river island port of Wu-chow, 120 miles west of Canton, through which the Japanese funneled into Kwangsi province from Kwangtung last year. This report also said the Japanese were preparing to evacuate Wu-chow.

Brazil Joins War Against The Japs; Fought In Italy

Rio de Janeiro, June 6.—(AP)—Brazil declared war on Japan today. Brazil broke diplomatic relations with Germany, Italy and Japan on January 28, 1942, and declared war on Germany and Italy August 22 of the same year.

The Brazilian expeditionary force fought in Italy in the latter phases of the Italian campaign.

Plea Denied As Meadows Case Begins

Exception Is Noted And Court Starts Selection Of Jury

Greenville, June 6.—(AP)—Judge J. Paul Frizzelle today denied a defense plea of former Senator J. in the case of Dr. Leon R. Meadows, former president of East Carolina Teachers College, who is being tried on charges of embezzlement and false pretense in connection with his handling of special and student funds while president of the college.

The defense, excepted, indicating the question will be taken to the State Supreme Court.

The Pitt county court today instructed examination of special witnesses from Lenoir county. A Benson jury will be seated.

Judge Frizzelle handed down his ruling after hearing arguments and objections by defense and State attorneys.

Tariff Measure Discussed Behind Committee Doors

Washington, June 6.—(AP)—The Senate Finance Committee discussed behind closed doors today House-approved legislation extending the national trade program, with additional tariff-cutting power. Charles P. Fair, State Department trade expert, and Charles W. Holman, representing the National Cooperative Milk Producers Association, were among those who testified yesterday.

That cost a growing number of commodities are needed from abroad to provide adequate defense stocks against possible future wars.

The reciprocal program was championed by Holman as designed to "open certain manufacturing and banking interests in other disregard of our own." However, Representative Clinton T. Anderson, Democrat, New Mexico, who becomes secretary of agriculture July 1, told the committee he would see to it that agriculture is protected under the program.

The pending bill would extend the trade agreement program three years beyond June 30 and would authorize tariff cuts fifty percent below 1930 levels.

Truman May Be Rebuffed On FEPC Act

Washington, June 6.—(AP)—President Truman's request for legislation making permanent the Fair Employment Practices Committee was sidetracked temporarily today by the House Rules Committee at the insistence of southern opponents of the proposal.

The President asked the committee to clear the legislation for floor action in a letter yesterday to Chairman Subath, Illinois Democrat. The committee has bottlenecked the proposal ever since the labor committee approved it four months ago. Key Southern Democrats predicted a sharp rebuff for the President on the issue.

Body Believed That Of Hitler Located In Ruins Of Berlin

Berlin, June 6.—(AP)—A high Russian military source said today a body found in Berlin has been identified with almost certainty as that of Adolf Hitler.

The body, smoke-blackened and charred, was one of four discovered in the ruins of the great underground fortress beneath the new Reich chancellery after the fall of Berlin. These four bodies, one of which a source said was Hitler's, were removed and carefully examined by Russian army physicians. All were badly burned from the flame-throwers with which Red army soldiers finally cleared out the underground command post, where Hitler and his leading Nazis made their last-ditch stand.

After careful examination of teeth and other characteristics, the Russian, singled out one body which they believed almost certainly is that of the Nazi Fuehrer.

Asked why no official announcement of the discovery has been made yet by Moscow, the Russian source said that as long as any element of uncertainty exists the Russians do not wish to state definitely that Hitler's body has been found. The source added, however, that there seemed little doubt that this actually is the corpse of Hitler.

Examination of the body showed that the man almost certainly died of poison. Whether this was self-administered there is no sure means of knowing. It will be recalled, however, that the Russian sources recently reported that Hitler died of an injection given him by his physician, Dr. Morel, after he had been insane and half paralyzed for several days. According to a telegram sent by Propaganda Minister Paul Gabcobels to Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, Hitler died at 3:30 p. m. on May 1.

D-Day Anniversary Event Holiday For Army Forces

Paris, June 6.—(AP)—The first anniversary of the Allied landings on the Normandy beaches found the victorious Allies observing a holiday today in simple observance of the memorable date.

Just a year ago in the early morning darkness some 5,000 ships poured thousands of fully equipped men on the beaches of France. Overhead, thousands of Allied planes dropped supplies carrying airborne troops.

Today on these same beaches, veterans of the invasion—the greatest military achievement in history—honored the memory of those who

died as they battled for a hold in Hitler's European fortress.

In accord with General Eisenhower's wishes in designating June 6 as a holiday for Allied soldiers, formal ceremonies generally were avoided.

Many American troops who participated in the eleven months battle of Europe were preparing to leave for home and discharge, or the Pacific and war with Japan. Others were already home or in transit.

But for those still in the continent and in the United Kingdom this was a day of quiet celebration, which the supreme commander said should

Oxford Men Get Negro Orphanage Committee Posts

Raleigh, June 6.—(AP)—Governor Chery today announced the appointment of a five-member board of trustees for the Oxford Colored Orphanage.

W. T. Yancy, of Oxford, is a new member. Other members, reappointed, are: Ben W. Parham, Ben K. Laester, M. S. Curran and Dr. Roy L. Noblin, all of Oxford. The new board will serve for four years.

"Whether as voluntarily and physically for the coming months."

GERMAN CIVILIANS CLEAN UP UNDER DEN LINDEN



THIS PICTURE CLEARLY ILLUSTRATES that the famous Unter den Linden in Berlin was subjected to the same type of bombing and artillery shelling as were other areas of the former German capital, preceding its capture by the Russians. Here German civilians clear away the rubble under the supervision of Russian soldiers to permit the free passage of traffic. U. S. Army Signal Corps photo. (International Soundphoto)

Plane Carrying 18 WACs Missing In West Africa

Washington, June 6.—(AP)—An army transport plane carrying 18 WACs and a crew of three has been missing for a week on a 766-mile flight in Africa, the War Department announced today.

The plane left Accra, British West Africa, on a flight to Roberts Field, in Liberia, on May 29, and was last reported over Takoradi, British West Africa, about 150 miles west of Accra.

The WACs, members of a group assigned to the army transport command base at Accra since last October, were being transferred to a new assignment. Airplanes and surface craft have undertaken a widespread search for the missing plane along the French Ivory coast, between British West Africa and Liberia.

Japs Pushed In Tough Spot On Mindanac

Mandla, June 6.—(AP)—Japanese forces on Mindanac, thrown back from all useful bases on the island, may have to make their last stand in the mountain east of the Sayre highway and west of Davon.

The choice of battle grounds essentially is not theirs, reported AP Correspondent Richard Berghaus from eighth army headquarters. The harassed Japanese have been lured from their prepared positions and are being given the "sappers' play" by two veteran divisions—the 24th commanded by Major Gen. R. B. Woodruff, and the 31st, commanded by Major Gen. Clarence Martin.

In northeastern Luzon, another hot Philippines battleground, Major General Robert Douglas's Bataan division is crowding on toward Baguio on highway 101 after capturing the key road junction town of Arayat in the Cagayan valley.

Anxiety For Berlin Meet Is Expressed

London, June 6.—(AP)—A hint that the site of the next "big three" parley already had been set was given prominently today in one report that the first meeting of the delegates to the Inter-Allied Control Council in Berlin had "ended abruptly," creating new anxiety here.

Without elaboration, Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir John Anderson told Commons there was "no chance" that the "big three" would meet in London, leaving the suggestion that a site had been selected.

Accidental fresh concern arose over the situation in Austria. General Eisenhower and Field Marshal Montgomery left soon after the Berlin meeting without attending a Russian banquet, saying they had to return to their headquarters yesterday evening.

The last Berlin meeting of the U. S., British, Russian and French delegates left unsettled details concerning the organization of the Allied Control Council, and how it will govern Germany.

Richard K. Lacy, speaking for the foreign office, told Commons that, although Allied military missions arrived in Vienna last Sunday for preliminary discussions, "it might be some time before a control commission for Austria is set up."

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Considerable cloudiness and continued moderately cool today, tonight and Thursday, with slightly higher temperatures in central portion tonight. Scattered light showers in extreme north portion today and tonight.

Men Of 26-29 To Be Moved Up In Draft

Washington, June 6.—(AP)—Sixty thousand apparently "pre-industrial" industrial workers, 26 through 29, stand to lose their draft deferments by full government officials estimated today.

Munitions cutbacks and diminished urgency of other war supporting activities will reduce by at least 17 percent the total of 350,000 key men

Japs Plan Rebuilding Of Devastated Cities

Guam, June 6.—(AP)—Anticipating greater B-29 destruction of Japanese cities, the Tokyo government created a new reconstruction agency today, even as the great port city of Kobe smoldered from yesterday's 450-plane fire bombing.

Dome news agency broadcasts announced creation of the "division for the reconstruction of the war-ravaged areas." Its task will be to rebuild wrecked cities underground, where they will be safe from incendiary raids; to evacuate Superfort target areas and speed the hundreds of thousands of Japanese left homeless by B-29 attacks.

But the news agency said "it is also urgent to carry out the program throughout the nation."

The emperor's military command, which has been trying unsuccessfully for a year to halt the big bombers, yesterday used piloted Baka rocket bombs over Kobe in a frantic effort at interception.

Returning pilots agreed that opposition was heavier than usual. Anti-aircraft fire was termed "hot", and fighter planes attacked viciously. Eight Superfortresses were lost. At least one of these was rammed over Kobe, the 21st bomber command said.

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