



STETTINIUS SIGNS SECURITY CHARTER FOR THE U. S.



Sitting before the massed flags of all the nations participating in the United Nations conference in San Francisco, Secretary of State Stettinius signs the historic charter for the United States, the 38th country to sign. Looking on are (left to right) Commander Harold Stassen,

President Truman, Dean Virginia Gildersleeve, an unidentified U. S. naval aide, Senator Charles Eaton, an unidentified State Department Representative, Congressman, Sol Bloom and Senator Vandenbergh. (International Soundphoto.)

Tobacco Men Reelect Officers And Name Dates For Openings

Clean-Up Of Food Crisis Is Promised

WFA Is Assailed In Lengthy Report Of House Probers

Washington, June 28.—(AP)—An immediate check-up and clean-up if necessary was promised today by Representative Anderson of New Mexico, who moves into the cabinet as secretary of agriculture Saturday. His statement to a reporter followed a report by the House Appropriations sub-committee accusing the War Food Administration of responsibility for food losses running into millions of dollars.

The report acknowledged WFA's difficult job, however, and said generally its record is "one of which the people of this country have a right to be proud."

The sub-committee, concluding a month's investigation, criticized WFA's warehousing practices, said its records were inadequate and incorrect, and charged some officials with deliberately giving false information to Congress.

"If they find a condition that is bad and if I confirm it, then I'll clean it up," Anderson said. "Congress is entitled to periodic reports. I will tell them how I have found conditions as reports indicate them."

Senate Told Of Germans' Death Camps

Hendersonville, June 28.—(AP)—F. Edward Herbert, Louisiana's New Orleans district congressman told the North Carolina State Senate today that the "horror camp of Germany will always stand as mute testimony to the bestiality of those who led the Nazis."

Herbert visited a number of camps as a member of one of the congressional committees invited by General Eisenhower to see for themselves the conditions disclosed by the collapse of the German armies. Today he described the ovens built for the cremation of political prisoners and the piles of dead he and his fellow representatives saw. One camp they visited had a population of 32,000 and a daily death list of 200 at one time, he said.

Although the Germans were brutal to their non-political prisoners, Herbert reported that they lived up pretty well to the Geneva conference regulations in treatment of American soldier-prisoners. There is a possibility that the North Carolina State Senate will have get-together meetings every summer.

Middle Belt Starts September 11; Gravely Sees Revival In Exports

Raleigh, June 28.—(AP)—The Tobacco Association of the United States, holding its mid-summer meeting here today, reelected L. L. Gravely, of Rocky Mount, its president, and reelected a 50-member board of governors.

Reelected to serve with Gravely for one year terms were N. M. Schaum, of Wilson, and John F. Meade, of Danville, Va., vice-presidents; and J. L. Parker, of Rocky Mount, secretary and treasurer.

On the board of governors are Schaum and P. T. Watson, of Wilson.

OPENING DATES FIXED FOR BLUE-CURED BELTS

Raleigh, June 28.—(AP)—The Tobacco Association of the United States today formally approved opening dates for the various blue-cured tobacco belts and, in cooperation with the board of governors of the Bright Leaf Warehouse Association, worked out a plan of selling in the larger blue-cured belts.

The opening dates are: Georgia-Florida, July 24; North-South Carolina Border Belt, August 1; North Carolina Bright Belt, August 21; Middle Belt, September 11; Old Belt, September 18; Virginia Dark Fire-Cured, December 3.

Under the revised selling plan, the Georgia-Florida belts will operate under regulations previously agreed upon. Markets will be allowed four and one-half hours of selling time each day, with sales to be conducted at the rate of 400 piles per hour, or 1,800 piles per day. A maximum weight of 250 pounds per pile will be in force on all belts.

On other markets, the plan calculated to relieve congestion in plants includes the reduction of the number of piles to be sold on any market by each set of buyers to 1,400 piles. For most of these markets the number of selling hours each day will be three and one-half. However, where the number of sets of buyers was reduced on any market last year, the 1945 selling time will be based on three and one-half hours per day per set of buyers operating on the same market the year before. In effect, this would mean that markets which operated with two or more sets of buyers last year, and

China And Russia Draw Closer With Dr. Soong's Visit

London, June 28.—(AP)—The Moscow radio, quoting a dispatch from Chungking said that Premier T. V. Soong had left the Chinese capital yesterday en route to Moscow.

The broadcast did not elaborate, but it was presumed here that Soong who returned home from the San Francisco conference only a few days ago, would confer with Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov on Russian-Chinese relations.

were reduced by one set this year, would be allowed to base their number of selling hours on the number of sets of buyers each market had last year, providing in some cases as much as four and one-half hours of selling time per set of buyers.

TOBACCO PROBLEMS NOT EASED BY END OF WAR

Raleigh, June 28.—(AP)—The end of the war in Europe has not lessened the problems of the tobacco industry, but rather has served to increase them, L. L. Gravely, of Rocky Mount, president of the Tobacco Association of the United States, told the organization's board of governors here today.

Delivering his annual address, Gravely said, however, that victory in Europe already had improved the export picture slightly, and predicted that this country, under certain conditions, would reclaim the greater portion of world markets for tobacco.

"Stocks of tobacco held in this country for foreign customers are actually beginning to move out," he said. "Inquiries are beginning to emanate from manufacturers in liberated countries. However, with the high prices now prevailing for our tobacco, and low purchasing power of most of the liberated countries,

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Bunker Hill Was Saved In Pacific By Heroic Action

Washington, June 28.—(AP)—Sorely wounded and set a fire by two Japanese suicide planes, the 27,000-ton aircraft carrier Bunker Hill was saved to fight again by a danger-filled maneuver. It consisted of dumping overboard thousands of gallons of flaming gasoline and tons of water from fire fighting hose.

The story of the Bunker Hills ordeal which ranked her second only to the Franklin as a surviving casualty of this war, was told by the navy as the ship was undergoing repairs at the Puget Sound, Wash., navy yard. She was described there as the most badly damaged ship ever to come into that harbor.

House Blocks Out Any New Finances For FEPC Agency

Washington, June 28.—(AP)—The House Rules Committee today blocked off House action on any new funds for FEPC, while a Senate talk prevented consideration of a proposed FEPC appropriation in that chamber.

The combined actions presaged a demise for the Fair Employment Practices Committee by the end of the week.

Connally In Senate Talk On Charter

Says Accord Holds Highest Possible Promise For Peace

Washington, June 28.—(AP)—A highly receptive Senate gets a first report today on the United Nations charter that pegs the world's hopes for future peace on the strength and unity of the big five Allied powers.

Chairman Tom Connally, of the foreign-relations committee, brings to the Senate a report on the 50-nation San Francisco conference. Connally was expected to tell the Senate that the charter it will receive from President Truman next week holds the best promise of world peace that the Allied world can devise.

Tomorrow Senator Vandenberg will discuss charter provisions he helped frame in an effort to make the new organization's general assembly "the town meeting of the world."

Some More Meat Now In Prospect In Coming Month

Washington, June 28.—(AP)—There'll be a little more meat on the nation's dinner tables in July but not enough to cut ration values.

The OPA announced today that the supply will be five percent greater than this month, but at the same time handed out this gloomy news:

From next Sunday, through July 28, margarine will cost 14 points per pound instead of 12, while canned fish will require two to three points more per pound.

Current ration points on butter will be maintained through the July period.

Checks, Receipts Offered To Boost Meadows Defense

Greenville, June 28.—(AP)—The defense introduced checks and receipts today in an attempt to disprove State charges that Dr. Leon R. Meadows had embezzled more than \$14,000 while president of East Carolina Teachers College.

In many instances, Dr. Meadows said that he showed the receipts and checks to M. L. Widenhouse, State auditor's representative, who made the original investigation, but Widenhouse disallowed this.

Lengthy arguments were held over a defense effort to show the jury that the defendant was acquitted in nine counts in the first trial.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy and rather hot tonight and Friday; widely scattered thundershowers in east and central portions this evening.

Department Shake-Up If Byrnes Takes Post

Luzon Island Liberated Completely With Close Of Drive In The North

Difficult Task Is Finished By Forces Of Gen'l MacArthur

Manila, June 28.—(AP)—American and Filipino forces have won the campaign for mountainous north Luzon, "one of the most savage and bitterly fought in American history," to liberate completely the biggest island in the Philippines. General Douglas MacArthur announced today.

His triumphant communique added conquest of the 200-mile-long Cagayan valley in 28 days as the conclusive chapter of an operation which began January 9 at Lingayen gulf, swept down the 125 miles to Manila in 28 days; freed that shell-shattered city after only three weeks of battering in its rubble-strewn streets; reclaimed hallowed Bataan peninsula; and reopened Manila bay by paratroop-amphibious invasion of Corregidor.

A juncture Tuesday in the Cagayan valley of the United States 37th Ohio infantry division and the eleventh airborne division wound up the "major phase of the northern Luzon campaign."

"No terrain has ever presented greater difficulties and none has ever provided an adversary with more naturally impregnable strongholds," MacArthur said. "The losses inflicted on the enemy in all north Luzon were heavy—113,593 dead, with the graves of many other thousands located but uncounted, and several thousand prisoners. Our losses were 3,793 dead, 34 missing and 11,351 wounded. A total of 15,178."

Joseph Darnard Urgently Wanted Vichyite, Seized

Rome, June 28.—(AP)—Joseph Darnard, secretary of the interior in the Vichy regime, and one of the most urgently wanted of French fugitives, was arrested three days ago by Allied intelligence agents, it was announced today.

Darnard also was secretary general of the French militia. He was accused of some of the harshest measures against French patriots, particularly irregulars of the Marquis. His position in the French regime corresponded to that of Heinrich Himmler in Germany.

Negro Troops Take Islands On Marianas

Guam, June 28.—(AP)—American Negro troops landed on six small islands in the northern Marianas and brought them under American domination with a single pistol shot, Pacific fleet headquarters announced today.

It is purely a reconnoitering operation to locate more areas where crippled Superforts could crash-land while limping back from raids on Japan. Reconnoitering troops left no holding force behind after discovering the Japanese didn't have a garrison on any of the islands.

The operation was carried out by two platoons of Negro infantrymen, aided by native guides, and Japanese captives who promised their compatriots good treatment in the hands of Americans.

Okinawa-Ryukyu Battle Costs U. S. 16,000 Killed

Guam, June 28.—(AP)—The Ryukyu campaign, including capture of Okinawa island, and several associated strikes by the navy's fast carrier forces on the Japanese homeland, cost the United States 46,319 casualties, of whom 11,897 were killed or missing.

Naval casualties of 4,907 killed or missing and 4,824 wounded—a total of 9,731—for the period March 3 through June 20 were announced in Fleet Admiral Nimitz' communique today. The navy's first venture into the

To Join Cabinet



REPRESENTATIVE Clinton P. Anderson (D) of New Mexico, who becomes the new Secretary of Agriculture on July 1, is shown with his wife and their daughter Nancy at their Washington home. A son is in the Army. Underwood and Underwood photo. (International)

Truman Not Ruffled By Speculation

Washington Thinks Byrnes To Succeed Retired Stettinius

Washington, June 28.—(AP)—If President Truman picks James F. Byrnes as his new secretary of state, the cabinet shift may be followed by a drastic department shake-up.

The President said in accepting the resignation yesterday of Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., as secretary, that he expects to announce a successor early in the week. Capitol Hill is convinced the choice will be Byrnes, former senator, Supreme Court justice and war mobilizer, who quit the latter job shortly before President Roosevelt's death.

The one likely survivor of the assistant secretaries of state is William L. Clayton, though others may be asked to stay on for a while.

Friends thought it likely that if Byrnes gets the post, said to be the only one in the government he would be willing to accept at this time, that another place also may be found for Under Secretary Joseph C. Grew, former ambassador to Japan.

TRUMAN NOT DISTURBED BY GOSSIP OVER BYRNES

Kansas City, Mo., June 28.—(AP) Outwardly unperturbed by the chain of speculation unleashed by his decision to replace Edward R. Stettinius as secretary of state, President Truman today went cheerfully about the business of celebrating his first presidential homecoming.

He planned to make the most of his reunion with the homefolks before starting for Berlin early next month for a big three meeting, at which he hopes to lay the groundwork for a final peace treaty "we hope will maintain the peace of the world for generations to come."

The President made no effort to challenge reports that James F. Byrnes is his choice for a new secretary of state at his press conference yesterday at Independence. He declined to talk about other cabinet changes he may have in mind.

He told correspondents assembled at his home town of Independence that the new job Stettinius will undertake is the most important within the gift of this government.

The President lauded the white-haired diplomat for his work at the San Francisco security conference. No man other than Byrnes, former South Carolina senator, Supreme Court justice and war mobilizer, was mentioned in speculation over appointment of a secretary of state, which the President said he would announce Monday or Tuesday, probably Tuesday. Stettinius' resignation became effective immediately.

NELSON ROCKEFELLER IS READY TO STAY OR QUIT

New York, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Assistant Secretary of State Nelson A. Rockefeller, arriving early today by plane from San Francisco, said his resignation had been on President Truman's desk since the chief executive took office, but there was no indication that any action had been taken on it.

The young assistant to former Secretary of State Stettinius said he would be glad to remain in the department so long as I can continue to be of service," but he declined to speculate on his future.

Chiang Says Allies Plan Final Blow

Chungking, June 28.—(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek said today the Allies are getting their forces ready to deal Japan its final blow.

If the Americans land on the Japanese home islands, and defeat the enemy there, the Chinese will find it simple to deal with the Japanese on the Asiatic mainland, the generalissimo asserted.

He praised his chief of staff, the commander of American forces in China, Lt. Gen. Albert W. Wade-myer, for his distinct contribution to Chinese-American military cooperation. He expressed hope that China would also receive assistance in economic matters.