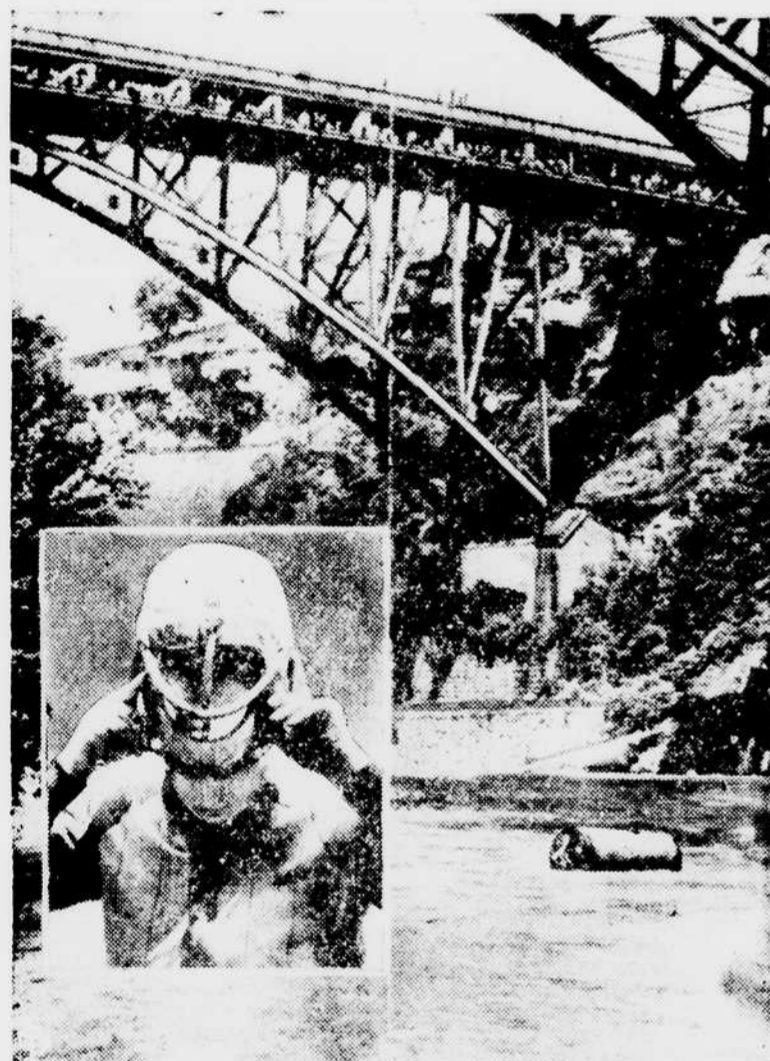


Tokyo Says Invasion Imminent

Connally Says Charter Changes Will Be Balked

SHOOTS RAPIDS OF NIAGARA RIVER



CROWDS ATOP WHIRLPOOL RAPIDS BRIDGE watch the 750-lb steel barrel containing 42-year-old daredevil William "Red" Hill begin the trip through the Niagara River rapids below the falls. Hill is shown (inset) removing his crash helmet after he had successfully "shot" the swift and treacherous river currents. (International Soundphotos)

Votes Ready To Prevent Reservation

Opposition Is Slow To Begin Testimony Against Peace Pact

Washington, July 11.—(AP)—Senator Connally expressed confidence that supporters of sufficient votes to knock down any reservations to the United Nations charter.

As the foreign relations committee head, he arranged to hear an abbreviated line-up of opposition witnesses. Connally told reporters he is ready to have the issue of charter amendments now, adding: "We've got the votes to knock them down."

Connally's estimate was supported by Senator Wheeler, who said in a Senate interview he did not believe any reservations would obtain a majority vote.

The committee allotted 15 minutes today to about a dozen witnesses opposed to the 50-nation peace-keeping treaty. They include Eli Culbertson, bridge expert, and author of a world security plan of his own.

Connally tried to get the opponents started yesterday, but none responded to his call to testify. Saying he had been advised they "wanted to go home and study the Constitution first," the chairman added he thought that a laudable activity.

Connally said a similar number of charter opponents would be heard and hearings closed, probably this week. It ought to be possible, he added, to get the treaty before the Senate early next week.

There are indications that at that time reservations may be offered attempting to define the authority the American delegate to the world security council would have in voting to use United States troops to put down aggression.

Charter supporters made it plain at yesterday's hearings that they believed Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., designated by President Truman as the country's delegate, should have wide power to decide upon use of United States military forces in such a venture.

Jap Admiral Letter To FDR Revealed

New York, July 11.—(AP)—The New York Herald Tribune said today in a dispatch from Iwo Jima that near the end of the battle for that island, a Japanese rear admiral wrote a letter to the late President Roosevelt saying:

"Though you may use the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor as your primary material for propaganda, I believe you of all persons know that you left Nippon to other method in order to save herself from self-

Polish General To Remain Loyal To Exile Regime

London, July 11.—(AP)—Headquarters of the Polish armed forces abroad announced today that General Radzicki, commander of the first Polish armored division, had issued an order of the day to his troops declaring his continued allegiance to the Polish exile regime in London.

"We shall always remain faithful to our soldier's oath and continue obedience to the highest commander of our armed forces, President Raczewicz," Radzicki was quoted as saying. He added, "we shall return to Poland but only with arms in hand."

The first armored division now is serving with the British troops of occupation in Germany, and is part of the 250,000 Polish troops abroad, whose disposition has been a matter of some speculation since withdrawal of recognition from the exiled government.

the nation. Enrollment in medical schools has dropped greatly during the war, chiefly as a result of the draft.

OPENS SENATE CHARTER HEARINGS



FIRST WITNESS to be heard in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings on ratification of the United Nations charter as drawn up in San Francisco, former Secretary of State Stettinius is shown as he began his plea for speedy acceptance of the document. Stettinius was recently named U. S. representative on the new World Security Council by President Truman. (International Soundphotos)

Truman Party Near Europe For Parley

President Himself About Most Active Man Aboard Cruiser

Aboard the Cruiser Augusta, July 11.—(AP)—Bristling with guns, this historic warship carried President Truman steadily closer today to his first big three meeting on the outskirts of Berlin.

Mr. Truman holds high hopes his talks with Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin will speed an Allied victory over Japan as well as chart the way of peace.

A two-essence task force is carrying the chief executive and his party across the Atlantic.

As the ships reached mid-ocean yesterday, Mr. Truman approved the first direct shipboard report on his voyage, which up to that time had been as calm as the Missouri river.

Representatives of the three news services and a representative of the radio network are making the trip with the presidential party.

Up no later than 6 a. m. every day.

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Tokyo Says Task Forces Withdrawing

San Francisco, July 11.—(AP)—The Tokyo radio said today that the United States carrier task force, from which 1,000 planes have been blasting the Japanese, apparently has withdrawn in fear of suicide plane attacks.

Tokyo reported there had been no raids by carrier-based aircraft today, but expressed belief that the "enemy task force is still in the seas in the vicinity of our homeland."

The enemy broadcast was monitored by the Federal Communications Commission.

Tokyo said 1,200 carrier aircraft raided airbases around the capital for 12 hours yesterday. Propagandists made the usual claim that "there were almost no damages inflicted upon our airfield facilities, warships and ships."

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Considerable cloudiness and a little cooler today and tonight; scattered thundershowers over southeast portion this afternoon; Thursday partly cloudy and mild.

Strangling Blockade Is To Continue

Nimitz Refers To Further Amphibious Assault Activities

Guam, July 11.—(AP)—Both Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and Tokyo radio spoke openly of future American invasion moves today, as first fragmentary assessments of Tuesday's 1,000-plane carrier assault on Tokyo accounted for only 151 enemy planes.

The defending enemy air force clearly was absent or reluctant.

Tokyo radio speculated that the American carrier strike presaged an invasion, and recalled that the last carrier strike at Tokyo was followed by landings on Iwo Jima.

Admiral Nimitz reported a regrouping of American air power in the Ryukyus, giving General Douglas MacArthur command of all army planes there, and added that his own Marine and Navy aircraft will continue their strangling blockade of Japan, "preparatory to further amphibious assaults."

Preliminary reports for the morning half of Tuesday's carrier plane assaults showed that only one or two of the 154 Japanese planes destroyed or damaged were airborne. Both were reconnaissance, snooping to rear the mighty United States third fleet circling off shore. None of the warships, including the biggest type vessels, was attacked, Nimitz said.

With no indications of air opposition, the heavily-armed Hellcats, Hellcats and Corsairs evidently were free to spend the whole day battering Tokyo's once great web of 70-odd airports.

A simultaneous strike of Iwo Jima-based Mustangs at Kobe, a major port of Honshu on the inland sea, found virtually no aerial opposition there, either. One enemy plane was shot down; 18 knocked out on the ground. The raiding pilots turned to shipping and ground targets, burning an aircraft plant, swamping two airfields and sinking or damaging 23 vessels. The enemy's remaining combat aircraft either were remaining hidden for invasion day use or had been moved for safety.

Chinese Forces Recapture Former U. S. Plane Base

Chungking, July 11.—(AP)—Chinese forces have recaptured the former American air base of Suicheng in Kiangsi province, and are advancing northward toward another former air base at Kanhsien, 210 miles northeast of Canton, the Chinese high command announced today.

Chinese troops also recaptured Nanking, on the Kiangsi-Kwangtung highway, 15 miles southwest of Kanhsien, and were hotly pursuing the Japanese fleeing toward the former American air base city, the Chinese said.

Suicheng was the fifth American air base to be recovered in the new Chinese drive. It was abandoned by Major General Clare Chennault on January 29.

Estimates Lower For Tobacco Crop Over This State

Raleigh, July 11.—(AP)—Estimates of the 1945 flue-cured tobacco crop in North Carolina were revised downward yesterday to a total of 756,675,000 pounds by the State Department of Agriculture.

The new figure represents a two percent gain over last year's crop, as against a previously estimated four percent gain. According to statistician J. J. Morgan, the 1945 crop still would be the second largest on record, being exceeded only by the 1939 record of 812,540,000 pounds of flue-cured leaf.

Cool weather, followed by high temperatures and deficient moisture during the growing season, were said to have resulted in early budding, and reduction in weights.

Writer Executed?



MISSING since captured by Nazis in Slovakia, Joseph Morton (above), War correspondent of a News Service, is believed to have been executed by the enemy in Austria last January. Reporting the war in the Mediterranean, he was trapped with seventeen Americans and British who went to assist revolt-ing Slovak patriots. (International)

Revamped G. I. Bill Now Near Approval

Washington, July 11.—(AP)—A revised G. I. Bill of Rights awaited final approval today by the House veterans committee.

It makes no major changes in the loan, education and job provisions of the original overall veterans benefits measure, but is intended to overcome difficulties that have developed during the bill's first year of operation.

Stricken out by a one-sided committee vote was Chairman Rankin's proposal to pay every veteran with 90 or more days of honorable service an outright bonus of \$1,040. This is the same amount provided in the G. I. bill for ex-service men unable to obtain jobs.

The Mississippi Democrat offered the proposal to offset what he said was an encouragement to idleness in the original bill's provision of \$20 weekly jobless payment for a year. His provision would make the payment to every veteran, employed or unemployed.

Rankin said the bill definitely is not dead.

The committee adopted an amendment by Representative Scribner, giving either the Senate or the House committee handling veterans affairs authority to review any regulations under the G. I. bill.

Anderson Wants Public To Know Food Problem

New York, July 11.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Anderson appealed today for public understanding of the food problem and promised to report whether shortages resulted from "failure of nature" or official negligence or stupidity.

"I have no sympathy with the notion," he said, "that it is any part of the function of a public official to protect the people from the truth."

In a speech prepared for delivery before the Advertising Federation of America, the secretary said the nation and the world must realize that the demand far exceeds the supply.

Will Investigate If Military Has Surplus Doctors

Washington, July 11.—(AP)—A Senate committee today set out to determine whether the Army and Navy have more doctors than they need.

The investigation was begun by a military sub-committee as a result of complaints that many communities are drastically short of physicians.

Chairman Downey said the committee would seek to determine whether the army and navy could not make more use of personnel and release some of their physicians. He said the committee would also go into the question whether there would be an adequate number of physicians to meet future needs of

FEPC Issue Revived For House Voting

Washington, July 11.—(AP)—The House Appropriations Committee today recommended allotment of \$250,000 to liquidate the Fair Employment Practices Committee.

The measure is to come to the House floor tomorrow.

The action was by voice vote, but southern members of the committee emphasized that it was not unanimous. They said they were opposed to granting any additional funds to the agency, created by President Roosevelt to promote employment discrimination because of race, color or creed.

Backers of the agency likewise expressed dissatisfaction with the committee's recommendation, and said they would not agree to any provision requiring liquidation of FEPC.

Half Of Jury In Harrison Case Is Selected In Wake

Raleigh, July 11.—(AP)—Six members of a 12-man jury had been selected by noon today in the trial of Harry C. Harrison, 40-year-old Scotland Neck youth, who is charged with murder and arson in connection with the death of Mrs. May Day, Higham.

Five of the jurors were chosen from the regular Wake jury panel of 17 men and the sixth was selected during examination of special veniremen.

Only 71 men out of the 125 summoned at a special venire by Judge Clawson Williams Monday reported in court today. Many of the special veniremen examined were excused on grounds that they had focused opinions concerning Harrison's case. Four said they were opposed to capital punishment.