



Meadows Is Convicted; Given 3 Yrs.

Jury at Greenville Acquits Educator On Eight Counts

Greenville, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Dr. Leon R. Meadows, retired president of East Carolina Teachers College, was sentenced to three years imprisonment after his conviction in superior court here today on charges of embezzlement and false pretense.

Meadows was found guilty on one count of embezzlement, and one of false pretense in connection with his handling of special college and student funds. He was acquitted on eight counts. The sum involved in the indictment was approximately \$14,000.

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle imposed a sentence of two years on the embezzlement count and one year on the false pretense count, stipulating that they should run consecutively.

Attorneys for Meadows gave notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court.

The 61-year-old educator showed no emotion as he stood to receive the sentence. His wife was in the court room at the time.

The jury returned its verdict at 10:09 a. m. It had received the case at 3:42 p. m. yesterday, and when its members had not agreed by 10:30 p. m., it was locked up for the night.

Immediately after the verdict was announced, Albin Dunn of the defense counsel, moved that it be set aside. Judge Frizzelle denied the motion. Dunn then moved for an arrest of judgment. Again his motion was denied.

John G. Dawson and other defense attorneys then made pleas for leniency, which Judge Frizzelle heard before passing sentence.

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He was acquitted on eight counts in the indictment, but was found guilty on one count of embezzlement and one of false pretense.

The jury returned its verdict at 10:19 a. m., as the trial neared the end of its twelfth week, making it the longest in criminal court history in the State.

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle overruled defense motions made by Attorney Albin Dunn that the verdict be set aside and that an arrest of judgment be granted.

John G. Dawson, of Kingston, another defense attorney, then made a plea for leniency.

Australia Denounces Procedure

Sydney, Australia, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Britain is denying Australia "footing of equality" in peace discussions, Herbert V. Ewart, minister of external affairs, charged in a prepared statement today.

"This will have to be arrested not only in the interest of Australia but the British commonwealth as a whole," he declared. "There still is a deplorable tendency, now that the fighting is over, to relegate Australia to a subordinate status and either not consult it at all or consult it in a perfunctory way and not on a footing of equality," he said.

Observers here regarded his statement as one of the most important ever issued in British commonwealth relations.

Describing behind-the-scenes moves for greater recognition for Australia, Ewart in his statement said the United Kingdom and Australia had differed over whether Australian General Sir Thomas Blaney would attend the surrender ceremony attached to the United Kingdom service representatives, or represent Australia directly.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Considerable cloudiness today, tonight and Saturday; scattered showers and thunderstorms in north and west portions today; continued warm in north and west portions today; little change in temperatures Saturday.

YANK SOLDIERS IN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES



AMERICAN AND ALLIED TROOPS, many of them wounded, are shown during a pilgrimage to the famous basilica at Lourdes. In the "Grotto of Miracles," where thousands of discarded crutches testify to the cures effected there, many kneel in prayer. In peacetime 600,000 pilgrims annually visit the town. (International)

World's Security League May Function In October

Deaths By Atom Bomb Increasing

(By The Associated Press)

The Tokyo radio said today that atomic activity in Hiroshima, blasted by an atomic bomb, was taking a mounting death toll weeks after the day of the attack, and that in the 14 days following the raid the death toll had mounted from 30,000 to 60,000.

The broadcast, reported by The Associated Press, said service men working in the area on reconstruction a week after the attack were found to have severely diminished numbers of red and white corpuscles. Investigation in the city showed "radio activity caused by the fission of uranium used in the atomic bomb is taking a toll of mounting deaths, and moreover is causing persons engaged in reconstruction work to suffer from various sicknesses and ill health."

Tokyo broadcasts have been referring repeatedly to the atomic bomb raids on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, possibly in a bid for world sympathy. The broadcast said:

"Although the war has ended the spectre of death hangs over the remaining citizens of Hiroshima. In an investigation made three days after the atomic bomb hit, it was reported there were 30,000 dead and 160,000 injured out of a total population of 250,000. Two weeks afterwards, the death toll had mounted to 60,000 and is continuing to rise."

President Truman Greets De Gaulle



General Charles De Gaulle, President of the Provisional French Government is shown being greeted by President Truman upon his arrival at the White House in Washington, D. C. News reports indicate that the main reason for DeGaulle's visit is to obtain 'Big Power Status' for France. (International Soundphoto)

Seizure Of Railroad Is Peace Jolt

But More Rationed Food Will Soon Be Put On Free Lists

Washington, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Americans, sighted more butter, cheese and canned milk today—but they were jolted by strong action on the labor front. The government seized a railroad—just as in wartime, President Truman ordered government operation of the Illinois Central in order to prevent a strike.

Strangely, the sudden action came at a moment when the President reportedly was preparing to issue an order having the way for return of other properties seized during the war.

Thus the tides of reconversion rolled in both directions at the same time.

But normal living rolled closer—in several ways. It appeared as though the average American soon would:

1. Get evaporated milk without ration points.
2. Get more butter and cheese.
3. Get a seat on a plane without a priority.
4. Turn his clock back one hour to standard time.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson said in a radio address last night it would be possible to end rationing of evaporated milk soon, and he predicted an early increase in butter and cheese.

Mr. Truman gave the word on possible return to standard time. He said he will ask Congress early in September to abolish "war time" and let the states again have exclusive control over the watches and clocks within their borders.

Hirohito Orders End To Fighting Against Soviets

Manila, Aug. 24.—(AP)—The Japanese emperor has issued commands for the cessation of all hostilities in Manchuria, Sakhalin and other areas where Japanese forces are in direct contact with Allied armies, General MacArthur's headquarters was informed by radio Tokyo today.

"Orders have been issued to cease hostilities as soon as the local negotiations are concluded, without waiting until the date of cessation prescribed in the imperial command," he message, No. 3 in the series addressed to MacArthur, explained.

It said hostilities ceased in Japan proper Wednesday morning; garrison troops at Chishima have disarmed themselves, and "most units have ceased hostilities."

Cessation of hostilities and disarming have on the whole been completed in Manchuria and north Korea and in China orders to cease fire have steadily reached small units in the first front, the dispatch reported.

De Gaulle Meets Press To Discuss Conferences Here

Washington, Aug. 24.—(AP)—General Charles De Gaulle scheduled a progress report today on results of his first meeting with President Truman.

The president of the provisional French government arranged to meet reporters at an 11 a. m. news conference.

Honor guests at a dinner given

Allied Occupation Forces To Expand Grip On Japan

Commons Upset Over Sudden End Of Lend-Lease Here

Attlee, Churchill Say Truman Action Very Serious Move

London, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Prime Minister Attlee told Commons today that the sudden end of lend-lease put Britain in a "very serious financial position," and former Prime Minister Churchill said he "could not believe that this was the last word of the United States."

Attlee said the British government had hoped that lend-lease would not have ended without prior consultation.

In response, Churchill, now leader of the opposition, declared he could not believe the United States "would proceed in such a rough and harsh manner as to hamper a faithful ally who held the fort while their own American armaments were prepared."

Attlee called members of the house to exercise "utmost restraint" when and without the chamber commenting on the situation, and Churchill agreed that a debate now might be detrimental to national interests.

Churchill called Attlee's statement "very grave and disquieting." The prime minister disclosed that Lord Halifax, British ambassador to the United States during the wartime coalition government, had been invited to return to Washington to negotiate the financial agreement which will succeed lend-lease.

Attlee said President Truman's directive cancelled all outstanding lend-lease contracts and provided that stocks and deliveries pending under it must now be paid either in cash or negotiated credit agreements.

"We had not anticipated that operations under the lend-lease act would continue for any length of time after the defeat of Japan," he said, "but he had hoped the sudden cessation of this great mutual effort would not have been effected without consultation and prior discussion."

The prime minister said Britain's "overseas outgoings" on the eve of Japanese defeat "were equivalent to an annual expenditure of about eight billion dollars, including essential food and other non-military supplies, which we must now pay for."

Winston Churchill exclaimed in response to Attlee:

"I cannot believe that this is the last word of the United States. I cannot believe that so great a nation, whose lend-lease policy was characterized by me as the most unselfish act in the history of the world, would proceed in such a rough and harsh manner as to hamper a faithful ally, who held the fort while their own American armaments were prepared."

Quisling's Recording Is Played

Oslo, Norway, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Voxan Quisling's own words came once today from wax to haunt him at his trial for high treason.

The prosecution produced and played a recording of Quisling's speech of April 9, 1940, calling on Norwegians on the day the Germans invaded to put aside their arms.

Quisling implicitly conceded that the speech was his own.

State prosecutors indicated they hoped to conclude today the testimony of approximately 30 witnesses summoned to give evidence against Quisling, former puppet premier of Norway now on trial on charges of high treason.

Seventeen were called to the stand yesterday, the fourth day of the trial. Prosecutor Schjoedt said it was not the intention of the state to produce in court any of the high Nazi leaders whose names have figured prominently in the proceedings. Instead, he said, their evidence would be limited to statements taken in Germany by Allied military authorities and the War Crimes Commission.

Secretary of State Byrnes last night, De Gaulle heard the cabinet officer praise his visit as a prelude to greater cooperation between this country and France.

Jap Fleet Score

WARSHIPS AT START OF WAR	TODAY
BATTLESHIPS.....12	1
1ST LINE AIRCRAFT CARRIERS.....9	2
LIGHT CARRIERS.....7	2
HEAVY CRUISERS.....19	2
LIGHT CRUISERS.....24	2
DESTROYERS.....165	26
SUBMARINES.....140	16

HERE IS THE DETAILED round up of warships lost by Japan during the war. Out of a 7,000,000 ton fleet, less than 1,000,000 tons remain. This chart shows the number and types of warships Japan had at her peak and what remain today. In addition to the 16 submarines remaining, there are six Nazi submarines.

Communists Will Meet With Chiang

Envoy Will Be Sent To Chungking Soon For Peace Parleys

Chungking, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Official communist sources said here today that Communist Leader Mao Tse Tung had accepted Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's invitation to send a representative to Chungking to discuss peaceful settlement of China's internal political problems.

These sources said Mao had named General En Lai as his representative.

"For the sake of unity," Mao was quoted as saying, "I appoint General En Lai to go to Chungking. Please accept him as my delegate and discuss matters with him."

The Yenan leaders have been demanding, among other things, a full share of authority in negotiations with the Japanese.

Chiang dispatched his second invitation to Mao last Monday as over-seers openly expressed fears that civil war was imminent. He told Mao that efforts to "achieve national reconstruction and reap the fruits of war resistance" against Japan "depended to a great extent" upon his sending representatives to Chungking for peaceful discussions.

The generalissimo emphasized that "no recurrence of civil war can be tolerated."

ICKES TO KEEP JOB

Washington, Aug. 24.—President Truman announced today that Secretary of Interior Ickes would continue in his post as long as he wishes to hold it. Truman told his news conference that he had a session yesterday with Ickes and that Ickes would go to London to attend an international conference on oil supply and distribution.

Red Flag Is Flying Over Empires Of Eastern Asia

Moscow, Aug. 24.—(AP)—The red flag is flying today over all of Manchuria, Sakhalin, part of Korea and two of the Kurile islands, marking an end of Russia's two weeks war with Japan.

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Jap Plans Are Slowed By Typhoon

Tokyo Complains Of Ship Sinkings By Russian Submarine

Manila, Aug. 24.—(AP)—Allied occupation forces will expand their grip on Japan from Tokyo to Kyushu, southernmost home island, September 1, four days after General MacArthur's scheduled landing near the typhoon-crippled capital—the Japanese government and imperial headquarters announced today.

Tokyo informed MacArthur's headquarters that a typhoon howled through the Kanto district early Thursday morning and interfered with preparations for Allied landings there. There was no direct request for a postponement of Tuesday's major Tokyo landing, however. Presumably the storm affected principally the preparations for advance landings at Atsugi field Sunday.

Airborne forces will reach Kyushu's Kanoya airfield September 1, Tokyo's Japanese language radio reported, one day after formal surrender is signed aboard the battleship Missouri in Tokyo bay.

Seaborne forces will follow. "On September 2" the communiqué said, "the main strength of the airborne and surface units will land in the vicinity of Takashu on the coast west of Kanoya."

"In order to avoid complications, our armed units will be withdrawn from the areas where the Allied armies are to land."

There was no immediate Allied confirmation of the Kyushu landing date.

Japan earlier had messaged directly to General MacArthur a protest against sinking of four Japanese ships in Hokkaido waters Wednesday by a submarine, which "presumably belonged to the Soviet Union."

The message said there were 553 casualties on one of the four vessels.

Another message said a "mercy ship" whose voyage to Marcus Island General MacArthur had approved, would proceed unharmed to that isolated outpost 1,200 miles southeast of Tokyo, arriving there Tuesday and returning to Tokyo Saturday of next week—one day after Japan's formal surrender.

The Japanese reports of the typhoon said communications and transportation had been snarled in the Tokyo area. In addition, the storm disrupted radio communications with China, and hence was delaying the marking of prisoner and internment camps there which MacArthur had ordered. The Tokyo radio messaged the general today.

Japs Say Soviet Troops Will Land In Hokkaido Area

(By The Associated Press) An official Japanese broadcast asserted today that Moscow had announced intention of sending airborne troops into the Japanese homeland island of Hokkaido.

"According to a Moscow broadcast, it is reported that the Soviet Union is about to send airborne troops to Hokkaido. Should this report prove true, it would be greatly regretted by the Japanese government, which is doing its best in order to fulfill all your requirements, by placing the army and naval forces and civilians under strict control," the broadcast, in message No. 10 to General MacArthur, said.

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