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27 Japanese Deny Charge At Hearing

Court's Authority Is Challenged By Attorney For Tojo

Tokyo, May 6.—(AP)—Twenty-seven Japanese soldiers and sailors today denied charges that they participated in a series of brutal and murder in the Pacific and were ordered to trial June 7 despite their earnest protest that the time has not yet come for the trial.

The War Trials Tribunal, before which the 25 appeared for their first formal hearing, began to read the charges in that language to certain of the defendants to permit the English-speaking members of the tribunal to understand the nature of the charges in the pending case.

Tojo's attorney, Ichiro Kiyono, has no more to say in attack on the tribunal. He argued that the court president, Sir William Webb of Australia, has been so biased by his investigation of Japanese atrocities that he can not judge fairly.

Motion Is Denied.

The motion was promptly denied after a ten-minute recess conference.

Kiyono had said he intended to object to each of the justices but the ruling prevented him from it. The only defendant not entering a plea of innocent was Dr. Shumei Kawano who was absent from the court room under a military examination by Allied doctors.

Okawa, former director of the East Asia Economic Research Institute of Manchuria is accused of instigating the Mukden incident that set off Japanese aggression in 1932.

Funds Sliced For Interior Department

Washington, May 6.—(AP)—The House Appropriations Committee today recommended an unprecedented slash of nearly 50 per cent in the interior department's budget for the fiscal year starting July 1.

Without mentioning the name of Harold Ickes, who resigned recently as department head, the committee assailed what it termed "inefficiency and gross extravagance in certain agencies" and demanded that the department "place a more efficient basis and that it will replace inefficiency and extravagance in certain agencies with economy and efficiency."

It said it was "hopeful that under the leadership" of the new secretary, J. A. Krug, the department "will be placed on a more efficient basis and that it will replace inefficiency and extravagance in certain agencies with economy and efficiency."

Hillman Raps Treatment Given O.P.A.

Atlantic City, May 6.—(AP)—Sidney Hillman, chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee, said today that Congress had made a "shambles of the price control act, betraying the interests of the people and threatening to plunge the nation into an orgy of inflation which can only end in national disaster."

Hillman, president of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers declared in a keynote address prepared for the union's 15th biennial convention that a congressional "recall" has blocked or defeated every other item of urgent social legislation.

"A wrecking crew in the House of Representatives has done the bidding of the National Association of Manufacturers, the National Real Estate Board and the meat trust," Hillman said. "It dabbles in vital housing legislation and a public health program. It has sabotaged the fair labor standard amendment. It cowardly denied full citizenship to the negro people by filibustering the fair employment practices and anti-poll tax acts."

Ceilings Are Set For Rayon Hose

Washington, May 6.—(AP)—OPA today filed a retail price ceiling of 95 cents a pair for 162,000 pairs of women's rayon stockings declared surplus by the armed forces. They will be sold by War Assets Administration to dealers who will put them on the market.

RETRIBUTION...



1942 May 6 1942 . . . Corregidor ran up a white flag at 11 A.M. . . . Before night Gen. Jonathan Wainwright surrendered formally to Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma

1946 April 3 1946 . . . Convicted on 42 charges and held responsible for more than 80,000 slayings and tortures. Gen. Homma died before an American firing squad . . .

FOUR YEARS HAVE PASSED since those who held "The Rock" while life was still in them turned desperately one to another and said: "This is the end." And it was. The order to give up Corregidor had come. The day was May 6, 1942. Now, four years later, peasants make their way along the road from Batuan to San Fernando. It is a free road, but it is a haunted road. The thick and tangled tropic growth that lines the road is filled with ghosts. This was the road along which moved the "March of Death." Many of those who survived still are haunted. Four years later they have merely to close their eyes—and they see a road littered with the dead and the dying. They hear the groans of agony and the curses of men with hands tied behind their backs, suffering from the lash and the bayonet and the club. They see men fall in their tracks and others push weakly on—their faces scarred, their bodies gaunt with hunger. They are haunted by faces such as stare terribly from the above picture. But four years after they have been avenged, "The Rock" stands free. The enemy has been swept from the Philippines. And the monster—Homma—who ordered this outrage has been executed.

Tobacco Growers Urged To 'Strive For Quality'

College Station, Raleigh, May 6.—The increasing consumption of cigarettes both in this country and abroad is "the" significant factor for the North Carolina flue-cured tobacco farmer to consider in leaf production, according to E. J. Koonce, State College Extension Service tobacco agent in Lenoir county.

Koonce declared that the proportionate increase in cigarette consumption compared to other tobacco products "makes it imperative that North Carolina growers—who produce the great majority of cigarette leaf—strive for quality in order to keep their hold on the world market." Its quality will be the single determining factor in future demand for bright leaf tobacco which now supplies a large percentage of the leaf in a blended cigarette, Koonce said.

To illustrate his point, the tobacco agent cited official U. S. Department of Agriculture figures showing the rapid rise in cigarette consumption since 1900. The average American consumed nine and a half pounds of tobacco products in 1943. Of this total, an average of six pounds was used in cigarettes, and the ratio of tobacco assigned to cigarettes is still rising, Koonce added.

"It is the advised opinion of many experienced men in the tobacco field that flue-cured tobacco has the best chance in the world market, if a superior product can be turned out at a fairly economical cost," the extension man said.

Koonce believes that a permanent plant bed for tobacco, as opposed to the longtime practice of seeding different beds every year, offers the best beginning toward quality leaf production.

Vandegrift Fighting For His Marines

Leatherneck Boss Against Merger Of Armed Forces

Washington, May 6.—(AP)—Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift came out fighting today to save his Marine Corps from the extinction he said is threatened for it in the pending army-navy merger bill.

In language he acknowledged was "unquestionably vigorous," the four-star Marine general contended that the army is determined to reduce the Marine Corps to a position of studied military ineffectiveness.

"And the merger bill in its present form makes this objective readily attainable," Vandegrift declared in testimony before a closed session of the Senate Naval Committee. The text of his statement was made available by the navy.

A member of President Truman's informal council of military elder statesmen, the Marine Corps commandant coupled sharp criticism of army planning and theories with an underlined reminder that "the marines are ready."

"If it came to a fight today," he added, "I do not know who could replace them."

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Partly cloudy and continued warm tonight and Tuesday; scattered showers north and west portions Tuesday.

Military Collaboration Pact With American Republics Asked By President Truman

Sen. Johnson Blasts Loan

Fears It May Cause Government Failure

Washington, May 6.—(AP)—Senator Edwin C. Johnson (D) of Colorado, criticized the proposed \$2,750,000,000 British loan today as the beginning of a leading program that may bring "the end of a great and good experiment in democracy."

Johnson claimed the Senate floor to oppose the measure as administration leaders waited impatiently for a break in debate they hope will bring a showdown vote this week.

Dependable Ally.

Asserting that Britain has a no more dependable ally than the U. S., Johnson said he is convinced that the present proposal is only the first of \$20,000,000,000 in loans this country will be called upon to make. That, he said, would threaten the solvency of the United States.

"The titanic program of lavish lending which this loan launches, is in my opinion, the beginning of the end of a great and good experiment in real democracy," he declared.

Security Council Deadlocked Over Question of Veto

New York, May 6.—(AP)—Trygve Lie, secretary-general of the United Nations, said today that unless the Security Council eventually was able to agree on the vital veto question, the issue might have to be tossed back to the 51 United Nations in the form of a charter amendment.

Lie, speaking at a press conference, confirmed reports that the council procedure experts were deadlocked on the veto question, which he said, must have the unanimous agreement of the big five powers for settlement.

Coal Strike Action Seen; Law-Makers' Tempers Up

Washington, May 6.—(AP)—Fresh developments in the soft coal negotiations were indicated today when the government-sponsored conference was recessed suddenly to permit attendance of all operators at this afternoon's session.

The operators continued for an hour this morning while the miners' negotiating committee sat by John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers president, was absent.

Edward R. Burke, head of the Southern Coal Producers Association, and Charles O'Neill, chairman of the Northern Appalachian group, also were absent. Burke was appearing before the House Judiciary Committee in behalf of a bill to curb imposition by a union of a royalty on the products of an employer. Such a payment is one of Lewis' major demands on the coal operators.

In Sixth Week.

The coal strike which President Truman called a "national disaster" stretched into its sixth week today with official fears and congressional tempers both mounting.

As John L. Lewis prepared to resume his "silent treatment" of the soft coal operators, Congress made its first tentative move toward stepping into the dispute.

A House Judiciary Sub-Committee began hearings on a bill to outlaw any form of special production payments to unions. Such a law, if passed, would strike down Lewis' number one demand. A health and welfare fund for his 400,000 soft coal miners.

Mr. Truman issued a week-end report that the full impact of the strike has only "barely begun" to be felt.

Even before the document was made public, the Senate heard several of its members denied government action to reopen the mines.

Later, Senator Ellender (D) of Louisiana, told reporters he thought the report "could well mean the White House is preparing the public for the necessary steps of seizure."

Seizure, however, was not being mentioned seriously among Labor Department officials as a likely step—for the big reason, they said pri-

Would Provide For Organization And Training Of Men

Washington, May 6.—(AP)—President Truman asked Congress today for legislation authorizing a program of military collaboration with other American countries, "including the training, organization, and equipment of the armed forces of those countries."

He transmitted the draft of a bill entitled "The Inter-American Military Cooperation Act," and asked its enactment.

Asserting that the American Republics have assumed new responsibilities for their mutual defense and maintenance of peace, Mr. Truman said it was "highly desirable to standardize military organization, training methods and equipment" as has been recommended by the Inter-American Defense Board.

Under the legislation, he said, the army and navy, in conjunction with the State Department, would be permitted "to continue in the future a general program of collaboration with the armed forces of our sister republics with a view of facilitating the adoption of similar technical standards."

"Certain additional training activities, not covered by existing legislation would be permitted," he told Congress. "The President would also be authorized to transfer military and naval equipment to the governments of other American states by sale or other methods."

The President said it was incumbent upon the United States "to see that military developments in which we have a part are guided toward the maintenance of peace and security and that military and naval establishments are not encouraged beyond what security considerations require."

New York Cotton

New York, May 6.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 25 to 40 cents a bale lower. Noon prices were 60 to 90 cents a bale lower. May 27, 31, July 27, 31, October 27, 31.

	Pv. Close	Open
May	27.30	27.45
July	27.39	27.44
October	27.34	27.43
December	27.46	27.51
March	27.62	27.54
May (1947)	27.37	27.50

Probe Opens At Alcatraz

3 Survivors Might Die In Gas Chamber

San Francisco, May 6.—(AP)—The FBI moved into Alcatraz today to collect evidence against three survivors of the half dozen convicts whose desperate, vain break for freedom brought a bloody, 36-hour siege of their cell block and left five dead men and 15 wounded.

Not a single prisoner escaped. The three may yet die—in San Quentin's green gas chamber.

"There is a good chance that evidence will be sufficient to indict the surviving participants for murder," said United States Attorney Daniel C. Deasy.

Statements Are Taken.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is taking statements from other prisoners as well as guards. Deasy reported, "and the matter will be presented to the Federal Grand jury here."

The three surviving convicts, said Warren James A. Johnston, were Sam Shockey, 36, serving a life term for kidnaping and robbery in Oklahoma; Milton Egan Thompson, 29, serving 99 years for kidnaping and life for killing a Texas policeman; and Clarence Carnes, 19, Oklahoma desperado serving 99 years for kidnaping and murder.

Guards broke into the last dark utility corridor of the embattled prison wing Saturday to find the bodies of three others.

Constitution For France Voted Down

Paris, May 6.—(AP)—French voters, declaring the sharpest setback to the left wing bloc since the liberation of France, rejected a Communist-Socialist supported constitution in Sunday's referendum, concrete official returns showed today.

Totals announced by the ministry of the interior indicated that the constitution was defeated by over 1,100,000 votes. These figures, complete for the 93 departments of France, including all three in North Africa, gave:

Against the constitution: 10,632,430.

For the constitution: 9,450,570.

Approximately 80 per cent of the registered voters participated.

Defeat of the proposal means that France will elect a new constituent assembly June 2. This assembly will name a new provisional government and draft another proposed constitution for the Fourth Republic.

DURING "BATTLE OF ALCATRAZ"



AFTER ONE OF THE MANY GRENADES thrown by guards had started a brush fire, smoke rises to hide part of the cellblock from which desperate convicts staged their pitched battle with Marines and prison guards on the catwalk of Alcatraz Prison who were shooting into the captured cellblock (International Soundphoto).