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UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL HONOR GOES TO SECRETARY STETTINIUS

Truman Announces Appointment At Press Conference Held In His Home Town of Independence, Mo.; Byrnes Expected To Succeed Stettinius as Secretary of State; Stettinius to Stay In Washington While President Attends 'Big Three' Meeting

Independence, Mo., June 27.—President Truman today revealed that he had accepted the resignation of Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., as Secretary of State and that he had appointed him to the all-important post of this nation's representative on the United Nations Council.

Mr. Truman made the announcement at a press conference in his home town after flying here from the San Francisco Conference, which he addressed at its closing session last night.

The Chief Executive said that Stettinius' title will be Representative of the United Nations, American member of the Security Council and Chairman of the United States Delegation in the General Assembly when the organization is formed.

Mr. Truman also announced that he would nominate a successor to Stettinius next Monday or Tuesday. Every indication here was that the new secretary would be James F. Byrnes, the President's old friend and former Supreme Court Justice.

Reveals Letter.
The President revealed the text of a letter he had sent to Stettinius, in which he had asked him to remain at his post despite a proffered resignation on the day following the death of Mr. Roosevelt in order to carry out the work for peace then under way.

The President requested Stettinius to serve as his personal representative in working with members of the preparatory commission pending ratification of the charter.

Stettinius was scheduled originally to go to the "Big Three" meeting next month with the President, but Mr. Truman said today that Stettinius himself had requested that he remain behind. The President said he had agreed reluctantly to Stettinius' request.

The President said that he would be accompanied to that "Big Three" meeting by all the persons who could be helpful to him, including Byrnes, Harry L. Hopkins, Joseph E. Davies and Adm. William D. Leahy, Chief of Staff to the President.

He played catch-as-catch-can with the herd of reporters, however, when it came to saying something definite about the new Secretary of State. Under questioning, he said it would not be someone now in the government.

Fits Byrnes.
That would fit Byrnes, because he resigned last year as Director of War Mobilization.

Asked flatly whether the new secretary would be Byrnes, the President said he would not answer that question at this time.

When someone wanted to know whether Stettinius had accepted his new post, the President replied quickly that certainly he had accepted, that it was the highest post in the gift of the government.

The President disclosed, too, that he will announce the date of the "Big Three" meeting when he is back in Washington. The conference will be held in the Berlin area.

The President took the occasion of his letter to Stettinius to renew his emphatic plea for ratification of the charter.

"The task of fulfilling the promise of the San Francisco Conference has only just begun," his letter to Stettinius pointed out.

STORES TO CLOSE FOR THE FOURTH

The Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association announces that Farmville stores will be closed all day on Wednesday, July 4th.

everything that is within me" in carrying out his task as American representative on the United Nations Security Council.

Minutes after President Truman announced to an Independence, Mo. press conference that Stettinius had resigned as Secretary of State to accept the United Nations post, Stettinius issued a statement which said: "I am deeply grateful to the President for the generous appraisal of what I have done. As Chief Executive of our country, he has guided our course with a sure hand and his leadership was essential to the success of the San Francisco Conference."

"The President has accepted my resignation as Secretary of State and asked me to accept nomination as representative of the United States to the United Nations when the organization comes into being. I have accepted. I shall continue to give everything that is within me for fulfilling in action the promise of lasting peace which is now embodied in the United Nations charter."

NEWS OF OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Receives Discharge

Sgt. William Wooten of Farmville who recently received a discharge arrived here, Saturday, from the War Department Personnel Center, Camp Gordon, Augusta, Ga. He has been in service since September, 1940, and was overseas for 28 months, on duty in the Southwest Pacific Area. He wears the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon, the American Defense with 1 star and the Good Conduct Medal.

Prior to enlistment Sgt. Wooten farmed for his father, B. T. Wooten. He is married to the former Rachel Ruth McCreey of Drumright, Oklahoma, who arrived here two weeks ago to await her husband. The couple will make their home in Farmville.

Returns To States

Pfc. Ernest L. Barrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Barrett, of Route 2, Farmville is currently stationed at the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station, Camp Butler, where he will spend two weeks before reporting to his new assignment in the United States.

Pfc. Barrett was returned recently to the U. S. after having served 38 months in the Pacific theatre of operations, where he served as a truck driver. He holds the Good Conduct ribbon, American Defense ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific theatre ribbon with three campaign stars.

Promotion

Bert S. Smith, Jr., of Farmville was recently promoted from Ensign to Lieutenant (jg). Lt. Smith, who is in service with the Coast Guard was recently assigned to overseas duty.

RATION GUIDE

Processed Foods: N2, P2, Q2, R2, S2—expire June 30; T2, U2, V2, W2, X2—expire July 31; Y2, Z2, A1, B1, C1—expire August 31; D1, E1, F1, G1, H1—expire September 30.

Meats & Fats: E2, F2, G2, H2, J2—expire June 30; K2, L2, M2, N2, P2—expire July 31; Q2, R2, S2, T2, U2—expire August 31; V2, W2, X2, Y2, Z2—expire September 30.

Sugar: Sugar Stamp No. 36—now valid—expires August 31.

Shoes: Airplane Stamps Nos. 1, 2, and 3 now valid.

Fuel Oil: Period 4 and 5 (last season) and periods 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (this season) valid for 10 gallons each.

Tobacco Twin and Tobacco Sticks

In response to several inquiries we advise that ceiling prices for tobacco twin and tobacco sticks are determined as follows:

Tobacco Twin
Governed at retail by the General Maximum Price Regulation, which reads, briefly, that each retailer is bound by his highest March 1943 price; and if he did not handle tobacco twin in March 1943, he takes the highest March 1943 price of his closest competitor who did handle it then.

Tobacco Sticks
Governed by Order No. 24, under Section 1499.18 (c) of the General Maximum Price Regulation. The manufacturer's price for size 1" x 1" - 52" or 54" is \$16.00 per M, and for size 3/4" x 1" - 52" or 54" \$12.00 per M. These are prices f.o.b. mill. Actual cost of delivery may be added. The dealer or distributor gets his selling price by adding \$4.00 per M.—O.P.A. Bulletin.

Pimp-Baby Given War Bonds

WINNER—Little 15-month-old Carolyn Cheryl Meyer of Trenton, New Jersey, official pimp-girl of the USS New Jersey, was made \$3,300 richer in War Bonds through donations by the crew of the USS New Jersey for use in obtaining her future education. Governor Walter E. Edge made the presentation. The child's father, an Army Air Corps pilot, is a prisoner of war in Germany. She has never seen his little beauty queen. She is held by her mother, Mrs. Harry C. Meyer.

Father Of Local Citizen Passes At Home In Virginia

Warrenton, Va., June 21.—Today, Warrenton lost one of its oldest and most esteemed citizens in the passing of E. J. Hotchkiss, Sr., who has resided in the County for most of his 78 years.

Mr. Hotchkiss was born in London, Fauquier County Virginia, February 8, 1867. He studied Law at Bethel Military Academy, receiving his degree in 1890; passing the Bar in the same year; he commenced practice of Law in Warrenton, and has been a member of the Bar here from that day, though for the past few years he has been inactive.

Mr. Hotchkiss is of a long line of lawyers, his father, grand father and great-grand father, before him all having served in this profession. His grandfather, Samuel Hotchkiss having been Judge of the Circuit Court of New York for many years. His son E. J. Hotchkiss, Jr., 5th descendant to practice law, is now Judge of the Recorders Court in Lynchburg, Va.

In 1897, he married Nellie Lent Fletcher, of Front Royal, Va., who bore him seven children, but who he has out lived thirteen years.

Surviving him are; three sisters, Miss Lillie Hotchkiss and Mrs. W. R. Rosser of Warrenton, Mrs. Sam Hall, of Orleans, Va., seven children, Mrs. William Moore of Shreveport, La.; E. J. Hotchkiss, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. W. G. Pendleton of Tappanhook, Va.; Mrs. W. L. Bethea of Dillon, S. C.; P. S. Hotchkiss of Fredericksburg, Va.; C. S. Hotchkiss of Farmville, N. C.; and Lt. (jg) A. D. Hotchkiss, U. S. Navy.

SOFT BALL NEWS

(By Frank Allen, Sports Editor)
The Meth-Eps took the measure of the league leading Christians in a fast and furious game on Thursday by the score of 13-10. Each team got the same number of hits (11) but the Christians made 6 very costly errors while the winners only miscued twice.

This marked the 4th straight victory for the Meth-Eps and as has been stated previously, it seems that Lath really has his boys in the groove, and the other teams might well be expecting more defeats from these fast traveling boys.

The Pres. jumped back into the win column by defeating the Bapt. on Friday. The patient, a 13-year-old Negro boy of near Bethel, was sent to the police hospital at Charlotte for treatment. It is not unusual to have one or two infantile paralysis cases in Pitt County each year, and the health department saw no cause for alarm, Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, health officer said.

Pitt County Reports First Case Of Polio

Greenville, June 27.—The first case of infantile paralysis in Pitt County this year was reported by Dr. Vernon Ward of Robertsonville yesterday. The patient, a 13-year-old Negro boy of near Bethel, was sent to the police hospital at Charlotte for treatment. It is not unusual to have one or two infantile paralysis cases in Pitt County each year, and the health department saw no cause for alarm, Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, health officer said.

Orthopedic Clinic Greenville, July 6

We wish to remind our readers of the State Orthopedic Clinic to be held in Greenville, Friday, July 6, from 12:30 to 4:00 p. m.

This Clinic takes all types of cripples, both white and colored, free of charge who are unable to afford private treatments. It is desired, though not required, that patients be referred by a physician or the Welfare Officer, and that the patient bring such note to the Clinic.

The Clinic is set up to serve especially the Counties of Beaufort, Carteret, Pamlico, Pitt and Tyrrell, though patients from other counties who desire to come may do so.

This Clinic is conducted by Dr. Hugh A. Thompson, orthopedist, Raleigh. This Clinic has been running for something over five years and is now serving a large number of cripples, adults as well as children, in this area.

U. S. Okinawa Casualties 46,319

Guam, June 28.—American forces suffered a total of 46,319 casualties during the Battle of Okinawa and associated operations, it was announced today as Tokyo reported that United States troops had invaded Kume Island, 50 miles west of Okinawa, in a drive within 345 miles of the China coast.

At the same time, it was disclosed that Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell had taken formal command of the United States 10th Army, conquerors of Okinawa.

Nimitz's daily war bulletin announced that the United States Fleet had suffered 4,907 killed and 4,824 wounded in operations in the Ryukyu Islands from March 18th to June 20. Added to previous casualties in ground fighting—6,990 Army and Marine dead and 29,598 wounded through June 19—that made total American casualties 46,319. The Japanese through Tuesday had lost 101,853 killed and 9,498 captured.

Body Found.
Nimitz's bulletin also confirmed front dispatches that the body of the Japanese commander on Okinawa had been found. Stilwell, named last week to lead the 10th Army into the final battle of Japan, was disclosed to be on Okinawa when he participated in a flag-raising ceremony at a spot only 20 yards from the grave of the Japanese commander.

The Japanese said the landing on Kume—not confirmed by Nimitz—was made to enlarge the American springboard in the Ryukyu Islands for landings in Japan, and possibly China.

The enemy report of an invasion of Kume would place American troops within 345 miles of the Chinese fighting northward toward Shanghai and give the United States its 16th island in the Okinawa area.

Island Sailed.
Tokyo said the Americans drove ashore on 27-square-mile Kume on Tuesday, and that "heavy fighting" was now under way.

The report was not confirmed by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz's headquarters, but the Americans have been occupying islands around Okinawa since late March. A few days before invading Okinawa on April 1 they took six islands in the Kerama group to the west and since have taken nine others including Okinawa itself.

Discharge Points

Washington, June 27.—Members of the House military affairs committee reported today that the Army's point requirements for discharge will be lowered from 85 to 78 or 80 within the next few weeks.

Despite "tremendous pressure" for the release of family men and medical and technical students, they said, no change is expected to present regulations qualifying men for automatic discharge on reaching 40 years of age.

They said that War Department officials insisted in testimony before the committee that the only fair method is to discharge men on the basis of the longest and most arduous service.

The Army set a goal of 1,800,000 men to be discharged, but intentionally set its "critical" point score too high until all point scores were in.

Committee members said they did not believe the new "critical" score would be much below 85. They believed it probably would be fixed at 80, and not less than 78. A further reduction may be ordered later in the year, the amount depending on progress of the war.

WAR IN BRIEF

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American naval units steam boldly into the Sea of Okhotsk, north of Japan, and sink or damage convey of five Jap ships. Meantime, other American warplanes hit Jap targets over wide area as Tokyo admits more damage by Superfort raids.

Carrier Bunker Hill survives Jap suicide plane attack, but suffers heavy damage and casualties. Big ship now being repaired on West Coast.

Navy experts term Jap suicide bomb-plane as "perfect missile."

The present sugar shortage is explained by a short Cuban crop, by already large allocations, and by an urgent need for sugar in the liberated countries of Europe.

MAJOR ENEMY RESISTANCE CRUSHED ON LUZON ISLAND

War Bond Report

Farmville Township has exceeded its over-all quota for the Seventh War Loan Drive, having sold over \$32,000.

"E" Bond Sales however continue to lag, with \$5,000 still to go. The drive closes on July 7th and everyone is urged to purchase "E" Bonds as soon as possible to complete the quota before that date.

Buy more and more of these bonds and let's go over the top completely in this current drive as we have in each of the previous ones.

SERVICE MEN'S CENTER

Registering at the Center during the week were: Farmville, S/Sgt. Allen C. Darden, Camp Wolters, Texas; Pfc. Carlton Jack Tyson, Camp Pickett, Va.; and Sgt. W. W. Wooten, who has received his discharge and will make his home here.

Cerry Point, Cpl. Frank Demynovich, Lincoln Park, Mich.; Pfc. Dale C. Martin, Knightsville, Indiana, and T/Sgt. Frank W. Carleton, Paxton, Ill.

R. S. White, Ch. Bos. U.S.N., and Mrs. White, Oyster Bay, Long Island, N. Y., and Charleston, S. C.; Pfc. John R. A. Byrnes, New York City; and Cpl. Charles C. Sholdes, Cleveland, Ohio, and Greenville Air Base.

Deviled eggs, potato salad and lettuce were donated by Mrs. J. N. El-Ramsay and Mrs. Charles Matthews, Club sandwiches, milk, tea, apples, peaches, peanuts, pecans and cookies were also served. Acting hostesses were Miss Myrtle Nichols, Mrs. Joe Jones and Mrs. Jack Smith.

A letter from W/O Charles Wood, a regular visitor here for three months while stationed at Cherry Point, writes that he has been promoted to Warrant Officer. He is now confined to the hospital in Jacksonville, Fla. He also states he was married on April 12. We wish for him a speedy recovery and a long, happily married life.

Cpl. Harry Bloomer says the weather in North Carolina is frigid compared to the weather in India. Shoes and clothing mildew because the sun is out so seldom. He has acquired a parrot for a pet and has to feed it bananas with tweezers as it is only about six weeks old. He enclosed a picture of himself and one of a native snake charmer with a cobra. He sends regards to all the people of Farmville who made his stay in North Carolina so pleasant.

Pvt. Joseph Reddington says they have a regular shower now and its a real luxury after using helmets for so long. The mosquitoes are pests and even eat the mosquito repellent. The Japs left a lot of punk. It burns like incense and keeps the mosquitoes away. He is on Okinawa and says the city must have been very beautiful before the shelling and bombing. The river runs along the main street and is lovely—looks like a park.

Pfc. Clayton Hill, a regular visitor here for seven months while at Seymour Johnson Field, writes from the Southwest Pacific that he misses coming to Farmville and thinks often of the people here for he enjoyed his visits more than he can express and hopes to come back when the Japs are defeated. He has not seen a woman in so long he would not know how to act if he did see one. There is nothing there but mud, hot sun and mosquitoes. He is very homesick and has lost weight and says the States will certainly look good to him when he returns.

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Warehousemen In Annual Meeting

Greenville, June 22.—J. Melvin Broughton of Raleigh, former governor of North Carolina and now general counsel for the Bright Leaf Warehouse Association, and Fred S. Royster, president of the association, were speakers at the annual meeting of the Eastern Carolina Association here yesterday. Numerous matters of importance were discussed.

C. Kersey Smith of Kinston was elected president. Other officers chosen are: U. H. Coxart, Jr., of Wilson, vice-president, and R. S. (Dutch) Witherington of Kinston, secretary-treasurer. Directors elected are: W. E. Morton, Greenville; H. P. Foxhall, Rocky Mount; H. E. Johnson, Tarboro; R. A. Pearce, Smithfield; G. L. Whitwright, Wilson; Mayo Little, Robertsonville; Wayland Sermons, Washington; Lyman Wilkins, Ahoskie; L. R. Bell, Goldsboro; Johnny Gurkin, Williamston; L. R. Clark, Wendell; J. N. Fountain, Farmville, and W. H. Hussy of Wallace.

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MacArthur Announces Junction of American Forces in Cagayan Valley Area

Manila, June 28.—American troops have liberated the whole of Luzon Island in The Philippines, joining forces in the Cagayan Valley and splitting some 16,000 Japanese remnants into three pockets to climax one of the most savage campaigns in American history, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

The junction, which smashed the last major Japanese resistance on Northern Luzon, was effected shortly after noon Tuesday at a point about 30 miles south of Aparri.

MacArthur, driving north through the Sagayan Valley, swept ahead 11 miles to join the southward-bound 11th Airborne Division commanded by Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Swing near the village of Alcala.

Savage Campaign.
"Except for isolated operations, this closes the major phase of the Northern Luzon campaign, one of the most savage and bitterly fought in American history," MacArthur declared in his daily war-bulletin. He said the Japanese remnants had been driven into the rugged mountain regions and cut off from all sources of supply.

The Northern Luzon campaign cost the Japanese 118,596 dead, with the graves of many other thousands located, but uncounted, MacArthur revealed. Several thousand prisoners also were taken.

American losses were 3,798 dead, 34 missing and 11,851 wounded—a total of 15,158.

"No terrain ever has presented greater logistical difficulties and none ever has provided as adversary with more naturally impregnable strongholds," MacArthur said.

The remaining Japanese are being mopped up rapidly, he announced. One of the pockets is in the hills southeast of Bayombong in Nueva Vizcaya province; another is northeast of Tuguegarao between Highway No. 5 and the coast and the third is in the Kiangang area on Highway No. 4.

Strongest Pocket.
The strongest opposition is in the Kiangang area, approximately in the center of the island. The Sixth Division battling some six miles southeast of Kiangang drove ahead 200 yards against heavy small arms fire in their latest gains.

Junction of the two divisions climaxed a campaign which overran the 200-mile valley in 28 days. Elements of the forces met at a point about 3,000 yards east of the valley of Alcala, on Highway 5, some 30 miles south of Aparri, at 12:35 P. M. Tuesday.

The 37th Division hammered north through the Cagayan Valley, driving 170 miles in four weeks after passing through the 25th Division at Santa Fe, in the southern end of the valley, on May 27.

The 11th Airborne parachuted Saturday near Cardigan airstrip, about nine miles south of Aparri, and advanced 21 miles to meet the 37th.

Those Japanese caught in the jaws of a swiftly-closing trap offered little opposition to the meeting of the two columns. On Monday, at the beginning of the final drive, both divisions killed 131 Japanese and captured 25 prisoners.

Eighth Army units on Mindanao are continuing to mop up enemy groups scattered throughout the hills and rapidly are clearing the Agusan river valley, MacArthur announced.

Australian Ninth Division troops on northwestern Borneo have captured the supply port for the rich Seria oilfields and are thrusting south from Miri to extend their grip on the entire Seria-Miri area, it was announced today.

Patrols captured the river port of Kuala Belait, on the coast seven miles southwest of Seria, without opposition on Monday to follow up the capture of Miri town and the Miri oilfields by other Ninth Division troops last Sunday.

Kuala Belait harbor gave the Allies an anchorage large enough for six ships and dock space for two more vessels, facilitating both supply of fighting forces and shipment of machinery to repair the oilfields and refineries.

Capture of the Seria-Miri oilfields gives U.S. Allies a potential production pool of nearly 1,800,000 barrels of crude oil a year in the heart of the Pacific war theater.

PAPER SALVAGE

Waste Paper and Tin Can Salvage will be picked up as usual on first Wednesday, July 4.

If your package is not picked up by mid-afternoon, please call John B. Lewis, chairman of Salvage committee in charge, and it will be called for immediately.

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