

TANKS BEGIN OUTFLANKING NAHA JAPS

REGIONAL PLAN CAUSES CRISIS AT CONFERENCE

BY R. H. SHACKFORD San Francisco, May 15. — (UP)—High officials admitted today that the biggest stakes of the United Nations Conference are at issue in the current crisis over the future relationship of the Inter-American regional system to the new world organization.

The stakes include the future attitude of the Latin American nations toward the new organization; the relationship of the Latin American nations to both Soviet Russia and the United States; whether the American bloc of nations will be suspected by hemispheric isolationism; and whether the new organization will start life under the handicap of intra-organization quarrels over its jurisdiction and authority.

American officials are confident of working out a satisfactory solution. They drafted what they hope will be their final formula last night, will present it to the full U. S. delegation today, and then if approved to the Latin Americans before night fall.

France Given Seat This regional issue so overshadows everything else at this conference that even the controversial trusteeship issues is forgotten. The only committee action noted with any great interest was the decision late last night to give France a permanent seat on the security council.

The Dumbarton Oaks proposals said France should have a permanent seat "in due course"; the committee deleted "in due course."

American officials are proceeding very cautiously on the explosive regional problem. They concede the possibility of leading into three dangerous situations — any one of

German U-Boat Surrenders



American flag flies from conning tower of the U-858, German submarine of the once-mighty wolf pack, as she cuts through Atlantic coastline waters. Sub was escorted by American naval forces to a transfer point off Cape May, N. J., where it was taken into custody by the Yanks.

Goebbels' Corpse Found By Russians

BY HENRY SHAPIRO Moscow, May 15. — (UP)—The body of Nazi Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels has been found in a vast underground city beneath Berlin, the Red Army newspaper Red Star reported today.

A Berlin dispatch said that Goebbels' corpse and those of his wife and children were found where they had committed suicide, before a microphone.

The Star reported that in one of the apartments a Russian correspondent found the corpses of an

Admiral Herbert F. Leary, commander of the Eastern Sea Frontier, stated that all three U-boats were enroute to the Portsmouth Navy Yard.

At 8 a. m. the U-boat 805 formally surrendered to the U. S. Naval units at Casco Bay, Me., and this craft was expected to reach here later in the day.

NAZI ATROCITY TALE VERIFIED IN WASHINGTON

BY ALLEN DRURY Washington, May 15. — (UP)—Congress heard at first hand today a part of the story of Nazi rule by extermination.

A 12-man committee of both houses, fresh from a tour of German concentration and slave labor camps, verified many of the worst atrocity stories.

They told a tale of filth, disease, starvation and murder. Declaring the concentration camp practices to be "no less than organized crime against civilization," they demanded "swift, certain and adequate punishment" for those responsible.

But despite the cruelty and horror they saw they held forth hope of future justice.

Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky, spokesman for the committee, said: "Through the sickening spectacle which we have witnessed... will come ultimately a firmer realization that men of all nations and tongues must resist encroachments of every theory and ideology that debases mankind."

"A just and more enduring peace may arise upon the ruins and from the sacrifices which the human race has endured through one of the most crucial periods of its history."

The 12-man committee, invited by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to view the results of Nazi treatment of political prisoners and slave laborers, visited camps at Buchenwald, Nordhausen and Dachau.

Members were Barkley, Sens. Walter F. George, D., Ga., James D. Thomas, D., Utah, C. Wayland Brooks, R., Ill., Kenneth S. Wherry, R., Neb., and Leverett Saltonstall, R., Mass. and Reps. R. Ewing Thomason, D., Tex., James P. Richards, D., S. C. Ed V. Isaac, D., Calif., John M. Vorys, R., C. James W. Mott, R., Ore., and Dewey Short, R., Mo.

Precious Points



Mrs. Thomas F. Conroy presented her husband, M-Sgt. Thomas Conroy, Natrone, Pa., with twins and a one-way ticket back to civilian life. Sgt. Conroy had a total of 83 points—just short of the number necessary for discharge. Twins boosted the total to 85. Twins are Thomas F., Jr., and John Francis.

Hitler's Steno Tells Of Berlin's Last Days

The writer of the following dispatch is a member of the former Berlin Bureau of the United Press and was interned by the Germans when they declared war on the United States. He speaks German fluently. In a message to the foreign office of the U. P. he advises that he considers the following account of the last days of the siege of Berlin reliable.

BY JACK FLEISCHER Obersalberg, Germany, May 15.—(UP)—A man who was a stenographer at Adolf Hitler's headquarters in Berlin said today that the Fuehrer decided on April 22 to meet his end fighting the Russians from an underground fortress behind the Reich chancellery.

The man is Gerhard Herrgeselle, who was summoned to Hitler's headquarters last July to do stenographic work after another stenographer had been killed in the attempt of the German army generals to assassinate Hitler.

Herrgeselle said that Hitler, his sweetheart Eva Braun; Martin Bormann, deputy leader of the Nazi party; Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel; and Col. Gen. Gustav Jodl who signed the German surrender at Reims, were living in the underground fortress.

"Around 10:20 o'clock on the morning of April 21," Herrgeselle said, "the Russian artillery fire became heavier and obviously they were seeking to concentrate their fire on the government district."

Both Yugoslavia and Italy have laid claim to Istria. Yugoslav partisan forces liberated the province from the Germans, ousted most Italian civil and even church officials and set up their own military government.

Missing



LT. RAYMOND J. HOWARD

The War Department has notified Mr. and Mrs. John Howard, 15 Taylor St., that their son 2nd Lieut. Raymond J. Howard has been missing in action since April 25. Mr. Howard is clerk of the local probate court.

Second Lieut. Howard was serving with 5th Army, First Armored Division, First Tank Battalion and was believed to be somewhere in Italy at the time.

Wounded last May 2 at Onio he had sought transfer back to the armored division from the headquarters division he had been assigned to after recuperation.

The transfer was believed to have been made two months ago.

Second Lieut. Howard entered the service four years ago this coming September. He trained at Ft. Knox and Camp Campbell, Ky. A graduate of Crosby High school he had attended Chicago University for two years before entering the service.

When parents were notified by telegram yesterday.

When asked in Commons if a big three meeting is contemplated, Churchill said:

Southern Okinawa Key Hill Seized, Airport Captured

Guam, May 15.—(UP)—Tenth Army troops began to outflank the Japanese anchor strongholds of Naha and Shuri in southern Okinawa today after unbinging the enemy line with the capture of a key hill near the east coast.

The Americans bounded forward a mile and a quarter, their best advance in two weeks, following the capture of Conical Hill. They were only a half mile from the east coast port of Yonabaru.

Overrun in the advance was Yonabaru airfield, the fourth of Okinawa's five airfields to be captured by the 10th Army.

The thrust put troops due east of both the inland town of Shuri and the west coast port of Naha, ruined capital of Okinawa, and exposed the cities to attack from the rear. Both were holding out against savage American frontal attacks.

Security Blackout Marines of the Sixth Division were reported blasting deeper into the northern outskirts of Naha with grenades, flame-throwers and machine-guns, but a security blackout cloaked details of their progress.

The rubble of Naha was alive with snipers and machine-gun nests, front dispatches said. There were indications that the city had a system of defenses connected by underground tunnels. House-to-house fighting was under way in some sectors.

Equally bloody fighting was under way for Shuri, under assault by the first Marine and 77th Army Infantry Divisions.

The first Marines gained up to 150 yards yesterday northwest of Shuri, while units of the 77th reached the foot of Chocolate Drop Hill immediately before Shuri but were forced to withdraw by heavy Japanese fire.

3 More Nazi Subs Give Up

Portsmouth, N. H., May 15. (UP)—Three German submarines surrendered to U. S. Naval units off the New England coast today, the Navy disclosed.

The announcement, from Vice-Admiral Herbert F. Leary, commander of the Eastern Sea Frontier, stated that all three U-boats were enroute to the Portsmouth Navy Yard.

At 8 a. m. the U-boat 805 formally surrendered to the U. S. Naval units at Casco Bay, Me., and this craft was expected to reach here later in the day.

Subsequently, two more undersea craft, the U-1228 and the U-873, surrendered at undisclosed points. Allied fleet units to which these two submarines surrendered were escorting them to the formal surrender area in Casco Bay.

There they were to be taken over by a group of vessels under command of Rear Admiral Felix X. Gyax, commander of the First Naval district who was serving as task group commander for the commander of the Eastern Sea Frontier.

'Silent Cop' Obstruction Says Expert

Robert C. Georgia, of Albany, director of the New York State Traffic Commission, declared in superior court today that the traffic station at Watertown avenue and Robbins street is "an obstruction in the normal path of travel and it can be expected that vehicles will strike it."

The highway official, who holds a license as a civil engineer, was called as a witness for the plaintiffs in the \$10,000 civil action brought against the City of Waterbury by Paul and Bessie DeLahunta and Edwin and Doris MacKeever, all of Stratford, who were injured on March 22, 1942, when their car struck the traffic signaling device.

Mr. Georgia testified that the structure has a definite adverse effect on safety of motor vehicles traveling by it in the southerly direction on Watertown avenue. He bases his opinion on an examination made at the intersection this morning, he stated.

Construction of the pavement is such that definite lanes of travel are indicated and cars must swerve toward the right to avoid the obstruction, Mr. Georgia stated.

Asked if a cement stanchion is necessary for the support of a blinker light, the New York state official replied it was not. The alternative, he said, would be to install a blinker light suspended from a wire above the intersection and at a height that would permit traffic to travel underneath.

British In Flensburg

BY EDWARD V. ROBERTS London, May 15.—(UP)—A British military commentator revealed today that British occupation troops have entered Flensburg, seat of the German government under Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz.

But the commentator said the fate or status of Doenitz, self-proclaimed successor to Adolf Hitler as Fuehrer, was "unknown" here.

Neither had he any definite knowledge whether the occupation troops had seized the headquarters of Heinrich Himmler, now No. 1 Nazi war criminal. He last was reported in Flensburg or its vicinity.

Other Allied sources reported that American Third Army troops had captured Himmler's ace atrociously expert Lt. Gen. of Police Ernst W. Kaltenbrunner, accused of responsibility for the ghoulish German gas extermination program.

Big 3 Parley Seems Likely

Washington, May 15.—(UP)—President Truman said today he hopes there will be a meeting of the Allied Big Three soon.

The president told a news conference, however, that he could not say that such a meeting actually will be held, nor when where.

Asked whether such a Big Three meeting might be held in San Francisco, the president said it definitely would not be.

Nagoya Raid Devastating

BY LLOYD TUPLING Guam, May 15.—(UP)—One quarter of Nagoya, Japan's biggest city, was destroyed today in the third largest city, was believed in ruins today following yesterday's record 500-plane Superfortress fire raid.

Official estimates of damage awaited reconnoitering photographs. But returning crewmen said they believed their bombs burned out an area twice the five and a quarter square miles devastated in earlier attacks.

If confirmed, that would mean approximately 16 of the city's 61 square miles had been destroyed.

A communique said crews reported results of the attacks had been "excellent." Two planes were lost to enemy action.

Tax Cuts Ruled Out

Washington, May 15.—(UP)—President Truman today ruled out the possibility of tax reductions before the Japanese war is won.

The president voiced his ideas on taxes until the war is over, and we still have a war to win in the Pacific, the president said. He went on to add that there are 85,000,000 individual holders of war bonds in the country. He said that the investments were bondholders must be protected.

The only way to protect them, he said, is through taxes.

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Warmer Weather Expected Friday

Boston, May 15.—(U.P.)—The extended weather forecast for New England: The temperature during the next four days, Wednesday through Saturday, will average near normal. Little temperature change Wednesday and Thursday will be followed by somewhat warmer weather about Friday or Saturday.

Complete Change Of Blood Given Premature Baby Girl

Birmingham, England, May 15.—(UP)—Medical science saved the life of a baby girl by delivering her three weeks ahead of time and giving her a complete change of blood. A doctor who worked on the case told the story today. He preferred to remain anonymous and withhold the name of the child in keeping with professional ethics.

Eire Statement By Churchill Flayed

Dublin, May 15.—(UP)—The pro-British Irish Times said today it thought Prime Minister Churchill "possibly went just a little too far" in his strong statements on Eire's neutrality Sunday.

Agreement On Minor Court Judgeships Virtually Set

Hartford, Conn., May 15.—(UP)—Reports that political leaders had virtually reached an agreement on the minor court judgeships gave rise to hopes today that the General Assembly would be able to sail a clear course during the few weeks that remained of the 1945 session.

Cruiser, Providence, Commissioned Today

Boston, May 15.—(UP)—The light cruiser Providence, fourth American warship to bear the name, was commissioned today at the South Boston annex of the Boston Navy Yard.

Yanks Seize Balete Pass

Manila, May 15.—(U.P.)—Twenty-fifth Division doughboys today seized the Balete Pass, a wide white Balete Pass leading to the relatively open ground of Cayanag Valley, gateway to Northern Luzon.

DUMB BELLS advertisement with a cartoon illustration of a man looking at a photograph.