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Parley Unit Okays Plan In Disputes

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17 (ANS).—The United Nations Conference committee completed two major actions yesterday, approving an amendment on the scheduling of the next world conference and accepting a method for settlement of disputes.

The amendment, a compromise advanced by the U.S., permits the scheduling of a conference in ten years to consider world security charter amendments if deemed necessary by a majority of the assembly and seven members of the Security Council. It was passed by a voice vote of 42 to 1, three abstaining and four absent. The Russian delegate cast the negative vote.

The decision was declared a victory for the major powers, who had fought proposals by the smaller nations to have a charter provision calling for an amendment meeting specifically within five or ten years.

Veto Power Feared

The little nations wanted the direct stipulation on time because they feared the veto power that might be exercised by the Big Five nations' permanent members of the 11-man Security Council.

Committee approval of the provisions for peaceful settlements of disputes provided one of the most important parts of the machinery being created here for the maintenance of peace and security, listing the steps to be taken in international disputes before enforcement measures are invoked.

Parties to any dispute would be required first to seek the solution themselves by negotiation, judicial settlement, resort to regional agencies or other peaceful means of their choice.

The Security Council, meanwhile, would have the power to investigate any dispute to determine whether it was likely to endanger international peace and security. Members of the organization under the charter may bring their disputes to the attention of the Security Council or General Assembly. Non-members may do the same provided they agree to accept charter provisions covering peaceful settlement.

On Legal Disputes

On purely legal matters, the council refers disputes to a court of international justice for settlement. The council may recommend the procedures or methods of adjustment or, if necessary, recommend the kind of settlement it finds appropriate.

If all these methods failed, the Security Council would proceed to enforcement measures. These would begin with diplomatic, economic and other sanctions and culminate, if necessary, in the employment of armed force.

The disputes settlement amendment is expected to go before the Security Council Commission for approval Monday.

Kramer First to Be Tried

LONDON, June 17 (INS).—"The Beast of Belsen," Joseph Kramer, notorious head of the Belsen concentration camp, will be the first war criminal in British hands to stand trial.

There Are Soldiers—and Soldiers Fruit Peddler Gets Raspberry

NEW YORK, June 17 (ANS).—Fruit Peddler Stanley Meola was vociferously outraged today when Patrolman Leon Janpol ordered him to move his wagon from a busy intersection in Brooklyn.

Meola refused and shouted: "I fought the war for the likes of you."

Janpol brought Meola before Magistrate Roland Sala on a disorderly conduct charge and the judge inquired into the military records of the patrolman and the defendant.

He found that Janpol enlisted in the Army as a private, fought in four Pacific campaigns, including Guam and Gaudalcanal, rose to captain and had been back with the Police Department only a few days.

Meola told the judge he was drafted, served as cook and was discharged because of an injury to his leg received in the rear of the battle lines.

"You little people who do so little and talk so much," said the magistrate. "I never heard a real hero brag about it."

He gave Meola a suspended sentence.

Father's Day Toast for Timmy Reilly's Dad



T/Sgt. Howard Reilly of New York couldn't be with his son, Timmy, 3, for Father's Day, so he "adopted" three little Parisian misses and treated them to fruit juice at a Champs-Elysees cafe yesterday. Reilly's "temporary duty" family includes (left to right) Marcelle Crussard, 7, Micheline Jonart, 6 1/2, and Andrée Jonart, 5. Reilly, was formerly a combat infantryman with the 63rd Div.

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Belgian King Coming Back; Cabinet Quits

BRUSSELS, June 17 (AP).—The Belgian government resigned today on the announcement that King Leopold III has decided to return to Belgium.

Premier Achille Van Acker, after submitting his resignation to Prince Regent Charles, said the government could not "assume responsibility for the political events which may follow the return of the King."

Great concern over forthcoming events was expressed here as soon as the King's decision became known. A general strike of miners, railway and tram workers and workers in the port of Antwerp is expected.

The King is not expected back before tomorrow from Salzburg where he has been staying since he was freed from captivity. Constitutionally, he could enter Belgium at any time, but without a cabinet he would have no right to rule and no means to have his orders executed.

Danube Yields Murdered GI

WIESBADEN, Germany, June 17 (AP).—The unsolved murder of an enlisted man of the Fourth Arm'd Div. was announced today by the Twelfth Army Group.

Soldiers found the body floating in the Danube River near Abbach, just south of Regensburg. A preliminary investigation showed that the soldier had been garrotted, and a wire was found around his neck and through his mouth.

His name was not disclosed. Twelfth Army Group also announced the arrest at Eibersadt of Joseph Azz, a German civilian, who has confessed that he murdered a British aviator last March.

Adm. Nimitz Replies to Attack Of Writer on Okinawa Tactics

GUAM, June 17 (ANS).—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of Pacific Ocean Areas, called an unprecedented press conference today to defend the tactics of the Okinawa campaign against criticism voiced by David Lawrence, columnist.

Referring to the writer's criticism of U.S. commanders for not making landings behind Japanese lines after the original invasion on April 1, Nimitz declared that "new landings would have had to be made over very unsatisfactory beaches against an alerted enemy defense. They would have involved heavy casualties and would have created unacceptable supply problems."

He added that tactical decisions on Okinawa were made by Lt. Gen. Simon B. Buckner, Tenth Army commander, and "they had my concurrence."

'Somebody With Ax to Grind'

Nimitz told correspondents that Lawrence's criticisms "give the impression he has been made use of for purposes which are not in the best interests of the U.S. I don't know yet where Lawrence got his information but it must have been from somebody with an ax to grind."

(In Washington, meanwhile, Lawrence said that Nimitz had been "misinformed" about his criticism of the Okinawa campaign. Lawrence said the material he used was based on a dispatch from Okinawa written by Homer Bigart, New York Herald Tribune correspondent, and had been cleared by Navy censors.

Lawrence charged that Army commanders had misused marines on Okinawa, hurling them against the tough Shuri defense line instead of making "end run" plays with a landing behind the enemy's lines. Lawrence said this strategy

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Norden Bombsight Made More Deadly, Army Says

CHICAGO, June 17 (ANS).—An attachment to the Norden bombsight making it "deadly effective" from heights around 50,000 feet was disclosed today. The disclosure was made by Col. Robert L. Finkenstaedt, commanding officer of the central district of the Air Technical Service Command, at a ceremony signifying completion of \$50,000,000 worth of bombsight production by the Victor Adding Machine Company of Chicago.

Congress Librarian Named

WASHINGTON, June 17 (ANS).—Luther H. Evans, of Texas, was named by President Truman today to be Librarian of Congress, succeeding Archibald MacLeish, who resigned last December to become Assistant Secretary of State. Evans, born near Sayersville, Tex., in 1902, has been acting librarian.

Yanks Take Three Hills On Okinawa

GUAM, June 17 (ANS).—With unexpected aid from enemy artillery, U.S. Tenth Army units early today captured the last three Japanese-held hills on the high plateau across the southern tip of Okinawa, where an estimated 10,000 troops of the enemy's original 85,000-man garrison are fighting a last-ditch battle.

Elements of the 96th Inf. Div. knocked the Japs from Yuza, known as Hill 167, tallest of the three peaks, from which the enemy had been raking American soldiers and marines all along the four-mile battleline. Before dark the 96th was pushing southwestward down the back slopes of the hill.

Japs Killed by Own Shells

Farther east, Hill 153 was occupied by troops of the Seventh Inf. Div., who moved forward after a Jap artillery barrage had registered on a Jap troop concentration and wiped it out. Tanks supported the 32nd Regt.'s successful attack on Hill 115, smallest of the peaks. The Seventh's overall advance of half a mile was the greatest of the day.

Adm. Nimitz's communique made no mention of U.S. gains on the western sector, but a front dispatch reported that the position of First Marine Div. troops on Kunishi Hill had been made less vulnerable by the 96th's capture of Yuza.

There was no report today of enemy air attacks on U.S. forces in the Okinawa area, but Nimitz said American carrier aircraft and heavy land-based bombers attacked harbor installations in the Anami group of islands in the Ryukyus, a little more than 200 miles from the Japanese home island of Kyushu.

Correspondents on Okinawa, meanwhile, have reported the imminence of the annual typhoon season, which reaches its peak in July, August and September, with three or four twisters every week.

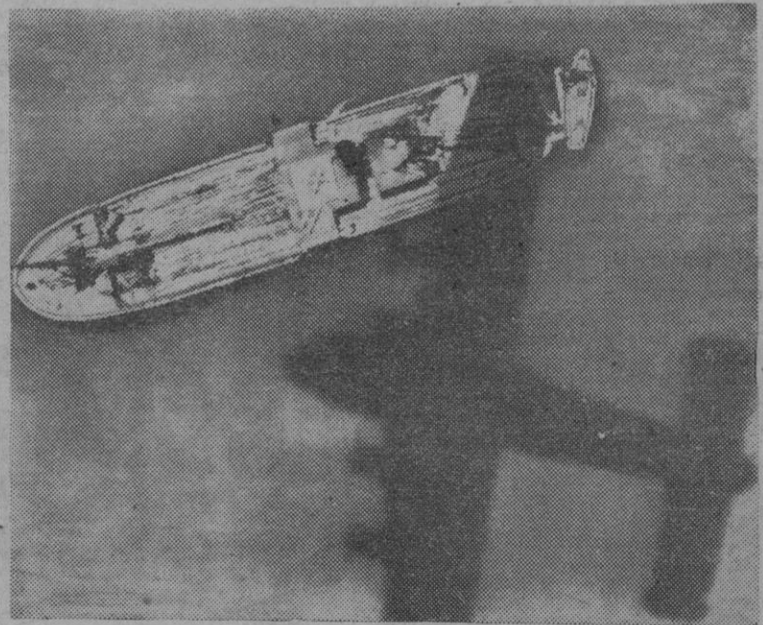
Although the end of the Okinawa campaign is in sight, the threat of high winds and heavy seas at any time is emphasized by a study of meteorological records.

Russian Ship Sunk BY U.S. Sub, Japs Say

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17 (AP).—A Japanese broadcast reported today that an American submarine on Wednesday had "torpedoed and sunk" the Russian ship Transvaal, in Soya Strait, between the northernmost Jap home island of Hokkaido and Karafuto.

The unconfirmed report said that most of the ship's crew of 99 had been rescued by a Japanese patrol boat within 48 hours.

Shadow of Doom Eclipses Japs at Sea



The menacing shadow of a U.S. Navy Coronado bomber is a sign of death for the crew of this Jap ship which was hit a moment after the picture was taken. The action took place off Keramo Retto, in the western Pacific.

Drama at Iwo: P61 Kill of B29 Saves Troops

IWO JIMA, June 17.—A crippled bomb-laden Superfort was shot down over this island to the cheers of thousands of American troops who watched its destruction from the ground.

The crewless giant bomber was sent to its death by a Black Widow to keep it from crashing on Iwo with its load of explosives.

The drama began over Osaka, where flak killed the ship's pilot and jammed its bomb-bay doors. Shepherded by the night fighter, the bomber flew to Iwo. There the Fort's co-pilot ordered surviving crew members to bail out, set the ship's automatic pilot for the open sea and jumped himself.

The ship lumbered out to sea, but its controls apparently were crippled and it turned back toward Iwo with its lethal load.

The Black Widow's pilot desperately poured lead into it but the stricken bomber, continued on over the island. Then the fighter pilot ceased firing.

Once again, however, the B29 swung away from Iwo, the P61 gave it the works and down into the sea went the bomber.

Jersey Jap Erred In Trading Resorts

OKINAWA, June 17.—Wearing American-made golf knickers, a former Asbury Park, N.J. concessionaire was found hiding in a southern Okinawa cave with his attractive wife.

The Japanese was Nozaki Shinichi, who left the Jersey beach resort on an exchange ship in 1942 because he thought Japan would win the war.

Shinichi admitted he had made "a very bad mistake."

Woman Pilot Found In Jap Suicide Plane

TEMPLE, Texas, June 17 (ANS).—Pfc Howard Kern of Howell, Mich., a patient in an Army hospital here, said examination of the wreckage of a Jap plane on Okinawa disclosed a woman pilot, about 18 or 20 years old, killed in a suicide crash.

Japs' Okinawa Defenses Likened to Germans'

GUAM, June 17 (ANS).—Maj. Gen. Andrew D. Bruce, 77th Div. commander, said today that the Japanese defenses on Okinawa were so powerfully built that he thought "there was a German officer back there in charge."

Bruce, here for what he said was a visit to his men in hospitals, declared the enemy defense pattern showed greater skill in the placement of weapons for intricate crossfire and massed mortar and artillery than he had noted before from the Japanese.

He said these co-ordinated tactics, reminiscent of World War I, forced the Army to fall back on 1918 tactics to breach the enemy lines.

Mickey Goes Home With Ike (Then He'll Go Home for Good)

By Charles F. Kiley
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

M/Sgt. Michael J. (Mickey) McKeogh, 29-year-old orderly, chauffeur and general utility man for Gen. Eisenhower since July, 1941, left Paris Saturday on his last trip with "The Boss."

McKeogh, with 1.5 points, left for the States in Eisenhower's party and when the celebrations and homecomings for the Supreme Commander are over the former New York bellhop from Corona, L.I., will report to Fort Dix, N.J., to be discharged.

The general had to declare the curly-headed Irishman as "non-essential" in order for McKeogh to be eligible for discharge. Orderlies are not exactly "essential," and Ike had to let him go, although there were occasions in the last four years when Eisenhower must have felt Mickey certainly was a vital cog in his machine.

But, Mickey is married. His wife, the former Pearlle Hargrave, who was a Wac clerk in Eisenhower's offices in Algiers, London, Normandy and Versailles, expects to present Mickey with an heir in September. And Mickey says his family comes first, now.

McKeogh joined Eisenhower when the Supreme Commander was a colonel and chief of staff to Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, then commander of the Third Army, at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. Mickey was a buck private.

'Old Blood and Guts' Leads Sunday School Hymn Sing



Led by Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., children of the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour Sunday School class join in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" during the Third Army commander's visit to the San Gabriel, Calif., church where he was baptized and confirmed.

M'Arthur Seen Barring Patton

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Gen. George S. Patton Jr. will not be sent to the Pacific because the War Department fears "his colorful and explosive personality will clash with the equally colorful Gen. MacArthur," the Scripps Howard Washington Bureau said in a dispatch printed yesterday in Scripps Howard newspapers.

The article said the Third Army commander's trip home was made primarily to get a Pacific assignment, but when his request was relayed to MacArthur it was vetoed by the Pacific chief.

"Friction arises when two such top commanders are thrown together," the dispatch quoted military men as saying.

"There would be no question that Gen. MacArthur would be boss should Gen. Patton get a Pacific assignment and Gen. Patton would be the first to agree because he is one of the Army's foremost sticklers for discipline and authority," the article said. "It's just that the personalities of the two outstanding generals could not mix."

Presidential Citation Catches Up A 'Blue' for the Fourth— Symbol of a War Epic

By James Cannon
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE FOURTH ARMD. DIV., Landshut, Germany, June 17.—The history of the Fourth Arm. Div. from Dec. 22 to March 27 is not in the gaunt literature of the Presidential Citation it has just received. The truth is in the minds of the men who were soldiers in those actions.

Combat is what happens to one man and it is hard to communicate the agony to another. Change the names of the towns and the outfits and all unit citations sound alike.

The citation was read into a microphone from a platform set up in a field of rye. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, 12th Army Group commander, tied the blue and white streamer to the staff of the green and red division standard that is marked by a white 4.

The division paraded afoot through the rye, and the men marched well for troops who usually ride. After they had passed in review Gen. Devers told them how well they had behaved in battle and how fine they looked on parade.

But this was the line you remember: "... Each in his heart knows what he did."

From Bastogne to Hanau

What they did as a division from the 22nd of December to the 27th of March started when they came through snow and cold over frozen roads to relieve the troops cut off and surrounded in Bastogne. It ended in the rains of a reluctant spring when they seized bridgeheads over the Main River at Hanau and Aschaffenburg.

What they did between those dates shines as one of the great military achievements of the war. They moved like a destructive force of nature itself because the elements were arrayed against them.

But what they did as single soldiers, as twos and threes, is the truth of the actions for which they have been cited. As it is told now, one soldier telling another, it is pure and unblemished by the imagination.

It will be told many times more as the stories of our fathers' war were told. It will be told carelessly against bars with the music streaming out of the juke box. It will be helped by whisky and ambition and man's eagerness to escape obscurity. It will be told well in quiet houses, father to son, and for many reasons, including love and profit.

They Can't Recall Much

Now, because they are soldiers talking to soldiers, they are shy about their part in it. T/5 Tom Leany, of Saint Albans, Vt., remembered the armored infantry dying at Chamont. Sgt. Orland Route, a tank commander of Laurelville, Ohio, couldn't think of any special part he played in the winning of the citation.

You saw some of it and were there when a little of it happened. You remember black and rotting feet. You, who saw only some of it, remember how difficult it was to get out of the stricken tanks. You remember your own fears and how much better the tankers concealed theirs. You remember them as cold and hungry men, as men dazed by fatigue and endless concentration, as wounded men with black eyes, as dead men waiting to be buried.

From Dec. 22 to March 27 you never heard them use the word heroism and the word intrepidity and the word determination and the word hazardous and the word bravery. But these words, all of them right in their correct places, are in the citation that honored the division.

You will remember them as a division. You will remember them one at a time, because that is the way they were born, and that is the way they died.

Devers Feted By De Tassigny

CONSTANCE, Germany, June 17.—Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commander of the Sixth and 12th Army Groups, was honored yesterday and Friday by Gen. Jean de Latre de Tassigny, French First Army commander, at a series of elaborate ceremonies.

The French First and U.S. Seventh Armies fought side by side in Gen. Devers' Sixth Army Group, from the shores of the Riviera across Germany to the Italian and Austrian frontiers. With the time approaching when the French will launch out on their own, no longer under American command, De Tassigny decided to throw a party.

Devers and the other American guests crossed Lake Constance on a steamer led by another boat on which was a band of mounted North African Spahis. A 17-gun salute greeted the Americans as they reached the northern shore, where the host presented Devers with a silver cigarette box.

Flowers—On Order

Then began a succession of parades, displays, feasts, boat rides, folk dancing and concerts. A reviewing stand had been erected in the town square. The windows of every German home were decorated with flowers—on French orders.

Forty officers and EM of the Seventh Army lined up in the square and received either the Legion of Honor or Croix de Guerre from De Tassigny. Devers decorated 390 officers and men.

Then the generals retired to the stand for the parade. It was colorful and musical. But it was a unique parade. There were no cheering crowds. Groups of Germans—old men, women, girls, children—kept at some distance from the line of march, watched from side streets.

Theatrical

Some of the evening events were highly theatrical. Searchlight beams shot into the sky over Lake Constance. More searchlights played on castles and towers along the shore. Through this fairy-like atmosphere floated a steamer with a load of gay French and American officers. As the steamer approached Lindau, at the eastern end of the lake, the whole city flickered with strange lights.

These turned out to be torches held by African native troops posted 20 feet apart along the route the official party was to take. The effect was continued with floodlights turned on the towers and turrets of the quaint town.

Gen. Jean de Latre de Tassigny threw a party!

Plane Crash Kills 17

VICKSBURG, Miss., June 17 (AP).—Fifteen Navy men and two Waves were killed yesterday when a transport plane exploded and crashed sixteen miles northeast of Vicksburg.

