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Quick Ratification of World Peace Charter Now Objective Of United Nations Delegates

President Truman to Present Document in Person To U. S. Senate for Approval; Address in Support Of Agreement Draws Applause From Conference

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27.—(AP)—A movement to win the quickest possible ratification for the United Nations charter grew among conference delegates today. It was spurred on by President Truman's urgent plea to make the new world peace plan "a living thing."

The chief executive himself, after making the final address of the 9-week conference yesterday, is en route to Washington, by way of his home at Independence, Missouri, to carry the charter formally and personally before the senate next Monday.

"I am sure," he told the delegates of 50 nations here, "that the overwhelming sentiment of the people of my country and of their representatives in the senate is in favor of immediate ratification."

An Associated Press poll which reached 26 of the delegates showed that 20 of the 26 expect their nations to ratify the charter this year.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

LAST week was a gloomy one for Japan.

Official Tokyo (via radio) gave up Okinawa for lost and held funeral services for the commanding general and the commanding admiral who stayed there to die. Typically enough, nothing is said about the 100,000 LITTLE Japs who perished.

The theory appears to be that they were cannon fodder, with plenty more where they came from.

DURING the week, 30,632 Japs were killed and counted on Okinawa and in the Philippines.

Another 7,705 SURRENDERED—an all-time record in the Pacific war. Everything considered, that comes close to being a sizable crack in Bushido. It leads us to hope (faintly) that in time INCREASING numbers of cannon-fodder Japs might begin to suspect that they are being used as the fall guys.

BUT, even if we permit ourselves to entertain hope that eventually Bushido might crack under the strain, we mustn't let up on Jap-killing. That would wreck everything.

ON Luzon, we land paratroops at Aparri, along with glider-

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Catholic School Near Seattle Damaged by Fire

SEATTLE, June 27.—(AP)—Damage estimated at \$20,000 was caused last night when fire destroyed two large buildings of the Brisse Memorial school for boys, south of Seattle.

The fire, of unknown origin, started in the laundry, which is in a building which also houses a garage and modern cannery. Flames spread to the gymnasium, one of the best equipped in this area.

Brother J. X. Dunphy, school superior for the Catholic institution, said the boys remained in the dormitory while 14 of the brothers helped fight the fire.

Filipino Soldiers Erase All Doubts as to Effectiveness By Toll Taken of Hated Japs

WITH THE TWENTY-FOURTH DIVISION NEAR DAVAO, Philippines.—(AP)—When the Eighth army campaign to lick the Japanese on Mindanao began, a lot of American officers weren't too sure about the effectiveness of Filipino soldiers.

Let them guard the bridges and supply lines, the Americans said. We'll do the fighting.

It's a different story down here in the rugged fighting around Davao. Some Philippine army troops are still guarding the roads and bridges—a vital job, of course—but they're also fighting alongside veteran doughboys of this "Victory" division and killing plenty of Japanese, too.

Take the case of First Lt. Raymond M. Sundquist of Hoquiam, Wash. One of the greatest basketball stars in the country with the championship Washington State team in 1941, Sundquist and his

reconnaissance platoon were assigned 475 Filipino officers and men. They were poorly equipped, poorly fed, poorly clothed. But almost pathetically eager. Man oh man, how they loved to kill Japanese!

Appeal For Combat

At first Sundquist had his new recruits guarding rear areas. That didn't last long. The Fil-

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OPA Rules Bar Oregon's Cattle From Markets

PORTLAND, June 27.—(AP)—With more beef cattle on farms and ranches than at any time for 15 years, could easily fill yawning meat counters except for government regulations, the state director of agriculture said here. E. L. Peterson told directors of the Oregon Food Merchants association yesterday that Oregon has 746,000 beef cattle, 436,000 dairy cows and young stock, 194,000 hogs, and 1,082,000 sheep and lambs.

He declared that ill-advised regulations prevent the stock from reaching consumers, and recommended these changes: Cancellation of the new custom slaughtering regulation; adjustment of slaughter quotas; qualifying more slaughter plants for interstate shipment; authorizing the regional and district OPA for emergency action.

Peterson sent Oregon's congressional delegation another demand today that it ask the OPA to make more meat available by revising its slaughter regulations and by permitting the movement of Oregon lambs to market.

He sent the delegation a 2400-word review of the Oregon livestock situation.

Right to Veto OPA Pricing Receives O. K.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—(AP)—On June 26, 10 conferences reached complete agreement today on price control legislation, which passed the house and senate in widely different forms. The agreement included a compromise arrangement giving the Secretary of Agriculture veto power over OPA food pricing.

The house had voted a plan to give the secretary over-all stabilization controls over food and agricultural commodities.

Senator Wagner, head of the conference group, said the compromise in conference would prevent Economic Stabilizer William D. Davis from approving any OPA order relating to pricing of food products or farm commodities, without prior written approval of the new Secretary of Agriculture, Clinton Anderson.

The legislation extends price controls for another year. Two proposals rejected by the conferees were a senate-approved proposal of Senator Wherry to establish a cost-plus pricing system for all farm products.

Also knocked out was the house-approved amendment of Rep. Dirksen to permit appeal of OPA orders and rulings to federal district courts. Appeals now are confined to a special emergency court of appeals.

An important change which had been voted by the house and which was accepted in conference abolishes quotas or slaughtering limitations on non-federally inspected meat slaughterhouses whose plants have been approved for cleanliness and sanitary conditions by the secretary of agriculture.

Angell Charges Flaws

Rep. Angell charged there is faulty and inefficient administration of price controls.

Legislation already on the books is sufficient, he declared during debate on extension of the

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Food Destroyed in Fire At Mexican Labor Camp

MEDFORD, Ore., June 27.—(AP)—Quantities of sugar, meat and other foods were destroyed when fire leveled a mess hall, kitchen and store room at Camp Prescott yesterday.

The former CCC camp is used to house Mexican nationals working on district farms.

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Rowdiness Marks Hot Election in England

LONDON, June 27.—(AP)—A milk bottle was hurled through the window of Brendan Bracken's car last night as the first lord of the admiralty, seeking reelection as a conservative, was leaving a London campaign meeting described by newspapers as "the rowdiest yet held in the constituency."

A. V. Alexander, Bracken's laborite predecessor as first lord, said he almost missed the deadline for filing his nomination because someone had tampered with the carburetor of his automobile. The car of Sir William Beveridge, liberal author of the social security bill, also broke down mysteriously while he was en route to a speaking engagement.

Rush to Hospital With Ailing Baby Brings Fine

PORTLAND, June 27.—(AP)—Police Capt. James Purcell advises motorists making speed runs to hospitals on life or death emergencies to call police for a motorcycle escort.

The advice followed arrest of a motorist for speeding to a hospital with a baby that was bleeding to death. The motorist paid a \$10 fine.

House Group 10-9 for Plan Of Succession

WASHINGTON, June 27.—(AP)—By a one-vote margin the house judiciary committee today approved President Truman's recommendation that congress make the speaker of the house next in line for the presidency, after the vice president.

The vote was 10 to 9. Several of those who voted against the bill said they would prefer additional time to study the measure.

The measure, which provides that the speaker of the house be substituted for the secretary of state as the man who would take over the White House in the absence of both an elected president and vice president, now goes to the house floor.

Representative Sam Rayburn is the present house speaker.

Follows Truman's Plan

The bill, written by Chairman Sumner of the judiciary committee, follows exactly the presidential succession views outlined by President Truman in a recent message.

It provides that, should neither a president nor vice president be able to serve, then the presidency should pass to the speaker of the house who must resign to accept the post.

In the event the house was not in session or had no speaker at the time, the president pro tem of the senate would become president to serve until a speaker qualifies. If there is neither a speaker nor senate president, then the presidency would pass down the line of the cabinet as it now does—but only until a speaker could be elected and qualified.

Special Election Provided

The same bill provides for the special election of a president, in the event of a vacancy, at the next regular congressional election. Under present law if the secretary of state should take over the White House he would remain as chief executive until the next regular presidential election.

In calling for presidential succession legislation recently, President Truman pointed out to congress that under the present law it is possible for a vice president, who moves into the presidency as did Truman, to name his own successor through his selection of a secretary of state.

Sutherland GI Now Home After War Captivity

SUTHERLIN—PFC Melbourne (Pat) Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Patterson, has returned home for a thirty-day furlough, after serving with the U. S. army in the European theater of war.

About six months ago he was reported missing in action. However, two months later his mother, who, with her husband and children live about two miles east of Sutherland, received a card direct from her son that he was a German prisoner. During his imprisonment he lost considerable weight.

Since being liberated, Pat has regained some weight and feels fine and is very happy to be home with his family.

One brother, Allen, who was just graduated from high school this spring, expects to leave for army service Tuesday.

Germany's Radium Cache Revealed to Americans

BAD TOLZ, Germany, June 27.—(AP)—Dr. Karl F. Weiss, head of the reich radio-activity laboratory at Berlin, led a party of American and German scientists yesterday to a cache of 21.8 grams of radium, valued at \$2,000,000, which he had buried in the Bavarian mountains. He said it was Germany's entire radium supply.

As reward for revealing the radium to the Americans, he asked permission to see a showing of Charlie Chaplin's film, "The Dictator."

Belton Acting Governor During Snell's Absence

SALEM, Ore., June 27.—(AP)—President of the Senate Howard C. Belton, Canby, now acting governor, will remain in Salem most of the time until governor Snell returns about July 13, Belton said today.

Governor Snell left Monday for Mackinac Island, Mich., to attend the national governors' conference.

Creamery Penalized

PORTLAND, June 27.—(AP)—Medo-land creamery, Eugene, has been penalized with a 30-day stayed suspension on a charge of violating OPA ration rules.

Marvin E. Lewis, OPA hearing commissioner, ruled that the creamery had sold butter to customers delinquent in point payments.

Hara Kiri Rites End Lives of Okinawa Jap General, Aide; Bodies Discovered by Patrol

10th ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Okinawa, June 27.—(AP)—The bodies of the Japanese commanding general on Okinawa and his chief of staff, who had slit their stomachs in hara kiri ceremonies, have been found in shallow rock graves at the southeastern tip of the American-won island.

Col. Cecil W. Nist, of Salem, Ore., 24th army corps staff officer, said the bodies, in full field uniforms with medals and insignia, have been identified positively as those of Lt. Gen. Ushijima, commanding general of the 32nd Japanese army, and Lt. Gen. Cho, his chief of staff.



The Hara Kiri ceremony for Ushijima and Cho was held at the entrance to a huge headquarters cave on hill 89 while 10th army soldiers were in foxholes 100 yards away. The 200-foot hill is between Mahuni town and the ocean.

The bodies were found at the base of a cliff 75 yards from the cave entrance, their stomachs had been slit crosswise and their heads virtually severed.

Cho Writes Own Epitaph

Buried with Cho was a heavy comforter and white silk mattress cover. On it he had written his own epitaph.

"Twenty second day, sixth month 20th year of Showa era. I depart without regret, fear, shame or obligation. Army Chief of Staff Cho Isamu. Age of departure 51 years."

Cho's epitaph indicated he and Ushijima fulfilled the Samurai code on June 22—four days after Lt. Gen. Buckner, commanding the U. S. 10th army, was killed by an enemy artillery shell.

Several days before, Ushijima had rejected Buckner's appeal to accept honorable surrender. By the thousand, however, other Japanese officers and men have been giving up.

Cook Describes Macabre Rite

The story of the hara kiri ceremony was told by a Japanese prisoner who said he had been a cook for General Ushijima.

His story, on June 22, the cook was busy preparing breakfast when an orderly came and whispered that Ushijima and Cho were going to commit "seppuku," Japanese term for honorable suicide.

Forty minutes later, both generals appeared in full field uniform with their medals pinned to their blouses, their boots highly polished.

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Two Badly Burned In Reedsport Fire

REEDSPORT.—Two persons were burned, one perhaps fatally, when fire destroyed two waterfront dwellings Tuesday afternoon. Officers reported the fire apparently originated from a carelessly placed cigarette. Hazel Weiss, occupant of the building in which the fire started, was seriously burned, and Carl Johnson, a mill worker, who was carried from the building, was feared to be fatally burned. He was rushed to North Bend hospital following first aid treatment by Dr. H. C. Eastland.

The city is expected to condemn the shells of the two burned structures and order their removal. The Pioneer hotel building, which suffered a fire several months ago, was saved from damage, although it abutted closely upon the two burning buildings.

Speechless Bandit Taps Theater Cashier for \$125

CHICAGO, June 27.—(AP)—The bandit who held up the cashier at the highway theater on Southwestern avenue was a silent operator.

A note he pushed into the ticket window to Mrs. Aileen Bishop read: "Hand over the money; don't talk." Mrs. Bishop handed him \$125—and screamed after the gunman fled.

Egg Shortage Threatened by Nationwide Black Market in Poultry, Investigators Find

By OVID A. MARTIN

WASHINGTON, June 27.—(AP)—A nationwide black market in poultry threatens to bring on an acute egg shortage and possibly to destroy the nation's laying flocks.

The house food shortage investigating committee found on its tour of the midwest and far west that in many sections more than half the poultry moving to market is sold at from 10 to 50 per cent above legal prices.

Testimony was offered that fly-by-night dealers are driving up and down the countryside in search of poultry. They offer to buy laying hens, roosters or any kind of chicken available at prices which poultrymen find hard to resist.

Case after case was cited in which these illegal dealers bought entire laying flocks. Egg production in these cases will drop until hens can be replaced by new layers next year.

Poultrymen testified that prices offered by black markets were such that most farmers could make more money by selling their flocks now than by holding the hens for the eggs they would produce the rest of the year.

The poultryman would not only

make more money, but save himself all the labor and feed that would be required if he kept the hens.

Entire Ranches Rented

This liquidation of laying flocks is not confined to black market operations. Consumers themselves are going to buy poultry direct from producers. Most of them are glad to get chickens at any price.

In California, witnesses said that in some cases dealers bought or rented entire ranches to get poultry.

Hotel and restaurant operators, feeling the pinch in red meats, also were reported to be going

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Gas Refinery Near Nagoya Hit by B-29s

GUAM, June 27.—(AP)—The great Marianas Superfortress fleet added Japan's principal remaining aviation gasoline refinery to its list of bombed industrial targets today.

Fifty Fortresses struck the Utsube river oil refinery near Yokkaichi, 18 miles southwest of Nagoya, before midnight last night—less than 14 hours after 500 other B-29s pounded ten aircraft, gun and ammunition plants in the greatest demolition sweep ever made against Japan.

The Japanese said two Superfortresses, ranging far to the north, scouted the southern part of Hokkaido, northernmost of the home islands, today.

Since the destruction of fuel producing plants at Tokuyama and Otake in a May 10 strike on Honshu, the Utsube plant has been Japan's biggest remaining producer of aviation gasoline. The plant had never before been a primary objective, although it was hit by some of the fire bombs which heavily damaged the city of Yokkaichi on June 16.

Bombs Hit Target

Returning airmen reported seeing their bombs strike three of the ten plants Tuesday despite soupy weather which often reduced visibility to wingtip distance. Scattered, would-be suicide crashers were evaded or blown from the sky by the guns of the B-29s and their two-based escorting Mustangs. Most Japanese interceptors showed little eagerness to fight.

Five B-29s failed to return to their bases. Tokyo broadcasts claim 28 were shot down and 66 damaged.

Although few airmen were able to observe results of the Tuesday strike, hits were seen on the Mitsubishi plant.

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Hugh Rosson Named Vets' Affairs Head

PORTLAND, June 27.—(AP)—The Oregon advisory committee for administration of veterans' affairs meets today to confirm appointment of Hugh E. Rosson, Portland, as director of the new state department.

Rosson, named yesterday by governor Snell, is a Portland attorney, an American Legionnaire and former graduate manager of the University of Oregon.

A native of Iowa, the 53-year-old veteran of World War I taught law at the University of Oregon from 1924 until 1930. Later he served as state director of traffic safety during Snell's term as secretary of state.

More recently he has been a member of the investment department of the Equitable Savings and Loan association, Portland, which he resigns to accept \$5,000 state position.

He managed the Dewey-Bricker campaign in Oregon in the last presidential campaign.

Death of County Ward Reveals \$5,052 Estate

PORTLAND, June 27.—(AP)—Discovery of a \$5,052 cash estate left by a 95-year-old man who had been a county ward for more than two years is revealed by County Auditor Baldwin.

Baldwin said Samuel Macklin, who died last September, left a bank deposit book from the Portland Trust & Savings bank among his personal belongings. He said the county will claim about \$2,000 for board and the balance will be given relatives, if any are located.

New Cars for All Three Years Off, ODT Head Says

WASHINGTON, June 27.—(AP)—Defense Transportation Director J. Monroe Johnson predicted today it will be at least three years before all the people who want new cars can get them.

Johnson said only the "most essential" drivers, such as doctors, police, taxi drivers and war workers, will be able to purchase new automobiles for a long time to come.

He made the assertion in a statement appealing to car owners to conserve their vehicles.

O. & C. Funds Save County Levy for Hospital Work

MEDFORD, Ore., June 27.—(AP)—Funds received from Oregon-California land administration grants will save Jackson county taxpayers a \$38,000 special tax levy voted last year for county hospital improvements.

County Treasurer Ralph E. Sweeney said an OCLA grant of \$163,000 was greater than expected and the tax levy will be unnecessary.

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Closer Base to Hit Mainland Aim of Attack

Luzon, Mindanao Mop-ups Near End; Aussies Seize North Borneo Oil Fields

GUAM, June 27.—(AP)—Radio Tokyo reported allied invasion forces were fighting their way today onto Kume Island, 50 miles west of Okinawa, and predicted American assault forces may land on the China coast preparatory to invading Japan.

The unconfirmed report on the Kume invasion said "heavy fighting is now in progress." It described the action as a "fresh landing" in the central Ryukyu islands where Americans are developing new bases to hit the enemy homeland.

Tokyo quoted Maj. Gen. Ito, one of Japan's leading military commentators, as saying there was no immediate prospect of an invasion of Japan and Okinawa is "totally unsuitable as a base for large scale operations."

Another broadcast quoted the Tokyo newspaper Yomiuri Hochi as noting "the possibility is great that the enemy will attempt a landing on the China continent in preparation for the actual invasion of Japan."

Prisoners Increasing

Capture of Kume would add a little more than ten square miles to the American-held Ryukyu area including Okinawa and the nearby Kerama islands. It would also protect the western flank of Okinawa, where capture of 802 more prisoners boosted Japanese losses for the campaign to 111,351.

The new bag of prisoners increased the captive total to 9,488. One group was taken in by 10th army mop-up squads when caught wading, neck deep, in surf off the southern end of Okinawa, trying to sneak north to become guerrillas. In the northern sector, Japanese hideout remnants ambushed and killed six Americans.

Headquarters reported that 12 enemy planes were shot down Monday night by anti-aircraft batteries and night fighters during a series of small-scale attacks on the Okinawa area "which did no damage." Slow enemy float planes, which ordinarily can carry only sufficient gasoline for a roundtrip flight from Kyushu, were among the raiders.

Headquarters said the increasing trend to surrender continued, many of these Japanese displaying "leaflets scattered over the island by our forces."

(Kume, shaped like a dog's head pointed toward the China coast, is the west end of Okinawa's capital city of Naha, and within 300 miles of Formosa.) On the west side, from the tip of the dog's nose southeastward, its coastline is eight miles long. One height on the north end rises over 990 feet and another near the south end up to approximately 920 feet. An all-weather highway traverses a large part of the island.)

Luzon Final Near

Organized Japanese resistance in the Philippines rapidly is approaching an end.

Less than 20 miles separated American soldiers and Filipino guerrillas converging from both the north and south toward a junction in the flat river bottom above Tuguegarao, Gen. MacArthur.

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Jap Government to Take Control of All Military, Private Communications

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27.—(AP)—The Japanese government, readying the home islands as an invasion battlefield, decided today to use its new dictatorial powers to take control at a stroke of all military and private communications.

A Tokyo radio broadcast said all postal, telegraph, telephone and radio facilities would be affected.

Another Japanese broadcast today said residents of Japan would be ordered to be bombed from their homes by Superfortresses had been sent relief supplies by their countrymen in occupied Shanghai.

Seaman Remits Long-Due Fine With Jap Interest

LOS ANGELES, June 27.—(AP)—From somewhere in the south Pacific municipal Judge Louis W. Kaufman received this letter from Navy Seaman Duncan R. Underhill:

"I was fined \$3 while on furlough in May, 1944, for a traffic violation. You gave me time to settle up. Enclosed find the money and interest." The "interest" was three Japanese bills.

Levity Fast Rant

By L. J. Rotunda

It was perhaps fortunate for seven National league baseball clubs that Lord Haw Haw, with his talent for "needling," elected to broadcast Nazi propaganda, instead of remaining in his native city of Brooklyn and becoming a baseball rooster.