

Russians Delay Allied Control of Germany

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Yankees To Leave Red Area

BERLIN, June 5 (UP)—Russia's last minute insistence on the deletion of a single word which she feared would compromise her neutrality with Japan delayed signature of the big four pact on Germany for nearly six hours today.

Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov, the Soviet delegate, also blocked immediate establishment of the allied control council in Berlin and discussion of coordinated policies for the four occupation forces.

Zhukov said he had not been empowered by his government to carry on further discussions until American troops had withdrawn from the zone of Germany assigned to the Red army.

The meeting broke up shortly after 7 p.m. and the leading

LONDON, June 5 (UP)—United States armies will turn over most of the territory they conquered in Germany to British and Russian troops and occupy only Bavaria. It was believed today.

The ninth army will yield such cities as Leipzig, fifth largest in Germany, Magdeburg, Chemnitz and Erfurt to the Russians.

The Rhineland and the Ruhr will be taken over by the British.

American and British delegates drove back to Tempelhof airfield for their return flight.

The dispute which delayed the signing of the big-four pact from noon to 5:45 p.m. centered around the word "nationals" in article 10:

"The forces, nationals, ships, aircraft, military equipment and other property in Germany or in German control or service or in German disposal, of any other country at war with any of the allies will be subject to the provisions of this declaration and of any proclamations, orders, ordinances or instructions issued thereunder."

The Russians wished to eliminate "nationals" from the article. If allowed to stand, Japanese citizens caught in the Russian zone of Germany and in Russia itself, would have to be handed over to the western allies despite the fact that Russia is not at war with Japan.

The word finally was deleted temporarily pending the outcome of discussions at government level, and the pact was signed.

Former Prisoner Is Enroute Home

Mrs. Grace Helen Kisselburgh will leave Saturday night for Portland to meet her husband, Capt. James Kisselburgh, who will arrive Sunday morning. He was recently liberated after 18 months internment in a German prison camp.

Capt. Kisselburgh, a former football star and all-American at Oregon State college, was pilot of a B-17 and squadron commander at the time his plane was shot down over enemy territory. His 60-day leave will include visits with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Bohlenkamp in La Grande, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kisselburgh in Los Angeles.

Brazil Declares War on Japanese

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 6 (UP)—Brazil declared war on Japan today.

The action will enable the United States to utilize bases in Brazil for the Pacific war.

INFANT CARE PLANNED

WASHINGTON, June 6 (UP)—The house today approved and sent to the senate a \$2,200,000 supplemental appropriation for emergency maternal and infant care for families of servicemen during the current fiscal year.

French Legionnaires Reach Safety After Long Flight To Escape Japs

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Okinawa Victory Edict Looms

Increased School Budget Expected to Result in No Increase in Taxation

Funds to be raised by tax levy for the La Grande school district during the 1945-1946 school year total \$132,248.75, it was indicated today by figures made public by Fred Patton, superintendent of schools, and R. O. Williams, clerk of the board.

The total represented an increase of \$11,683.44 over the previous year's budget. Most of the increase came in salaries to teachers and other employees, a total of \$10,378.44.

Total budget for the operation and administration of La Grande schools is \$212,398.75. Of this amount, however, \$80,150 will come from sources outside the regular tax levy, including \$14,000 cash on hand at the beginning of the year. Delinquent tax collections total \$9,500; county school fund receipts, \$21,000; state school fund, \$2,600; elementary school fund, \$11,500; vocational education state aid, \$1,300; non-high school district tuition, \$12,000; elementary tuition \$2,000; high school transportation, \$1,800; sale of property, supplies and equipment, \$350; rentals, \$100; other sources—handicapped children school law, \$1,000, and receipts from special reserve, \$3,000.

Scholarships Are Awarded to 4-H Activity Leaders
A group of Union county boys and girls will go to Corvallis to attend the 4-H club summer school June 19 to 29 at the state university on scholarships awarded because of their outstanding activities in 4-H club work.

The 4-H leaders' association met recently to plan for the award of the scholarships.

First on the list of those chosen to attend the school are 4-H clubbers who received scholarships last year but were unable to use them because of the cancellation of the school session. They are Nelda Vogel of Union, Jean Hoover, La Grande, and Delbert Rydman, Elgin.

Holds Over Awarded
The association announced the award of the following scholarships held over from last year, and bestowed this year on young leaders most of whom are carrying club work. They are Iris Vogel and Phyllis and Dorothy Godsey, all of Union, and Lawanna Boswell of Elgin. Two other leaders who received scholarships are Valgene Conrad, La Grande, from the Central school P-T-A, and Verna Towle, Cove, from the county farm bureau.

Scholarships also were awarded to Orville Williams, from the Cove livestock club; Gay Conklin, from the Cove P-T-A; Doris Jean Gray, from the Central P-T-A; Shirley Cochran, La Grande, from Chris Foods, and Shannon McDaniel, Imbler, from the South 40 club.

The association also completed a list of outstanding 4-H club members throughout the county who will be entitled to go to the summer school as scholarships are available or in the event they care to pay their own way. The county is entitled to send 41 boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 years, and it was announced that those selected will be notified as scholarships become available.

Mrs. Laurose Hibberd of Imbler and Mrs. Phyllis Cochran of La Grande have been selected by the association to serve as chaperons for the group from this county.

The leaders also made tentative plans for the Eastern Oregon livestock tour for boys and the 4-H girls' camp later in the summer. Plans for the 4-H club fair were left undecided because of contingent circumstances.

Body of Hitler Believed Found In Burned Cavern

BERLIN, June 6 (UP)—Adolf Hitler's body has been found and identified with fair certainty, it was learned from a high Russian military source here today.

The body, smoke-blackened and charred, was one of four discovered in the ruins of the great underground fortress beneath the new reichschancellery after the fall of Berlin.

These four bodies, any one of which answered pretty well to Hitler's description, were removed and carefully examined by Russian army physicians. All were badly burned from the flame throwers with which the Red army soldiers finally cleared out the underground command post where Hitler and his leading Nazi made their last ditch stand.

After careful examination of teeth and other characteristics, the Russians singled out one body which they believed almost certainly is that of the Nazi fuhrer.

Russ General Gives World's Richest Woman Medal For Being Working Girl

ROME, June 6 (UP)—Doris Duke, world's wealthiest woman, had a medal pinned on her by a Soviet general just because she was another American working girl, she said in an interview in today's Stars and Stripes.

What's more she was working when she went to the party Marshal Fedor Tolbukhin, commander of the third Ukrainian army, gave her George S. Patton, jr., commander of the third American army.

Or so said Miss Duke who, it now develops, is a correspondent for an American news service.

"I was just doing what my good newspaperman would have done," she said, as she told about the party where Patton and Tolbukhin tied in

Revision of Yalta Vote May Break Security Impasse

Conference Is Dominated By Veto Question

SAN FRANCISCO, June 6 (UP)—The United Nations are exploring the extreme possibility of revising the Yalta voting formula as a way of settling the United Nations conference crisis on the big five veto, it was learned today.

Revision of the formula, according to highly authoritative sources, is just one of several possibilities being studied. But it is indicative of the extent of the search for a solution which would preserve big five unanimity.

The major concern is to find a way out that will not leave deep scars. It is agreed that a show-down vote on the issue would now end in Russian defeat but the cost would be a body blow to big five solidarity.

Charter Change Studied
Meanwhile the executive committee today considered the appeal of the big five for changes

SAN FRANCISCO, June 7 (UP)—Denmark took her seat today at the side of 49 other United Nations assembled here to fashion a world of lasting peace.

In four sections of the world security organization charter already approved by technical committees.

The committee—comprising heads of the delegations of 14 nations including the big five—has agreed it can consider and vote on such appeals. But its recommendations must go back to the committee involved instead of being passed on to the full conference as a real "court of appeals" would do.

There has been no official discussion of the veto crisis here for more than 24 hours. Nevertheless, it dominates the conference—especially on this day of June 6 which originally was set for adjournment.

The actual negotiations on this delicate issue are going on in Moscow where Harry L. Hopkins, the personal representative of President Truman, prolonged his stay because of "new business."

No one here would deny that Hopkins was negotiating directly with Marshal Josef Stalin.

Rotarians Hear of Life of Edison
Roy Grettum of Baker, president of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, was guest speaker at the La Grande Rotary club luncheon today in the Stein cafe banquet room. He told of the life of Thomas A. Edison.

Guests were Ensign Franklin Howard and Glen Houle, president of the high school student body, who is an honorary member of Rotary during his term of office.

Members discussed the matter of voting on future school building and though no action was taken favorable comments were made.

T. B. Lumsden presided and Fred J. Patton was chairman of the day.

Baseball Results

By United Press

American League

Team	R	H	E
Detroit	8	12	9
Cleveland	1	10	2
Overmire and Richards; Smith, Henry (6) Kliemann (9) and Hayes.			
St. Louis	0	8	3
Chicago	4	6	1
Jakucki, West (8) and Mancuso; Grove and Tresh; losing pitcher, Jakucki.			
1st Game: Philadelphia	2	14	2
Boston	5	7	0
Knerr, Gerber (7) and Rosar; Ferriss and Garbark.			

Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m. Temperature: Maximum 57, Minimum 47, Precipitation .18. Forecast: Partly cloudy, probable showers tonight and Thursday.



FOG-DISPERSING 'FIDO' IN ACTION—This first photo to be released on "Operation Fido" (Fog Investigation Dispersal Operations) shows how fog was artificially dispersed from RAF airfields by lines of burners on each side of main runways. In the picture, an RAF Lancaster is taking off, from clear-vision field, though fog hangs heavy up above.

Spring Storms Boost Rainfall Well Over Average

Rain and snow during the winter and spring have been considerably above normal, the total of 8.15 inches for the year to June 1 being more than 30 per cent above the 33-year average as shown by records of the Eastern Oregon livestock experiment station in Union.

The station's monthly report reveals an average of 6.16 inches of precipitation during the first five months of the average year, and that the excess for the current period is 1.99 inches.

The month of May also showed a substantially heavier rainfall than average, with 2.38 inches recorded against exactly one inch less on the average for the 33-years for which records are available.

The crop year, however, shows but 26 inch more than average moisture, with a total of 10.65 inches.

The station's report shows the maximum temperature for May was experienced on the 9th, when the thermometer reached 83 degrees, and the lowest temperature was on May 18 when it was 30 degrees. There were four days on which the temperature was 32 degrees or lower.

There were 19 partly cloudy days, four cloudy, and eight clear days during the month, and 18 days on which rainfall of .01 inch or more was recorded, with the heaviest precipitation in a 24-hour period being 45 inch on May 16.

County Official On Military Leave
Capt. George L. Anderson, jr., accompanied by Mrs. Anderson and their daughter, Virginia, arrived last night from Ardmore, Okla., for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Anderson. They will remain until Monday when they will go to Portland to spend the remainder of his leave with her parents.

Captain Anderson is attached to the second air force courts and boards section and is courts and boards officer and trial judge advocate.

When he purchased their tickets for the trip, Captain Anderson was informed by the ticket agent that theirs were the second longest tickets she had ever sold from that station.

Mrs. Anderson and Virginia will remain in Portland an additional week with her parents after Captain Anderson leaves.

Prior to entering the army, Anderson was district attorney of Union county, a position from which he is on military leave.

Three Scouts Given Advancements
The monthly board of review for Scouts of La Grande was held Monday night in the First Presbyterian church with Leslie F. Smith as chairman. Other examiners present were Conrad Huntsman and Clem Wallace.

Frank Welch, Troop 113, and Garth Sanderson, Troop 112, were awarded the first aid merit badge, and Don Smith of Troop 112 the carpentry merit badge.

A special board of review will be held at 7:30 p. m. next Monday in the Presbyterian church for the Scouts who were attending the annual spring camporee at Catherine Creek this week.

MacArthur Sees Ruin of Japan as Way To Victory

March Into Tokyo Seen as Only End To Nippon War

MANILA, June 6 (UP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur is convinced that Japan will not quit the war until the Japanese mainland itself is invaded and her cities, her economy and her military government brought down in ruin.

For this reason he considers the invasion of Japan inevitable and as the man who will lead the allied armies through this final phase of the war he is working toward that goal.

MacArthur's basic formula in the Pacific has always called for winning victories by the manipulation of a force which was always smaller than the total defensive strength of his enemy.

His prime strategy was this: First, feel out the Japanese strong points.

Second, bring them under heavy and continuous air bombardment for as long as possible up to the moment just before the Japanese move to strengthen a position.

Infantry Finishes Job
Third, send in the infantry for the kill.

MacArthur has high praise for the naval cooperation he has had all the way through. He thinks Admiral Thomas K. Kinkaid and Vice-Admiral Daniel E. Barbey of the Seventh fleet are great admirals; if the navy has any better he doesn't know about them. And he is equally admiring of Admiral William C. Halsey.

MacArthur rates the air arm equally high but his all out admiration is reserved for the foot soldier who finally has to take all the objectives.

When American infantrymen drive into Tokyo he believes the end of the war against Japan will have arrived.

Truman Moves In Food Crisis Win Praise of Hoover

CHICAGO, June 6 (UP)—Former President Herbert Hoover praised President Truman today for taking action to remedy what he called a "terrible muddle in the domestic food situation."

Hoover said the president had taken a "wise step" in appointing Rep. Clinton P. Anderson, D., N. M., as secretary of agriculture. He commended Mr. Truman for his plan to consolidate the war food administration with the department of agriculture.

"But the most hopeful part is that we have a new regime tackling the problem," Mr. Hoover told a press conference. "Everybody wants the president to succeed."

No Government Post
Hoover denied rumors that he would accept a governmental post in connection with post-war food relief.

The former president said he had just left Washington, where he had engaged in a discussion of our domestic food situation and the relief of the liberated countries of Europe.

Mr. Hoover said the principal muddle "is local famines over the country due to maldistribution and black markets."

"Still a further evidence is a 39 per cent decrease in the hog population at a time when we ought to be increasing it," he added. "The American hog is our principal source of fats. Fats are second only to bread as important foods."

CAP Rating Will Benefit Draftees

Lt. Col. Leo G. Devaney, civil air patrol, has announced that members of the CAP cadet unit who are graded into the armed services, automatically will be put into the air force if they hold a rating.

Devaney said each cadet should have his rating clarified to facilitate the transfer.

Japanese Homeland Is Jittery

By United Press
A wholly unconfirmed report broadcast by Bern said today that "reports continue to persist in Moscow that the U. S. S. R. has been asked by Japan to transmit peace offers to the allied powers."

The Swiss broadcast, giving no source for the report, added: "These reports are given special significance by the announcement that the Russian ambassador to Japan is back in Moscow on business."

PEARL HARBOR, June 6 (UP)—The bloody battle of Okinawa was virtually over today, and Japan's invasion jitters were getting worse.

With the fighting in Okinawa in the mopping-up stage a "victory" announcement from Admiral Chester W. Nimitz is expected at any time. He significantly omitted any mention of land fighting from his regular communication.

Japanese newspapers conceded the "isolation" of Okinawa, and warned the invasion of the Nipponese homeland itself was "rapidly approaching."

Other developments in the Pacific fighting included: China—Chinese troops recaptured Luichow, former U. S. 14th airforce base in central Kwangsi province. Luichow was lost to the Japanese last November.

Philippines—The American 37th division gained six miles in its drive up Cagayan valley in pursuit of the remaining 20,000 to 30,000 Japanese in northern Luzon. Enemy opposition was very light.

Enemy Vessels Sunk
Pacific Fleet—Carrier-based planes of the Pacific fleet sank seven Japanese ships and damaged at least six more in a new series of attacks ranging from the northern Kuriles to the southern Ryukyus.

Detailed reports on the climactic fighting on Okinawa are lacking at the moment. However, the sixth marine division was believed to have completed the capture of Naha airfield, best on the island and last held by the Japanese.

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18 WACs Missing On Plane Flight

WASHINGTON, June 6 (UP)—An army transport plane carrying 18 WACs and a crew of three has been missing in Africa since May 30, the war department announced today. The plane was lost on a 776-mile flight from Accra, on the Gold Coast of British West Africa, to Robert's Field, Liberia.

The WACs had been stationed at the air transport command base at Accra since last October. They were being sent on a new assignment.

The missing WACs and their next of kin include Pfc. Alice D. King, Mrs. Emma King, mother, RFD Box 261, Route 1, Oswego, Ore.

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against harrassing Japanese, they made their way to Szemao in southern Yunnan province. From there they were evacuated to the U. S. medical station.

At the end of their terrible journey, there were only two-thirds of the original force of two battalions. The other third were left behind, killed or wounded.

Several of the veterans said they saw Japanese murder wounded legionnaires who, through necessity, had to be left behind.