

# Russia Compromises on Leaders, Gets 3 Votes; Polish Issue Unsettled

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27—(AP)—For Russia, the day's developments at the United Nations conference added up to a victory on the three assembly votes, a compromise on conference leadership, and a setback on seating the present Polish regime in Warsaw at this conference table. (China, Britain and America are expected to line up against Russia on the Polish issue.)

For the world, they meant that the conference finally had achieved enough harmony so it could buckle down to work.

The fight over issues had been restricted to the steering committee. It found solutions without too much trouble today and unanimous votes of the full conference quickly sealed the agreements.

On three-votes-for-Russia and on the Polish question, delegates had pretty well called the shots in advance.

But a 24-hour tug of war over leadership ended only when Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov agreed to four chairmen and the appointment for Stettinius—a compromise the Russian previously had spurned.

## Four Presidents

"The meeting recommends that there be four presidents, who will preside in rotation at the plenary sessions. These four may meet from time to time, with Mr. Stettinius presiding over these meetings and Mr. Stettinius to be chairman of the executive and steering committees, the three others delegating full powers to Mr. Stettinius for conducting the business of the conference."

On Poland, the conference adopted this resolution:

"The governments of the United Nations express to the people of Poland their sympathy and admiration. They hope that the constitution of a Polish government, recognized as such by the sponsoring nations, will make it possible for Polish delegates to come and take part as soon as possible in the work of the conference."

Once the conference had ratified steering committee action, delegates settled down in red velvet chairs in San Francisco's luxurious opera house to listen to speeches by delegation chiefs. They spoke alphabetically, Australia's Francis M. Forde first.

Forde opposed a "too rigid constitutional form" for the forthcoming peace organization.

Proposing seven varied amendments to reinforce his point, Forde said:

"The Dumbarton Oaks plan as it stands bears many characteristics of a mere prolongation into the years of peace of a type of great power leadership that has been found necessary to win the war."

Belgium's Paul Henri Spaak urged that the conference give smaller nations a role more vital than that assigned them under the Dumbarton Oaks proposals.

Bolivia's Victor Andrade asserted: "In the community of nations the possession of power and strength imposes upon the powerful, obligations and duties, the neglect of which would bring immediate damage upon the smaller nations, and would in the end bring ruin or the threat of ruin upon the powerful nations."

## 'Spot' Plan of Reconversion Is Restored

WASHINGTON, April 27—(AP)—The war production board today restored to nationwide effect its "spot" reconversion plan for civilian goods production.

The action, a major step in WPB's program to get partial reconversion underway as rapidly as munition cutbacks occur, puts the plan back in operation in 184 cities and major industrial areas where it had been suspended.

Under the spot plan, any manufacturer who can prove he has labor and machinery not needed for war work may apply to his WPB field office for permission to commence the manufacture of civilian and consumer products.

When allied armies stalled at the German west wall late in 1944, and armament demands soared in consequence, the plan was suspended in tight labor areas in order to prevent the diversion of labor from war production.

## Salem Will Be Viewed As Postwar Airport Site

PORTLAND, April 27—(AP)—The state aeronautics board and CAA representatives from Seattle here today planned a tour of Oregon to investigate sites for postwar airports.

The trip, which will begin May 1, will coordinate state and federal programs. State board officials will meet with city leaders at Salem, Medford, Bend, and Baker, according to tentative plans.

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Continuous Today from 1 P. M.  
Radio's Popular Entertainment Team  
Fibber McGee & Molly  
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"Heavenly Days"  
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"Dead Man's Gulch"  
Also "King of the Houndstoes"  
and Cartoons

## Thumbnail of War!

By the Associated Press

**Western Front**—Yank armor rolls into Austria, pushing 26 miles west of Munich, while US 3rd contacts Russians by radio 85 miles away.

**Russia**—Jubilant Red troops drive for second link-up with American forces as nazis hold only a fourth of ravaged Berlin.

**Italy**—"Free Milan" radio says German commanders trying to bring about surrender of trapped forces in north Italy; Yanks storm into Genoa.

**Pacific**—96th division takes two key hills on Okinawa, with Japs hastily withdrawing to secondary defense line.

**Philippines**—Americans reach commanding positions overlooking Balete Pass, strong Jap defense point; other troops land on South Negros island.

**China**—Forefront of Japanese offensive only 65 miles from American air base at Chihkiang.

## Meat Section Warned to Change Ways

WASHINGTON, April 27—(AP) Senator Thomas (D-Okla.) said tonight the OPA's meat section must change its ways or wholesale dismissals will be requested by his food investigation committee.

Winding up hearings on the meat shortage, the chairman told reporters:

1. He is personally convinced that officials of OPA are disobeying the law, though the blame should not be placed on Price Chief Chester Bowles.

2. The testimony before the Thomas committee showed that the new 10-point subsidy program is "a detriment, not a benefit."

3. Thomas said he would present the case to the full agriculture committee tomorrow morning with a request for immediate action.

Whatever legislation is advanced by the Thomas committee may be taken up by the banking group. Chairman Wagner (D-NY) has been holding up consideration of the price control extension until he hears the conclusions of the Thomas investigators.

Thomas explained that he meant OPA is disobeying the law by failing to administer price control fairly. He said it is evident to him from most industry witnesses that regulations have discriminated against some.

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## Can't Stand Aloo

Foreign Minister Pedro L. Veloso told the conference that "The time is past when nations situated at a distance from the initial field of struggle could stay aloof, in selfish isolation, safe from destruction, from the crimes and monstrosities of war."

The day's last speaker, Canada's W. L. Mackenzie King, declared that "Nations everywhere must unite to save and serve humanity."

To give more delegation heads an oratorical opportunity, two sessions of the full conference were scheduled for tomorrow, at 11:30 a. m. (PWT) and 3:30 p. m. (PWT).

In accordance with the rotating chairmen plan, Chinese Foreign Minister T. V. Soong will preside in the morning, Molotov in the afternoon, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden gets his chance to bang the gavel at another meeting Monday.

## New Cruiser Ready to Sail

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## ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

## 'Y' Schedules Round Table

Civic, church and YMCA leaders of the Pacific northwest provide the leadership for the "Explorers' Round Table," in-service training conference for YMCA workers, which opens this morning at the Salem "Y" and continues to Sunday noon.

Chester Goodman leads the devotions which open the conference at 10:30 a. m., with President G. Herbert Smith of Willamette university bringing greetings. Conference sessions today will be led by J. C. Meehan, C. H. Johnson, Dr. Lawrence Riggs, C. A. Kells and Dr. J. J. Hollingsworth. Those on Sunday will be conducted by C. A. Sprague, Earl Dome and Arthur Stanley.

## Junction Seen As Long Step Toward Goals

WASHINGTON, April 27—(AP) President Truman triumphantly announced the junction of American and Russian armies in Germany today, but emphasized that vast tasks of war and peace still lie ahead.

Congressmen and others at the capital joined the president in his assessment of the junction as a long step—but only a step—toward final goals.

Mr. Truman, in a statement at noon, eastern war time, simultaneous with announcements in London and Moscow, gave more attention to the present and future allied collaboration which it signifies than to the mechanics of linking the armies that cut the Reich in two.

He emphasized that the meeting was all according to plan—"the Anglo-American armies under the command of General Eisenhower have met the soviet forces where they intended to meet—in the heart of Nazi Germany."

The president said "this is not the hour of final victory in Europe but the hour draws near."

The first meaning of the meeting, he said, is that "the last faint, desperate hope of Hitler and his gangster government has been extinguished."

It is factual demonstration, he asserted, of the "common front and the common cause of the powers allied in this war against tyranny and inhumanity."

"Second," Mr. Truman said, "the junction of our forces at this moment signifies to ourselves and to the world that the collaboration of our nations in the cause of peace and freedom is an effective collaboration which can surmount the greatest difficulties of the most extensive campaign in military history and succeed."

"Nations which can plan and fight together shoulder to shoulder in the face of such obstacles of distance and of language and of communications as we have overcome can live together and work together in the common labor of the organization of the world for peace."

## Car Theft Reported

State police reported the theft of a 1936 Ford coach, belonging to A. L. Howe, 1740 Lee st., about 6 p. m. Friday, stolen from the streets of Salem. Officers said they believed the car was taken by a sailor wearing a white uniform.

## Annual Jym Jamboree Draws Large Crowd

A large group of parents and friends of Salem high school pupils witnessed, with applause and laughter, the first night's performance of the annual Jym Jamboree on Friday at the high school gym. "The State Fair," with characterizations of such persons as Gov. Earl Snell and Leo Spitzbart, fair manager, served as the theme for the show, which is staged again tonight by girls' physical education classes under sponsorship of the Girls' Letter club.

## ENDS TODAY (SAT.)

Martha Raye  
Bob Burns  
"MOUNTAIN MUSIC"  
Tim Holt  
"BANDIT TRAIL"

## LIBERTY

CONT. FROM 1 P. M.  
TOMORROW!  
Academy Award Winner!

## ENDS TODAY (SAT.)

BING CROSBY  
"BIRTH OF THE BLUES"  
MARY MARTIN  
BRIAN DONLEVY

## CO-HIT!

"Pride of the Plains"  
LIVINGSTON  
BURNETT

## CO-HIT!

"Since You Went Away"  
CLAUDETTE COBURN  
JONNY JOHNSON  
JOSEPH COTTEN  
SHIRLEY TEMPLE  
MONTY WOOLLEY  
MICHELLE BARRYMORE  
ROBERT WALLACE

## Yankee Forces Within Sight Of Davao Gulf

MANILA, Saturday, April 28 (AP)—Yank forces have advanced to within sight of Davao gulf, on Mindanao island, and on northern Luzon island have seized commanding positions overlooking important Balete pass, a strong point in the Japanese defenses, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today.

U.S. air forces, working closely with ground troops, hit the enemy in the Cagayan valley, beyond Balete pass, with an unusually large cargo of bombs, 730 tons, and with strafing tactics.

They also attacked Basco airfield in the Batan islands north of Luzon, one of the guardians of the north Luzon shore.

Although the communists did not mention it, American assault units landed on southern Negros island Thursday in a move to wipe out a long-existing Japanese pocket. This was the second invasion thrust at Negros, in the central Philippines.

Medium and attack bombers again struck Formosa, aiming their missiles at the Taiko, Koshun and Heito industrial areas and the western coastal plain. Patrol planes harassed Taihoku airdrome on Formosa and sank five enemy freighters off the Nansei (Ryukyuu) islands, between Formosa and Okinawa.

## House Sends Extension Bill To President

WASHINGTON, April 27—(AP)—After approving unanimously a restriction against use of 18-year-old inductees in combat, the house sent to President Truman today legislation extending the draft law.

Without the extension, the act under which the United States has conscripted the biggest army and navy in its history, would have expired on May 15.

The continuance is until May 15, 1946, or until the end of the global war, whichever comes first.

The house action was by voice vote on the question of concurring in a senate amendment to an earlier house bill extending the draft law without change.

The senate's amendment prohibited the use in combat of inducted men under 19 until they have had at least six months of training. It grew out of complaints of members of congress that youths had been killed in action less than six months from the time of their induction.

## Japanese Guns Shell American Ambulances

OKINAWA, Saturday, April 28 (AP)—Marine Corsair pilots were called upon today to bomb Japanese gun emplacements which had been shelling American ambulances evacuating wounded to the rear.

Pilots who bombed and strafed enemy positions included Lt. Richard McMahon, 21, Bellingham, Wash.

## Work Schedule for Bay City Conference

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27—(AP) Saturday's schedule for the united nations conference:

10:30 a. m. and 3:30 p. m., Pacific war time, full conference sessions to hear addresses from remainder of nations' chief delegates.

## Gay Celebration With Champagne, Dancing, Singing, Back Slapping Follows Junction

By Don Whitehead and Hal Boyle  
TORGAU, Germany, April 28 (Delayed)—(AP)—Americans and Russians, set in the warm sunshine on both banks of the Elbe today, drinking champagne from beer mugs, pounding each other on the back and toasting the historic occasion of the meeting of their two armies.

There was singing and dancing and the troops of the two nations, seeing each other for the first time, whooped it up and formed firm friendships despite the handicaps of language. It was enough that they were allies and had whipped the enemy.

The stock smiling Russians, looking very young and very tough, were ecstatic. They ceremoniously saluted and shook hands with everyone they met. They crushed your hand until you wondered how many handshakes you could stand. They were filled with spontaneous gaiety.

Almost every Russian had a tommygun slung across his shoulder. Revolvers were in their high-topped boots and their belts were festooned with grenades and knives. Most of them wore medals on their thick chests. All around there was the sound of shooting as the Russians worked off excess energy and excitement.

"These guys don't need any excuse to start shooting," said Capt. Ralph Phillips of Union Square, N. J. "They shoot at anything, anytime."

It was a celebration unlike anything seen before in this war—a one great party, with doughboys and Russians singing, laughing and dancing and trying to talk to

each other in sign language. A few Americans who spoke Russian interpreted for their friends.

A Russian sat on a stone wall playing an accordion while Sgt. Andrew Marriock of Hudson, N.Y., joined in the Red army song—"If war should come tomorrow we will be prepared on land, at sea and in the air." A Russian woman in uniform sang in a sweet, throaty voice. It was pleasant on the water front in the warm sun.

A Russian captain took us across the river and we walked to a Russian regimental command post. Along the road Russian troops snapped smartly to attention and saluted whenever we paused. There was an easy informality between officers and enlisted men, but at the same time it was noticeable that discipline was strict.

Whenever an American approached a group of Russians they smiled broadly, saluted and shook hands. Some of the more enthusiastic ones who had "liberated" stores of German champagne and cognac elaborated on this greeting with a great hug that cracked the ribs.

At the command post there was a milling throng of Americans and Russians about tables loaded with fried eggs, bread, sardines, salmon and spaghetti. One of the busiest men there was PFC Walter Hajdamach of Manville, N.J., who could speak Russian.

Maj. Mitri Livitch of Marshal Konev's 58th division welcomed the Americans by saying: "Today is the happiest day in all our lives. The most difficult for us were those days when the Germans were at Stalingrad. Now we meet

one another and this is the end of our enemy. Long live our great leader! Long live our great leader!"

On the nearby river bank a young New Zealander sat on the grass with his arm about a pretty Russian girl, and they were oblivious to all the color of the momentous occasion. They had worked together in a factory near a prison camp and had fallen in love. Now he was planning how to take her home with him.

The entire day was a fantastic, memorable one, crammed with emotional outbursts, from the time a column of the 69th infantry set out for Torgau on the Elbe, where contact had been made with the Russians the previous day.

As the doughboys marched along a road from the Mulde river to the Elbe, they met thousands of German civilians fleeing before the Russians, hoping vainly to find safety within American lines. The pain and misery of defeated Germany was etched in their faces.

On the east bank of the Mulde thousands of civilians were gathered, their belongings stacked into little carts. Bedding, food, clothing, pots, pans and huge bundles burdened the carts. It was the first time American troops had looked on scenes which showed so clearly Germany's defeat.

Mothers hauled their children in carts. Women stumbled along with huge bundles on their backs in the choking dust, just as the frightened people of Belgium and France fled before the nazis five years ago. Fear and fatigue lined their faces and there was frantic urgency in their attitudes.

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## Himmler Has Strong Force

ON THE GERMAN-SWISS FRONTIER, April 27—(AP)—Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler, organizing the southern German re-doubt for a last Nazi stand, has succeeded in jamming the Alpine retreat with the best of the Wehrmacht's surviving legions and a heavy stock of armaments, reliable reports reaching here said.

Himmler expects to have at least 30 divisions—some 300,000 to 450,000 men—available. Nearly 20 divisions already are in the re-doubt, the reports said. Ten of these are classed as SS (Elite Guard) troops and the others are Wehrmacht units that have shown themselves both good fighters and loyal nazis.

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