

BERLIN TO BE SCENE OF BIG THREE MEETING; VON RIBBENTROP IS QUESTIONED BY ALLIES



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Capture Made In Hamburg

MONTGOMERY'S HEADQUARTERS, Germany, June 15—(AP)—Long-hunted German Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop, who knew thousands of Nazi secrets, was being questioned tonight by allied military experts as his captors recanted the details of his arrest.

The silver-haired former champagne salesman, whose capture resulted from a tip by the son of a Hamburg wine merchant who refused him haven, was taken yesterday in an attractive landlady, dressed in a pair of pink and white pajamas and with a phial of poison on his body.

An officer said Ribbentrop spent the night at Hamburg and was moved today to Luneberg airfield for a destination "somewhere in Europe." He was reported to have been taken to General Eisenhower's headquarters at Frankfurt on the Main, for questioning by the most skillful examiners in the allied supreme command.

The once-dapper foreign minister, generally credited with having "sold" Hitler on the idea that he could invade Poland without interference from Britain, was identified to British authorities by his sister, Frau Doctor Marie Jenke, also taken into custody. Several days ago Ribbentrop's son, Rudolf, was discovered in an American prisoner-of-war cage.

Ribbentrop told his captors he was on "a mission from the dead fuhrer," it was said officially. When asked whether Hitler was really dead, Ribbentrop is said to have replied, "I am certain he is but, of course, I might be wrong."

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Stryker

Congressman Cannon (D-Mo.) is quite a power in congress because he is chairman of the appropriations committee. Cannon is the man who took a poke at Representative Taber (R-NY) because the latter criticized the bill to raid the treasury for \$2,500 apiece for expense money. While Cannon is a power when it comes to passing out the dough to government agencies, he should not be regarded as a military expert. Certainly the high command would not make him its mouthpiece.

This comment is offered respecting Cannon's remarks in the house Thursday to the effect that "either Japan will surrender within the next 90 days or the war will be of long duration—a matter of attrition." He supplemented this remark with the statement that in place of a frontal assault the military authorities were inclining to a plan of isolating the enemy, starving them out, bombing them, in order to spare lives.

All of these are possibilities, to be sure. Japan may get its belly full from the steady diet of bombs. (The daily average of bombs dumped on cities of Japan will soon go to 5480 tons, or two million a year.) But there is not the slightest sign of any cracking in Japan. On the other hand the reports are that the Japs are bracing themselves for a frontal assault on the home islands, and are enlisting women and children to help fend it off.

Will then the American high command hold back its KO punch until it has taken the side positions of the Japs and softened up the mainland? And will such a policy of delay really save lives? That, to be

(Cont. on editorial page)

Gandhi Plans To Step Aside

BOMBAY, June 15—(AP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi said today that the time has come when he must step aside as the leader of India's independence movement.

In a statement issued after the British freed the eight imprisoned members of the National Congress working committee, the 76-year-old leader said:

"For several years I acted as advisor to the congress whenever required. Now that the members of the working committee are free, I can only give them my advice and it is they who have to shape the policy of the congress and to speak and act with authority."

Allied Fleet Reported Nearing Balikpapan

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15—(AP)—The American Broadcasting company (Blue network) intercepted a Tokyo report tonight that an allied fleet is approaching the rich oil refinery center of Balikpapan on the east coast of Borneo.

The enemy radio said three battleships, a seaplane carrier, 16 destroyers and "other warships" comprised the armada.

Invasion forces of Australlians, backed by the U. S. Seventh fleet, already have secured Tarakan island off the northeast coast above Balikpapan and a segment of the Brunei bay area on the northwest side.

Truman OKs 2 Resignations

WASHINGTON, June 15—(AP)—President Truman accepted the resignations today of two high ranking administration officials who had served in the government since early new deal days.

Abner H. Ferguson gave up his post as head of the federal housing administration, effective, June 30, to return to private law practice in Washington. Laughlin Currier gave "urgent personal considerations" as his reason for stepping out as one of the president's \$10,000-a-year administrative assistants.

Another Bond Show Slated For Victory Center Today

Another big bond show was scheduled for Victory Center today noon following the success of the rally yesterday when several acts from the circus entertained the big crowd during the luncheon hour.

Leonard's Supper club will provide the program Saturday, with Sid Stevens, retail chairman, again in charge. Rusty Colman as master of ceremonies will bring on the LaRue duo for comedy xylophone numbers, while the supper club orchestra will furnish lively music. Wally Overman, novelty cartoonist, will help out the entertainment.

Still a third big show is in prospect for next Wednesday noon, but bond officials are not ready to divulge details of the program, which is expected to attract the biggest crowd yet and which will include a number of stunts de-

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rel.
San Francisco	52	38	56
Eugene	77	42	50
Salem	73	49	48
Portland	77	46	50
Seattle	72	44	50

Willamette river - 9 in.

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Clear and continued warm today with maximum temperature of 80 degrees.

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Americans Roll 22 Miles Into Cagayan Valley

MANILA, Saturday, June 16—(AP)—The 37th Ohio division, in a spectacular smash out of the mountains of northern Luzon, rolled 22 miles deep into the broad Cagayan valley in a single day, while Australian troops pressing the invasion of Borneo cleared Labuan island and captured Timbalai airstrip.

Gen. MacArthur's headquarters disclosed the sudden thrust of the Buckeyes on Luzon as the highlight of successes on all the active southwest Pacific fronts.

At last free of the gorge-like confines of highway No. 5, Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler's division raced 22 miles between Wednesday afternoon and Thursday night and liberated the important valley towns of Santiago and Echague, as 1200 Japanese dead were added to the casualty list on all Luzon fronts.

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PFC. Frank Nist, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nist of Dallas and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Nist of 1240 N. 18th st., was killed in action on Okinawa June 8, according to a telegram received from the navy department, Friday.

Private Nist was with the Fourth marine raiders. He was a senior in Salem high school when he enlisted. The family lived in Salem before moving to Dallas two years ago.

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Carrier USS Saratoga Takes Terrific Beating But Survives

By Pope Haley

WASHINGTON, June 15—(AP)—The U.S.S. Saratoga, oldest and the biggest aircraft carrier in service with the United States fleet, now can lay claim also to being the toughest.

On February 21, two days after D-day on Iwo Jima, the navy revealed today, big "Sara" was cruising with a fast carrier task group northwest of that island when she took a terrific pounding from enemy air attackers, including some suiciders, who scored seven direct hits.

Her hull was blown open. Her superstructure was twisted into a mass of blackened wreckage. A gaping hole was blown in her flight deck, and her hangar deck was turned into a sea of flames. But she came through, still afloat and fighting.

The final count of her casualties were 123 men killed or missing and 192 wounded.

After a record-breaking repair job at the Puget Sound, Wash., navy yard, she is already back in action ready and eager to throw the full weight of her fury at the enemy.

Although it was the first time the Sara had been injured by air attacks, she had twice before sustained severe damage from Japanese torpedoes, requiring extensive repairs.

The Saratoga had joined other carriers of Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher's task force 58 in blasting the Tokyo area early in February, and was proceeding south to give direct support to the Iwo Jima landings when she took her damage.

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Okinawa Campaign Near End

Buckner Says U. S. Can Finish Japs in Week

GUAM, Saturday, June 16—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., predicted today that the 77-day-old Okinawa campaign will be wound up by his advancing 10th army within a week.

He expressed the belief as his divisions, tearing to pieces the last stand line of the Japanese at the southern tip of Yaeju escarpment, overran a fourth of its plateau area.

A fleet communique today reported that Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley's 96th division, which captured 500-foot high Yaeju peak Thursday, overran several hundred yards in the plateau's center yesterday. Tanks and flamethrowers led the way.

At the same time, Maj. Gen. Archibald V. Arnold's 7th infantry division, curling in the eastern arm of a pincers behind the escarpment, moved ahead 700 yards through Nipponese strong-points.

The 381st regiment of the 96th division also completed capture of the southeast ridge of Yaeju hill.

The 96th drove west from the promontory to get behind Yuza hill, less than a mile away. The pressure they can bring should cut down the weight of artillery and automatic weapons fire the Nipponese are hurling against Maj. Gen. Pedro Del Valle's first marine division on Kunishi ridge.

General Buckner characterized the bulk of the estimated 10,000 or less enemy survivors—the garrison originally totalled about 85,000—as service and labor troops and Okinawa conscripts. Nevertheless, the survivors were putting up a fierce fight from fortified strong points built on the plateau out of coral knobs and outcroppings.

Conference Group Rejects Plan for Revising World Charter Within 5-10 Years

By Douglas B. Cornell

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15—(AP)—Great powers squeezed out a victory today when a United Nations conference committee rejected a plan for automatic revision of a new world charter within five to 10 years.

On a critical showdown on the charter later, without specifying a time limit, and with the right reserved for them to approve or reject any changes.

Many small nations wanted to write in a time schedule because they want assurances of another crack at big power veto rights over peace enforcement mechanism of the world organization if they aren't satisfied with the way it operates.

The committee action today had been expected to clear the way for swift conference progress, unless the question of future amendment of the charter was raised again at an open commission session.

But Russia raised the prospect of reopening arguments over powers of an all-nation general assembly to discuss anything in the field of international relations.

Soviet delegation Chief Andrei Gromyko, reportedly following instructions from Moscow, brought up the question at a meeting with the three other conference presidents—Secretary of State Stettinius, Lord Halifax of Britain and Wellington Koo of China.

He was reported to have objected to what he argued was a trend in the conference toward granting the assembly too much power and subordinating it to a peace-enforcing security council of 11 members. He was said to have contended a committee had gone far beyond the Dumbarton Oaks blueprint for a world charter in saying the assembly should be able to discuss anything pertaining to international relations instead of just matters affecting international security.

German Mines Closed Major Ports in East

WASHINGTON, June 15—(AP)—German submarines ranging the United States east coast at the peak of the U-bo-boat campaign in 1942 and 1943 planted mines so effectively that major ports, including New York City, were closed to ocean traffic for brief periods.

Revealing this today, the navy said five mines were swept from the entrance of New York harbor between November 13 and 31, 1942, and from November 13 to 15 the port was completely bottled up, with no traffic moving in or out.

The entrance to Chesapeake bay, gateway to the ports of Norfolk and Newport News, Va., and Baltimore, Md., was twice closed to traffic, once from June 16 to 17, 1942, and again from September 12 to 14, 1942.

Moscow Acknowledges Occupation Differences

LONDON, June 15—(AP)—The Moscow radio acknowledged tonight "inevitable differences of administration in various occupation zones in Germany, and said no one would deny the necessity for coordinated efforts among the four powers to achieve a common aim as outlined at Yalta and in the Berlin declaration."

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Big Secret Disclosed By Attlee

LONDON, June 15—(AP)—The big three victory meeting will be held in Berlin, ruined capital of the dead German reich, an announcement from Prime Minister Churchill's official residence at No. 10 Downing st. said tonight.

A spokesman said a date had not been fixed for the meeting, but Brendan Bracken, first lord of the admiralty, said in a speech tonight that the meeting would be held "at the very time votes are being counted" in Britain's general election.

That would place it between July 5, the date of the election, and July 26, when the results are to be announced.

Attlee, former deputy prime minister in Churchill's coalition government and present leader of the labor opposition, lifted the lid in a letter which was the result of a question raised as to his role in the big three discussions.

Harold Laski, labor party chairman, said last night that Attlee should attend only in the role of observer without binding the labor party on any decisions taken.

Churchill, who previously had announced in parliament that he was inviting Attlee to accompany him to the meeting, in a letter to Attlee today made plain that the government would "of course bear responsibility for all decisions."

Supreme Court Holds Budget Act Not Valid

The Oregon supreme court Friday held the local budget act as amended by the 1945 legislature invalid and enjoined the secretary of state from including it in the 1945 session laws.

Justice J. O. Bailey wrote the opinion which reversed Judge George R. Duncan of the Marion county circuit court, holding that journals of both house and senate indicated that the bill as enrolled was not passed by the house of representatives.

A conference committee report changing the percentage of its annual income a local government unit might budget in a special fund to tide it over between the end of the fiscal year and the receipt of tax payments in the bill as it was signed by president of senate, speaker of the house and the governor, the upper court held.

The case was brought by F. H. Young, manager of Oregon Business and Tax Research, Inc., against the secretary of state to enjoin that official from inclusion of the act in the published laws of the session.

For the first time in a number of years, the laws of the current year's legislature which go into effect today have not been published because of the court action.

WU Schedules Baccalaureate For Sunday

First event of commencement week for the 46 members of Willamette university's June, 1945, graduating class is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday at the First Methodist church, when Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, former dean of freshmen at Willamette, who is now president of the College of Puget Sound, delivers the baccalaureate address. "And the South Wind Blew Softly" is his subject.

Traditional professional for capped and gowned seniors at Willamette is "Pomp and Circumstance," which Prof. T. S. Roberts will play. Dr. J. C. Harrison, pastor of the church and president of the university's board of trustees, will give the invocation, and President G. Herbert Smith will read the scripture.

The university mixed chorus, directed by Dean Melvin H. Geist, will sing three numbers.

Commencement proper is to be held in Waller hall next Saturday with Bishop Paul Bentley Kern of Nashville, Tenn., as speaker.

Salem Marine And His Dog Discharged

PORTLAND, June 15—(AP)—Gung Ho, Big 60-pound English bulldog and veteran of two years' marine corps reserve service, was discharged today as mascot of the Portland USMC recruiting office.

He's going back to Salem with his master, Sgt. Lloyd Ringland, recruiting staffer also discharged today.

There are a dozen stories about Gung Ho, who has a rating of master technical sergeant, with a service number. Once when given required smallpox vaccination, it didn't take. His medical record notes: "Patient too tough."

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\$200,000 Annually for Promotion Of State Tourist Travel Will Be Sought

Two hundred thousand dollars annually for promotion of motor tourist travel in Oregon will be sought by the tourist travel bureau of the state highway commission in years immediately following the war, Ray Andrew, Portland, advertising consultant, intimated Friday.

Andrew, who said the commission on July 9 would consider final approval of the bureau's proposal to spend \$45,000 on magazine advertising last year and early in 1946, quoted the \$200,000 annual expenditure as suggested by Cmdr. Harold Say, the bureau's head, now on leave for navy service.

The figures were presented to the more than 80 representatives of chambers of commerce, ad clubs, state fish, game and highway commissions, hotel and tourist cabin associations, railroads, air lines and other commercial enterprises interested in building Oregon's reputation as a vacation land, who gathered at the state capitol today on call of Gov. Earl Snell to organize for promotional purposes.

Highway commission funds can never be expected to finance the entire promotion job, Mac Williams, Portland, of Mac Williams and Cole, advertising agency, declared, as he urged organization to survey needs, attractions, sources of funds and wise methods of expenditure.

Fred M. Brenne, Eugene Chamber of Commerce manager, and Arch Sanders, executive secretary of the Oregon Coast association, were named as first two members of an organizing committee of seven representing various parts of the state, to be headed by a chairman from Portland. Arden X. Pangborn, Portland, Oregon Advertising clubs, temporary chairman of Friday's meeting, made the appointments after the group had voted approval of the committee plan.

With Snell and Pangborn, Brenne and Sanders will select the other five members of the committee, which will call the next meeting and recommend organizational procedure.

Education of Oregonians so that they may help visitors from other states to see the best Oregon has to offer, suitable accommodations to care for visitors and proper promotional material to bring tourists into the state are great needs which may be partially met before the war is over without weakening the war effort, the group agreed.

Oregon could "easily double—perhaps I could better say triple—the \$50,000,000 annual income of normal years from the tourist business," Governor Snell maintained as he opened the session.