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Partly cloudy today with a few scattered showers. Scattered cloudiness tonight and Saturday, locally light frost eastern portion.

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Leaders Study Ways to Speed Charter Work

Britain Holds Out Hope That Veto Power May Be Abandoned Gradually

By R. H. Shackford
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
San Francisco, May 18 (AP)—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., today called the heads of the four commissions of the United Nations conference to his apartment to discuss ways of speeding up the work of drafting the charters for a world security organization.

The commissions are ready to begin public sessions at which decisions of their subordinate technical committees will be debated and cleared for final conference action. The first such meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, on judicial organization.

The Big Five had been studying ways all week to speed the work here, and to bring the conference to a reasonably quick close. Stettinius was expected to convey the Big Five ideas to commission heads.

Proposals Made
Those ideas include proposals for limiting the time a delegate can speak, limitation on the number of times a delegate can speak, and combining similar amendments for purposes of debate. June 5 is currently regarded as a tentative—very tentative—deadline for ending the conference.

Meanwhile debate on the controversial veto power of the Big Five started in committee with Great Britain holding out hope to the little countries at this conference that the veto power may gradually be abandoned as the world organization grows.

May Not Yield
Neither Britain nor any other Big Five nation has any intention of yielding now to modification of the voting formula for the security council. It was adopted by the Big Three at Yalta and grants each of the Big Five nations a veto over virtually any decision by the security council.

But the little nations have served notice that their acceptance of the voting formula—if necessary—will be only acquiescence.

The long awaited debate on this controversial issue began in the conference committee on security council procedure late yesterday.

New Zealand, Australia and the Netherlands led the attack, and British permanent undersecretary of state for foreign affairs, Sir Alexander Cadogan, did the defending.

Defense Outlined
His defense was based on the theme that the unanimity of the Big Five is needed at this time if the world organization is to succeed.

The special position of the big powers can be justified, he said, by realizing that they represent more than half of the world's population. Any falling out of the big powers would result in war anyway, he argued, and the unanimity rule among them is especially needed in the early stages of the organization.

Budget Law Bill Target of Suit

Salem, Ore., May 18 (AP)—An injunction suit, designed to prevent the secretary of state from including house bill 403 of the 1945 legislature in the session law book, was filed in the Marion county circuit court here late Thursday.

A hearing on the bill was scheduled for late today in the court of Judge George R. Duncan.

The suit, filed by the Oregon Business and Tax Research, Inc., of Portland, claims that the inadvertent non-inclusion of a conference committee report makes the bill, as signed by the governor, invalid, because it is not in the form the legislature intended it to be.

The bill, incorporating amendments to the local budget law, provides that a cash working fund could be set up for various accounts of municipal corporations. The unincorporated report, which was adopted by both house and senate, changes the amount of the fund from 15 to 10 per cent of the total estimated expenses of the corporation for the ensuing year.

Provisions Explained
The conference report would also have increased the amount of estimated expenditures from \$5,000 to \$7,500 for a corporation before it would be necessary to advise them, and it exempts dock commissions from provisions of the bill.

The suit is holding up the completion of the 1945 session laws.

They Called It Fundamental---the Judge, Polygamy



(NEA Telephoto)
Denied freedom in their final appeal under the law, 15 polygamists, who call themselves "Fundamentalists," identified as the husbands of 55 women and the fathers of 267 children, filed through the gates of Utah State Prison to begin terms of not to exceed five years each. Several members of the group are pictured above talking with prison guard. Left to right: David B. Darger, Albert E. Barlow, Heber K. Cleveland, Alma Kelsch, Capt. of Guard H. B. Smart.

Dr. Ley, Defiant Hitlerite, Asks Captors to Shoot Him

German Front Labor Leader Declares He Will Remain Loyal to Fuehrer; Denials Are Made

Sixth U. S. Army Group Hqs, Germany, May 18 (AP)—Dr. Robert Ley, former German labor front leader, told his American captors today to shoot him because "life has no more meaning for me" without Hitler.

"I knew that after Hitler there would be chaos," said the one-time leader of the strength-through-joy movement. "Life has no more meaning for me. You can do away with me. Shoot me right now. I don't care."

Quietly defiant, Ley said: "I myself shall always remain loyal to Hitler and the Nazi party program."

Ley once was a pot-bellied, bull-necked, hard-drinking, profane labor boss. Today there were neither strength nor joy left in him as he languished in a 15th corps prisoner of war cage. He appeared to weigh no more than 150 pounds, and he was cold sober.

"Nazis Will Continue"
However he was a Nazi to the last.

"You cannot kill off 80,000,000 Germans," he said. "We Nazis will continue. You don't know who most of them are."

He pointed through a window to Austrian flags flying in Salzburg's streets. "Many of those flying there are the most fanatic Nazis."

Ley calmly denied that foreign workers in Germany were slaves. He said they all had worked voluntarily, and that he had followed orders to feed everybody alike who worked, Germans or foreigners.

Neither would Ley admit that he had liquidated the old German trade labor unions.

"I merely took them over," was his explanation. "Their organizations still were there. In fact some of their treasuries are larger."

He admitted he supported the Nazi policy of persecuting Jews except "killing them outright." But he also said "as such, Jews don't exist for me."

COURT OPENED, CLOSED
Madras, May 18 (Special)—Circuit Judge Ralph S. Hamilton of Bend was in Madras Monday to open and adjourn court, as there were no cases on the docket. Jefferson county has two terms of court, in the spring and fall.

341 Sailors Killed When Carrier Bombed

Washington, May 18 (AP)—Big Ben has come back from the most terrible U. S. ship disaster in this war and will fight again — on borrowed time.

Behind her in the bloody Pacific, where for 15 hours she was a flaming funeral pyre for heroes, she left more than 1,000 casualties as the price of her survival. It was the heaviest price thus far paid by an American fighting ship in world war II. It was twice the cost of the entire battle of the Coral sea.

Big Ben is the USS Franklin, 27,000-ton Essex class carrier. An hour after dawn on March 19, as she stood 60 miles off Japan, she was as proud and trim a warship as ever rode the waves. She was a carrier division flagship poised to strike with other units of Vice Adm. Marc Mitscher's task force 58 at remnants of the Japanese fleet in the inland sea.

A few minutes later, because one Japanese dive-bomber got through, she was a volcanic chaos of bursting bombs, flying gasoline, and exploding rockets and gun ammunition.

By nightfall she counted her heroes high in the hundreds, her dead at 341, her missing at 431, and her wounded at more than 300.



(NEA Telephoto)
Essex-class carrier, USS Franklin, operating approximately 60 miles from Jap coast, is victim of attack by Jap dive bomber. Picture shows great ship turned blazing furnace after attack, with cruiser Santa Fe, left, moving away after pouring water on fire. Franklin's crew clusters forward.

battered and mangled, is home at long last in a berth at the Brooklyn (N. Y.) navy yard. There she will be made whole again.

The Japanese bomber, its ap-

U. S. Troopers On Mindanao Near Airfield

Elements in Outskirts Of Valencia; Nippons' Counterattack Stopped

By Don Caswell
(United Press War Correspondent)
Manila, May 18 (AP)—American troops on Mindanao today closed in on Valencia and its important two-strip airfield after a surge of six miles along the Sayre highway.

A communique which gave the 31st division's position as of Wednesday put the leading elements in the outskirts of Valencia and only two miles from the airfield. The 31st had slashed ahead six miles Wednesday and five miles the day before, and there were no indications their advance had slowed.

To the north, however, the 40th division met stiff opposition from Japanese artillery and mortar positions in the Mangina canyon. The 40th was working its way south through difficult, hilly country carpeted with 12-foot high grass.

Gap Being Closed
The two divisions were 31 air-line miles, or 45 miles along the winding Sayre highway, from a junction which would split Mindanao lengthwise.

The 31st already was being supplied by planes landing on the Maramag airstrip, captured last week. The fall of Valencia would provide two more excellent airstrips for the ferrying of supplies and the flying of close support missions.

On Luzon, seasonal rains continued to hamper American advances but the battle for Ipo dam appeared nearing a close. The 43rd division continued closing in on a Japanese force trapped in the dam area, northeast of Manila, and only a matter of hundreds of yards separated its north and south forces.

Japs Repulsed
Beyond Balete pass in northern Luzon the 25th division, which had advanced due north, and the 32nd division, which cut in from the west, joined forces for an attack on Santa Fe. Today's communique reported enemy troops steadily were being driven back on Santa Fe. A Japanese counter-attack was repulsed in that area.

Australian forces on Tarakan Island, off Borneo's east coast, drove down the Amal track within a mile of the island's east coast. A Japanese counter-attack north of Tarakan City was turned back.

In another attack on Formosa Liberators bombers dropped 183 tons of bombs on Shinchiku, rail and industrial center.

Quakers Give Aid To Nisei Family

Seattle, May 18 (AP)—A Japanese-American family told today how seven Quakers called at their home and voluntarily painted out "no Japs wanted" signs on the nisei's house.

The Japanese, Shigeo Nagashi, his wife, Chiseko, and their two daughters, were greeted by the crudely-painted signs when they arrived home from a war relocation center.

The Quakers also mowed the lawn for the Japanese.

Four Big Nippon Oil Plants Wrecked By American Fliers

Oil Storage Facilities Also Targets of U. S. Airmen; Fliers Discover, Blast New Factory

Guam, May 18 (AP)—American planes have wrecked four of Japan's biggest oil supply plants and a hitherto unknown aircraft assembly works, it was disclosed today.

The 21st bomber command announced that 400 B-29's had "rendered inoperative" the oil centers in attacks on southern Japan May 10.

A "50 per cent knockout blow" against the new Kumamoto aircraft assembly plant in north-central Kyushu by carrier planes last Monday was revealed in a delayed dispatch from a task force off Japan.

Detailed results of the second American B-29 fire raid in three days on Nagoya yesterday awaited reconnaissance photographs. Returning crewmen said all southern Nagoya, including the giant Mitsubishi aircraft works and the dock area, was in flames when they left.

The bomber command said that B-29's which hit Oshima, a small island off southwest Honshu, on May 10 destroyed all but five of the 65 oil storage tanks there.

"Out Of Operation"
Bomb damage at the Otake oil refinery on southern Honshu covered the entire target area. The plant was listed as "out of operation."

"Extensive damage" also was reported throughout the Tokuyama naval fuel station, Japan's main naval fueling station, and the adjoining Tokuyama synthetic fuel factory, principal source of fuel for Japanese army planes.

A dispatch from the flagship of an American carrier task force off Japan said pilots who hit the Kumamoto assembly plant reported the factory no longer would be of use to the enemy.

American officers were unaware of the plant before carrier planes swept over it. Cmdr. Edmund Conrad of Medina, Wash., said the plant was brand new and covered an area equal to four or five city blocks.

Germans Surge West From Reds

With U. S. Eighth Corps, Central Germany, May 18 (AP)—Thousands of frightened Germans crowded the highways in a mass exodus from the heart of Germany today as rumors spread that Russians soon would occupy the area.

There was no official confirmation of the occupation rumors but civilians have been streaming down the highways in alarmingly increasing numbers for the last several days.

Some were attempting to bring household possessions on makeshift carts and wagons. Others, mostly old men and women, carried only bare necessities in knapsacks or wrapped in table cloths.

Veterans In Group
Mingled with the civilians were hundreds of discharged, weary soldiers hiking back home.

Three pretty German girls, who said they had been bicycling three days from their home west of Dresden, admitted they were frightened of Russian occupation. They only shrugged their shoulders when Sgt. Felix Liebmann of Central Morches, N. Y., assured them the Russians would not mistreat them.

Two Men Held On Death Charge

McMinnville, Ore., May 18 (AP)—Two men were held on murder charges today after an autopsy indicated that 56-year-old Henry W. Blair died from a severe head blow instead of natural causes in Grand Ronde.

The Yamhill sheriff's office announced that Phillip John Warren, 29, a 250-pound Indian, and Vern Martin, were in custody and warrants had been issued charging them with Blair's murder.

Warren was arrested last night at Grand Ronde while Martin was in jail in Toledo on a murder charge and was ordered held pending the murder investigation.

Injury Is Fatal
Blair died Sunday and Dr. Joseph Beaman, state criminologist, announced after an autopsy that his death was caused by a blow on the side of the head. Warren and Martin were the only persons present at the time of death, officers said. Warren denied attacking Blair in a statement after his arrest. Blair was an occasional laborer in Grand Ronde.

Warren is the son of the late Phil Warren, Grande Ronde Indian who received considerable attention several years ago when he was tried and acquitted for the murder of two prohibition officers.

Jap Ship Bagged By U. S. Airmen
An Aleutian Base, May 16 (Via Navy Radio) (Delayed) (AP)—Liberators of the 11th air force sank a Japanese vessel today in an attack on the Kataoka naval base at Shushu island in the Kurile chain north of Japan. The ship was identified tentatively as a destroyer escort or cargo vessel.

Big Guns Duel On Okinawa; Cities Shelled

Tokyo Reports Huge American Fleet on Way to Nip Empire

Guam, May 18 (AP)—A great artillery duel of unprecedented fury in the Pacific war flared along the Okinawa battle line today as 10th army forces slugged their way, yard by yard, into the three wrecked bastion towns of Naha, Shuri and Yonabaru.

Tokyo reported without supporting allied evidence that a powerful American fleet steamed out of the Marianas last Sunday or Monday, presumably for new forays against the Japanese empire.

Front dispatches indicated U. S. ground forces now were battling inside Shuri and Yonabaru, as well as in Naha, where marines of the sixth division expanded a hard-won bridgehead across the Asato river.

Shuri Reached
The enemy had reported earlier that American troops broke into Shuri, the inland anchor of the Japanese defense line lying midway between Naha on the west coast and Yonabaru on the east.

Nowhere were the Americans making big advances. Fiercely-resisting Japanese, supported by the heaviest concentrations of artillery ever assembled by the enemy in the Pacific war, limited Yank gains to yards and feet.

Front dispatches said marines deep inside Naha were cracking fanatic Japanese resistance there. But later reports said the leather-necks in Naha were "pinned to many positions," and that only small amounts of equipment had crossed the Asato river at the edge of the city.

Shells Reach Lines
Shells from big Japanese and American guns crashed ceaselessly into the lines of struggling infantrymen strung out along the five-mile coast-to-coast battle-front.

Japanese artillery was massed on high ground in the rear of Naha, Shuri and Yonabaru. It was powerful enough to return the fire of one of the greatest American land, naval and aerial bombardments in history.

East of Naha, the First Marines and two army divisions—the 77th and 96th—attempted to swing the American flank southward. The long-term objective of this drive was occupation of the southern tip of the island.

City Under Attack
The 77th, commanded by Maj. Gen. Andrew Bruce, was attacking Shuri while the 96th stormed Yonabaru.

A Tokyo broadcast, referring to the purported U. S. fleet movement out of the Marianas, said, "Although it is not definitely known whether it is directed toward the Okinawas or not, its activities require a rigid watch."

Reds Celebrate Defeat of Nazis

Washington, May 18 (AP)—Military and diplomatic officials of most of the United Nations celebrated the victory over Germany last night as guests of Soviet Russia at the ornate soviet embassy.

The two-hour reception drew upwards of 500 diplomats and government officials including Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew, Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace, Attorney General Francis Biddle and W. Averell Harriman, U. S. ambassador to Russia.

Highway No. 99 Receives Favor

Sacramento, May 18 (AP)—The California highway commission has instructed Highway Engineer George T. McCoy to inform Oregon highway representatives that California favors designation of U. S. highway 99 from Weed, Cal., to Ashland, Ore., via Yreka, as part of the interstate highway system, Commission Chairman C. H. Purcell said Thursday.

Purcell said that so far as he knows the Oregon highway commission has taken no action on the question. An alternate route, through Klamath Falls, has been proposed, and if the two states fail to agree the question will be submitted to the U. S. public roads administration, he said.

PORTLAND SEES SUN
Portland, Ore., May 18 (AP)—The sun came out in Portland today, ending a nine-day rain spell which boosted May's total to 3.32 inches, as compared to the average monthly figure of 2.19.

A few scattered showers were likely but the weather bureau hoped for clear skies by Sunday.

Speaker Tells Of Big Tourist Opportunities

"You have a 12 months' opportunity and a million dollar industry in your lap, and here you are asleep at the switch!"

With this observation, Art Kirkham, vice-president of radio station KOIN in Portland and an ardent promoter of Oregon tourist travel, today addressed a record gathering in a town meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at noon in the Pine Tavern.

Before discussing the wonders of the Deschutes country, the speaker told of the before-war profits from the tourist business, saying that \$7,000,000,000 was added to the national income in 1941. He told how the state of Maine is doing a \$100,000,000 annual business from tourists, and that while the New England state is only a third the size of Oregon, this state did only 50 million in 1944.

Big Meion Split
The five counties of southern California split a 250 million dollar annual melon a year, Kirkham stated, adding that there are more people engaged there in the "herding and caring for tourists" than there is in industry.

The speaker told how California had preserved the redwoods for the enjoyment of travelers, had created a resort handling 250,000 persons annually in the "arid and desolate country" around Shasta reservoir, and claimed that for each \$1 investment the Californians make \$202 profit.

Kirkham also related how the state of Washington proposes a million dollar "Palm Springs of the Northwest" in the desert country of the upper reaches of the Columbia river, and called Oregon "merely a shuttle route for tourists between California."

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A 6,000-ton cargo vessel was bombed off Kashiwabara, but results were unobserved because of a tactical smoke screen laid down by the Japanese defenders.

At least 706 of the crew survived to sail the carrier from the scene of disaster, and other hundreds of sailors and airmen were (Continued on Page 8)