

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

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CIO REBUKED AT SAN FRANCISCO CONFAB

WASHINGTON.—Here is the story no one could get at San Francisco—the inside story of why Sidney Hillman, Russian labor, and leftists of British trade unions happened to assemble their new world labor order on Oakland, across the bay, just at the very day of the opening of the world peace conference, and what they were up to.

All inquiries were pushed aside out there with the explanation that this new world labor power, called the World Trade Union Congress, was merely looking for reflected publicity from its proximity to the conference, or something similarly inconsequential.

It is no wonder the story was hidden securely beneath a rubble of confusing explanations because it would have disclosed a coup de conference planned by Mr. Hillman and his Russian associates—a coup which was squelched completely in a secret meeting of the conference steering committee, despite intervention by no less a power than Molotov himself. These are the facts:

The Oakland labor assembly was completely under control of Hillman and the Russians, with the British riding quietly behind them. The head of the Russian labor delegation at Oakland was also an official delegate for Russia in the San Francisco peace meeting and the pipeline between.

PLAN WORKED UPON

Through him the Hillman crowd worked up a program whereby they would all get into the conference and into the permanent peace setup by being established as the group to handle world labor problems.

They succeeded in getting the economic committee of the conference to approve their entry as consultants. The economic committee includes strong representation of smaller nations, particularly Latin America.

A resolution carrying out this purpose was handed by the economic committee to the steering committee which is composed of all nations. After some warm discussion, that guiding committee of the conference decided it would not even go into the matter thoroughly and defeated the resolution.

When Hillman saw this coming he got Molotov to champion his cause, and it was the Russian foreign minister who pressed the matter as far as it went in the steering committee.

By his own adroitness, Hillman thus outlicked himself and disclosed his hand. That Molotov would champion his cause was all-too-obvious evidence to everyone on the inside that their fears and suspicions about Hillman's trade union congress had solid ground—that it was more Russian than worldly.

A few days later the Oakland meeting quietly adjourned without taking any noticeable action and Mr. Hillman went off to southern California for a rest.

The frustration of the coup represented a victory for Bill Green, the AFL president, who has been vigorously fighting Hillman's attempt since the last election to establish with the Communist a world labor front.

WORLD LABOR PLANS

Green demanded in resolutions passed by his executive council (May 8) that world labor be represented in the future world order by the International Labor Office, a successful creature of the old League of Nations.

Shrewdly he did not seek the place for his own AFL world group which is represented by an organization known as the International Federation of Trades Unions.

He did not seek to steal for himself the world authority and power which he would deny to the CIO crowd, but would leave it to an established League of Nations organization. His protection was impregnable.

I hear that even the British have become suspicious of Hillman's effort to align with the Communists in a front which would in some ways be as powerful as the peace setup of the nations and—if Hillman's coup had gone through—able to influence the judgment of nations. The Russian unions are not free trade unions.

I understand that even Sir Walter Citrine, the British ultra-liberal leader, is looking for open doors behind him to escape politely the agreement.

The British trade unions which were unanimously represented in that London gathering have now split, and I do not expect they will go very much further with Hillman and the Russian effort to capture world labor control.

Hillman, by this effort coming atop his domestic electoral activities, has lost much ground in Washington, particularly in Congress.

The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

Washington, D. C.

GERMAN PRISON LABOR

Officials are keeping very mum about it, but the entire question of using German prison labor to rebuild Russia and France has been thrown into a new controversy by a secret opinion rendered by Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson, who has taken over U. S. prosecution of war criminals.

Justice Jackson wrote his opinion to U. S. Reparations Chief Ed Pauley, stating that in his opinion compulsory German labor should not be used to rebuild France and Russia unless they have been convicted of war crimes.

"It is not my business what is to be done with reparations," Jackson wrote, "but this would largely destroy the moral position of America in this war. . . . Compulsory labor," he continued, "should be required only for convicted war criminals."

Jackson went on to point out that German labor "drifting out of Russian concentration camps in the future would tell tales of horror" which, even if exaggerated, would "arouse sharp condemnation in the United States." He urged, therefore, that German labor not be used for reparations until they had been convicted of war crimes. He indicated that members of the Gestapo and the SS Elite guard undoubtedly were war criminals as a class, but the every member of the Nazi party might not be classified as a war criminal.

Following Justice Jackson's bombshell, a hurried meeting was called in Secretary Morgenthau's office, attended by Ed Pauley, Assistant Secretary of State Will Clayton, the army, navy, FEA, and other interested government agencies. Secretary Morgenthau vigorously protested this new development. It was pointed out by some that the use of German prison labor had been agreed to at Yalta by President Roosevelt himself and, therefore, could not be changed.

"If we have to wait for the conviction of all these war criminals before we can get German labor," suggested Reparations Chief Pauley, "we may have to wait a year. Meanwhile, there may not be enough Germans to repair the damage in France and Russia."

Pauley also made the point that he had been charged by the President with the handling of reparations and, therefore, would have to make the final decision himself after his arrival in Europe. After further discussion, however, Pauley agreed to accept Justice Jackson's opinion in principle, namely, that only convicted war criminals could be used as prisoner labor. This leaves the whole question pretty much up in the air.

However, it has been hinted that Justice Jackson will endeavor to indict groups of Germans as a class. In other words, he may try the Gestapo as a group, not individually, and decide that every member of the Gestapo automatically is a war criminal. This probably will be done with Hitler's SS Elite corps. Whether a blanket indictment will also be lodged against the Nazi party remains to be seen.

TRAINING FILMS DESTROYED.

The army doesn't want it known, but it has a new way of handling one type of surplus property. In the case of training and orientation film, it burns old prints. According to a survey made by movie experts, old films last summer were being burned at the rate of 225 tons weekly at Astoria, N. Y.

Meanwhile other government agencies, schools and universities are anxious to buy these outmoded prints from the army. In fact, the U. S. office of transportation had to spend \$60,000 of the taxpayers' money to make 10 new reels of its own when the army refused to sell it the army's excellent series of 20 reels for the training of auto mechanics.

Sen. Francis Myers of Pennsylvania, Democrat, has just written Maj. Gen. Harry Ingles, chief of the signal corps, demanding in explanation.

The making of training films and orientation films by the army has been a major operation. Thousands of subjects have been turned out at a tremendous outlay, and production schedules have been more crowded than those of any Hollywood studio.

The films have proved remarkable training aids, with officers claiming that they cut at least in half the length of time needed to teach men such things as first aid, etc.

CAPITOL CHAFF

Aviation enthusiast Rep. Jennings Randolph has introduced a bill authorizing the government to repay employees for the use of their private airplanes on government business—just as is now done with automobiles and motorcycles.

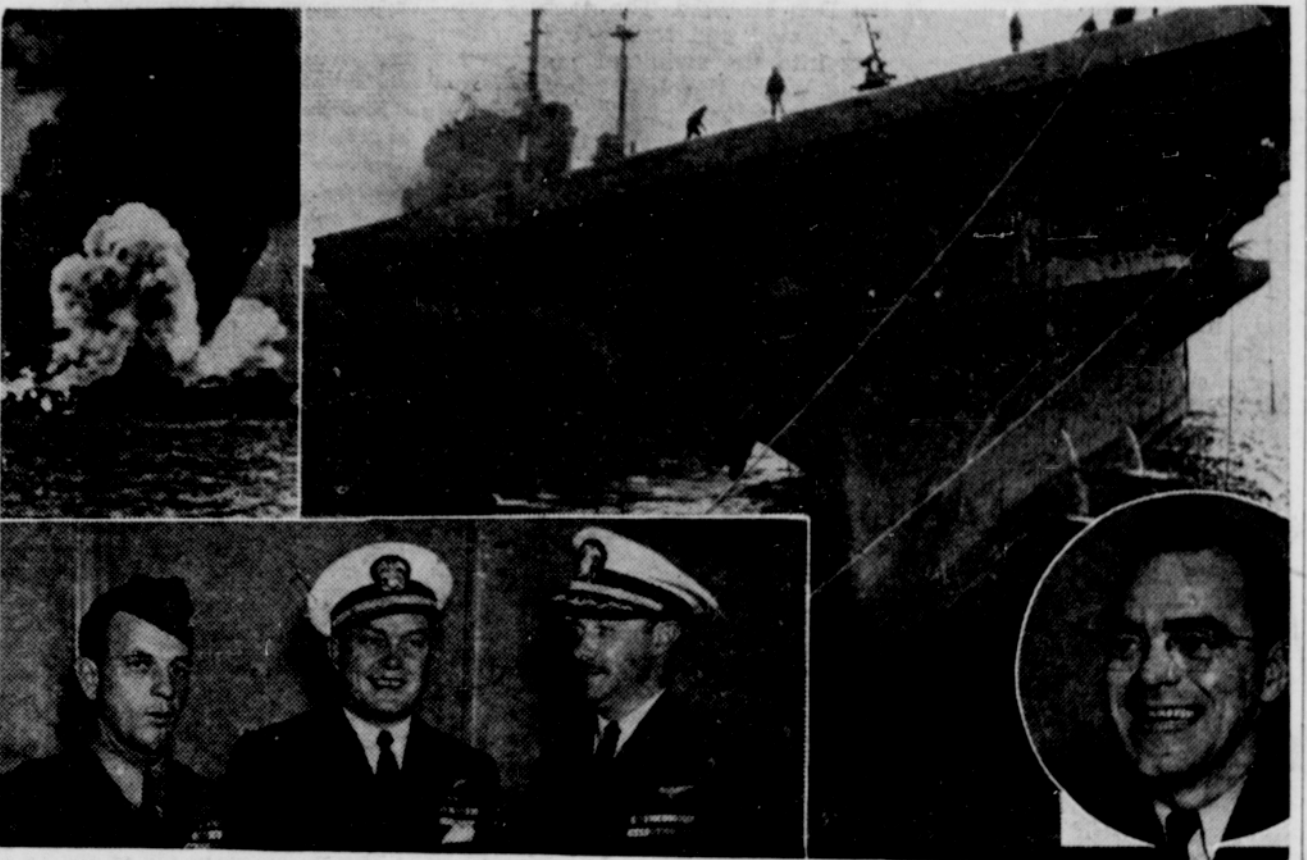
Wyoming's capable Senator Joe O'Mahoney has quietly started a study of the disposal of surplus war plants. He wants to insure maximum use of our national productive capacity after the war and the stimulation of small business.

Up Front With Fighting Leathernecks on Okinawa



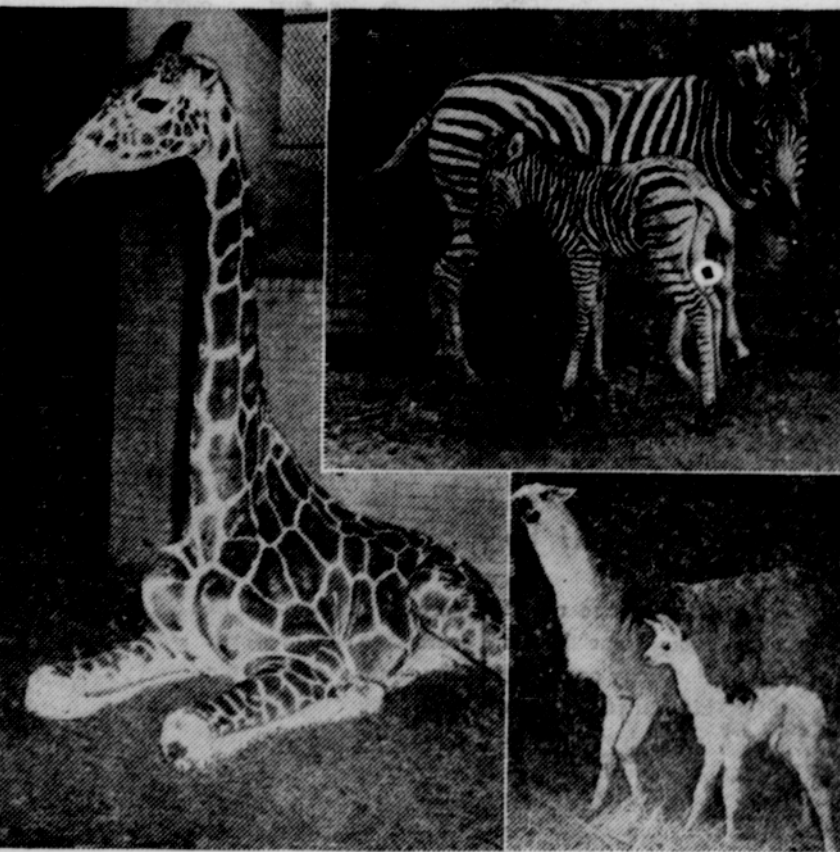
Leathernecks, coordinating with army troops, are shown in action in the final stages of the fierce battles that raged in every section of Okinawa island. Island spotted with graves and fallen heroes attests to the high price paid.

Carrier and Its Heroic Crew That Never Quit



A ghastly but unforgettable memorial to the heroism of those who man the navy's ships and the skill of those who build them, was again shown when the carrier USS Franklin arrived in Brooklyn Navy yard under her own power. Hit by Jap dive bombers, afire and her own bombs exploding and one-third of her crew killed, from Jap waters to Brooklyn she returned unaided. Lower left, officers of carrier. Lower right, Chaplain Joseph O'Callahan, one of heroes during battle, and trip home. Right shows how she limped into port.

Youth Has Their Day at Zoos



Born in the early spring at Pittsburgh zoo, this giraffe (left) already has grown out of babyhood. His mother was shopping when this photo was taken. Lower right, Lady Llana at San Francisco with her son V-E, born on that great day. Upper right, there was much ado at the Bronx zoo when for the first time in over three years a baby zebra was born.

No Time for Celebrating



Fighting men of the army's 77th infantry division on Okinawa listen to the news a few yards behind the front lines. Their battle-hardened faces indicate the impassiveness with which they received the news realizing the war is not over for them and that a tough fight lies ahead as is now being proven to them.

Farming War Fields



While plowing his field the French farmer leaves a tiny island in the center of the plot containing the grave of a British soldier killed in the early days of invasion of Normandy who, like thousands of others, will remain in temporary plots.

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The Questions

1. What does *comme il faut* mean?
2. How do Washington's Japanese cherry trees differ from our native cherry trees?
3. What technical term is applied to a government by women?
4. Who elects congressmen at large?
5. The Singhalese are inhabitants of what country?
6. What is the longest monosyllable in the English language?
7. Why do leaves turn up before an impending rainstorm?
8. Under whose administration was the national debt at its lowest?
9. When and where was the American Legion organized?
10. What ancient pass connects Afghanistan and India?

The Answers

1. Proper. As it should be.
2. They do not bear fruit.
3. Gynarchy.
4. All the voters of a state.
5. Ceylon.
6. Strength.
7. It is due to an increase of atmospheric moisture. Therefore the leaf stalk absorbs more moisture, and "warps," turning the leaf over.
8. Our national debt reached its lowest level during President Andrew Jackson's term, when it amounted to \$37,515.05 in 1836.
9. It was organized in St. Louis May 8 to 10, 1919.
10. Khyber pass.

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