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This is the stage—and here are the actors—in San Francisco's great drama of peace. The picture was taken as delegates of the United Nations convened in the great San Francisco Opera House in a glare of Klieg lights and against a spectacular back-drop of massed flags to open the World Security Conference.

Compromise With Russia Reported At Conference

PLAN TO ROTATE CHAIRMANSHIP IS GIVEN APPROVAL

Secretary of State Stettinius Would Be Permanent Head of Executive Group.

San Francisco, April 27.—(U.P.)—Soviet Russia, victorious in its first two major demands on the United Nations security conference, agreed today to a compromise on its third whereby Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., gets the conference's two most important jobs.

Stettinius will be chairman of the conference's two most important sub-units—its executive and steering committees.

San Francisco, April 27.—(U.P.)—Russia was reported this afternoon to have agreed, in effect, to the British compromise on the security conference chairmanship. There were no immediate details on the agreement but the steering committee session was described as "smooth" in contrast to yesterday's stormy meeting.

The British compromise provides for rotation of the chairmanship of public plenary conference sessions among the big four while Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., would be permanent chairman of the private executive committee meetings.

Molotov Early

Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov, whose refusal to agree to designation of Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., as conference chairman had brought about the stalemate, arrived at the veterans building in this city's ornate civic center at 10 a. m., a half hour ahead of the meeting's scheduled time. Other delegation chairmen followed him in.

Molotov, Stettinius, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Foreign Secretary T. V. Soong met half an hour before the steering committee session, presumably to attempt to settle the chairmanship issue before the full committee gathered.

The United States, Great Britain and China agreed in advance of the steering committee meeting to stand firmly for the British compromise proposal on the chairmanship.

Russian Is Key

But the solution of the problem remained with Molotov. The other three foreign ministers of the big four sought at a preliminary meeting with Molotov to swing him to their point of view.

The compromise proposal which Stettinius, Eden and Soong backed calls for rotating the job of presiding officer at the open plenary sessions, but preserving American leadership in the important steering and executive committees.

The Russians were conceded to have won already two major demands—for three votes in the assembly of the world organization to be created here, and for the right of a major power to veto military action against itself.

Coast War Plants Prove Opportunity Unlimited In Area

Washington, April 27—(U.P.)—Rep. Homer Angell, R., Ore., said today the successful operation of war plants in the Pacific northwest has illustrated the "unlimited industrial opportunities" of that area.

"These plants have saved the government millions of dollars, mainly because of our cheap power," he said. "We must see that they are converted to peacetime use without too great a letdown in production."

He estimated that in aluminum production, the northwest had saved the government $15,000,000 a year on power costs. The cost of the aluminum itself, he said, has been reduced 5 cents by northwest producers. Bonneville power also has been used at the Kaiser shipyards in the northwest, he said.

DRAFT EXTENSION INSURES TRAINING OF 18-YEAR-OLDS

Washington, April 27—(U.P.)—The house today unanimously adopted a draft extension bill carrying a provision banning future use of 18-year-old draftees in combat until they have had six months training.

The legislation, which now goes to President Truman, extends the Selective Service act to May 15, 1946, or to the end of the war, whichever comes first.

Senate Action

The provision on training of 18-year-olds was placed in the bill by the senate. The house military affairs committee approved the amendment unanimously in a closed session yesterday and it was offered to the house under unanimous consent.

The amendment contains no restrictions on the use in combat of 17-year-old navy and marine corps volunteers, nor does it say anything about the training of inductees 19 and older.

It does not prevent the navy from assigning 18-year-olds to warships for completion of their six-months training although the ships may find themeslves in combat.

Washington, April 27—(U.P.)—A chartered transport plane en route from Miami, Fla., to Rochester, N. Y., careened off the end of a runway at Washington national airport today and was destroyed by flames.

ULTIMATUM GIVEN OPA TO PROVIDE PACKERS RELIEF

Food Investigation Chairman Says Control Extension May Be Amended.

Washington, April 27—(U.P.)—Chairman Elmer Thomas, D., Okla., of the Senate Food Investigating Committee today threatened to force the Office of Price Administration to save Meat Packers from going broke.

Senators will seek to amend the Price-Control Extension Bill unless OPA provides relief immediately, he said. If that fails, Thomas added, they will demand replacement of OPA meat executives.

Thomas issued his ultimatum after three hours of testimony by meat-industry spokesmen that OPA's recently-revised subsidy program will cause them to "lose more money than before."

The Senate Banking Committee has withheld price control extension legislation from the floor for more than a month because of the meat situation.

OPA Head Irks

Earlier the food investigators had threatened to hit back at OPA via appropriations for a critical statement by Eldon C. Shoup, OPA administrator at Boston.

Shoup said in a recent press release that testimony before the committee against OPA constituted an "attack on price control" through "visious pressure group tactics."

Thomas read the release into the record and accused Shoup of attacking the constitutional right of citizens to petition congress.

Bowles Warns

This flaring of senatorial anger came as Price Administrator Chester Bowles was starting a new enforcement program which he hoped would "go a long way toward licking" the black market in meat. Bowles warned, the public to boycott the black market and said "drastic penalties" await those who disobey.

Bowles in launching his new enforcement program said customers "make black markets."

PAULEY APPOINTED

Washington, April 27—(U.P.)—Edwin W. Pauley, 42-year-old treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, was named by President Truman today to serve as the American member on the Allied Reparations Commission which meets in Moscow next month.

Cutting of Germany Into Three Sections Seals Doom of Nazis

London, April 27—(U.P.)—Russian armies captured the Berlin anchor posts of Potsdam and Spandau today, reached the Elbe at Wittenebrg, and neared it due west of the capital within a dozen miles of the U. S. 9th army.

The fall of Potsdam and Spandau unhinged the western defenses of Berlin, and a nazi broadcast said the situation in the capital had become "still more critical" after soviet forces drove to its heart.

Paris, April 27.—(U.P.)—American and Russian armies have joined forces on the Elbe river below Berlin in a historic juncture that cut Germany into three broken fragments and sealed the doom of Hitler's Nazi regime.

Vanguards of the two armies merged their eastern and western fronts yesterday at the river town of Torgau, 75 miles south of the German capital, at the crossroads of the long and bloody trails from Stalingrad and the beaches of Normandy.

SPLIT REICH INTO THREE ISLANDS

The juncture split the reich into three crumbling islands of resistance centering around the North sea ports, Berlin and the Bavarian redoubt in the mountains of southern Germany and Austria.

Still another American-Russian linkup appeared imminent in the Bavarian foothills bordering Hitler's Bechtesgarden retreat, where Gen. George S. Patton's third army established radio contact with a red army force apparently only 30 to 40 miles away.

Doughboys of the U. S. first army's 69th infantry division pushed out from the Mulde river, 30 miles from the Elbe, to join up with the 173rd Russian guards regiment in Torgau, on the west bank of the Elbe.

GERMAN PRISONERS WATCH ADVANCE

As they went forward, hundreds of war-wearied German prisoners lined the roadsides to watch the parade of American power that foretold the death of Nazidom and the final destruction of Germany's military might.

The electrifying news of the juncture on the Elbe was announced simultaneously in Washington, London and Moscow. Leaders of the big three hailed the event as the decisive triumph of the European war.

"This is not the hour of final victory but the hour draws near . . . ." President Truman declared in a brief White House statement. "The last faint, desperate hope of Hitler and his gangster government has been extinguished."

Meet At Torgau

Patrols from the two armies met for the first time on the Elbe Wednesday at 4:40 p.m. (10:40 a.m. EWT) but the first junction in force was not effected until 8 p.m. (2 p.m. EWT) yesterday when the 69th and the soviet guards regiment joined hands in Torgau.

Major-Gen. E. F. Reinhardt, commander of the 69th, led his division into the battered river town where almost two centuries ago another Russian army joined its Austrian allies to fight Frederick the Great of Prussia, their common enemy in the Seven Years' War.

German resistance appeared to have collapsed completely in the juncture area. The dusty roads west of Torgau were reported choked with thousands of beaten Nazi soldiers and German civilians, all fleeing for the Mule river in a panicky rush to enter the American lines and escape the avenging red army.

Remnants Circled

The remnants of Germany's northern armies were going down in the smoke and flame of encircled Berlin and in the wrecked North sea ports of Hamburg and Bremen, taking with them the Nazi dynasty that Hitler boasted would endure for a thousand years.

Another large Nazi force was trapped hopelessly in central Germany and Czechoslovakia, pinned between the merged American and Russian lines in north and the rampaging American third army into Austria in the south.

The size of the central German pocket was uncertain, but the cornered enemy forces there were showing little signs of fight and there appeared little likelihood that they would continue the battle after the fall of Berlin.

Hitler and his chief Nazi aides variously were reported trapped in Berlin and hiding in their Alpine hideout at Berchtesgaden. In either event, their chances of remaining free for more than a few days or weeks at best were slim.

Premier Stalin hailed the Elbe meeting with a special order of the day that set Moscow's victory guns booming in salute to the allied armies.

London more soberly announced tersely that a firm contact between the soviet and American forces had been established and that a mutual exchange of prisoners was discussed.

Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commander of the U. S. 12th army group that includes the first army, followed with an order of the day paying tribute to the Russian veterans of Stalingrad and Sevastopol and the battle-hardened American doughboys who met for the first time at Torgau.

GENOA CAPTURED BY FIFTH ARMY

Rome, April 27—(U.P.)—U. S. 5th army troops captured the big Italian town of Genoa today.

Rome, April 27—(U.P.)—American 5th army forces raced 40 miles in 24 hours to capture Piacenza, 35 miles from Milan, and drove into the Alps foothills within 90 miles of the Austrian frontier today.

With the German defenses collapsed completely and Italian patriots claiming control of much of northern Italy, the 5th and 8th armies were advancing at will.

Today's allied force headquarters communique said 5th army forces were operating west of Lake Carda, which runs from 60 to 90 miles south of the Austrian border. This put the American units 25 miles west of their last reported positions in that area of Verona.

PAY-OFF BATTLES NEAR IN ISLANDS

By United Press

American ground forces moved toward the pay-off today in battles for southern Okinawa and for Baguio on northern Luzon and Mindanao in the Philippines.

Japanese resistance was reported cracking on southern Okinawa. Troops of the 24th army corps captured Sawtooth Ridge, highest point on the island, and moved into position for a down hill battle to the south coast.

Land on Motobu

Radio Tokyo reported the Americans also had landed men and material behind a Japanese pocket still holding out on Motobu Peninsula, which juts from Okinawa's northwest coast.

Some 400 miles to the northeast, Superfortresses blasted for the second time in 24 hours at seven Japanese suicide plane bases on Kyushu, southernmost of the enemy's home islands.

7 JACKSON COUNTY MEN ARE TAKEN INTO ARMY

Seven Jackson county men were inducted into the army at Ft. Lewis, Wash., on April 20, through Jackson county board No. 1.

Inducted were Gail Joseph St. Arnold, Leroy Kyker, Daniel Marion Frye, Glen Alfred Lamb, Robert G. Harper, David T. Lute, and Thomas Merlin Richardson. Floyd Leroy Walsh was qualified for general military service after a pre-induction physical April 20 at Portland

Dayton, O., April 27 — (U.P.) — The National Professional Golfers Association Tournament will be held at Moraine Country Club here July 8-15, it was announced today.

GOERING SHOOTS FIVE DAUGHTERS AND SELF, REPORT

London, April 27 — (U.P.) — A Zurich dispatch of the Exchange Telegraph said today that Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering shot his five daughters and then himself when the nazis sentenced him to death and ordered him to execute his own death sentence.

(The British Who's Who says Goering has only two daughters.)

The Exchange Telegraph dispatch said the commandant of Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler's bodyguard read a nazi death sentence to Goering, newly replaced as head of the German air force, and ordered him to carry it out.

Melodramatic End

An unidentified Zurich diplomat was quoted by the Exchange Telegraph as giving this melodramatic account of the crackup in the top ranks of the nazi party:

"Last Monday Goering sent Hitler an urgent letter requesting him to accept with the nazi party the consequences of a lost war and thus spare the Germans further bloodshed.

"The same night Himmler replied by sending his own bodyguard to Goering's home, where his wife, Emmy, was present, and Goering's fate was sealed."

The diplomat was quoted as saying that, according to one version, the bodyguard shot down Goering and his wife without warning. Goering was married to Emmy Sonneman, former actress.

An earlier Moscow radio report said Goering escaped from Berlin by plane with a $20,000,000 nest egg.

BASEBALL

National

Chicago	7	7	1
Pittsburgh	3	8	4

Derringer and Livingston; Sewell and Lopez.

New York	5	12	0
Brooklyn	0	8	3

Voiselle and Lombardi; Davis and Owen.

Conference Sidelights

San Francisco, April 27.—(U.P.)—Sidelights on the United Nations conference:

Anthony Eden, Britain's good-looking and well-dressed foreign secretary, is the favorite sight of feminine eyes in San Francisco. As he walked into the War Memorial opera house yesterday, an usherette gazed after him and then remarked, to no one in particular: "Gosh, he's handsome."

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The conference has only one set of flags of all 46 United Nations present here. When the sessions move to and from the veterans buildings and opera house, workmen hurriedly take down the flags from one building and rush them over to the other.

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All conference cars and buses are identified by Red and Green stickers on the Windshields. The red and green combination was selected because it doesn't favor the flag of any of the nations represented here.

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The weather continues clear and cool, to the amazement of all the delegates and the delight of San Franciscans.

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French and English have been designated the "working" languages of the conference, altho there will be five "official" languages—French, English, Spanish, Russian and Chinese. All conference documents will be distributed in the official languages. Discussions at meetings will be translated in French and English, the working languages.

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The city of San Francisco has invited all delegates to a special concert tomorrow night to hear Yehudi Menuhin, the celebrated violinist.

TEEN-AGERS FACE BURGLARY CHARGE

Two 15-year-old boys and one 16-year-old, all school children at Eagle Point, were scheduled to appear before Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna at 2 o'clock this afternoon on a charge of stealing government property from a warehouse at Camp White.

The burglaries are reported to have been going on for the past month and when government personnel began missing articles a guard was placed at the warehouse. One of the boys is said to have entered the warehouse and when caught, he implicated the others.

Autos Need Chains On Fish Lake Road

Following numerous inquiries the Rogue River National Forest service announced this afternoon that the road to Fish lake is passable at this time, but that cars need chains for the trip. The road to Squaw lake in the Applegate district is open and in good condition, the service reports. Fishing season in the two lakes opens May 1.

JOHN MOFFAT WOUNDED IN ACTION IN GERMANY

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Moffat, Sr., 34 North Berkeley Way, have received word from the war department that their son, Pfc. John P. Moffat, Jr., was slightly wounded in Germany April 11. No other details were given.

Pfc. Moffat entered the service about a year and a half ago and has been in Germany about two months, his father said. Prior to his enlistment he graduated from Medford high school.

PARK EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND FIRE SCHOOL

Staff members of Crater Lake National Park service are leaving this afternoon for Yosemite National Park, Calif., to attend a fire school for region four of the national service. Attending will be E. P. Leavitt, superintendent; Thomas Parker, assistant superintendent; and Richard J. Smith, chief clerk. Mrs. Leavitt is also making the trip.

The group will return in about a week.

The War Food Administration predicts more sauerkraut this year, due to a winter cabbage output of 421,500 tons in the seven southern producing states. That's 56 per cent above the 1934-43 average production.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Gene Thorndike giving Bob Fowler valuable information on how to raise chickens.

Angus Bowmer scouting for talent for the latest Little Theatre play.

Don Newbury claiming three of his Legion comrades were trying to take credit for the "big year" of the local post, when he was commander.

Surprise Meeting On Elbe Precedes Formal Juncture

By John B. McDermott
United Press War Correspondent

With the United States First Army in Germany, April 27 — (U.P.)—The first juncture between the American and Russian forces actually took place Wednesday—and by accident!

A 20-man American patrol, which failed to receive orders to halt its advance, walked into the Russian lines. The formal juncture at Torgau did not take place until later.

The surprise meeting occurred at the little town of Riesa on the Elbe river. A radio message had been sent to the little American task force, ordering it to halt after it reached five miles beyond the Mulde river. But the Americans never got the message.

On and on they went, mile after mile, until they were 23 miles beyond the point where their orders had told them to halt.

There they met the Russians.

None of the Americans spoke Russian, but it didn't matter. Lieut. Albert Kreveterew of the American patrol, his uniform covered with dust, walked toward the Russians and stuck out his hand. A Russian soldier shook hands with him.

History may record that the official juncture took place at Torgau, but the men of the little U. S. patrol who reached Riesa have their own ideas about that.

I made a wild jeep ride to Torgau and when I arrived the downtown part of the town still was burning from Russian shells that dropped into it two hours earlier.

American and Russian soldiers were whooping it up. It looked something like a country fair in the United States with the Russian soldiers singing and playing Balalaikas. Vodka was being passed around and, although nobody understood what the other fellow was saying, everybody was having a good time.

Some of the Russian soldiers were demonstrating their guns to the G.I.'s by firing into the Elbe river.