

Big Three Agreement Generally Favored by Prominent Senators

Aboard USS Augusta with President Truman, Aug. 3—(UP)—President Truman said flatly today, after publication of the Berlin conference communiqué, that "There are no secret agreements of any kind" resulting from the Big Three meeting.

As Mr. Truman travelled back to the United States, he worked on a report to the nation which he will deliver by radio shortly after he is in the White House again. Also he canvassed carefully special dispatches reporting reaction in the United States to the Big Three announcement.

Washington, Aug. 3—(UP)—Big Three plans for restoring order to war-devastated Europe and reducing Germany to a nation of farms and peaceful, domestic industries were generally approved today by prominent U. S. senators.

Only one critical note was immediately forthcoming from the body which eventually must ratify the peace treaties. Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., thought the proposal to give Poland a large chunk of eastern Germany contained "the seed of another war."

TRUMAN PLANS PERSONAL REPORT

President Truman, aboard the cruiser Augusta en route home from his first Big Three meeting, is preparing a personal report on the conference. He will deliver it to the nation by radio and may be prepared to give more details of the decisions reached—and of the many unmentioned issues.

The major unanswered question is: What role does Russia plan to play in the closing days of the war against Japan?

But there was little doubt that "the military matters of common interest" discussed by the chiefs of staff of the United States, Britain and Russia involved Japan. It was also noted that Generalissimo Stalin had signed a communiqué which praised Italy for at least joining the Allies in the struggle against Japan—notice that the Russians no longer are concerned about offending the Japanese.

Most officials here expect Russia to be in on the final stages of the Japanese war. But one senator—Warren Magnuson, D., Wash.—predicted that unless Russia help was "absolutely necessary" she would not become a belligerent.

SENATORS GENERALLY ENTHUSIASTIC

The senate had recessed for two months 24 hours before the results of the Big Three meeting were announced. But members still here generally were enthusiastic about the plans for removing forever the threat of German aggression. Those who noted the absence of final decisions except on the future of Germany approved.

"If they go slow, we'll have a better peace," said Sen. Elbert D. Thomas, D., Utah.

The communiqué of "the conference of Berlin" was the most detailed but the least spectacular of any of those on earlier meetings of Big Three leaders or their top officials—those in Moscow, Tehran, Cairo, Yalta.

Five Major Decisions

Five major decisions stand out:

1. Definition of the kind of future in store for Germany—complete disarmament and demilitarization, elimination or strict control of all potential military industries and a specific prohibition against manufacture of airplanes or sea-going ships.

2. Agreement on a formula for extracting from Germany—in materials, machines and equipment—reparations to compensate for the loss and suffering inflicted by the Nazis.

3. Creation of Big Five council of foreign ministers to draft peace treaties with the defeated nations for submission to all the United Nations. The German peace treaty will be postponed until a central German government is formed. That is not an early possibility.

4. Tentative agreement on the western boundaries of Poland. The eastern boundary was settled at Yalta. The Berlin decision would give the former capital of East Prussia—home of the Junkers—and the surrounding territory to Russia. The rest of East Prussia, the Free City of Danzig and all of Germany east of the Oder and the Neisse rivers, which includes mineral-rich and heavy industrialized Silesia would go to the new Poland.

5. Promises to the defeated axis satellites and all neutrals, except Franco Spain, to support their applications for admission to the United Nations. The former satellites must form democratic governments to qualify and the neutrals must be willing to meet the requirements set forth in the United Nations charter—acceptance of the obligations and a willingness and ability to carry them out.

Break With Franco

The Big Three, in effect, made a joint moral break with Generalissimo Francisco Franco of Spain when they served notice that the present Spanish government was considered an outlaw. "It's origins, its nature, its record and its close association with the aggressor states" disqualified the present Spanish regime for membership in the United Nations, the Big Three decreed. Some quarters saw in this the end of Franco.

Ranking with the major Big Three accomplishments in interest were the unmentioned subjects:

1. The western boundary of Germany. What is to be done with the Rhineland? There have been demands for its partition, for internationalizing the Ruhr and ending the Saar to France. The absence of France from the conference may have precluded any announcement but it was felt the Big Three must have exchanged views on this problem.

2. The future of the Danubian. Russia is pressing Turkey

AIR OFFENSIVE BLOCKADES JAP HOME ISLANDS

All Major Harbors Sown With Mines—Typhoons Add Woe for Millions

Guam, Aug. 3—(UP)—The relentless air offensive against Japan thundered around the clock today and the 20th air force announced that B-29s have completely blockaded shipping between the Japanese home islands and continental Asia.

Every harbor of any consequence on the Japanese homeland has been sown with mines, the 20th air force reported, as has every harbor from Korea to the Soviet-Manchukuo border.

Many Ships Sunk
Many hundreds of thousands of tons of Japanese shipping have been sunk by these mines and reports from Okinawa said that the 10,000,000 Japanese on Kyushu were threatened with additional disaster as typhoons lashed the China sea, further isolating Japan from vital mainland supplies.

Progressive disintegration of the Japanese homeland was intensified by attacks on rail transportation which began to sever the vital arteries on which Japanese cities depend for food and Japanese war industries depend for shipment of supplies.

The B-29 mine-laying program was described as "the greatest in history" and a spokesman said that "there are now no major shipping ports or harbors remaining that offer safety to Japanese shipping."

Assault Goes On
Radio Tokyo reported that 100 American fighter-bombers carried forward the relentless assault, shooting up military targets in the greater Tokyo area only a few hours after Manila and Guam communiques tallied up the results of three more attacks on the Japanese islands.

In the Tokyo area on Monday carrier planes of the 3rd fleet destroyed or damaged 278 Japanese planes and 116 ships, including 33 warships.

In the Kobe-Nagoya area on Thursday 139 Iwo-based Mustangs damaged 14 enemy ships, knocked out three aircraft and blasted installations at the Okazaki, Meiji, Kiyosu, Komaki and Kokogawa airfields without loss.

Nagasaki Hit
At Nagasaki on Wednesday 250 Okinawa-based planes sank 10 enemy ships and wrecked drydocks, shipyards, a railway yard, and harbor installations without loss.

Admiral William F. Halsey's 3rd fleet remained under a security blackout clamped down after Monday's carrier-plane raid on the Tokyo area. The final tally for that attack showed four warships and 20 merchantmen sunk, 33 warships and 59 merchantmen damaged, 124 enemy planes destroyed and 154 damaged.

Diamonds have been found in placer gravels and placer mines in Amador, Butte, El Dorado, and Plumas Counties.

Germans Learn Penalty For Crimes; Must Give Up Land and Industries

Washington, Aug. 3—(UP)—Germans knew their fate today; they must "atone for the terrible crimes" of Nazism.

They also knew the way they must travel to national salvation; if they follow it, "it will be possible for them in due course to take their place among the free and peaceful peoples of the world."

The fate and the way were set forth in detail by the Big Three at Potsdam. President Truman, Generalissimo Stalin and Prime Minister Clement Attlee told the Germans that:

1. By their crimes against civilization they have "made chaos and suffering inevitable" for the Reich.
2. They must give up rich sections of their homeland, and all industry "that could be used for military production."
3. Reparations will strip them of all industrial equipment except the bare minimum necessary—with the aid of agriculture—to maintain their economy on a subsistence level.
4. They will never—so long as Russia, Great Britain and the United States call the turn—make another airplane, fashion another buzz-bomb or rocket or build another sea-going ship of any kind.

LAVAL JEERED IN TREASON HEARING OF VICHY LEADER

Former Official Said to Proclaim End of Republican France As Paper Signed

Paris, Aug. 3—(UP)—Pierre Laval was charged today with exclaiming "There goes the republic" when he affixed his signature at Vichy to the new French constitution.

In a dramatic interpellation of Laval's own testimony in the trial of Marshal Henri Philippe Petain on a charge of treason the man who was called France's "Evil Genius" was said to have proclaimed the end of Republican France when he signed the constitutional documents.

Laval, fire flashing from his dark eyes, angrily turned on his accuser, Pierre De La Pomeraye, former secretary general of the French senate:

"I am not a Fascist," he shouted in a cracked voice. "I am not a Nazi. I love the Republic."

The court room rocked with sardonic laughter.

Enraged, Laval turned to the spectators and shouted:

"You can laugh!"
Laval insisted he did not remember making any such remark but Pomeraye insisted that he had sat at the table in the hall of the Majestic hotel in Vichy where Laval signed the three acts of the constitution.

"As you signed them," Pomeraye said solemnly, "You said: 'There goes the republic!'"

Peace Motive
The charge that Laval had signed the constitution in full knowledge that he was affixing his name to the death warrant of the third republic came in the midst of a lengthy story by Laval of his pre-war diplomatic maneuvering which he insisted was motivated by a desire for "peace."

CHAOS IN REICH SLOWLY IMPROVES

Washington, Aug. 3—(UP)—German economy, local civil government and health and sanitation are gradually but steadily being restored in the U. S. zone of occupation, the War department said today in a report received from Europe. The detailed report said Germans were proving cooperative.

Food is a primary concern. Allied displaced persons through priorities are receiving 2,000 calorie daily diets. Lack of transportation and power for creameries prevent an adequate butter supply.

Farmer prisoners of war and Wehrmacht horses have been released for agriculture and 90 to 100 per cent of normal acreage has been planted, though plantings were late.

SEARS ROEBUCK WILL BUILD HERE



IN AHD OF ELABORATE COURT FUNCTIONS.—King George VI shakes hand of President Truman aboard British battle cruiser Renown, at Plymouth, England, where U. S. chief executive lunches with King before returning to Washington following close of big Three conference. Sailors (background) pipe President aboard.

RETAIL STORE ON SOUTH RIVERSIDE COMPANY'S PLAN

Construction to Await War End—First Option on Property Exercised Today

Official announcement of plans to erect a retail store in Medford for the Sears Roebuck merchandising chain was made today by Mark Goldy, acting in connection with Guy E. Stevens, Seattle realty broker. Options on six pieces of property, covering 250 feet of frontage on S. Central avenue and approximately 300 feet on Riverside avenue, and affording a plot through the entire block, was taken last September by Stevens, who did not then disclose the name of the principal for whom he was acting. Public interest was aroused at that time, and speculation as to possible intended uses of the property varied from the large Roebuck store or other large merchandising concern to the possibility of another bus line terminal.

Today's announcement is the first authentic disclosure of plans to utilize the property, and came with the exercising of the first option, on the apartment house owned by Mrs. Mabel C. Hall, located at 315 S. Central avenue. Goldy says that the action taken today indicates other options will be exercised in the course of time. Other options are all dated alike, but the apartment house option apparently expired earlier.

Total price called for in the options was not disclosed. Development of the new building will depend entirely on the progress of the war, according to Goldy. Tenants now occupying the houses on which the options are held will be given 90 days notice, as provided under OPA rules, for vacating before the demolishing or moving of houses starts. No activity will take place prior to Jan. 1, 1946, he added.

Present plans call for construction of a large retail Sears Roebuck store with parking facilities, but no architect plans have been drawn up as yet. The construction will require closing of a short portion of the alley running north and south through the block just south of Ninth street. A portion of the Sears Roebuck property will be given by the company for an alley running east and west from the closed portion of a Riverside avenue outlet. An east-west alley now affords access to Central avenue.

Hollywood, Aug. 3—(UP)—Actress Claudette Colbert today proposed a special academy award for child movie stars, whose acting she said frequently put the grownups in their pictures to shame.

BASEBALL

National

Brooklyn	5	8	1
Boston	1	1	1

Gregg and Dantino; Tobin and Masi.

FIRE THREATENS MILL AND HOMES ON WILSON RIVER

Portland, Ore., Aug. 3—(UP)—Consolidated Timber Company's sawmill near Glenwood was threatened again today in the Wilson river sector of Oregon's three week old forest fire.

New flare-ups of burning snags menaced the mill and 60-home village and a backfire on the north side of the Wilson river highway has been set up to provide a bare area of protection.

Fire lines protecting the Forest Grove watershed were holding today with the exception of a quarter-mile finger snaking into the Soda Springs-Cherry Grove sector.

Spot Fires Danger
Dangerous spot fires are still burning in the coast range between the Middle and South Forks of the Salmonberry river, running parallel to the Wolf Creek highway. A few loggers from camps in the vicinity are fighting the flames without benefit of radio or telephone communication.

Fire trails protecting Cochran were connected Thursday, giving the town added security, although flames in some places are only a mile away.

Fire fighters lost nearly all the fire trail work earlier in the week near Hembre ridge at the southern tip of the Wilson river fire on the Jordan Creek front. More equipment was rushed to the fire scene this morning.

Need More Help
An appeal for even more troops was made to help hold uncontrolled fires in the northern sector from the Nehalem up into southern Clatsop county. One spot fire believed carried by winds from the Salmonberry into southern Clatsop county has covered an estimated 800 acres.

Further south, fire is burning only a mile from Wakefield near the railroad line down the Nehalem.

Shoe Rationing May End in Two Months
New York, Aug. 3—(UP)—Trade quarters believe that shoe rationing will be lifted within the next two or three months, the National Shoe Retailers' association said today.

Doolittle Urges Single Commander For Ground, Sea and Air in Pacific

10th Army Headquarters, Okinawa, Aug. 3—(UP)—Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, commander of the eighth air force, called for the appointment of a single commander for the Pacific war in an Army Air Forces Day speech Wednesday.

He told soldiers of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's 10th army he was convinced that unity of command through the naming of a single over-all commander for ground, sea and air forces was essential for victory over Japan.

Doolittle's remarks, disclosed today, made him the first general officer in the Pacific campaign to criticize publicly the present divided command in that theater.

Under the present set-up, Gen. Douglas MacArthur commands all army forces in the Pacific and Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, all navy forces. Each has a number of air forces under his command.

(This dispatch was relayed through Manila, and presumably was approved by censors in MacArthur's command.)
Doolittle said unity of command had proved itself in North Africa, Sicily and Europe and added pointedly:

"We had divided command at Pearl Harbor."

21st Army Group Headquarters, Germany, Aug. 3—(UP)—Alois Hitler, half-brother of Adolf Hitler, has been given a clean bill of health by British security authorities and released from custody, it was announced today.

Alois Hitler was not associated with Adolf and was blameless for German war crimes, the British announced. They said he had been arrested almost a month ago in the Hamburg area.

"He was absolutely scared stiff of being associated with the fuhrer's activities in any way," a British statement said.

Alois Hitler had fled to Hamburg ahead of the Russians from Berlin, where he kept an obscure tavern in a working class district.

MRS. TAMAR D. KERSHAW IS SUMMONED BY DEATH
Mrs. Tamar D. Kershaw, wife of P. W. Kershaw, passed away in a local hospital this morning. She was born on Wagner Creek, the daughter of James F. Gregory and Louise Cochran Gregory and had spent her entire life in this community.

Services will be held in the Conger-Morris Chapel at 3 p. m. Monday with the Rev. Harry Hansen officiating. Interment will be in IOOF cemetery. A complete obituary will appear in Sunday's paper.

By The Side Of The Rogue

By Dale Vincent
There are a number of "humming-bird" little which work our flower beds at night, and knowing very little about these nocturnal insects, we decided to tap the next one that visited us gently on the head with a fly swatter—in the name of science.

We spotted one working the petunias and made a moth but firm swing, the flower wilted under the blow, but the gentle but moved to another. Two more strokes, and the damage to the flowers mounted, but the moth was still one move ahead. Then he flew to our big porch light and started circling, as I swung twice more.

Getting tired of this horseplay, we reached for the broom. One husky two-fisted swing—a loud report—followed by a blinding flash—silence—and total darkness. The broom had connected with the porch wiring system. Standing in the darkness, draped with electrical apparatus, we heard the dull hum of the moth as he departed up-river.