

# League of Nations Peace Plan Readied For Big Peace Meet

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—The United States is prepared to put forth at the forthcoming Big-Four meeting here a plan for an international security organization patterned on the League of Nations and providing a consultative formula for the use of force to suppress war.

By this formula each nation would retain final authority over its own troops, planes and ships and would assign no direct power over them to the international agency. The agency after consultations among its members, could recommend but not order that a member nation use its troops for international police duty.

**Binding Commitment**  
The only binding commitment on this vital point would be one which in effect has already been made in the Moscow four-power declaration—that no participating country would use its forces in foreign territory except in accordance with the decisions of the international agency to maintain peace.

## HOLIDAY ACCIDENT TOLL REACHES 327

By The Associated Press  
A four-day Memorial Day holiday, bringing the season's first heavy traffic to the country's highways and drawing thousands to summer's outing places, resulted in at least 327 violent deaths, an Associated Press survey disclosed today.

With mid-summer temperatures throughout the nation over the holiday period, beaches, fishing resorts and sailing courses were the scene of thousands and the number of drownings climbed to more than 100, exceeding traffic fatalities.

**Highway Toll Less**  
The toll on the highways for the four days was far below the national safety council's estimate of 250, latest figures showing 99 persons lost their lives, in traffic mishaps, with a similar number of drownings reported.

The violent death toll surpassed by almost 100 the 1943 total of 239 deaths for the three-day holiday last year but was below the average peacetime Memorial Day count of 400 deaths. The safety council's estimate of 250 traffic fatalities

## Hospital Planes Fly Wounded Home



(NEA Telephoto)  
Private Grady Herron is lifted aboard one of 12 C-47 hospital planes of Army's Air Transport Command loaded at San Francisco with wounded veterans of South Pacific war theater in first mass air evacuations. They'll be flown to hospitals near their homes.

was for a corresponding four-day period in May.

**California Leads**  
California, with 42 deaths by violence, led the nation. In addition to the 25 persons killed in plane crashes, there were eight traffic fatalities, six drownings, and one death each by shooting, electrocution and tractor accident. New York's 24 total ranked second largest, while Illinois reported 21. Eleven states did not report a single violent death.

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## TRUSCOTT LED MEN ON ANZIO FOR GEN. CLARK

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY, May 31 (AP)—It may now be disclosed that Maj. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott, 49, a native of Texas, was in command of allied troops on the Anzio beachhead from mid-February until Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark arrived to direct the present offensive.

Truscott arrived on the beachhead as commander of the third U. S. infantry division which he had led through Sicily and the first part of the Italian campaign. He was credited with making it one of the finest American infantry divisions.

The division was a part of the sixth corps of the fifth army which comprised Americans and a division of British which landed at Anzio under the command of another American major general.

Whether this general acted too cautiously in not pushing rapidly inland after the surprise landing, or whether the decision to keep the beachhead force in a compact area came from a higher commander, is an unanswered question.

In any event, Truscott took over command of the whole beachhead force after the second German counter-attack, which came near to hurling the allied troops into the sea.

He successfully beat back a third attack. After that the Ger-

## Demo Keynoter?



Gov. Robert S. Kerr, above, of Oklahoma, is reported to be first choice as temporary chairman and keynoter of the Democratic national convention on July 19.

mans limited their action to containing the area.

Truscott, a husky-voiced, handsome gray-haired general, is liked by his troops. His shiny helmet, rough weather jacket and riding boots are a familiar sight at the front.

He was the ranking American officer on the Dieppe raid which he helped plan. He also conceived and planned the first Ranger force. Before that he had commanded the fifth cavalry regiment.

Every man would have an eight-acre farm if the world's tillable land were divided evenly among its inhabitants.

## ALUMINUM ACTION

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—Action to keep the aluminum plants in the Pacific northwest operating at full capacity was announced today by Rep. Norman (R-Wash.). He said the war manpower commission (WMC) notified him it had approved international recruiting of labor for the plants and that Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes, as solid fuels administrator, had recommended to the war production board that all aluminum plants in the country using coal be closed and their employees offered transportation to jobs in the northwest plants.

## BILL APPROVED

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—President Roosevelt has ap-

proved a bill awarding Edward Gilliam, Hermiston, Ore., \$5000 for injuries he received when an automobile in which he was riding

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**FDR Talks Plan**  
President Roosevelt discussed the American proposal briefly at his news conference yesterday. He called it a first draft, subject to great changes and vast improvement. It fits in, he said, with the American aim to work with the rest of the world without in any way detracting from United States independence.

He also made plain that, in the course of the talks with the other three powers, it may be modified or merged into a single conference plan, if one is agreed upon, in order to provide a satisfactory basis for further international action toward creation of a league.

**Prejudice Chances**  
The intention of the White House and state department is not to make the plan public until after the Big-Four meeting. The feeling among officials now is that to release it earlier would provoke unnecessary controversy over changeable details and also prejudice chances for successful negotiation.

Yet as a result of detailed inquiry in responsible quarters it is possible to report that the main points of the American proposal are these:

1. United Nations council (or executive committee)—to be composed initially of this country, Britain, China and Russia but later to be expanded to a membership of seven or eight countries, with special emphasis on representation for small nations.
2. United Nations assembly—to include at first all 35 United Nations and the nine so-called associated nations among which France is presently listed. The assembly would be expanded to take in, first, nations now neutral and, second reformed enemy countries. All nations large and small would be equal in sovereignty and voice.
3. Police power—instead of a single police force—proposals for which have no support in official quarters here—power would be exercised by the league council against potential troublemakers through the military forces of member nations. Once the council had voted action in a specific case the final decision



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## CONGRESS HONORS DECEASED MEMBERS

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—Congress laid aside its business temporarily today out of respect to the memory of the three senators and 10 representatives who have died since the annual memorial exercises were held a year ago.

These 13, who have died since last June 5, were to be honored in services in the house chamber (at 11:45 a. m., EWT). They were Reps. Guyer of Kansas; Cullen and O'Leary, of New York; Greal, of Kentucky; Ditter, of Pennsylvania; Steagall, of Alabama; Lewis, of Colorado; and Wheat and Schuetz, of Illinois; and Senators Barbour, of New Jersey; Van Nuys, of Indiana, and McNary of Oregon.

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