

MERGER PLAN FAILURE PREDICTED

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, Russia and France have re-assembled in Paris to tackle again the knotty problem of making peace treaties in Europe.

Their job is a delicate and dangerous one—not unlike that of a crew that goes to work to render harmless a delayed action mine or a bomb that didn't explode.

They may get away with it. OR, no matter how delicately the job is handled, the thing may go off.

AN example of the delicacy of the situation is offered by a dispatch carried by the New York Times from its correspondent, C. L. Sulzberger (an experienced and competent reporter) in Paris, who says:

"A series of persistent and disturbing reports that red army and satellite troops are being concentrated in the environs of Yugoslavia was received by the U. S. delegation to the foreign ministers council yesterday and today. The reports created a certain amount of anxiety either that Moscow might be trying to embark on a new type of pressure politics to obtain peace settlements in accordance with its own conceptions or that elements seeking discord among the Big Four powers were at work."

He adds: "Because of the difficulty of access behind the so-called 'iron curtain' of Europe, it is hard to get any exact, confirmed details regarding these rumors. Nevertheless, there is reason to believe that as a result of such information as has been received U. S. troops in Germany and some allied troops in Italy have been alerted and units protectively shifted, despite any official denials of such measures."

THE story brought from an "official spokesman" from the American delegation in Paris this morning a statement that "a published newspaper story that American troops in Germany may have been alerted because of reported concentrations of Russian troops in southeastern Germany is based on rumors."

"Official spokesman" then added: "There are all sorts of rumors flying around here and that particular one is the kind that I do not want to comment on in any way whatsoever."

That is to say, he neither confirms nor denies.

KEEP in mind that matters in Europe are approaching a showdown. Both Byrnes (U.S.) and Bevin (British) have asserted that they are going to bring the peace treaty business to a head this time. If there is bluffing, it may be assumed that it will continue clear up to the last moment.

The city of Trieste, in northern Yugoslavia, is the hot spot of the peace settlement, and if there are to be displays of force anywhere it may be assumed that they will come in that general area.

If the Russians are moving troops into advantageous positions in the Trieste area, it would be natural to assume that we and the British are moving troops into counter-positions.

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Jap Schools Draw Blame In War Plot

TOKYO, June 17 (AP)—Japan's war plotters used the schools to instill in Nipponese youth the idea that their nation had a "divine mission" to rule eastern Asia, a U. S. marine officer testified today as the first prosecution witness in the war crimes trial of former Premier Hideki Tojo and 27 other defendants.

Lt. Col. Donald R. Nugent, chief of supreme headquarters civil information and education section, who taught in Japan before the war, said Japanese students were told that their nation eventually would dominate "the world under one roof."

Tojo leaned forward on his elbows and stared fixedly at the witness, and seemed to show an interest for the first time since he went on trial before the international tribunal.

Nugent testified that Japanese pupils were put through field maneuvers, street fighting problems, bayonet drills and machinegun instruction.

"Such teachings," Nugent said, "inculcated in them both ultra-nationalism and militarism. It taught them fanatical devotion to country and blind obedience to authority."

Dr. S. Nazumi of the defense staff sought to show by cross-examination that Nugent had arrived at his opinion by talking to only a few Japanese students.

"When the response," Nugent replied, "is 100 per cent the same opinion, it is apparent the opinion is a good one."

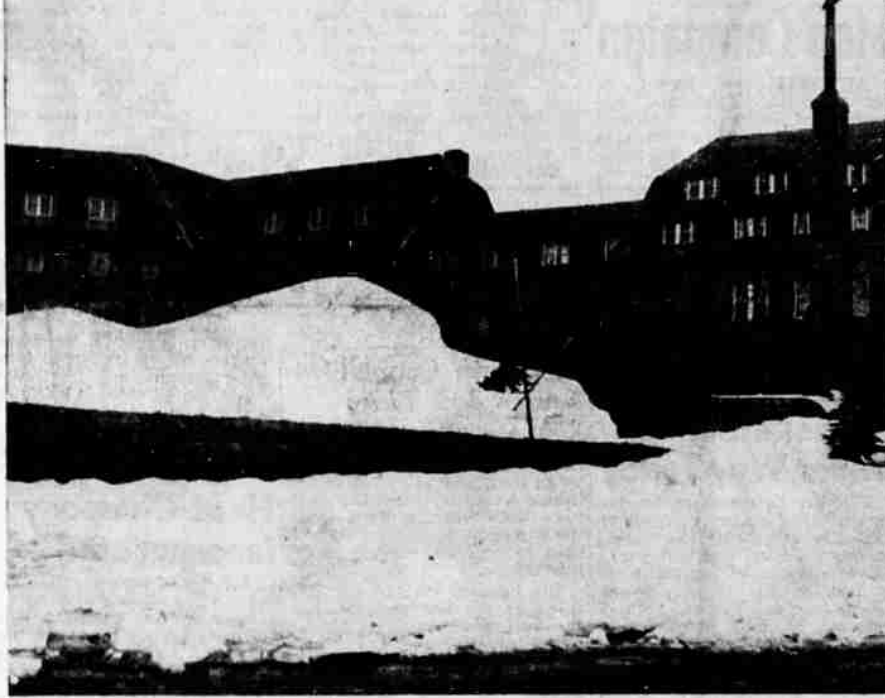
At the outset, Valentine C. Hammack of San Francisco, assistant prosecutor, charged that beginning with 1928 the men on trial began to prepare Japan for war.

Hammack accused Marquis Koichi Kido, former confidential adviser to Emperor Hirohito, with "completely reorganizing" Japan's educational system in 1937 in preparation for hostilities.

visitors Drive Through Deep Snows



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Clark To Probe Housing Delays

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP) Attorney General Tom Clark said today that the government is making a nationwide investigation of what he termed "trade restraints in the construction industry which are retarding the housing program."

The FBI is conducting the probe for the justice department's anti-trust division, Clark told a reporter, adding: "The investigation also encompasses reported abuses in allied fields, including mortgage interest rates, and reports of black market dealings in lumber. It is the prelude to an all-out effort to eliminate the bottlenecks which are largely responsible for the housing shortage and are delaying the erection of new homes."

Meanwhile, Housing Administrator Wilson W. Wyatt said after a White House call that small home construction is under way "at a really terrific rate."

Wyatt told reporters the extent of the progress would be reflected in a report he hopes to have ready soon by the end of the month at the latest.

While asserting the shortage is so great that the public finds it hard to realize the accomplishments, he said the figures will show widespread building.

His big worry, he said, is the price of the homes that are going up.

Political Crisis Grips France

PARIS, June 17 (AP)—The French governmental crisis mounted today when the socialists spurned the presidency of the council and the moderate popular republican movement reaffirmed the candidacy of Foreign Minister George Bidault.

The communists have refused to support any regime the moderate new party heads.

Gen. Charles de Gaulle, often associated with the popular republican movement (MRP), emerged from the political obscurity he entered upon resigning the presidency six months ago, by declaring in a speech at Bayeux that he favored a strong executive and a two chamber legislature for the fourth republic.

Hope for immediate solution of the crisis dimmed.

Heating Company Boiler Shut Down

Klamath Heating company's only operating boiler was shut down today by a state inspector for inspection purposes, Manager John Kirby announced today. He said the boiler will require until tomorrow morning to cool off, and the inspection will take place on Tuesday.

The company will be unable to furnish heat tonight, Kirby said that how soon the boiler can be fired again will depend on the result of the inspection, but he hopes it may be generating steam by Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

Medford Murder Trial Continued

MEDFORD, June 17 (AP)—The trial of Mrs. Clara May Hutcheson on a first degree murder charge in connection with the pistol-slaying of her husband, Fred C., last April has been continued in circuit court until September.

Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna granted the motion for continuance today. The case had been set for June 25. Mrs. Hutcheson is in the county jail.

Circuit Court Opens Session

The June term of circuit court convened this morning and a few minutes later recessed until this afternoon when 12 special veniremen are being called to fill the jury box.

Thomas Lester Reilly, indicted for assault with intent to commit rape, entered a plea of not guilty, and Harold Richard Gartin, indicted for rape, also pleaded not guilty. They are both remanded to the custody of the sheriff and time for trial was set.

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WEATHER NEWS

June 17, 1946
Max. (June 16) 60 Min. 30
Precipitation last 24 hours 17
Stream year to date 18.50
Normal 11.50 Last year 11.60
Forecast: Clear today, tonight and Tuesday.

Anti-Racket Labor Curbs Given OK

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP) The senate judiciary committee approved today the Hobbs "anti-racket strike" provision of the Case strike control bill vetoed by President Truman.

Chairman McCarran (D-Neb.), said no record was made of the committee vote but that it was "not unanimous."

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Hobbs (D-Ala.), passed the house last December and since has been bottled up in the senate judiciary committee.

It would make it a felony under federal law for any one to interfere with movements of goods in interstate commerce "by robbery or extortion."

Violations would be punishable by fines up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years.

The measure backers say it is aimed among other things, at stopping the practice by some unions of collecting a fee from farmers who drive produce to market in their own trucks.

These unions demand the fee in lieu of the hiring of a union driver.

The committee action was the first move in congress to send back to the president any part of the vetoed Case bill.

Passes



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John J. Keller Dies At Home

John Jacob Keller, former Klamath Falls councilman and for 36 years a resident of this city, died this morning at 7:30 o'clock at the family home at 718 Jefferson street.

Mr. Keller, who retired from the council about a year ago, had been periodically ill for a long time. He got up this morning, but died shortly afterwards from a heart attack.

A native of Ohio, Mr. Keller came to Klamath Falls in 1910, going immediately into the restaurant business. He first operated the Central cafe, then Keller's cafe on Main between Fourth and Fifth, and later took over the Sugar Bowl, which he ran until 1918.

For several years, he and Mrs. Keller collaborated in catering for a number of local organizations, including the Rotary club, Elks, chamber of commerce and others.

Before organization of the Elks lodge here, Elks living in the community formed an Antler's club, with quarters across from the present Willard hotel location, and John Keller was steward.

He was also steward for the Elks when they set up their lodge in quarters at 4th and Klamath.

In 1932, Mr. Keller was elected to the city council, and served for more than a dozen years. He was president of the council a number of terms.

Before coming to Oregon, Mr. Keller was manager of a clothing store at Fremont, Ohio, his native town, and he also operated the Keller Clothing store there.

Chance Slim In Spite Of Concessions

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP) Army-navy merger foes pasted a "too little and too late" label on President Truman's revised unification plan today.

They took the attitude that the concessions the president and the war department made to the sea arm on such points as the marine corps and the joint chiefs of staff were insufficient to overcome previous objections.

And with only four weeks before congress plans to quit work, they said the prospects of final action at this session are remote.

Senator Robertson (R-Wyo.) in comment typical of those who have been critical of earlier merger proposals said Mr. Truman's plan "still has the insurmountable defect of the secretaries of the army, navy and air forces not being cabinet members."

Single Control Feared

These three offices would be subordinate to the secretary of national defense under the administration plan, and Robertson, a member of the senate naval committee, told a reporter: "I am fearful of one man control."

The Wyoming senator said he was glad to see that Mr. Truman "decided to leave the marines in being" and that the army had bowed to the navy in favor of the present joint chiefs of staff.

In sending his plan to the chairman of the senate and house military and naval committees late Saturday, Mr. Truman said the program had his "unqualified endorsement." He added that Secretary of the Navy Forrestal and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, chief of naval operations, had promised to support it along with Secretary of War Patterson and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, army chief of staff.

Of the 12 "basic principles" for merger outlined by Mr. Truman, he had to resolve disputes between Forrestal and Patterson on four of them. And on only one of the four did the navy get the full nod.

Interim Rule Gains Favor

NEW DELHI, June 17 (AP)—Chances increased today that the dominantly Hindu congress party and the Moslem league would accept the British cabinet plan for an interim government to rule the teeming sub-continent in the transitory period before independence.

Field Marshal Lord Wavell, the viceroy, proposed that five congress representatives, five Moslem leaguers and four representatives of smaller segments of India's mass of 400,000,000 persons for the interim government to start functioning June 28.

Mohandas K. Gandhi, spiritual leader of the congress, was represented as "personally very unhappy" but the pro-congress Hindustan Times said "There is every reason for giving favorable consideration" to Wavell's announcement.

Dawn, official newspaper of the Moslem league, expressed the view that the British cabinet mission had "pulled a fast one" and asked "What guarantee is there even now that this 'final' decision... will remain final?"

Political writers interpreted this widely as indicating the league would accept the proposed cabinet, barring further changes.

Strife Flares In Holy Land

JERUSALEM, June 17 (AP)—All the population of the Jewish settlement of Beth Haavara was reported arrested by Palestine police after a night of widespread terror during which two British soldiers were killed by Arab marchers and eight highway and railway bridges were damaged by blasts.

An official police statement blamed Jewish terrorists for the bridge explosions.

The report of the mass arrest of Beth Haavara residents, although unconfirmed officially by police, was received from reliable sources. This report said that dogs led the police from the Allenby bridge across the Jordan on the main highway linking Palestine and Transjordan, were rendered impassable, the police said.

The body of one Jew and portions of the body of another were found near a damaged railway bridge near the village of Azzib, which was attacked by "armed Jews dressed in military uniform," a police statement asserted.

Meanwhile, the Holy Land was stirred by a Jewish underground radio report that British authorities were planning to deport Zionist leaders, and the Jewish agency urged the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine as the only lasting solution of the Palestine problem.

Cadogan Seeks To Bypass Action On Spanish Break

NEW YORK, June 17 (AP)—Sir Alexander Cadogan, British delegate to the United Nations security council, proposed today that the case of Franco Spain be referred by the council to the U. N. general assembly without any recommendations by the sub-committee with Madrid.

The British delegate questioned the legality of the findings of a council sub-committee which investigated Spain and recommended that the security council ask the general assembly to call for a United Nations break with Generalissimo Franco if he still is in power next September.

Arriving In U. S.

By The Associated Press
James C. Alden, Capt., Yreka, Calif., arrived on Hood Victory in New York June 12.
Charles D. Zeek, Lt., Klamath Falls, arrived on Sea Devil in New York June 14.

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Tojo Blames U. S., Britain

(Editor's note: This is the first of two stories based on an exclusive statement to the Associated Press, by Hideki Tojo, defending himself against charges before the international war crimes tribunal. The second will appear in the Herald and News tomorrow.)

In the statement, entitled "Impressions received from a statement to the prosecutor," Tojo contended the prosecution could not prove its charges that the defendants conspired to dominate the world.

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