

President Advises Envoys: If Peace Fails, Chaos Insues

Truman Broadcasts Greetings To S. F. Conference

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26 (ANS)—President Harry S. Truman opened the United Nations conference here yesterday in a radio broadcast with the declaration that the 46 participating nations have a choice between the "continuation of international chaos or establishment of a world organization for enforcement of peace."

Speaking from the White House, the Chief Executive did not mention the Polish controversy or any other pre-conference disagreements, but said that the "differences between men and between nations will always remain in fact. If held within reasonable limits such disagreements are actually wholesome. All progress begins with differences of opinion and moves onward as the differences are adjusted through reason and mutual understanding."

PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT

He declared that the essence "of our problem here is to provide sensible machinery for settlement of disputes among nations. Without this, peace cannot exist. We can no longer permit any nation or groups of nations to attempt to settle their arguments with bombs and bayonets." He continued:

"If we continue to abide by such decisions, we will be forced to accept the fundamental philosophy of our enemies, namely that 'might makes right.' To deny this premise and we most certainly do, we are obliged to provide the necessary means to refute it. Words are not enough. We must once and for all reverse the order and prove by our acts conclusively that right has might."

"We represent the overwhelming majority of all mankind. We hold a powerful mandate from our people. We must prevent, if the human mind, heart and hope can prevent it, a repetition of a disaster from which the entire world will suffer for years to come."

"The sacrifices of our youth today must lead through your efforts to the building for tomorrow of a mighty combination of nations founded upon justice for peace."

Mr. Truman recalled his address nine days ago to Congress, in which he said that, while the great states "have a special responsibility to enforce peace, their responsibility is based upon obligations resting upon all states large and small not to use force in international relations, except in defense of law."

'CERTAIN PEACE'

"The responsibility of the great states," he added, "is to serve and not dominate the peoples of the world." The President continued: "We fully realize today that victory in war requires mighty united efforts."

The President asked divine blessings on the gathering and declared that the delegates are to write the fundamental charter for a world organization to keep peace. "Our sole objective at this decisive gathering," he asserted, "is to create a structure. We must provide the machinery which will make a future peace not only possible but certain."

He welcomed the delegates on behalf of the American people and said he had complete confidence in the American delegation headed by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.

Mr. Truman then appealed to the delegates to rise above personal interests and adhere to those lofty principles which will benefit all mankind. "Franklin D. Roosevelt gave his life while trying to perpetuate these high ideals," Truman added. "This conference owes its existence in a large part to the vision and foresight and determination of Franklin Roosevelt."

U. S. Delegation Pledges 'Faithful Representation' To Armed Forces

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SAN FRANCISCO, April 26 — Members of the U. S. delegation at the World Security Conference today released the following message exclusively to The Stars and Stripes:

"To the men and women of the U. S. Armed Forces: Today the United Nations Conference on International Organization begins its work in San Francisco. It is your work on the field of battle that has made this conference possible."

"We are resolved to represent you well and faithfully at this meeting. We shall do our best to find, with our Allies, a sensible, practical method of preventing aggressions so that you and your children need never again be called from your home to fight another war."

"With all our hearts we pray for a swift and final victory — for the day when you will come home to join us in a peaceful community of nations."

Signed: Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., Tom Connally, Arthur H. Vandenberg, Sol Bloom, Charles A. Eaton, Harold E. Stassen and Virginia C. Gildersleeve.

Soviets' 3-Vote Request Heads Parley's Agenda

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to the Dumbarton Oaks formula.

The opening remarks of both President Truman and Secretary Stettinius were receiving favorable comment today. Stettinius, the temporary chairman, was an alert and smiling figure, Reuter's reported, when he appeared upon the floodlit stage of the opera house.

"In their purpose to build an enduring structure of world peace, the people of the U. S. believe they are firmly united with all other United Nations," he said. "They are united with the large countries which have had to bear

the main burden of winning the victory over our common enemies. They are united with all smaller countries, so many of which have suffered the agony and destruction of conquest—all because of the failure of peace-loving peoples to unite in time against aggression before this war."

London's press and other world newspapers warmly acclaimed President Truman's mandate to the delegates as "architects of a better world."

In Britain's initial reaction, however, there was still widespread pessimism over the Polish dispute. In France, General Charles de Gaulle, in a radio talk coinciding with the opening of the conference, said that France will play a major role in future world politics.

"Some of our principal friends have not yet seen the necessity of treating with us on vital world affairs in the same way as they treat among themselves," he added. "But it already seems that the world has nothing to gain from this method of procedure. We have always thought there could be no valid settlements except in the presence of France."

The cause of the smaller nations at the conference was championed by Egypt's delegation, with the proposal that membership in the security council be increased from 11 to 14, giving the smaller nations better representation.

Army Repairs Levee At Red River's Egg Bend

NEW ORLEANS, April 26 (ANS)—Army engineers reported today that a weak spot on the main levee of the swollen Red River five miles above the Moncla Bridge in Avoyelles parish was under control.

The Moncla Bridge has already been wrecked by flood waters and the break was threatened at a spot known as Egg Bend. Workers constructed a levee around the weak spot while the main levee was being strengthened. The Mississippi River was falling from St. Louis to Helena, Ark.

'Peace City' Sidelights Picture Graphic Story

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26—The 3,500 delegates, advisers and visitors to the opening sessions of the San Francisco conference, walking into the assembly room along red plush and gold corridors, passed in the lobby a plaque, the inscription on which had a deep meaning for them at the moment. It read:

"War Memorial Opera House: A living monument of hopes realized and dreams come true. Dedicated to the citizens of San Francisco who gave their lives in the service of their country."

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France will press for the adoption of French as one of the conference's official languages, Associated Press said. The French feel that their language, which has been the language of diplomacy for 300 years, cannot be slighted merely because of war reverses.

Of all the people at or near the conference, 300 Army, Navy and Coast Guard musicians must be the tidiest. They have completed a week of blasting out greetings to delegates. This included:

One ruffle of drums and one flourish of kugles for each delegation.

Four ruffles and four flourishes for each head of a delegation.

Greetings for every delegate out one-he arriving hours late on his own plane.

No national anthems were played because of the possibility of slighting someone in a mixed nationality group.

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Peace is in the air, but those in charge aren't taking any chances on war. Notices are prominently posted around the walls of the impressive white buildings where the conference is in progress telling what to do in the

V-2s Have Ceased, Winnie Tells House

LONDON, April 26 (Reuter's)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill today if he was now able to make any statement with regard to the German rocket attacks and replied:

"Yes, sir, they have ceased." There was loud laughter at his reply. When asked if he could give assurance that there was no prospect that they were likely to be resumed, Churchill said: "It is my duty to record the facts rather than to indulge in prophecy."

Opening Of Parley Hailed By Red Star

MOSCOW, April 26—The Red Army organ, Red Star, hailing the opening of the San Francisco Conference, declared today that "a great and noble task lies before this gathering," Reuter's reported.

"All progressive and freedom-loving humanity awaits the fruits of its labors with eagerness and hope," the journal added. "The Soviet public and press have fully and unconditionally spoken out in support of an international security organization."

The paper warned against "idolizing drafted statutes for the security organization," which it says would doubtless need further working out and supplementing.

Professor Eugene Korovin in a special commentary in Red Star said that two essential factors for the Conference's success were a "firm decision of the great powers to carry out the pledges which they made to preserve among themselves the military unity and friendship which secured the defeat of Germany, and the necessity of close collaboration and mutual confidence between the rest of the participants."

Report On Buchenwald Handed To Churchill

LONDON, April 26 (UP)—The British Parliament today handed a 22,000 word report on what they have seen at Buchenwald to Prime Minister Churchill who will decide whether or not it will be published as a state paper. It will probably be debated in both houses of parliament.

S. S. Silverman, M. P., who has just returned from Buchenwald, charged that the British Foreign Office withheld information from the public about German horror camps for six years between 1933 and 1939, in the hope of appeasing the Germans.

event of an air raid. They are written in English, Spanish and French.

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No prayer was arranged for the opening of the conference, Michael J. McDermott, State Department press chief, told reporters.

The Rt. Rev. Malcom E. Peatody, Episcopal bishop of central New York, complained about what he called the "alleged non-religious procedure" of the conference. AP said a multitude of religions are represented by the delegates and the fact that some have no religion would have posed a difficult problem in settling on any set prayer.

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There will be no cigarette shortage at the conference. All major tobacco companies have diverted allotments to the tobacco stand in the Opera House and Veterans Memorial Building, which are operated by American women volunteers.

Tenth Army Troops Seize Vital Heights In Okinawa Fighting

GUAM, April 26—Troops of the U. S. 10th Army, making their first general gains since they launched an all-out offensive in southern Okinawa, have swept forward in the center to take the village of Kakauzu and capture important heights along the western and eastern flanks, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Hill 178 on the east coast was taken by assault, and Japanese defenses around the town and airfield of Yonabaru were being reduced by naval gunfire and low-level air attacks as the infantrymen advanced.

Strong defenses in front of Nal and Shuri, the island's two principal cities, had still to be breached. Admiral Nimitz placed Japanese losses in the Okinawa campaign to April 25 at 21,269 killed and 39 taken prisoner. American casualties in the same 25-day period were 7,424, of which 1,146 were killed, 5,982 wounded and 296 missing.

GUERRILLAS TAKE PORT

MANILA, April 26 — Filipino guerrillas on northern Luzon have captured Port Vigan, one of the original Japanese invasion points in 1942, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

The guerrillas also took an adjacent airfield and the town of Bantay. They are clearing the entire province of Ilocos, on the northwestern tip of Luzon.

Another advance by the Americans on Mindanao put them within 45 miles of Davao, largest city on the island and one of the best ports in the Philippines. The Yanks have now reached hilly country in their overland drive toward Davao and are within 32 airline miles of Davao Gulf.

SUPERFORTS POUND JAPAN

GUAM, April 26 — Superfortresses bombed airfields this morning on the Japanese home islands of Kyushu and Shikoku, the 21st Bomber Command reported. About 250 planes took part.

In poor bombing weather, they dropped explosives from medium altitude, aiming at bases from which the Japanese have been staging air attacks on American positions on Okinawa.

The raid was the first for B-29s against Shikoku, located between Kyushu and the main Japanese island of Honshu. Eight airfields were hit.

Senate Democrats Pay Truman Goodwill Visit

WASHINGTON, April 26 (ANS)—All the Democratic senators in the capital visited the White House today to present to President Truman a pledge of goodwill, cooperation and support during his administration.

Sen. Hill, Alabama, headed the Democratic delegation of approximately 30, representing all factions. Hill said the resolution passed at the Senate Democratic conference last Friday and pledging the membership's goodwill, cooperation and support was received by President Truman "with appreciation." Hill said no legislative matters were discussed.

Okinawa Movies

OKINAWA, April 26 (ANS)—This island, which is still the scene of bitter fighting, had its first movie last night. Lt. Col. John T. Carleton of Atlanta, Ga., 10th Army special service officer, raised the curtain on the film, "Wilson." This was the first picture the 383rd Infantry Regiment had seen at the front since the opening of the Okinawa invasion April 1.