

TRUMAN

D. I. - Buenos. Monday, July 9, 1945.

President Truman tonight is on the high seas.

He sailed from the naval base at Norfolk late ~~on~~ Saturday, accompanied by a large staff. He took with him Secretary of State Byrnes, Assistant Secretary James Dunn, and an expert on Russia, Chas. E. Bohlen. There were also correspondents for the three wire services, United Press, Associated Press and International News Service.

Among the tasks the President has set himself in Europe, is the concluding of a four powered treaty, *that is* a treaty providing a long term program for the control of Germany. The four powers, of course, being the United States, Russia, Great Britain and France. By its terms, the Big Four will have a uniform policy for the treatment of the conquered, and this Mr. Truman hopes to sell to Churchill and Stalin at Berlin. If they accept it, ^{out of} ~~the~~ _^ ~~this~~ ^{comp} will ^{be} a new job for ^{Gen.} Eisenhower, ^{who} ~~he~~ _^ will undoubtedly be the United States member of the Allied Control Commission. — *the kind of member we we would like to have on that Commission.*

~~However, the President has another shot in his~~

If by any chance ~~looker.~~ ~~In case~~ *agree to a* our Allies won't ~~buy the~~ long term

program, Mr. Truman is also prepared with a short term emergency program which ~~would~~ *— one to* run from one to five years.

W The long term plan would be for indefinite decades, or, as one man put it, "as long as it takes to develop the Germans into a peace-loving people."

Before he left, President Truman expressed himself on the subject of radio. He wrote a letter to the editor of Broadcasting Magazine, in which he said:

"American radio is in good hands. With many hundred^d of new stations possible by virtue of the opening of ~~those~~ new frontiers by our scientists and engineers, the free competition of the present will become even freer.

Our ~~The American~~ *in this country,* system he went on, "has worked and must keep working. Regulations by natural forces of competition, even with the obvious concomitant shortcomings, is to be preferred over rigid governmental

regulation of a medium that by its very nature must be maintained as free as the press."

One of the most probable topics the Big Three will take up at Berlin is oil from Persia, or Iran as ^{it is} ~~we~~ now called. Those Iranian fields are ~~mighty rich~~, a tempting prize. The Communist organ PRAVDA in Moscow ~~had a crack~~ ^{today} ~~at the subject today.~~ It published a piece claiming that reactionary pro-Fascist elements are terrorizing democratic elements in northern Iran, wrecking headquarters, writing rude remarks about the Soviet union on walls, threatening Red army soldiers and the children of Russian officials.

BERLIN FOLLOW TRUMAN

On Wednesday, the commanding officers of the American, British and Russian forces in Berlin will hold a meeting to discuss means of feeding the people ~~of~~ the capital and providing fuel. ^{German} When those problems are ^{for them,} settled, ^{then} they will deal with such questions as transportation, sanitation, political activity, and fraternization.

The announcement came from Major General Floyd Parks of Philadelphia, who commands the American forces in the German capital. He said he was confident there would be good progress at Wednesday's meeting, and that most of the difficulties would be ironed out. ^{All of which may} ~~this will~~ make it unnecessary for the Big Three to consider such purely local matters. ^{Yes.} Parks hopes there will be an opportunity for a formal parade of troops during the meeting of the Big Three.

EXPLOSIONS

Here is a sensation from Paris. If the story is true, the entire center of the port of Dunkirk in northern France has been ~~wiped~~ out. At half past two this afternoon, there was a terrific explosion. A great munitions dump blew up, shattering everything within ~~an~~ a large area. Tons of metal flew in the air and fell all over the harbor and the center of the city. After the first big explosion, blast followed blast for hours, up to nightfall.

There has been no time yet to take stock of casualties, but the authorities are afraid they were exceedingly heavy. Radio Paris reported that it caused a panic among the civilian inhabitants of Dunkirk. They had only just begun returning to their homes.

On the munitions dump itself, some thirty Frenchmen and eighty German prisoners of war were at work, unloading shells. Presumably they, at least, were all blown to smithereens.

CHARTER

Former State Secretary Stettinius held the floor today in the committee room of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate. He was the first witness to appear in behalf of the World Security Charter. For forty-six minutes he read a well written, lucid statement explaining the Charter and the organization of the United Nations that it ^{contemplates,} ~~plans~~ The Senators listened ^{attentively and when Mr.} ~~without interruption, and in complete attention.~~

~~When~~ Stettinius finished, Chairman Tom Connally turned to Senator Hiram Johnson of California, the senior Republican member, - yes, the same Hiram Johnson who seconded H^enry Cabot Lodge in fighting ^{Woodrow Wilson and} the League of Nations. Said Senator Connally: "Any questions, Senator Johnson?"

^{aged} The Californian replied: "No", and all other members of the committee followed suit.

But they would not let ^{the ex-secretary of State} ~~Stettinius~~ go without ^{some words of praise} ~~a kind word~~ for what he had done at San Francisco.

Said Senator Vandenberg of Michigan: ~~"I want to say, the~~

^{"The}
Secretary made a brilliant record at San Francisco."

And he added: "His work was in the finest American tradition and he deserves the thanks of his countrymen."

Sen. Tom Connally as Chairman ^{echoed this and} ~~said practically the~~
~~same~~ ^{ed a} adding ~~a warm~~ tribute to former Secretary Cordell Hull.

The second witness today was Dr. Leo Pasvolsky, the State Department's expert on international organizations. He did ^{quite} not get off so easily, and had to answer ^{various} ~~several~~ questions, ^{which} ~~that~~ enabled him to explain in considerable detail how the organization would work, what provision there would be for treating any threat to world peace, ^{and} the mechanism for amending and improving the Charter.

AIR WAR

Our ~~Superforts~~ ^{big planes again today} today went out by the hundreds and

struck at ~~no fewer than~~ five ~~different~~ targets in Japan,
~~They were~~ all on the island of Honshu, and all important
centers of manufacture. The B-29s dropped bombs on
Gifu, a place of a hundred and seventy-two thousand people;
Sakai, an industrial suburb of Osaka; Wakayama, thirty
miles to the south ^{of Osaka,} with a hundred and seventy-five
thousand people; and Sendai, the largest city of
northeastern Japan, ^{— a city of} ~~with~~ two hundred and twenty-four
thousand, ~~inhabitants~~. Also Yokkaichi, where the Japs
have a big oil refinery.

We have a new weapon in action in the Pacific,
a Corsair plane more powerful than any built before.
The Navy has just released the news, and says it was a
big surprise to the Japs. It is a gull winged job with a
two thousand, one hundred horsepower motor, capable of
four hundred and twenty-five miles an hour. Leatherneck

~~There were indications in~~ the story from Guam

^{indicates} that ~~that the B-29s that carried these raids were~~ ^{out} no fewer than six hundred. ~~One task force~~ [^] B-29s were out this time. One group flew a round trip of three thousand, nine hundred and sixty miles.

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This was the thirty-fifth consecutive day of

~~the~~ air attacks on the Japanese homeland; ~~On this~~ occasion our ~~superforce~~ ^{ing} penetrated further than ever before, ~~into Japan.~~

CHINA

In China, the Nips have evacuated practically all of the province of Kwangsi. ^{has} That enabled Chiang Kai-shek's men to retake Tanchuk, where our armies had a base until the Japs captured it. ~~The~~ Chinese divisions are now fighting in the outskirts of Kweilin. ^{the city of} That corridor of communication from ~~the north to south China~~, ^{China to the south,} of which the Japs ~~were so proud~~ ^{had so long boasted} is now shrinking. ~~What's more~~ ^{And,} the Mikado's forces in southern China are, now, ^{reported to be} in full retreat into Indo-China.

In their latest advances, the Chinese forces have recaptured three big bases for the Fourteenth Air Force - Liuchow, Nanning and Tanchuk. And it looks as though they will soon have Kweilin, ~~which is the real~~ key to ^{all} ~~the~~ Japanese communication lines in South China.

A spokesman at Chungking put out the claim today that Japanese casualties in China during the last eight years amounted to a total of two million, five hundred thousand. ^{And} Chinese casualties in the same period were three million, one hundred thousand.

BURMA FOLLOW CHINA

~~But the news from Burma is not so good today.~~

~~There~~ ^{we hear have staged} The Japs ~~put on~~ a violent counter-attack north of ^{in Burma.} Rangoon. Supported by artillery, the Mikado's troops got ~~with~~ to within eighteen miles of ^{that main} the railroad running north from Rangoon ^{to} Prome and Maudalay.

Another division attacked a British column that was advancing to the relief of Nyaungkashe. The Japanese attack held up those British reinforcements. Other Japanese units are attacking all along the line, giving the British and Gurkha troops considerable trouble.

BORNEO

Dutch troops have landed at two more points in Borneo. General MacArthur reports that they carried out two amphibious operations on the north shore of Balikpapan Bay. While they were doing that, the Australians finished the job of pocketing the Japanese who were holding out in the great Pandansari oil refineries north of Balikpapan.

MacArthur tells us that the Australians of the Ninth Division are forging ahead in north Borneo, also the Seventh ^{Division at} ~~around~~ Balikpapan.

Northwest of the Manga Airfield, the enemy counterattacked the Australians twice over the weekend, and ~~they~~ are putting up a stiff resistance to the Australians who are pushing towards Samarinda, a big oil shipping port sixty miles northeast of Balikpapan. The Australians have swampy country to splash through, but they are steadily wiping out the enemy.

PHILIPPINES

General MacArthur announced last week that the Battle of the Philippines was over, but some of Uncle Sam's divisions still have ~~some~~ mopping-up ^{to do,} ~~work,~~ The Sixth in northern Luzon has just taken the tallest mountain height overlooking Kiangan. It is now only three miles downhill between them and the headquarters of the former Japanese Fourteenth Army.

The battle for Kiangan has been a long, hard pull through rugged mountain roads, but ~~not~~ it seems ^{about} to be over.

SULTAN

A promotion for Lieutenant General Daniel I. Sultan, who has been commander of United States troops in the India-Burma theatre. President Truman today nominated him for Inspector General of the Army. That means he comes back to the United States with a permanent rank of Major General.

The last time I saw General Sultan was a couple of weeks ago at Delhi, when I had dinner with him and his staff. Among the officers there was the famous Brigadier General Merrill, chief of Merrill's Marauders.

COUNTERFEITERS

From Italy comes another one of those tales in which truth is wilder than fiction. Not long after the Nazis were thrown out, a big gang of counterfeiters got busy. Millions of dollars' worth of bad money, American greenbacks, bank notes, Italian Lire, Italian occupation currency, began to flood the country. It soon became a major problem for ~~the~~ "Amgot." Fortunately, in the criminal investigation division of the American Fifth Army, the authorities found two expert investigators from Chicago. They disguised themselves as Italian hoodlums, and succeeded in mingling with the mobsters of Milan. They became familiar figures at the Milanese bars and underworld hangouts, and had no difficulty in becoming acquainted with the leaders of the counterfeiters.

Well,
The top man turned out to be a prosperous resident of Milan, well dressed and to the outward eye quite respectable. Having gathered enough evidence,

the criminal investigation division of the Fifth Army carried out a series of raids on July Fourth. They cleaned out three printing establishments and found an elaborate plant for the forging of currency, lithographing stones, printing plates, presses, and everything.

The boss of the mob, when ~~he was~~ caught, claimed that he was a modern Italian reincarnation of Robinhood. ^{ing} ~~He~~ outwitted the rich to give to the poor and needy, so he said. ~~That's a nice way of explaining yourself~~

NEWSPAPERS

People in the New York ^{area} were threatened with another week of ~~being~~ without newspapers, but, tonight the War Labor Board cracked down. ~~It gives~~ ^{it} the striking truck drivers until eight o'clock Wednesday morning to go back to work. If they do not, the Board will suspend the provision in their contract which imposes a closed shop. And it will cancel all retroactivity in any wage adjustments that are made.

The cancellation of the closed shop clause would leave the publishers free to hire non-union rivals.

The Board notified union officials in a telegram and told them to warn all their members, That's how the dispute stands tonight. ^H It began when the Union demanded the publishers give up three per cent of their payroll to establish a welfare fund for the drivers. The publishers ~~wanted~~ wanted a ruling from the War Labor Board before they consented. The Union insisted upon direct negotiations. That seems to be the gist of the argument.

HORSE THIEF

Sixteen year old Hugo Mueller seems to be what you might call a progressive lad. Just a month ago, the officials of the juvenile court paroled him on the charge of being a horse thief.

The next thing they knew, an airplane was missing from ~~Billy~~ Mitchell Field. Yes, it was Hugo ~~Mueller~~ again. Said he to the juvenile authorities: "There's nothing to it, it's all in the landing." It was indeed all in the landing! Hugo crash^{ed}~~landed~~ his borrowed plane in a swamp near Milwaukee. *That's how they* ~~which is why~~ got him ~~so quickly~~.

ROMANCE

True love is having a tough time in a six-cornered romance at Portland, Oregon. ~~It is~~ a romance between two pretty young Oregon girls and two Italian prisoners of war. The young Oregonians know no Italian, and the prisoners-of-war ~~don't~~ ^{no} speak English, [—] still they ^{we} managed

In fact to get along. They ran away together in an old automobile.

In this they got as far as ~~and they got along until they reached~~ Ontario. *I mean* ~~Oregon~~ [^]
the town of Ontario, Oregon.

There an unfeeling ^{Oregonian} gendarmierie took a hand and stopped

In fact the Oregon the love flight. ~~The~~ politzei put in their oar because

the two pretty young Oregonians already have husbands, husbands now serving overseas.

One of the elopers, a nineteen year old brunette, *Police - "Hey,* said to the ~~cops~~ [^] "Why all the fuss?" And the other girl added: "We haven't done anything wrong, we're ^{just} ~~all~~ in love."

The quartett - all of them [^]
~~All four of the lovebirds~~ have been working in a

Seattle war plant, the two girls and the Italian prisoners.

What urged them to move was a grapevine report that the prisoner-of-war service unit was about to be transferred.

Wherupon ^a ^{and landed}
~~That's why~~ they all took ~~the~~ jappopy in the general

direction of Boise, Idaho. The charge against the young

ladies is ~~of~~ conniving in the escape of prisoners-of-war.

girls are startled at this. They
They ~~said~~ they didn't realize what they were doing.

Didn't realize they were doing
~~Nevertheless, they insisted they are going to divorce~~
anything wrong,

~~their American soldier husbands and marry the Italian~~

~~prisoners~~ *And now H - will you do*

something right!