

CHARTER

P. J. Sunoco. Friday, June 29, 1945.

In the Senate today one of the most influential voices gave eloquent recommendation to the Charter of the United Nations. Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, once a champion of isolationism and more recently a delegate to the San Francisco Conference which framed the charter.

Senator Vandenberg today told his fellow legislators that the charter was not perfect. He said it had flaws, but contended that it was a real beginning of the formation of an international system to outlaw wars.

"It is laden with promise and with hope",

said he.
~~he cried~~ "It deserves a faithful trial".

In his climax he called for a prompt ratification of the document. "America has everything to gain and nothing to lose by giving its support",
said ~~he~~ *the Senator from Michigan.*

Another powerful Republican, Senator Taft of Ohio, suggests that the Senate vote a reservation to the charter, a reservation that would define more

precisely the powers of the American delegate to the council of the United Nations. Senator Taft thinks that, as the charter stands, the American delegate might have too much latitude, too much leeway, in committing the United States to some course of action or other.

Senator Vandenberg argued today that no such reservation was necessary - no need of any greater definition or limitation of the power of the American delegate to the council.

Later in the day Vandenberg, as the ranking Republican member of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, called a meeting of Republican Senators. He announced afterward that the consensus of opinion at the meeting was that the charter should be backed and pushed along as fast as possible -- always with the provision that it be fully presented and deliberated upon in the Senate.

POPE

Pope Pius the Twelfth today expressed profound satisfaction with the accomplishments of the San Francisco Conference - the adoption of the charter of the United Nations. He stated this in an interview with United Press Correspondent Ann Stringer, to whom he expressed the hope that the world, through the world security Organization, will be able to work out its problems in a peaceable way instead of resorting to tanks, ~~cannon and war planes.~~

U.P. correspondent
Ann Stringer asked the Pontiff about the relations between the Vatican and Soviet Russia. Pope Pius responded by saying that the Vatican will welcome relations with any nation in the world.

RUTHENIA

Czechoslovakia has given part of its prewar territory to Soviet Russia. Today a treaty was signed whereby the Czechoslovak Republic ceded to the Soviets its eastern extension, the Province now called the Carpathian Ukraine, previously -- Ruthenia.

Prewar Czechoslovakia consisted of three segments of Slavic population, the Czechs, the Slovaks, and the Ruthenians -- and there wasn't always too much harmony between them. The Ruthenians are an extension of the Ukrainian people who extended eastward through the southern part of prewar Poland ^{with} ~~and have~~ the bulk of their numbers in Southern Russia. The Soviets are taking that southern part of Poland, and now -- Ruthenia [^] ~~which~~ -- which puts the Russians on the Border of Hungary.

Most nations object strenuously to turning part of their territory over to another nation, as Poland has protested against yielding so much of its prewar territory to the Soviets. But Czechoslovakia makes no objection. That nation has a close treaty

with Soviet Russia and hands over Ruthenia in an amicable arrangement. Forty-six-thousand square miles of territory with a population of three quarters of a million.

WAR CRIMINALS

Czechoslovakia is demanding the Nazi Chief who ordered ^{such} savage reprisals for the assassination of Heydrich, the hangman. He is Karl Herman Frank, who succeeded the hangman as Nazi overlord of Czechoslovakia

Frank is now a prisoner of the Americans, and has confessed to the atrocities. He tells how, after Heydrich was killed, he signed orders for wholesale executions. He is being held as a war criminal, but Czechoslovakia wants to try him as a common murderer.

This is accompanied by news of the execution of the first German criminals in Germany itself. They ~~px~~ paid the penalty in the case of the brutal killing of an American airman who had parachuted to earth from a bomber. Three Germans were accused, found guilty, and today were ~~hanged~~.

TRICK

From Paris comes the story of how shortly before the ~~the~~ D-Day invasion an automobile drew up before Nazi headquarters in the French capital. It was a black limousine of the Hitler storm troopers. Two men in Storm Trooper uniforms jumped out and went into the building. A few minutes later they emerged with armfuls of ^{documents} ~~documents~~ and drove off.

A week later that same automobile again drove up in front of Nazi headquarters. This time the two men in Storm Trooper uniforms were stopped. "I must see your credential", said the guard at the door. And he explained: "Some of our files have disappeared, and we have to take every precaution".

The two men displayed their credentials, ace high. The guard passed them and soon afterward they came out with brief cases full of documents - and drove off.

This time the Nazis at headquarters discovered promptly the fact that more documents were missing. They put out an alarm for the black|storm

trooper car - but they never found it.

After a check-up they discovered that the automobile had been stolen. The two men in it were British Intelligence agents who, in procuring secret military documents, had tricked the Nazis not once, but twice.

COMMUNISM

The military affairs Committee of the House of Representatives issued a statement about the commissioning of Communists as officers in the Army.

That
The Reds do seek to get into the armed forces as officers; ^{so} says the committee.

The report states the following: "Communists have been everywhere at work within this country, supported and financed liberally from abroad. If they are able to do so", the report continues, "they will penetrate within the Armed Forces on which we rely for our security".

The Committee goes on to note that during the war with Nazi Germany, the interests of the Communists were in harmony with the interests of this country. "The aim of overthrowing our government by force and violence in order to set up a communist state," declares the report, "has not been visible in Communist propaganda since the day Germany invaded Russia. Now, however, we are entering a new era".

The Committee's conclusion is that the Reds will "stop at nothing" to establish communism in the United States.

The latest target for the B-29s was a big oil refinery at the southwestern tip of Honshu, the main island of Japan. The Superfortresses hit the oil refinery with tons of bombs, incendiary and demolition - and left it emptying like a volcano.

The plant was on the list as the fourth largest in Japan. ~~It~~ It may actually have been the largest - after recent B-29 assaults against Japanese fuel production centers. The previous attacks may have knocked out the top three in such fashion as to leave the one bombed today as the largest.

The B-29 campaign is shaping up as a methodical assault to choke off the Jap supplies of oil - especially vitally needed gasoline for air power. This follows the pattern set previously in Nazi Germany - where the fuel supply of the Hitler war machine was bombed out, ^{the} German armies figuratively strangled.

BORNEO

In Borneo Australian troops have captured another important point, beaufort, sixty miles north of Brunei, ^{— Sarawak —} where they landed. The Austfalians are meeting with little opposition as they drive on through dark spaces of jungle Borneo, the Japs retiring to a sector where presumably they will finally put up a real fight.

Oil production has been resumed at the ~~the~~ Tarakan Fields of Borneo. That's important from the point of fuel supply in the Pacific War; and ^{the} news is also picturesque. There was a wild-man-of-Borneo-
celebration.)

Today's dispatch states that the resumption of oil production at Tarakan was the occasion of a ceremonial feast staged by Borneo tribesmen. With barbaric rites and invocations of the spirits and demons ^{of Borneo}, they bestowed what is called - "a blessing" on the oil flow that has ^{now} been resumed.

CHINA

In China the troops of Generalissimo Chiang-Kai-Shek have captured one of the airfields ~~at~~ Liuchow. The Japs are still in control of ~~the~~ two others, but the seizure of those two is only a matter of time, say the Chinese.

Their troops have by-passed Liuchow - which was an important base for American air power before the Japs launched their big offensive in South China months ago. The enemy has been withdrawing for some time now, ~~but~~ a methodical retirement, as the Americans out there, and the Chinese, realize - the Japs pulling in their lines.

PEACE RUMOR

The State Department denies that it has received any peace offer from the Japs - either official or unofficial. This was stated today by Acting Secretary of State Grew -- in reply to something said by Senator Capehart of Indiana.

The Senator declared that the Japs have made an offer of peace. He said he had the information from reliable sources, and added that the offer was such that it would, in his words, "be acceptable to me".

The Senator argued that, if no such offer had been made, it would be simple for the United States government to deny it. So, promptly, Acting Secretary Grew denies it.

NO LACK OF INTEREST

On my first night back here in the States, last Monday, in broadcasting from San Francisco I spoke about meeting a journalist who told me that people here at home were not thinking too much about the war with Japan. That bothered me quite a bit; and I said that I would be much interested in checking up on this on my way across the country. As far as possible I have done so; and, I find little if any evidence in support of his opinion. So far as I can see, our people here at home are every bit as interested in the news of the Pacific war as they were concerning the war with Germany.

In fact, the impression I get, on returning home is, that the American people feel ~~xxx~~ much more bitter toward the Japs than they ever did toward the Germans. ~~xxx~~ And so far as I have been able to see, during the past five days, the people here at home are working hard toward winning the war, and winning it soon.

I was alarmed over that remark my

journalist friend made out in San Francisco. But, I think I know now why he made it. He had been there in the Golden Gate City all during the Conference, covering it. The San Francisco papers naturally were full of the Conference. The delegates and observers naturally were discussing little else. In San Francisco the Conference overshadowed everything else. So, it was only natural for him to feel nobody was giving much thought to the war with Japan except the military, and those with sons and fathers out there.

As to when that war will be won, I am asked that everywhere. About all I can say is that there is as much difference of opinion on that, out there on the islands we now hold off the coast of Japan, as I find here at home. However, I did notice something out there that was quite a surprise. You all know the old saying that in time of war your optimism is in ~~direct~~ direct ration to the distance you are from the scene of the war. If you are a couple of thousand miles away you see it all through

rose-colored glasses. You hope - and you believe -- it will^{all}/be over in a few weeks. Then as you get nearer the battle lines the optimism gets less and less until you get to the Front. There, with the men facing the enemy, you discover the fighting men have a healthy respect for their enemy; and there ~~ix~~ in trench and foxhole and dugout it looks as though the war will never end, and you think you are in for a long war. That was particularly true with the war with Germany. But, I was surprised to find in the Far Pacific, that our boys who are fighting the Japs out there, they wouldn't be surprised if it ended at any time. They can't understand why the Japs don't give up now, and save their country from being pounded any more, and save the lives of millions of their people who are sure to be wiped out.

Our boys have a healthy respect for the nerve and crazy courage of the Jap. They know the Japs are inflicting and will continue to ~~fm~~ inflict heavy casualties on us. But every American soldier,

sailor, and airman that I encountered out there is convinced that the Jap hasn't a chance, and they think the Jap is a fool for not admitting it and getting it over with.

----0---

The question is: will Hirohito and the top men around him surrender soon? Or, will they fight it out to the bitter end, until their land is a shambles. Nobody out there knows the answer. You hear expert opinions both ways. So, all we here at home can do is plan on a long war, and hope for a short one. That's what our men are doing out there.

Some years ago the Jap leaders said that in a war with us, they would be prepared to lose ten million of their people. Well, if the war goes on for many months longer, they are likely to lose more than that number, wiped out by bombs from the skies ^{alone.} ~~alone.~~

---0---

How about their suicide planes and all the shouting they are doing about that? I'll give you my reactions on that, and the comments I heard from our

military people in the Far East on that subject,
some evening, next week.

And now, it's your turn, Hugh.

S - l - u - Monday.