

De Gaulle Says British Agents Back Of Trouble
France May Balk At Conference

PARIS — (AP) — Gen. de Gaulle clearly indicated today that France will not submit the Syrian question to the proposed tripartite conference. He declared a number of British agents created the uprising in Lebanon and Syria.

Asked about submission of the problem to the conference of French, British and United States representatives, De Gaulle told a press conference he wished that the British had been given in a different way.

France, he said, had withdrawn but 4,000 to 5,000 troops from the Levant but Britain had kept 60,000 men there, including the Ninth Army.

De Gaulle said British agents in the Levant had created a situation contrary to the interests of France. France had tried to negotiate with the republics of Syria and Lebanon on pending questions, including France's material interests in the Levant, he said. France should have military bases in the world (Lebanon and America), he asserted.

The French chief of state said these measures of independence had been granted Syria and Lebanon.

CRASH-FIRE ORDER
The French leader said the crash-fire order in Syria was executed by French commanders May 31 before Prime Minister Churchill's note to him, requesting this action, was delivered. Asked whether the British commander in the Middle East knew this, De Gaulle replied:

"I haven't any doubt that the British commander in Damascus knew this during that time."

His point was that Churchill's statement to him was written and transmitted after the fighting had ceased in Damascus, he said.

Meanwhile Moscow told other members of the Big Three that the conflict which has arisen must be settled in a peaceful manner."

The broadcast of Soviet statements by the People's Commissariat for Foreign Affairs, disclosing the Russian note to the British, asked for "speedy measures to stop military operations in Syria."

Moscow's statement on the Soviet note did not specify whether they had called for a ceasefire or proposed any machinery for resolving the dispute. The statement concluded:

"The Soviet Government has addressed this suggestion to the French Provisional Government and also has addressed it to the Governments of Great Britain, the United States of America and China to whom belongs the initiative in the creation of a post-war organization for peace and international security."

The statement did not mention Russia as one of the parties to such initiative, but it did indicate any specific Soviet interests were involved in the Syrian dispute beyond a statement that:

"The events in Syria and Lebanon do not correspond to the spirit of the decisions adopted at the San Francisco Conference."

The statement pointed out that France, Syria and Lebanon all were members of the San Francisco Conference.

Laval Suicide Report Doubtful
PARIS — (AP) — A London report that Pierre Laval had committed suicide was treated with skepticism today in Paris circles where the former Vichy Chief of Government was well known.

(The Exchange Telegraph Agency in London said the London radio was saying Laval had committed suicide.)

These sources had no information concerning the radio statement, nor the earlier claim that Laval had reported the agency had agreed to surrender himself to France.

He is not the type to settle things as easily, said one person who had known Laval.



LAW CHANGED SO THEY COULD WEED — Because Lt. Glenn R. Tindell Jr., right, 22, of Knoxville, Tenn., arrived at Manila too late to comply with Florida's new law, requiring a three-day wait before marriage, his fiancée, Louella May McGill Jr., 18, of Baltimore, took court action which resulted in Circuit Judge George F. Holt ruling that the law is invalid. Here, Miss McGill and Lt. Tindell are discussing plans for the wedding, which took place yesterday. (AP Wirephoto)

Japanese Stiffen In Philippines

By FRED HAMPTON
MANILA — (AP) — Yanks of the 38th Division ran into strong opposition yesterday while attacking Japanese elements forced out of the old Shimbu line east of Manila.

Enemy resistance also stiffened at Misamis, Island, but the Americans pushed into the head of the Cavacuan Valley, prospective hot stand for the Japanese on Luzon, and a survey showed Allied forces in this area had sunk or damaged 2,137,402 tons of Japanese shipping since Jan. 1.

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MARTIAL LAW TALK
The report followed other enemy broadcasts saying Superfort raids on Tokyo had forced the capital's residents to dig subterranean homes and predicting martial law might be declared to meet devastation inflicted by B-29s.

A Japanese domestic broadcast quoted an editorial in the Tokyo Matohiichi saying that "because of the fact that the number of warplanes increased to such a tremendous amount, we certainly would not be surprised even if we had to." It was necessary of adopting martial law.

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Japs Report New Carrier Plane Raids
Say Attack Made On Kyushu Island

By LEIF ERICKSON
GUAM — (AP) — Carrier raids on Japan were renewed today, Tokyo Radio reported, in the wake of B-29 fire raids which have inflicted "shockingly great" damage on Nippon's major industrial cities.

200 Superfort fighter planes and an undetermined number of flying boats from bases in the Kermadec Islands bombed and strafed airbases on Kyushu Island for two hours this morning.

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Leads His Third Fleet
Admiral Halsey Returns To The Wars In Pacific

By LEIF ERICKSON
GUAM — (AP) — Admiral William F. (Bull) Halsey has returned to the Pacific with his famous Third Fleet confident that it could go anywhere, even into Tokyo Bay.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today that Halsey and his staff have taken over the job of fighting the Japanese in the enemy's home waters from Adm. Raymond A. Spruance and his Fifth Fleet, preparatory to launching new attacks.

In his farewell message to the fleet Spruance reported the great Naval casualties of the Pacific war were suffered in the Okinawa campaign. After four months in command of the world's mightiest fighting force, during which he directed the conquest of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, Spruance moved over to temporary headquarters on Guam.

The Japanese can be assured that his current assignment, Admiral Spruance will be planning the greatest, most powerful assault yet delivered against them, with either the home islands or key Chinese coastal areas as the objectives.

UNDER NIMITZ COMMAND
Underlining the fact the Okinawa campaign has passed from the amphibious operations base, Nimitz said the Tenth Army and other forces in the Ryukyus, under Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., are under his (Nimitz) direct control as commander in chief.

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All Shuri In Hands Of Island Invaders

Aim At Nips' Best Airfield

By HAMILTON W. FARON
GUAM — (AP) — The U. S. Tenth Army, after completing erasure of Japan's main defense line on Southern Okinawa by capturing all Shuri, is springing forking drives today aimed at obtaining use of the island's best airfield and harbor.

A front line dispatch from Associated Press Correspondent Al Doyling said another ten days may see the end of organized enemy resistance.

"ALIVE WITH TROOPS"
An Okinawa dispatch from Associated Press Correspondent Vern Haugland noted, however, that the west coast peninsula below the fallen capital of Naha "is alive with troops" in position to defend the big Naha airfield.

An official Navy spokesman said yesterday in Washington he was convinced the backbone of Japan's Okinawa defense has been broken.

Tokyo radio found little to say about the ground operations but sought to bolster the homeland with extensive claims of American shipping losses and casualties and assurances more such attacks are in the offing. The unnamed American source said that Washington listed losses of 23 U. S. Navy ships and two merchant ships since the invasion on April 1. More than 40 others have been damaged.

The complete occupation Friday of heavily fortified Shuri, in the center of the once formidable Naha-Tonabaru Line, was announced in today's fleet communique which reported general advances yesterday up to 2,000 yards.

RIVER CROSSING
On the west coast below fallen Naha, Maj. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd's Sixth Marine Division crossed the Kokuba River yesterday. That put it in position to cut across a peninsula containing the largest and best enemy airfield on Okinawa.

On the east coast, Maj. Gen. Archibald V. Arnold's Seventh Infantry Division speared south in an amphibious drive to cut off Okinawa Peninsula forming the southern arm of Nakagusaki Harbor. That major advance, which was the Japanese Fleet, thus could be opened to American warships.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz communique yesterday said the "diminishing resistance" and mopping up operations in "newly captured areas below the Naha" suggest strongly the acceleration of the drive.

The Nipponese still offered a stiff fight in spots. They battled fiercely at Kokuba village, southeast of Naha, as the Sixth Marine Division set up a 100-yard line along the Kokuba River.

The enemy put forth its best effort of the day yesterday near the end of the drive. The Seventh Infantry Division was able to capture a tank and a few light trucks in the process of 400 to 1,000 yards into the hills at Kokuba.

The estimated 25,000 Japanese survivors of a campaign which once numbered 85,000 were confronted with the prospect of being driven into the sea.

They could elect to defend both the Naha airfield on the west coast and the south shore of Naha. If they do, they split their force against the overwhelming might of the U. S. Navy and the U. S. Army's five divisions.

Or they could choose to consolidate in the hills at Kokuba, on the east coast of Okinawa. If they do, they must withdraw across relatively flat country to the sea, and air and naval attack.

It is too early to determine which choice the enemy will make.

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Strict Veto Rules Urged In Red Note

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor
SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Russia is standing firm on a rigid interpretation of Big Five veto controls over United Nations machinery designed to keep world peace.

Ambassador Andrei Gromyko, Soviet delegation chief, handed a note to the Russian ambassador last night to Secretary of State Stettinius and the chiefs of the British, French and American delegations at the United Nations conference.

Contents of the note were not immediately made known outside the top official circle of the Big Five. It was learned today that when the veto should be applied, its contents either present rather than Moscow firmly opposes any relaxation of the veto power and may be objecting even to receipt of a complaint by the Security Council of the project.

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Hopkins Delays Trip

MOSCOW — (AP) — Harry Hopkins today delayed his departure for Washington, turning his attention to what a well informed source said was "new work." There was speculation that the Soviet situation might have something to do with the delay.

Hopkins was Premier Stalin's guest at a sumptuous dinner in the Kremlin last night.

Other dinner guests included Mr. Joseph P. Kamp, U. S. Ambassador to Moscow, and his daughter, Mrs. Joseph P. Kamp.

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Britons Hurt As German Munitions Dump Explodes

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Murphy Reports Allied Control Council Will Start Operating In Berlin Soon

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Robert Murphy, political adviser to Gen. Eisenhower, reported today that the Allied Control Council for Germany will be established in the near future.

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