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Sportswriter John Lardner, with his usual good humor, hands out some advice to those who follow (and bet on) the horses. Turn to the sports pages for Lardner's column.

BENDIX AIR RACERS ROAR EASTWARD

American Nations Ready To Sign Historic Pact

FIRST PRIZE—George F. Welsh of Charlotte won the final week judgings of The News contest with this scenic snapshot. It was submitted in the Class C, "Still Life" category.

Welsh Wins Top Prize

First prize in the eighth and final week judgings of the 1947 Charlotte News Amateur Snapshot Contest today was awarded a still life study of country life by George F. Welsh of 1915 Sterling Rd., Charlotte. Runner-up position was assigned an unaffected child pose submitted by L. J. Cochrane, Hotel Monroe, Monroe.

The News will announce winners next Saturday of the Grand Prizes for the four pictures chosen by the judges as the best entered during the eight weeks. First prize will be $25 for the best snapshot. Three awards of $10 each will be given pictures judged best in the three other categories of the competition. The News has presented $5 as first prize and $2.50, second prize, each week.

The four winners will be entered in the National Awards, where they will compete with the same number of entries from other newspapers in the United States and prize, for 167 cash prizes totaling $10,000.

Final totals show 1,723 amateur snapshot fans in the 24-county Charlotte trade area submitted 2,694 pictures.

The competition officially closed last night at midnight.

Following is a list of those who submitted pictures in last week's contest:

W. W. Hamilton, 501 E. Worthington Ave.; Charles W. Woodson, 1021 Arosa Ave.; Mrs. Truett Freeman, Bladenboro; Richard Brownlee, 1234 Lexington Ave.; Douglas Martin, 1025 N. Caldwell St.; D. L. Carriker, Rt. 1; Miss Lucia Harding, 202 Poplar St.; David Nixon, 612 Louise Ave.; Jo Ann Thrower, Rockingham; Mrs. E. S. Lacy, 1809 Cleveland Ave.; Mrs. L. W. Simpson, 2046 Highland Ave.; Mrs. G. E. Preslar, 2305 Rozzelle Ferry Rd.; J. J. Ross, 115 N. Dolger Ave.; Mrs. C. W. McIntyre, Wadesboro; Miss Elva Phillips, Great Falls, S. C.; H. O. Milan, 809 Parkwood Ave.; Mrs. Walter Player, E. Rockingham.

Mrs. Sarah Hatley, Salisbury; Mrs. C. M. James, Rock Hill, S. C.; Jean Astor, 616 Kent St.; Mrs. Virginia Norton, Marion; Mrs. Louise McCaslin, Lincolnton; J. Will Procter, Rock Hill, S. C.; Jimmie Tyner, Pembroke; Earl R. Stikleather, 3558 Rozzelle Ferry Rd.; Mrs. Martin Ludy Teague, Wilmington; Mrs. J. R. Glenn, Lumberton; Malcolm Mackenzie Jr., 284 Hillside Ave.; Ruth Wingate, Cherryville; Mrs. Mackie Quave, Columbia, S. C.; Bobby Conder, 1921 Ashland Ave.; Mrs. Fred Bogenrief, 1616 Pecan Ave.; Bob McCrary, 2009 Charlotte Drive; Sam McNinch, 2114 Sharon Lane; Mrs. Charlie B. Heavner, Lincolnton.

Mrs. T. F. Jones, Wadesboro; Jim Parnell, 2822 Hutchison Ave.; Mr. & Mrs. Brock Osborne, 301 McDonald Ave.; Jean Sides, Albemarle; Melvin Podell, 2421 Selwyn Lane; Mrs. Jefferson Place, 1614 S. Blvd.; Mrs. Edith Ivy, Badin; E. C. Laney, Monroe; Joe McManus, 2020 Green Blvd.; Louis Hildreth, Wadesboro; Mrs. R. D. Johnson, 3186 Chester-

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SECOND PRIZE—To L. J. Cochrane of Monroe goes the runner-up award this week for this unaffected and sweet child study. It was judged for cuteness, expression, and character of mood.

WEATHER

Generally fair weather with little change in temperature today through Monday. Scattered afternoon thundershowers Monday.

Temperature at 2:00 today	85
High and low last 24 hours	85-67
Sunset today	6:33
Sunrise tomorrow	5:55

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Draft Of Treaty Is Completed

All 17 Articles Agreed Upon

By PHILIP CLARKE

QUITANDINHA, Brazil — (AP) — The United States and eighteen other American republics met today to give final approval to a historic treaty of defense, pledging all their armed might against aggression anywhere in the Western Hemisphere, from pole to pole and from Greenland to the Aleutians.

Today's plenary session of the Inter-American Conference on Peace and Security was devoted to acceptance of the treaty as a whole.

The seventeen principal articles were approved individually yesterday and last night, only two weeks after the various foreign ministers and their advisers commenced their momentous conference in the palatial Quitandinha Hotel.

The final problem of interpreting treaty-defined measures against aggression was solved cordially last night. Argentina's delegate, Pascual La Rosa, rushed across the room to embrace United States Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, amid applause. He said the U. S. and Argentina were agreed on the problem.

CLASHED EARLIER

Only a few hours before, in the committee on aggression, they had exchanged sharp words over whether collective armed action would be called for if U. S. forces were attacked outside the inter-American security zone.

One treaty article provided for such action in event of invasion of a region under "effective jurisdiction" of any American state. Argentina asked that this included the U. S. zone of Germany. She offered an amendment to limit joint armed defense to the security zone

Subsequent heated debate wound up last night in withdrawal of the Arcentine amendment and unanimous adoption of a Mexican compromise proposal which only consultation would be resorted to in case of invasion of American-controlled territory elsewhere than in the inter-American zone. The Mexican amendment was in line with Vandenberg's interpretation.

President Truman and Colombian Foreign Minister Domingo Esguerra will address the final plenary session next Tuesday and the treaty will be taken to the Itamaraty Palace in Rio de Janeiro, home of Brazil's foreign ministry, and there will be signed in a formal ceremony which will be attended by President Truman.

Esguerra will invite the delegates to an inter-American meeting in Bogota, Colombia, next January which will establish a joint staff of American military chiefs to administer the treaty armed defense measures and will work toward strong Pan-American ties in the educational, social and welfare fields. The joint staff will seek close cooperation between Latin America's half million armed men and U. S. forces of a million and a half.

A healthier economy for the poorer countries of the hemisphere will be sought at a special inter-American economic conference late next year.

Iran Premier Is Re-Elected

TEHRAN—(AP)—Ahmed Qavam was re-elected Premier today by the Iranian Parliament. He got 78 of the 116 votes.

Qavam resigned Wednesday under a law requiring the Premier to quit whenever a new Parliament (Majlis) is elected.

Qavam first was chosen Premier Jan. 26, 1946, by a parliamentary vote of 52 to 51. He has headed a succession of Cabinets. For months he served also as Foreign Minister and Minister of the Interior.

During his administration, the Iranian Government has seen wartime Soviet occupation troops withdrawn from its territory in the midst of United Nations consideration of their presence there, and has put down revolts among Qashqai tribesmen of the southwest and the Azerbaijani in the north.

Qavam's re-election came at a secret session of the new Parliament.

He now must appear before Shah Reza Pahlevi for his approval, which was deemed certain.

Royal approval would be followed by Qavam's formation of a new Cabinet.

WOMAN ADMITS KILLING HUSBAND—Mrs. Anna Sosnowski, 54, sits with Police Captain George Homer (left), and Lt. Leroy Steffen (right), at a police station in Chicago. Captain Homer said the woman related that she hammered her husband to death, sliced up his body with hacksaw and knife, wrapped the parts in several neat packages and tossed them into the Chicago River. (AP Wirephoto).

Bill Odom Drops Out As Result Of Fuel Leak

12 Pilots Try For Rich Prizes

VAN NUYS, Calif.—(AP)—Twelve of the nation's hottest pilots roared eastward today at the start of the eleventh annual Bendix Air Race headed for Cleveland, Ohio, 2,045 miles away.

William P. Odom, who would have been the 13th to take off, withdrew as the result of a fuel leak and high consumption of gasoline and oil. He was to have piloted a P-47 sponsored by Milton Reynolds who also sponsored his recent record-breaking 73-hour around the world flight in the Reynolds Bombshell Aug. 7-10.

Without serious mishap the other ten men and two women bulleted into the dawn in what may be the closest contest since the Bendix was inaugurated in 1931. The races were not held during the war years.

The weather here was perfect but storm areas were reported over Cleveland.

At least $10,000 side money was at stake. Paul Mantz, winner of last year's Bendix race, announced he had taken $10,000 of the $500,000 Texas oilman Glenn McCarthy had offered to bet on his P-38, piloted by James Ruble of Houston, Texas.

On the takeoff Ruble lost a wing tank containing 165 gallons of gasoline but still had 1,440 gallons left. Fourteen hundred gallons is considered sufficient for normal fast flying on the trip.

WOMAN OFF FIRST

First to take off some three hours before the rest of the field was Jane Page Blavacek of Willmette, Ill., in her P-38. She obtained permission to leave early in order to participate in the women's division of the Cleveland air races this afternoon.

The other woman entry was Dianna Cyrus, Santa Paul, Calif., war widow whose husband, Capt. J. V. Cyrus of Fort Worth, Texas, was shot down in Belgium. As a memorial gesture Mrs. Cyrus piloted an A-26, the same type plane in which her husband was killed.

Hollywood was represented by the P-51 "Magic Tower" sponsored by Jimmy Stewart and Robert Riskin, and piloted by Joe De Bona of Beverly Hills, Calif.

In a separate "J" division were four P-80 jet-propelled Army planes. They were piloted by Maj. Clay Albright, Lt. Eldon A. Kimpel, Capt. W. S. Patterson and Capt. R. W. Gray. The jets were not in competition with the civilian piloted aircraft.

Last year Col. Gray made the race in a P-80 in three hours and 35 minutes actual flying time for an average of 573 miles an hour. Col. Gray's official time was four hours, eight minutes which included a fuel stop at Grandview, Kans.

Mantz' winning speed was an average of 435 miles an hour, or four hours and 42 minutes.

All entries were converted warplanes with the P-51 the apparent favorite of the speedsters. Six which Mantz and his hangarmate, Thomas Mayson of Van Nuys—were entered. Three P-38 Lightnings, one P-47 Corsair and one each of the following, A-26, P-63, and P-47 Thunderbolt made up the rest of the fast field.

All were cut down and souped up in the battle against time for the first prize of $10,000. Other purse cuts will be $5,500 for second; $3,000 for third; $2,500 fourth; $1,500 fifth; $1,000 sixth, and $500 for seventh. Moreover, the first woman to finish will receive $1,000.

Storms Force Delay In National Air Races

CLEVELAND —(AP)— The first day's program at the National Air Races was canceled shortly after 1 P. M. EST) today because of heavy thunderstorms.

Fred C. Crawford, president of the air races, said that tickets issued for today will be honored Sunday, but must be exchanged for tickets for tomorrow's program.

The implication was a complete cancellation of the program, but with the prospect that the competitive events scheduled for today would be inserted in the Sunday and Monday programs. These include the $5,000 Halle Trophy race for women, and the Kendall race for P-51 Mustangs.

However, the 124,000 Bendix race from Van Nuys, Calif., to Cleveland was already underway and will be completed here if weather permits the planes to land. Otherwise, the racers will be diverted to an alternate airport.

Consents To Removal

Ex-GI Arraigned In Atom Thefts

NEW YORK — (AP) — Arnold Fredrick Kivi, 27-year-old Brooklyn ex-soldier, today consented before a U. S. commissioner to removal to New Mexico to plead to charges of "taking highly confidential photographs" from the Los Alamos atomic installations.

Kivi, arraigned before Commissioner Jacob Visel, said briefly he consented to return to New Mexico. Visel held him in $10,000 bail and the slim, thin-faced defendant was returned to the Federal house of detention to await the trip.

The extradition warrant on which Kivi was arraigned charged that "on or about Oct. 3, 1945, at Los Alamos, N. M., the defendant Kivi did steal and convert to his own use certain property belonging to the United States Government; to wit, certain restricted and certified photographs."

APPEARS CALM

Kivi, tall and with a distinctive scar on the left side of his face, appeared unshaven and tired. He seemed calm, however, and answered the routine questions posed by Commissioner Visel in a clear, unemotional voice. He wore a gray suit, white shirt and brown tie and carried a gray fedora.

He told the court he lived in Brooklyn with his widowed mother and was not married.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced Kivi was arrested last night in Brooklyn, N. Y., where Hoover said FBI agents nabbed 37 photographs and ten negatives when they searched Kivi's home.

Hoover's announcement said Kivi at first denied having any highly confidential pictures but that he later admitted removing from the Los Alamos project certain classified photographs. Classified documents or pictures are those usually marked secret, confidential or restricted.

SHOWED EQUIPMENT

The FBI director said pictures found in Kivi's possession showed various phases of atomic energy equipment used in connection with the bomb and several pictures of visitors to the atomic property.

The first atomic bomb was assembled and tested at Los Alamos. The project still is a major center for atomic research.

Hoover said that Kivi, when first interviewed, said he had made 500 official photographs of various stages of development of the atomic bomb. He later admitted, the FBI director said, that he took the classified photographs when he left the Army in February, 1946, and that several weeks later, he became "extremely concerned about the pictures and burned them."

Kivi was in the Army from Sept. 1, 1942 until Feb. 5, 1946. After leaving Los Alamos, the FBI said Kivi was employed at the Brookhaven National Laboratory of the Atomic Energy Commission at Patchogue, N. Y. He was relieved of that job immediately, Hoover added, "as a result of the investigation of the prior theft."

Kivi was the third person this year to be charged with taking Government documents from an atomic project.

Sign With Satellites

Reds Clear Way For 5 Treaties

LONDON — (AP) — Russian ratification of peace treaties with five Axis satellites cleared the way today for a formal ending of hostilities for Bulgaria, Finland, Hungary, Italy and Romania.

The Moscow radio announced unexpected last night that the presidium of the Supreme Soviet had ratified the five treaties, signed in Paris last Feb. 10.

Russia was the last of the four major powers to ratify and a British official said Andrei Y. Vishinsky, deputy Soviet foreign minister, had promised that Russia would agree to deposit the instruments of ratification at "an early date", thus completing action and making the treaties effective. The instruments of ratification for the Italian treaty must be deposited at Paris, the others at Moscow.

Still to be drafted are treaties for Austria, Germany and Japan.

GETS REPARATIONS

By the terms of the satellite treaties, Russia stands to gain $900,000,000 in reparations, the only major power to claim such payments. She gets $300,000,000 each from Romania and Finland, $200,000,000 from Hungary and $100,000,000 from Italy.

From Romania, Russia takes the eastern border province of Bessarabia; and from Finland she takes the northern port and province of Petsamo and a 50-year lease on Perkkala-Udd for a naval base.

Britain and the United States are required to withdraw their troops from Italy within 90 days and Russian troops must pull out of Bulgaria in a like period, but the treaties give Russia the right to keep soldiers in Hungary and Romania so long as is necessary to protect communications to occupied Austria.

The reaction in most European capitals was one of relief that now the first part of the peacemaking job was done. Some sources felt however, that Russian ratification —coming only a few days after approval was rushed through the parliaments of Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary—heralded an attempt to facilitate the admission of eastern European countries into the United Nations, perhaps when the United Nations assembly meets next month.

Mario Sceiba, Italian minister of

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U.S.-British Plan Rapped

BERLIN — (AP) — Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky, Soviet military commander in Germany, today accused the United States and Britain of "dismembering Germany" and "rupturing the Potsdam Agreement" by raising the level of industry in Western Germany.

The Russian commander commented before the Allied Control Council on the Anglo-American plans to give their occupation zones an industrial output about equal to that of 1936, with steel production far above the total envisaged at the Truman-Stalin-Attlee conference in 1945.

His was the second criticism of the Western Allies to come from the Russians in Berlin today. Earlier Maj. Gen. Alexander Kotikov, the Soviet commandant here, charged the other powers with "anti-democratic actions" and stalling tactics in postponing legislation to socialize Berlin's major industries.

BLAST EXPECTED

Sokolovsky's blast had been expected by American officials. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U. S. military governor, and one of the delegates to the London conference where the plan was discussed with the French, answered briefly, asserting that Britain and the United States had been seeking for more than two years to achieve the economic unification provided for in the Potsdam Agreement.

Persons at the meeting said Sokolovsky took about five minutes to read his statement, and raised most of the objections which have been made in the Soviet-sponsored press of Berlin. As an example, the Soviet-sponsored Berliner Zeitung said today the British-American plan meant U. S. capitalists would take over management of the coal-rich Ruhr.

Legionnaires In Parade

NEW YORK—(AP)—Buddies of the American Legion, the grey veterans of 1917-18 and the comparative youngsters of World War II, joined ranks today in a parade up Fifth Avenue to a crescendo of sound from throngs estimated at more than 1,000,000.

Thousands of additional onlookers were expected to swell the great number watching from windows, rooftops and sidewalks before the great parade ended.

An estimated 65,000 marched in the Legion's parade, climatic spectacle of the 29th annual convention. It was expected to last 11 hours over a 2 1-2 mile route 39 blocks long, concluding at about 7:30 P. M. (EST).

Fifth Avenue was bright in sunlight when the parade began but the sun then began to play peek-a-boo behind clouds. A weather forecast indicated the marchers might be wetted down by showers before the day ended.

Mayor William O'Dwyer, a Legionnaire himself and wearing his overseas cap at a jaunty angle, led the parade at the start behind a mounted police escort. The marchers got under way promptly at the scheduled time of 8:30 A. M. (EST).

Behind the vanguard were all the colorful units traditional to the Legion's big parades—the state and foreign delegations, Army, Navy and Coast Guard units, a crack detachment of West Point cadets, about 2,000 bands and drum and bugle corps, and hundreds of waving flags and banners.

Uniforms soon were whitened by the showers of confetti, the torn telephone books and newspapers always deluged on paraders in this city of big parades.

Thousands watched from windows along canyoned Fifth Ave. Thousands more cheered from behind the wooden barriers set up by more than 5,000 watchful police along the route.

The police department made elaborate precautions to guard the massed thousands. They set up three first aid stations and two field hospitals, the latter ready for any emergency but major surgery.

Doctors, 48 nurses and thirteen ambulances were available. Patrolmen waved away all but emergency traffic from the congested area.

Parade-wise merchants along Fifth Ave. boarded up store fronts to protect plate glass.

Although this was the "big pa-

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Edenton Bay Thriller

Lightning Hits Oil Tanker

EDENTON.—(AP)—S. D. Allen, agent for the Standard Oil Co. here, reported that Esso Tanker Number Six out of Norfolk, Va., apparently was struck by a bolt of lightning during a storm around noon today about one-quarter of a mile out in Edenton Bay, causing a fire in two or three compartments and an explosion aboard the tanker. One man of the crew of eight was missing.

Allen said that all of the crew except Capt. A. G. O'Neal and the engineer, whose name Allen did not know, jumped overboard and one of those who jumped is still missing. The missing man's name was not learned.

Allen said that Capt. O'Neal and the engineer remained aboard the tanker and extinguished the blaze and then were taken off. He quoted Capt. O'Neal as saying that the explosion had blown off the dome caps on two or three compartments and that the fire had damaged connecting hoses.

The tanker was anchored in Edenton Bay. Allen expressed hope that the vessel could be got under way to return to Norfolk.

The tanker had been tied up at the Standard docks here overnight and had finished pumping out for the local distributor this morning and was en route to Columbia, N. C., and then to Morehead City when the fire and explosion occurred.