Washington Digest

Sincerity Marks Peace Parley at San Francisco

Creation of Flexible Organization Foreseen; Position of President Truman Bolsters Hand of U. S. Delegation.

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by implication, to support injustices

House the position of the delegation

has been strengthened by his an-

nouncement that he would not attend

the meeting in person, but would

back up his delegates from his desk

"where he belonged." There are

several other things that augur well

for harmony. The senate knows that

Mr. Truman is not personally com-

mitted in any way to Britain or

in any of the talks of the Big

Three; they noted his remark that

Foreign Commissar Molotov when

Lastly, there is the very potent

Then, it is true, our entry into

burden of the fighting and in so do-

country in the world and of all the

powerful countries, the one which

emerges with its military resources

least impaired-by far the most

powerful in terms of army, navy

On the whole I think it is fair to

report a general feeling of optimism

on the part of the American delega-

tion and at least a feeling on the

part of other delegates I have met,

of willingness to try to justify that

It is a long time since we have

had an ex-soldier in the White

House. President Truman is the

first veteran of World War I to ac-

As you know he broadcast to the

troops overseas soon after he ad-

dressed congress. Naturally the

boys were there. So were the army

photographers. But the Big Boys

get the priorities at such shows. The

shot that was strictly ng.

optimism.

A G.I. President

cept the mansion.

and war material and wealth.

homet, not the reverse.

Truman Understands

Congress' Viewpoint

WNU Service, Union Trust Building, t this nation will not be bound, even Washington, D. C.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF .- There | perpetrated by other nations, past is something significant, I believe, in the fact that this world conference which hopes to plot a happier course for the future of the world is being held at the Golden Gate. I can't help contrasting the atmosphere with that which enveloped the gathering on the banks of the Seine 26 years ago, which I also covered.

I think there is much more hope for success for this gathering than there was for the Paris conference two decades ago, although most of us who crowded into its opening session on the Quai d'Orsay in Paris on a sunny January day in 1919, were well supplied with hope,

I think the meeting place was well | he arrived in this country would pay chosen and if the agenda becomes his respects to the President of the unfinished business, it might well United States "as he should." This be concluded on the same spot where | time the mountain had come to Mathe clean fog sweeps in from the Pacific whose wide waters unite the east and the west.

fact that President Truman was There still lingers on California's | Senator Truman for a long while. shores the memory of its multifold He knows the legislative viewpoint historical national contacts. It was and, to know the legislative viewhere in "Drake's Bay" that the fa- point, not academically as an outmous English explorer is said to side observer, but as a long-time have stopped to repair his ship. I possessor of that viewpoint, is of say was Drake's bay for later, Cer- great practical importance. Rememmeno, the Spaniard, on a voyage ber the frequent controversies befrom Manila in 1595, was ship- tween the administration and conwrecked in the same body of wa- gress in the past few years. Note, ter and gave it its present name of likewise, two of the outstanding suc-San Francisco bay. The Franciscan cesses in obtaining cooperation bemissionaries built missions a mule- tween the executive and the legisladay's journey apart from southern tive branches: Cordell Hull and to northern California. The sword James Byrnes, both former memfollowed the cross and Portola's bers of congress. Spanish soldiery fought their way | So much for the hope for domesup to what is still called the Prae- tic harmony. Now consider the difsidio, the very year the American ference between the position of the nation was born. United States in 1919 and the United

Less definite are the records of the | States in 1945. czar's explorers but the "Russian river" just north of here remains the war made victory possible. But a flowing memento of their early now we have taken over the major

Less distinguished Chinese and ing have become the most powerful Japanese came and raised their problems; great settlements of Hindus remain in the state and colonies of Swiss and Italians toil among vineyards reproducing the products of their homelands.

Seek to Build On Firm Ground

As I write these lines two things appear as near certainties as certainties exist in this kaleidoscopic world. The United Nations are sincere in the hope of erecting some sort of structure which, if it is humanly possible to do so, can provide a place for the shelter, care and feeding of the dove of peace. A shadowy and almost paradoxical corollary of this statement is the frank acknowledgment that probably one desideratum primum ominum of only one of the great powers is the international organization itself. What Russia and Britain want, first of all, is an inner citadel girded by strong mutually protective alliances. The rest of the structure is, for them, largely window dressing. Nevertheless, to obtain cooperation among the strong few, they are willing to include the weaker

The second thing which I think and asked if he could have a reeven at this juncture can be predicted is that no matter how harmonious the building of this new temple of hope may be, the final edifice will be constructed on such a over.' broad foundation and with such wide portals, that it will not confine its tenants to any very strict restraint of action. There will be plenty of room to turn around in it, in case lighting. So an official came up and some of the occupants feel they said: don't want to go in exactly the same direction as their fellows. This is not a cynical conclusion-it is simply the result of a practical desire not to put anything in the way of wrong?" getting something started. The

American delegation realizes that. all night if you want to." (or, as I An agreement on major questions | said, words to that effect). This picwhich could be decided following the ture was for the G.I.s. meeting of Stettinius, Molotov and | And so they fiddled and fooled un-Eden was announced by the delega- til they had the lights right, until tion before we left Washington, they had everything just right. which meant that Senator Vandenberg was satisfied that the wording ahead and did his speech over of the final agreement which the again. Americans would accept contained | It is one of the best action shots enough elasticity to provide an "es- taken in the White House. cape clause." This assures the sen- But you won't see it. It was just ate and the American people that | for the G.I.s.

-WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS-

Pacific War Rages on Wide Front; Retain Civilian Goods Control as **OPA Sets Reconversion Prices**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.)



With Japs holding up Yank advance on Okinawa from cave positions in rugged terrain, U. S. flame throwers sear enemy resistance.

PACIFIC: With Harry Truman in the White

Fighting Rages

From the Ryukyus to the Philippines and westward to China bitter | all the problems associated with the fighting raged in the Pacific theater | reconstitution of a liberated Europe as U. S. and Chinese forces remained on the offensive against des- ties, with the more sensational like perate Japanese troops battling on the trial of Nazi bigwigs shadowthe outer perimeter of the ene-

Heaviest action took place on Okinawa and Luzon, where Ameri-Russia since he did not participate against enemy columns seeking to fear a U. S. landing.

Standing but 325 miles from Tokyo, Okinawa was bitterly defended by a fanatical Japanese garrison, which only slowly crumbled under the concentrated bombardment of U. S. warships and aircraft of the "Little Siegfried" line strung about the island capital of Naha. Throwing in swarms of planes, the Japs persistently harassed the at-

Navy Has Big Job Ahead

With the navy scheduled to retain its entire personnel for the Pacific warfare in contrast to the army's plan for discharging 2,000,000, Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal declared that the fleet has three principal tasks in the far eastern con-

First, to deliver men and supplies for present and future operations:

Second, to seal off the area of an attack in advance of land-

And third, to open up, support and supply beachheads. In disclosing that tentative postwar plans called for a 30 per cent reduction in the navy. Fleet Adm. Ernest King declared that the ultimate size would depend upon U. S. policies to defend this country, and the western hemisphere, and also participate in maintenance of world peace. About 50,000 officers and 500,000 men would be needed in the postwar fleet under the plans tentatively

tacking American fleet, sinking a number of small vessels at high

drawn up.

The going on Luzon was equally | intentions of maintough as General MacArthur's taining a close grip troops fought to clear heavily de- over output to asmovie-cameras and the sound-track fended Balete Pass, guarding en- sure smooth delivtrance to the extensive Cagayan ery of essential valley, where the main body of Jap supplies. As a reremnants on the island stood for the sult, WPB will con-

newsreels, the top-flight magazines last ditch fight. But 75 feet wide, Balete Pass, with steel, copper and and the rest. The boys in uniform were pushed back. They didn't be-1,500 foot mountains on either side, aluminum, and was stormed by crack G.I.s, who | merely raise the As a result they got a sad side first had to clear the enemy from ceiling on civilian Chester Bowles cave positions on the scraggly production over 1944 So the officer in charge went up slopes. As one force pushed upward | rather than revoking it. near the pass clearing out the burtake. "Certainly," (or words to that rowed enemy, another circled off effect since we don't quote presialong the Villa Verde trail to out- Chester Bowles declared it was the dents) said President Truman, "Go flank the stubbornly held positions | intention to establish adequate marahead, we'll do the whole thing

Well, army pictorial does things Striking back at the Japanese and plenty check the danger of inright. It has some of the best Holafter their attack on the Chihkiang | flation. lywood technical men in uniform. It air base, Chinese troops, aided by took a long time to get just the right Hunan province. At the same time, "You have just ten minutes other Chinese forces assaulted the bution expense, Bowles said. Both Up spoke the captain: "Do you behind the main lines the enemy determine their own prices, with has set up to seal off the southeast- the latter entitled to a higher figure want the President taken right or |

landings have been feared. WARTIME BUSINESS

Drug and liquor stores, retailers of women's apparel and jewelry, men now in the army worked for and eating and drinking places are an employer before entering the from conditions of war in terms of ployees after discharge, according in terms of profits, says Dr. F. A. | troops made by the army. Harper, professor of marketing at

Cornell university. Sales of these stores averaged about 20 per cent more than would be expected by past experience in a free market.

EUROPE:

War's Aftermath

With the war with Germany over, began to crowd upon Allied authoriing the highly important like the repatriation of dislocated persons.

As ex-Gestapo Chief Himmler, Rudolph Hess and Hermann Goercan G.I.s drilled deeper into rugged | ing were placed high on the list of | 835,186,000 bushels, which, with nor-Japanese strongpoints, but Chinese Nazi war criminals subject to trial, mal spring wheat production, would units also pressed vigorous attacks U. S. congressmen, returning from an inspection of Nazi concentration neutralize Allied air bases west of camps, denounced the Hitler regime the sea coast upon which the Nips for the existence of such centers mal; tame hay, 88 per cent, and ture devices.

On the less racy side of the picwrestled with the problem of repatriating 11,000,000 foreign workers cut for grain, when their removal would affect harvesting and food processing. At nounced that German industry, trade and services first would be utilized to support occupying forces before being diverted to the popu-

CIVILIAN GOODS: Tires—Control—Prices

Increased allotments of tires for "B" and "C" card motorists; continued tight supervision over civilian goods production, and establishment of reconversion prices headned home front news as the nation left one war behind it and concentrated on the Pacific theater.

With the tire production schedule for April-May-June increased from 3,200,000 to 5,200,000, the "B" and "C" card holders will receive 500,-000 more cords this month than originally planned, and probably an equal additional number in June. Previous allotments of 1,000,000 tires monthly provided for only necessary replacements, and the extra 500 .-000 being distributed will only help to more fully meet these essential needs.

Though the increased production for civilians was attributed to a slackening of military demands as a result of the victory in Europe, the size of any future boosts that might benefit pleasure drivers will be determined by the availability of materials and manpower after meeting Pacific war needs.

Even though more civilian goods are in the offing, the War Produc-

tion board revealed tinue to allocate

In fixing reconversion prices at the 1942 level, OPAdministrator and effect a junction at the main | gins to encourage full-scale production and thus through both control

Though prices are to be pegged upon his Paoching stronghold in and labor costs would be met by volume production and lower distribig Jap-held seaport of Foochow, far large and small manufacturers will ern Chinese coast where U. S. troop in the event material and other shortages prevent capacity output.

G.I.S PLAN FUTURE

More than three-fourths of all among the types of merchandising army, and more than two-thirds gross sales, though not necessarily to a survey of postwar plans of

Among former employees, only about one-half of the white and one-third of the Negro enlisted men plan to do the same type of work they performed in civilian life.

Regional Defense

SAN FRANCISCO:

Seeking to harmonize regional defense systems with a world security organization, the Big Five powers of the United Nations hit upon a compromise at San Francisco coordinating both for the preservation of postwar stability.

Though regional systems were authorized to move for peaceful settlement of a dispute within their respective areas and join in collective defense in case of aggression against any of their members, the world security organization's power to employ economic or military means to check a prospective aggressor was retained.

As a result of the compromise, the desire of Latin American nations to maintain a voice in security problems within this hemisphere was partially satisfied, while the fears of internationalists that regional defense systems might take away all functions of a world organization were stilled.

In other action at San Francisco, the Big Five - U. S., Britain, Russia, China and France - maintained the control of the 11 member security council over the world organization by denying the consultative assembly of smaller nations a greater degree of power.

CROP PROSPECTS: Look Good

Though cold and rainy weather retarded truck, fruit and grain crops in some areas, heavy downfalls built up reserves of moisture generally throughout the country, causing U.S. department of agriculture experts to look for farm production for 1945 favorably comparable to the preceding three years.

Because planting of winter wheat got off to a good start and subsequent precipitation spurred growth. give the country another billion bushel crop. As of May 1, condition of oats was 79 per cent of norof starvation, crematories and tor- pastures, 87 per cent. Harvest of rye is expected to be about 3,000,-000 bushels above last year's 25,ture, Allied authorities in Germany | 000,000 bushels, though only 52 per cent of the seeded area will be

Though the cold weather and repeated frosts set back early vegethe same time, Allied officials an- tables, fruits and gardens in many areas, USDA looked for record production of spring truck crops. The output would be a fifth larger than average.

> Believed to be the largest gem ever found in an alluvial deposit, a 770 carat diamond about the size of a chicken egg has been brought to Britain from the Sierra Leone mines in West Africa. . . . Found by a native workman, the gem will not be cut but rather sold in the rough. . . . The new diamond tops the 726 carat "Junker" found in South Africa in 1934 and the 530.2 carat "Star of Africa No. 1," now embedded in the British royal scepter.

SUGAR:

Cuba Short

Heading up the nation's prospective sugar pinch are reports that U. S. price offerings for the Cuban crop have discouraged bumper production and the building of reserves. Coming on top of the statement

of Rep. Clinton Anderson (N. M.) that Cuba has refused to sell this country her 1946 sugar output unless it also agreed to purchase 1947 production as well, these reports indicated that American offerings of 3.10 cents a pound have not fully satisfied millers, planters and field workers in view of the rising cost of living in the Caribbean island.

Partly because of smaller plantings and a severe drouth, 1945 Cuban production has fallen 790,000 tons from the 1944 figure of 3,958,000, thus putting a severe crimp in prospective U. S. supplies already shadowed by decreased stocks partly attributed to laxity in rationing and continued subnormal sugar beet output.

Bakers' Pinch

Already falling far short of increased demands estimated at 50 per cent since the war, bakery goods will be even in tighter supply in forthcoming months, with bakers cut to 80 per cent of the shortening used in 1942. Previously, they had been limited to 100 per cent along with 75 per cent of their 1941 sugar

Because bakers already have stretched their supplies, any further decreases would materially affect the quality of their products, trade sources said. In an effort to make U. S. aircraft, drove the enemy back at 1942 levels, increased material every bit of use of available ingredients, fancier items requiring more sugar and fat have been largely eliminated, icings thinned and pies made with single rather than double crusts.

While the sugar and shortening shortages have deterred bakery production, flour has been plentiful.

ELECTRIFY FARMS

With nearly two million U. S farms wired for electric service since the Rural Electrification administration was established on outlets that have benefited most definitely plan to take jobs as em- May 11, 1935, REA's latest survey shows approximately 2,700,000 farms, or nearly half of all U. S. farms, are now electrified, as compared with 750,000 in 1935. More than half of the farms electrified in the decade of federally sponsored rural electrification are served by rural electric systems financed by REA loans.

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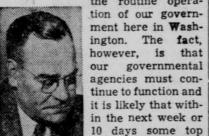
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Something Is Cooking

WNU Washington Bureau 621 Union Trust Building THE momentous news of world I import which is coming so fast these days pushes into the background the day-to-day happenings of the routine opera-



Walter Shead

10 days some top flight news may be expected to start popping from the department of commerce. Former vice president Henry A.

Wallace, new secretary of com-, merce, has been ominously quiet since he took over from Jesse Jones. Wallace thrives on action and it's not like him to remain quiet. Clipped of his powers over the vast Reconstruction Finance corporation, the new commerce boss has been quietly combing the multi-numbered bureaus within his department with the assistance of a committee of three outstanding experts. in an effort to find out what makes commerce tick and to draw up a program on what the department needs for revitalization . . . rejuvenation along the Wallace ideas of government cooperation with

on small business. The rumpled-haired secretary occupies a huge office, walnut paneled, on the fifth floor of the two-blocklong and block-wide gray stone building. It is a bee-hive of activity. Musty, staid, slow-moving offices which line the maze of corridors are being given a thorough going-over and house-cleaning. Wallace wants a department of commerce which can be a real help, offer a stable program to business, not just an information and re-

streamline the department for post-

business . . . with especial emphasis

One of the first needs of small business, he opines, in the postwar era is a return to what he calls character banking . . . that is, loans on a man's record and ability, rather than on his collateral assets. He declares that, increasingly since 1913, the small banks of the nation have been operating under bank examining rules which make it impossible for these small banks to make thir type of loan . . .

and further believe that what he terms a equity financing. some modification of the govern

ment guaranteed loan plan of

the FHA, should be provided for

small business in this postwar Closest to Wallace's heart, probbly, is his bureau of foreign and

domestic commerce. "I am going to go all-out to get the maximum of usage from whatever powers may reside in the dif-

ficult bureau of foreign and domestic commerce to foster and develop trade here and abroad." he said. "I am going to use those powers to the maximum to get an increased foreign trade." This means that Mr. Wallace will have developed a program based on removal of tariff barriers because he believes that when this nation raised the tariff on our exports after World War I. "that is when the world tailspin

really began with a vengeance." Wallace likely will revamp completely the patent office which is said to be a year and a half behind in its work. Civil Aeronautics administration will play a decidedly more important role under the Wallace regime. So important does Wallace believe the air age will become after the war, he himself has learned to fly. Ben Stern, blustery, but efficient public relations director of CAA, has apparently made a good impression on Wallace and may be stepped-up in the reorgani-

Then May 1, Wallace took over, lock, stock and barrel, the huge job of surplus property disposal, some hundred billion dollars worth, from treasury procurement. This will throw him in closer contact with business, and he likely will make some changes, probably setting up state offices, instead of the 11 regional branches as operated by treasury. Maritime commission is another department which looms important in postwar with our need for ship bottoms.

zation.

Do not let the adverse publicity received by Wallace as a so-called "idealist" and a "dreamer" fool you. He firmly believes in free enterprise for business. He says:

"The key to making this American bill of rights a part of the American way of life is the whole-hearted recognition by all our people of the simple fact that in America the future of the American worker lies in the well-being of search agency. He is attempting to American private enterprise and the future of American private enterprise lies in the well-being of the American worker."

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Robert Gaylord





W. W. Cumberland

American industry, as represented by the National Association of Manufacturers, was one of the organizations invited by the State Department to send consultants to the Amer-ican delegation at the San Francisco Conican delegation at the San Francisco Conference on International Organization. NAM, spokesman for industries which have contributed 85 percent of the nation's miracle of war production, accepted. Ira Mosher, NAM president, named one consultant and two associates to the Conference. Chosen consultant was Robert Gaylord, NAM board chairman and its former president, head of the Ingersoll Milling Machine Company, Rockford. Ill., and a machine tool maker since World War I. Mr. Gaylord's associates are W. W. Cumberland, economist and a partner in the investment banking firm of Wellington and Company, and Hugh O'Connor, NAM staff member and long-time sewapaperman and foreign correspondent.

BARBS . . . by Baukhage

more."

The miners came in '48 to Cal-i- | America is bankrupt, says a Jap for-ni-ay, the diplomats in '45 are foreign office spokesman - yenful digging in to stay.

Max Schmeling, former heavy-

thinking.

The President broke in: "Take

And then the President went

weight champion, who was put in a | not been called to general attention concentration camp and "treated" is the lack of garbage cans. The for defeatism by the Nazis, is now OPA says that only one-fifth of the a welterweight, according to the number demanded is being pro-Berlin correspondent of a Swedish duced. This will soon be evident to anyone who doesn't hold his nose.

One of the shortages which has not been called to general attention is the lack of garbage cans. The

that the choirs will sing. All this cred duty and place flowers where ground their silent tents are spread. will take our thoughts back to the they are resting and close our eyes

We are approaching another Mem, lovely association and brotherly as they are at peace. As we think orial Day and may we pause to love and fellowship that we enjoyed of the battle of Bunker Hill. Gettysstop, look and listen to the sacred with them and it will produce cold burg and San Juan Hill as the sermon which will be preached to chills over all of us and we must Negro soldier was in the midst of morrow, and the beautiful hymns all take time out to perform a sa- all three on fames eternal camping