

Russ Ratify Peace Treaties With Five Former Enemies

Move Speeds Withdrawal of U.S. From Italy

Pravda Criticizes 'Fascist Elements'

LONDON, Aug. 30 (U. P.)—Moscow hailed today as a new Soviet contribution to strengthened international co-operation Russia's ratification of the peace treaties with Italy, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Finland.

An unheralded Moscow broadcast announced the ratification which cleared the way for restoration of full relations with the former enemy states and for the early withdrawal of American troops from Italy.

The only remaining procedure to bring the treaties into full force was the depositing of formal instruments of ratification by the Big Four. The United States, Great Britain and France, as well as the former axis satellites, already had ratified the treaties.

Satisfied With Treaty

Radio Moscow broadcast an editorial of the Communist party organ Pravda expressing Soviet satisfaction with the treaties. It said the ratification by the Supreme Soviet or parliament represented a contribution to the cause of increased co-operation among the nations.

Pravda said the treaties did not impose burdens on the vanquished states beyond their strength or their political and economic independence.

It added, however, that "attempts of that kind by certain states, and particularly on the part of the United States, took place during the preparation" of the treaties.

Exploited Such Maneuvers'

The Soviet Union, constantly defending the principle of independence of states large and small, exposed and paralyzed such maneuvers," Pravda said.

Pravda criticized Italy's "Fascist elements" for calling for changes in the Italian treaty.

Under the terms, allied troops will evacuate the countries concerned within 90 days of the deposit of the instruments of ratification. An exception was that Russia will be permitted to keep troops in Romania and Hungary to safeguard military communication until a treaty for Austria has been written.

Expect Russ Proposal To Reconsider Requests

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Aug. 30 (U. P.)—Russia was expected today to propose that the United Nations reconsider the membership applications of Italy, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria now that the Soviet Union has ratified the peace treaties with those countries.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, who takes over the presidency of the United Nations security council when it reconvenes Sept. 9, said the Soviet ratifications eliminated all his objections to the admission of the four countries.

The western powers, however, were certain to oppose Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria, the three so-called Soviet satellites, on grounds that their Communist governments are suppressing human rights and freedoms.

Only Italy appeared likely to gain United Nations membership if the applications are reconsidered, either in the security council or the full 85-nation general assembly.

New Red Headaches Seen for Italy

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 (U. P.)—Russia's ratification of the Italian peace treaty was seen today as a possible prelude to fresh Communist headaches for the struggling Italian government.

The Soviet action came as a surprise to American officials; who had expected it to be delayed considerably longer. But to at least some of the estimated 20,000 American troops in Italy, it was welcome news that boosted hopes of a speedier return to the U. S.

Under the treaty, all but 5,000 American troops must be withdrawn 90 days after formal ratification notice is deposited in Paris by all signatories. The 5,000 G. I.'s, together with the same number of British and Yugoslav troops, will be maintained in the international zone of Trieste.

U. S. Scores Victory Over Argentina

PETROPAUL, Brazil, Aug. 30 (U. P.)—The long-awaited row between the United States and Argentina finally broke out at the inter-American conference, but most delegates—the Argentines excepted—agreed today that Senator Arthur Vandenberg led the U. S. to a complete victory.

The defeat of Argentina in an unforeseen last-minute clash not only was complete, it was double-barreled.

Argentina tried to engineer a "deal" with the other states against the United States. She had the votes to win yesterday morning, but a seven-hour recess saved the United States.

In the end Argentina not only lost her effort to limit the scope of the hemispheric treaty, but also so completely lost in the maneuver that she finally agreed to an article which three days ago she had opposed so vigorously.

Jailed for Wild Party

DETROIT, Aug. 30 (U. P.)—Three husky lifeguards today began serving 90-day jail sentences handed them by an irate judge for supplying eight cases of beer that sparked a "wild" all-night party attended by more than 40 teenagers.



BUBBLE GUM WINNERS—"King Bub" and "Queen Bub" in the first day of The Times' bubble gum contest at the state fair, were Allen Lampel, 13, winner of yesterday's first place, and Ruth Moore, second. They'll compete in the finals Sept. 5 for the Indiana championship title.

Washington Calling—

U. S. Problem: Do Business With Chiang or Leave Asia

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stronger, Chiang's Nationalist forces weaker, since V-J day, when U. S. cut off planes, weapons, repair parts and ammunition.

Many things are wrong with China's Nationalist government.

In a world choosing up sides between Russia and U. S., one important thing's right from U. S. viewpoint—Chiang's on our side.

We'd Be in a Mess

GET OUT map of Asia, and we'll tell how Washington air-power strategists explain why, in their opinion, it would be folly for U. S. not to support friendly China government. If Communists succeed in getting all China down to Yellow river, say our strategists, shrunken Nationalist territory no longer could be defended. And we'd be in mess. Here's why, as U. S. air strategists explain it:

Look at northwest China on map. Draw a circle around Chengtu, in Szechuan province. Another circle around Lanchow, in Kansu province. Another around Sian, in Shensi province.

Near Chengtu are four B-29 airfields. Near Lanchow are two B-24 bases, which could be expanded to accommodate B-29s. Near Sian is another, smaller, airfield.

Those seven bases, now abandoned, were built during war, under American direction, in three months, using 400,000 coolies, hand labor alone. From those bases B-29's made their first raids on southern Japan. They were supplied, mainly, by planes flying from India over the Himalayan hump.

If another emergency came, the same bases could be supplied by air from Shanghai and Canton.

FROM THE Chengtu-Lanchow-Sian triangle, draw a line north, to Lake Baikal, in Siberia. There's where Trans-Siberian railroad runs through tunnels. From China bases, our B-29s could blast communications connecting Europe-Russia with Siberia—we could "cut Russia in two."

Now from the Chengtu-Lanchow-Sian area, draw other lines, fanning out to the northeast, reaching Ural mountains. From those bases, whole of Soviet's vast new east-of-Urals industrial area would be within B-29 bombing range.

That's why, say our air strategists, if a friendly China remains in power and leaves those bases available to us, Russia would not risk war.

But, they say, if the Communists overrun China, those bases would be lost to us; we'd have to get completely out of Asia, and Russia might dare anything.

Chennault in China

CONFIDENTIALLY, man who had most to do with building those bases, Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault, is now in China. He's retired from U. S. army, holds civilian job, running Chinese cargo air service, carrying UNRRA supplies to interior, carrying out hog bristles and other such local product for export.

But it's not likely he's forgetting those air bases. Chennault, you may remember, personally declared war on Japan two years before Pearl Harbor. He went to China, organized "Flying Tigers," helped Chiang stop advance of Japan army and air force.

Although war department has issued much publicity on subject, army-navy munitions board is annoyed over "sensationalism" of stories about underground sites for war production.

Board has changed name of its "underground site committee" to "plant relocation committee," saying original name didn't fit any way. Officials say studies are broader than search for subsurface locations. For example, underground plant still would have

Lee Command Improved, Say GI's, Officers

Noticeable Since 'Expose by Ruark'

LEGHORN, Aug. 30 (U. P.)—A number of enlisted men and officers at Mediterranean command headquarters today said that "general conditions" had improved noticeably since the controversy arose over the administration of Lieut. Gen. John C. H. Lee.

They said the changes had occurred coincident with the criticisms voiced by Robert C. Ruark, Scripps-Howard columnist, and the U. S. army investigation of the command.

Some soldiers noted that Italian police had replaced the army's military police on the main street which Mr. Ruark had christened "bent arm boulevard" because of the frequency of salutes.

All Cars Park

They also noted that the signs on the street in front of Gen. Lee's headquarters which formerly read "sedans only" which reserved all space for staff cars had been changed to read "passenger vehicles only," permitting all types of cars to park.

Soldiers also reported they had seen Gen. Lee driving his own jeep much more frequently lately, instead of riding in his limousine.

The food in the enlisted men's mess, soldiers said, is "definitely better."

Military vehicles are no longer used for transportation twice daily between Leghorn and Viareggio. Officers who formerly used staff cars now ride the train with enlisted men.

"Much Better" Service

The enlisted men said they also now have a "much better" bus and truck service to the beach. One soldier said he had always hitched to the beach but now a truck or bus leaves every Sunday for Leghorn to take the enlisted men there on pass.

Men and officers questioned said that "word has been passed" to officers with staff cars that the vehicles are not to be used as pendents for shopping trips.

Enlisted men said that a day room has been organized for them and that there "has been a definite improvement in our showers, those that didn't function are working now."

Boys Town Aids In Slayer Hunt

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Aug. 30 (U. P.)—Groups of boys from Father Flanagan's Boys Town aided official today in a search for clues to the slaying of wealthy Robert L. May II, 22, and his bride, Betty.

Authorities were "just about satisfied" that two young men, arrested in connection with the case, had no knowledge of the slaying.

Police Chief Joe Bosler said LaPorte, Ind., 23, discharged naval veteran, would be released to his parents who came here from Mason City, Neb. Brand was exonerated.

Chief Bosler said an alibi given by Isaiah L. Patten, AWOL 18-year-old soldier from Ft. Knox, Ky., "appears to be holding up." He said the soldier probably would be returned to military authorities to day.

Arabs Attack Britons, First Time Since 1939

JERUSALEM, Aug. 30 (U. P.)—ANOTHER LAPSE: Republican congress changed name of Bonner Dam to Hoover Dam, but of G. O. P. Leader Taft, announcing the Ohio senator's western itinerary, included airspeed trip to—you're right—Boulder Dam.

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