

Quick Ratification of Charter Hinges on U. S.

BY JOHN F. CHESTER
 San Francisco—(AP)—If given a quick go-ahead by the United States senate, a sufficient number of the other United Nations may ratify the new world charter in time to bring it into effect before the end of 1945.

This was the prospect shown today in a poll conducted at the world security conference by the Associated Press. Out of the first 26 nations to reply to a questionnaire, 20 predicted ratification by their home governments before the end of the year. None raised any bar to ratification. Six declined to fix a probable date.

Real Landslide
 Assuming senate approval, as indicated by senators' feeling to an Associated Press canvass in Washington, the feeling expressed by delegates here was that a real landslide of favorable votes by small nations would follow.

All of the major powers—the United States, Britain, Russia, France and China—plus 23 of the other 45 members of the United Nations must ratify it before the charter can become effective.

The United States, Britain and China, together with 18 small nations replying to the current questionnaire, already have been placed on the line as probable signatories before January 1, 1946.

If Russia and France complete the Big Five lineup quickly the full force of the new world organization almost certainly will come into effect this year.

Elections Govern Date
 In several instances, as in Britain, Norway, Belgium, Greece, the delegations said that forthcoming elections would govern the date of ratification, but even in these instances a this-year date usually was given.

The Australian delegation forecast, given as "unofficial," was 10 weeks. Peru's prediction was "possibly August." Cuba and Paraguay said approval would be "speedy." Norway indicated November; Belgium, December; Honduras named the same month as did South Africa with a proviso that final action might go over to 1946; Bolivia said "August or September;" Haiti said "in the next three months;" Luxembourg said "autumn;" the Dominican Republic said ratification would be forthcoming "without delay." And so it went down the roster of nations.

Chicago Police Slay Suspect in Blazing Battle

Chicago—(AP)—Guns blazed along streets on Chicago's near north side last night as two police detectives engaged in a running gun fight with a robbery suspect who was shot to death by one of the officers a few minutes after he had fatally wounded detective Morris Friedman.

As Friedman, 46, and a veteran of 17 years on the robbery detail, with several citations, fell to the street, his companion, detective Rudolph Friedl, returned fire at the suspect, who carried two guns. A parked automobile served as cover for the duelists as they kept circling the machine and shooting. Bullet holes were punched through the windows of the car.

Friedl, spying his adversary around a rear fender of the machine, shot him through the head, then fired three more shots into his body.

Deputy chief of detectives, John T. Warren, identified the slain gunman as Lyman Stanton Heiman, 37, of Detroit, an ex-convict and veteran of World War II. His army discharge papers, Warren said, indicated he was a veteran of the Italian and Sicilian campaigns, that he had been wounded and was decorated with the Purple Heart.

Family Has its Arms Heaped Full of Trouble

Milwaukee—(AP)—Coincidence worked overtime for the Harry Rogahn, members of that family can testify.

Last Tuesday, Roger, 6, fell off a cabbage can and suffered a broken arm.

Sunday his twin brother, Ronald, ran into a tree and suffered a broken arm.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogahn and daughter, Gail, 4, were returning from the hospital, where they had taken Ronald, when their car figured in an accident. The three suffered bruises.

Native War In Shangri-La Slows Rescue

Hollandia, New Guinea—(Delayed)—A private war among the natives of Shangri-La and their belligerent neighbors added today to the complications of bringing a WAC and 14 escorts from this hidden valley of New Guinea.

About the time mechanical failures and lack of sufficient equipment arose to plague the work of the army air force rescuers, along came the battle among the Aborigines.

Battle Is Near-by
 Now that the battle between the Shangri-Laians and their unidentified native enemies is imperiling the party, stranded in the mountain-locked valley, but the warfare is edging uncomfortably close.

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WAC Cpl. Margaret Hastings, Owego, N. Y., Lt. John B. McCollom, Trenton, Mo., and Sgt. Kenneth Decker, Kelso, Wash., are the only ones of 23 persons who emerged alive when an army transport on a sight-seeing tour crashed against a mountain-side in Shangri-La May 13.

With 12 parachuted rescuers, they are now waiting for the army to get them out. Miss Hastings has been dubbed the "Queen of the Valley," but she told those flying overhead today: "I'll abdicate any time."

Over 2 Million Tires Due to Be Released

Washington—(AP)—Another 2,500,000 tires will be available for rationing in July.

The July allotment, the same as this month's, will go to "B" and "C" ration holders. "A" card holders, as usual, must depend on their present tires.

"These 2,500,000 tires allotted to OPA for rationing should meet the immediate requirements of the most essential drivers," Max McCullough, deputy OPA administrator for rationing, said in a statement.

"The tire situation remains seriously tight. We are rationing more tires than current production warrants by borrowing from supplies for the hot weather months during which a record number of tire failures can be expected."

The June and July quotas are the largest since rationing began. Truck and bus tires quotas for July were increased over June. The quota for large-sized truck and bus tires is 234,308, compared with 189,750. The quota for smaller-sized tires is 366,862, compared with 360,600.

July tractor-implement quotas, unchanged from June, are 40,000 of the larger sizes, and 70,000 of the smaller sizes.

Michigan Man Wins Congressional Medal

Rome—(AP)—The Congressional Medal of Honor was presented yesterday to Sgt. Oscar G. Johnson, 24, Foster City, Mich., for killing 20 Germans, silencing three enemy machine guns and taking 24 prisoners during the American slice through the Gothic line near Sarnapella, Italy, last September.

The nation's highest award for valor was presented by Gen. Mark Clark in the presence of Johnson's entire regiment, the 367th Infantry of the First (Howler) Division.

Eligible now for immediate discharge from the army, Johnson said he needed a little time to think it over before deciding whether to return to his parents' dairy farm near Foster City. He was the first man in his division to win the Medal of Honor.



RECEIVE SON'S MEDAL.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pankratz of Auburndale are shown with the Air Medal, with one Oak Leaf cluster, which they accepted at Truax Field, Madison, for their son, S/Sgt. Anthony A. Pankratz, who was killed in action while serving overseas with the A.A.F. The medal was presented to the soldier's parents by Brig. Gen. Vincent J. Deloy, commander of Truax Field. Sergeant Pankratz was awarded the decoration for "meritorious achievement while participating in five sorties and in aerial flights in sustained operational activities against the enemy."

United Nations Council Totes Six-Guns to Keep World Peace

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of six stories explaining how the United Nations—just fashioned at San Francisco to keep world peace—will work.)

BY JAMES MARLOW

Washington—(AP)—The bonecrusher of the United Nations is the Security council. It's a pistol, fully loaded.

To keep peace that pistol can be used against the head of any member of the United Nations except the Big Five: United States, Britain, Russia, France, China.

If some smaller nation starts to shove a neighbor around, the council can throw an economic headlock on it by isolating it from the rest of the world.

Shut Off Commerce

This can be done by shutting off commerce, telephone, telegraphic, cable, air and rail communication with it.

If this isn't enough, if that same aggressor nation ignores the economic blockade and moves in on a

State Liquor and Gas Revenues Increase Over May of 1944

Madison, Wis.—(AP)—Liquor and gasoline tax revenues increased, while cigaret, beer and income tax collections decreased during May as compared with that month a year ago, State Treasurer John Smith reported today.

The report indicated a state treasury balance increase from \$48,548,740 on May 1 to \$68,182,543 on June 1, 1945 with receipts of \$28,972,566 and disbursements of \$9,338,763 during the month.

Income tax collections during May totaled \$2,203,554, or \$513,777 less than the corresponding period last year; beer collections were \$208,828, or \$7,767 less; and cigaret collections totaled \$261,418, or \$40,452 less.

Liquor taxes totaled \$438,054 or \$42,650 more than May, 1944, and gasoline collections were \$1,645,061, up \$279,868.

Supers Making Poor Cupids for Japanese

San Francisco—(AP)—American air raids have put a slight crimp in Tokyo's romance department, but there's still a flourishing wedding business operating literally on a bargain basement basis.

Radio Tokyo disclosed that since many marriage ceremonies had been interrupted by bombs, department stores have converted basements into combination air raid shelters and marriage halls, complete with bridal trousseau, Shinto rites and traditional wedding banquet of rice and red beans.

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Letter Tells Of Death of Verlyn Ebert

Mrs. June Ebert of Marshfield has received a letter describing the death of her husband, Pfc. Verlyn Ebert, in action in Germany March 26. The letter was written to the widow by one of Verlyn Ebert's buddies.

Private Ebert was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ebert of Arpin. Excerpts of the letter written to Private Ebert's widow follow:

"We were together until March 25, when we made the spearhead across the Rhine river. We were to make a dawn attack across the river on the morning of March 26. We were loaded into landing barges, 14 men to the boat. I was on boat No. 8, and he (Ebert) was on No. 9. We started across to make the attack at 2 a. m.

"We were about half way across, when the Germans opened up on us with everything they had. We were helpless, for we couldn't fire back at them.

"The boat he was on received a direct hit, exploded, and killed every man that was on it. He was killed right out, and his body sank. He didn't suffer one bit.

"So you can see why he was reported missing until his body was found. His body was recovered from the Rhine April 21.

"He and the rest of the men were buried in a cemetery over here. I



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PARTY REGISTERS
 Moscow—(AP)—The German Communist party, suppressed when Hitler assumed power in 1933, registered itself officially Monday with the Russian commandant in Berlin.

The party made a lengthy appeal to the Germans in the first issue of its official publication, Deutsche Volkszeitung.

The B-29 Superfortress has 149 electric motors, over ten miles of electric wiring, and a mile-and-a-half of tubing.

MONTGOMERY WARD

Churchill Begins 1,000 Mile Campaign

London—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, beginning a tour of 1,000 miles through England and Scotland to plead the cause of Conservatism, declared in a campaign address yesterday that "it's no use people thinking I can continue to serve unless I have a great majority when I return to the house."

Save Fats; Get Points

Don't know just exactly where it is. He had a military burial along with the rest."

Mrs. Ebert has also received a communication from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, informing her that her husband has been awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

Britain Rabbi Charges 'Spiritual Kidnaping'

London—(AP)—Rabbi J. H. Hertz, chief rabbi in Britain, said Monday in a letter to the Times that "a high percentage" of Jewish children saved from the Nazis in liberated lands have been baptized in the Christian faith by their rescuers.

He asked the United Nations to bring an end to "spiritual kidnaping," and said:

"All honor to the Christians who, at great peril to themselves, have rescued thousands of Jewish children from bestial annihilation. But the test to whether it was humanity that prompted the rescue or whether it was mere sectarian snatching of souls from a rival faith is the willingness to return those children to their parents, their nearest kith and kin or their religious community."



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