

CONTROL OF JAPAN

Advisory Commission

UNITED STATES PROPOSAL

MACARTHUR'S STATUS UNCHANGED

Washington, Oct. 11.—The Secretary of State, Mr. Byrnes, has announced that the United States has invited Britain, Russia, China, France, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the Netherlands and the Philippines to a meeting of the proposed Far Eastern Advisory Commission, on October 23, in Washington, but does not intend to change General MacArthur's position as Supreme Commander in Japan.

Powers of Commission

Mr. Byrnes emphasised several times that General MacArthur would remain Supreme Allied Commander in Japan. He said that personally he knew of no complaints about General MacArthur's handling of the operations there. A Supreme Commander was necessary, because the Japanese in surrendering contracted with the Allies that the Emperor should retain orders from the Supreme Commander. Mr. Byrnes considered that these orders could not be given by any sort of control commission.

The Mikado's Position

London, Oct. 10.—The Japanese Emperor's receipt of August 15 has caused much justifiable dissatisfaction in Britain and elsewhere, said the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, in the House of Commons today.

Representation on Commission

The commission will comprise one representative of each country which is a party to the agreement. The commission shall be increased as conditions warrant by the addition of representatives of other United Nations in the Far East or having territories therein. Such nations as are not members of the commission shall be invited to sit with the commission when matters deemed by the commission primarily to affect the interest of such nations are under consideration.

German Refugees

POURING INTO AUSTRIA

London, Oct. 10.—Reuters correspondent in Vienna says that the Austrian Government is deeply concerned over what will happen at the end of this week when the mass expulsion of Germans from Czechoslovakia will be speeded up. There are already 17,000 refugees in Vienna and another 240,000 in Lower Austria, and more are coming in daily. They include Germans from Sudetenland, Hungary, Transylvania, Bulgaria and even the Volga districts. Attempts are being made to collect all these into camps, but thousands roam the countryside, adding to the general insecurity and robbing the fields of the last remnants of crops.

CHANGES IN JAPAN

Demonstrations in Tokio

REMOVAL OF EMPEROR ADVOCATED

Tokio, Oct. 11.—Tokio was in an uproar this afternoon, as thousands of followers of former Left Wing organisations celebrated the release of political prisoners under Allied orders by marching to the headquarters and demonstrating in appreciation of the sweeping away of all restrictions on political freedom.

Political Struggle Beginning

Observers see in today's demonstration the beginning of a bitter political struggle in Japan that will grow in intensity with the aggravation of starvation and suffering in the coming winter. The release of political prisoners and the light it has thrown on the infamous police system is being used to the limit by the Left Wing to stir up the politically backward Japanese people and gather support for the fight to overthrow the feudal devices of the present Administration. The Japanese to-day publicly advocated that the Emperor should go. That is the main aim of the change in the Allies have already made in Japan.

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German War Casualties

ESTIMATED AT 7,400,000

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Japanese Navy's Loot

IMPOUNDED BY MACARTHUR

New York, Oct. 11.—The Associated Press reports from Tokio that the Japanese Navy's chief, Admiral Yamamoto, said that the navy's several million dollar hoard of gold, silver and platinum, which was impounded by General MacArthur yesterday, was acquired from conquered territories and from the Japanese people themselves. It was earmarked solely for use as metals in war production, not as money.

French Traitors

FIVE EXECUTED

Paris, Oct. 11.—Piquis, who had been sentenced to death for betraying the Germans during the occupation, was shot this morning. Four Gestapo agents were also shot for denouncing members of the resistance movement to the Germans.

A Rome Tragedy

BRITISH OFFICER MURDERED

Rome, Oct. 11.—To-day 32-year-old Lydia Civillo burst into a room in which a British Army officer, Captain Sidney Lush, aged 44, was speaking to the commandant and shot him dead. British police arrested her. Civillo gained entrance to the office of the civilian labour unit on the pretext that she was looking for work. She fired several shots and Lush was killed instantly.

Trade With Eire

SENTENCE VARIED

Dublin, Oct. 10.—Mr. de Valera disclosed to the Dail that Mr. Lemass had discussed trade between Britain and Eire during his recent "hush-hush" visit to London. Asked whether the Government intended to seek an early opportunity for trade discussions with the British Ministers, Mr. de Valera said the time for full-scale discussions had not yet come. Mr. Lemass had had a general discussion with the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Stafford Cripps, and the individual aspects of trade were discussed with the departments concerned.

MALAYAN UNION

New Constitution

BRITISH POLICY

London, Oct. 10.—The Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. C. H. Hall, said in a statement on the Bandung-Batavia train, which was held up outside a suburb of Batavia on October 4, two Dutchmen, three Indonesian police and a Chinese were murdered. The remaining Chinese on the train were taken with a machine-gun and forced to swear allegiance to the Indonesian Republic.

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JAVA SITUATION

Violence Increasing

SHOOTING AND LOOTING

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TERRIFIC TYPHOON

Damage at Okinawa

HUNDREDS OF LIVES BELIEVED LOST

Manila, Oct. 11.—Hundreds of lives are believed to have been lost in a terrific typhoon that hit Okinawa late yesterday, and damage amounting to hundreds of thousands of pounds was caused to American installations. Hardly one tent remains on the island to-day. Camps housing thousands of men have been completely flattened. A camp occupied by 600 W.A.C.'s was totally wrecked, and in the harbour, teams are searching the beaches for the bodies of men drowned when their ships overturned in the enormous seas. So fierce was the wind that an aeroplane was blown off the airfield and a transport plane was lifted bodily, overturned and smashed against another plane parked near by.

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DOCKERS' STRIKE

Situation in Britain

40,000 MEN NOW IDLE

London, Oct. 10.—The dock strike is now holding up more than 50 per cent of the food supplies and general goods lying at British ports, says the "Daily Mail." By labour force of 74,000 dockers throughout the country had ceased work. London meat traders expect some difficulty in maintaining meat supplies this week-end, due to the one-third of the country's weekly ration. Other rationed foods, including butter, cheese, margarine and lard are safe for a few more days.

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LAVAL'S APPEAL

De Gaulle's Reply Awaited

PRISONER STRICTLY GUARDED

London, Oct. 10.—"It is the end, but Pirrot is ending well," said Madame Laval when discussing Laval, whom she calls "Pirrot," says Reuter's Paris correspondent. She is not allowed to see her husband, who is wearing the coarse serge of a prisoner sentenced to death while he awaits the outcome of his defence counsel's appeal to General de Gaulle for a retrial. No reply can be expected until Friday, as General de Gaulle is in Brussels.

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ARGENTINE CRISIS

Military Action

VICE-PRESIDENT FORCED TO RESIGN

New York, Oct. 9.—The political crisis in Argentina has come to a head with the resignation of the Vice-President, Colonel Peron in compliance with an ultimatum delivered by General Eduardo Avalos, commander of the Campo de Mayo garrison. Colonel Peron has been the most powerful figure in the Argentine Government and the main author of its unpopular domestic and foreign policies. General Farrell remains President with the support of the armed forces.

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