

MIHAILOVIC TO DIE

Seven U. S. Marines Captured By Band Armed Chinese

NANKING, July 15, —(AP)—Fighting flared in Manchuria and North China again today as the nation's sporadic peace negotiations were stifled by the summer heat.

Meanwhile, American Marine Corps headquarters in Peiping reported that seven Marines had been captured by a band of 80 armed Chinese north of Chinwangtao and held prisoner since Saturday. The band was not identified.

Associated Press correspondent Tom Masterton, also reported from Peiping that Communist troops had struck at a railroad stations on Shangtung peninsula. There are American Marine bases at Tientsin and Tsingtao.

The reports were carried in the Independent Peiping Press, which late last week reported 20,000 Red troops had opened attacks on Nationalist outer defenses at Tientsin.

Other Chinese press reports said that 10,000 Communists had assaulted Chiengchang in Manchuria and reportedly had completed encirclement of the city while others captured Hungfanzu, a bridgehead on the north bank of Manchuria's Sungari river.

Strong detachments of American Marines were scouring the countryside north of Chinwangtao searching for the missing men.

Veteran Loans Over 27 Million

SEATTLE, July 15, —(AP)—The Veterans Administration guarantee office announced today that lending agencies have made 7,054 loans to veterans of the four Northwest States and Alaska for a value of \$27,285,662. Of the total of the loans, the Veterans Administration has guaranteed \$13,133,935.

In addition, 3,043 loan applications for loans, with an estimated value of \$11,784,759 now are in the process of being consummated by VA regional offices in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska.

Home loans constitute the bulk of those made by lending agencies of the Northwest, with business second and farm loans third. Total amounts of these loans recorded to date are home \$23,503,635; business \$2,857,408 and farm \$924,619.

Fortunate Miss



SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. — (Soundphoto) — One of the lethal souvenirs of the war, a live torpedo, was found near the Golden Gate Bridge and traffic over the bridge was halted temporarily while it was disarmed. An unidentified "beachcomber" found the live torpedo, armed with a detonating head, resting on the sand in a foot of water. The warhead is shown here just before it was blown up by Navy Ordnance experts, who said it was a Japanese torpedo probably fired from an enemy submarine in the early days of the war

Final Effort Extend OPA General Authority

WASHINGTON, July 15, —(AP)—Democratic leader Barkley (Ky.) indicated today that Congress is making its final effort to pass OPA revival legislation by telling reporters he hopes for adjournment by July 27.

Barkley's statement was made at Whitehouse after legislative leaders held their customary Monday morning conference with President Truman. It promptly was interpreted at the capitol as a sign that if Mr. Truman does not sign the bill next sent him by Congress, no further effort will be made to extend OPA's general authority.

Congressional leaders hope to remove, in a Senate-House conference committee, many of the bans voted by the Senate against the placing of ceilings on major commodities.

Edwards Manager Alaska Airlines

SEATTLE, July 15, —(AP)—The Alaska Airlines today announced the appointment of Lieutenant Commander B. B. Edwards, as General Traffic Manager, with headquarters at Anchorage.

Edwards served with the Naval Air Transport Service during the war, for a period of 41 months.

Says 'Veto Power' Illogical

NEW YORK, July 15, —(AP)—Dr. Herbert Evatt, Australian foreign minister, today attacked the veto procedure in the United Nations Security Council as "undemocratic and unjust" and declared there must be "no veto" in the Paris peace conference.

Evatt, who is retiring as chairman of the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, said in a broadcast heard here and in Australia, that the "illogical system of voting in the Security Council" is the "most serious disability under which the United Nations is now working."

Evatt, who sat in the Security Council and watched the Russian delegate invoke the veto power three times in one session on the Spanish issue, said:

"It is a travesty of democratic procedures when any one nation can block the unanimous opinion of the remainder of a council of eleven when it is endeavoring solely to conciliate and adjust international disputes and situations."

SEASONED DRIVERS

SALT LAKE CITY, —(AP)—Police Sgt. F. Clark Sanford believes he'll turn out some well-seasoned drivers in his current driving class. Among the 64 students are Melba Sugar and Dale Salt.

Jap Invasion U. S. From Manchuria By Balloon Brigade

TOKYO, July 15, —(AP)—A Japanese repatriate from Manchuria asserted today that at the end of the war Japan was preparing to invade the United States from Manchuria with balloon brigades ferried across the Pacific in man-carrying free balloons.

Lance Cpl. Isamo Takagi, who said he was captured by the Russian army and escaped, told the story to Kyodo News Agency, adding that the man-carrying balloons, similar to the explosive carriers which were launched in great numbers, were perfected too late for use.

The man-carrying balloons, Takagi said, were in reality double units, one which was to be detached to permit the soldier to land on United States soil to carry out sabotage.

Takagi said he was with the Japanese forces in Manchuria, where 5,000 of the explosive-carrying type were released to be wind-borne toward the United States in the last three months of the war.

A five - square - mile, underground plant at Kirin was used for the balloon manufacture, he asserted.

He said the balloons cruised at from 20,000 to 40,000 feet.

BELGRADE, July 15, —(AP)—Gen. Draja Mihailovic, former Chetnik leader and 10 of his 23 co-defendants were convicted today by a Yugoslav military court on charges of collaborating with the Germans and were sentenced to die before firing squads.

The bushy-bearded defendant, the first underground leader to attract wide attention during the war, was given eight and a half hours to appeal for leniency from the Presidium of the Yugoslav parliament.

Unconfirmed reports said the execution will be private, provided the sentences were upheld, and that the penalties would be exacted swiftly.

Mihailovic became minister of war to former King Peter's exiled government in England. American and British officers served at his mountain headquarters as liaison officers during the last years of the war.

Prison sentences ranging downward to 18 months were imposed on the remaining defendants.

It was not immediately announced how soon the death sentences would be carried out. Two of those sentenced to die were tried and convicted "in absentia."

Sentenced to be shot with Mihailovic were: Redoslav Rade Radich, 56-year-old former commander of the Bratislav Chetnik unit; Milos Glisch, 36-year-old Chetnik Boy; Oskar Pavlovich, 54, former Zagreb Police Chief; Tanasje-Tasa Dinich, 55, former Minister of the Interior in the puppet government of Milan Nedjic; Dragi Yovanovich, 44 former Belgrade Police Chief; Kosta Musicki, 49, former Aide-de-Camp to King Peter and Queen Mary; Mladen Zujeich, 51, former Chetnik commander, believed to be in Paris, and sentenced in absentia.

Alaska Freighter Goes Aground Near Juneau

JUNEAU, July 15, —(AP)—The freighter NORTHERN VOYAGER of the Alaska Transportation Co. ran aground on a sandy beach a half mile below Juneau early this morning.

The vessel may be refloated at high tide.

The Northern Voyager passed up Juneau on its northern trip last week because of the long-shore strike and discharged its cargo at Skagway. It was proceeding to Juneau when it went aground.