

CHINA DEMANDS ACTION OF LEAGUE

Insist Nine-Power Treaty Signatories Be More Than "Invited" to Conference.

By the Associated Press.

GENEVA, October 5.—The Drafting Committee of the League Advisory Group on the Sino-Japanese conflict agreed today that signatories of the nine-power treaty, including the United States, should be "invited" to meet at the earliest possible moment to examine the Far Eastern situation. It was understood also that concessions were made to a Chinese demand that the nine-power conference invitation should not be the only action taken. The Chinese representatives insisted the League also should recognize its obligation to act.

A draft of the proposals is to be submitted later to the subcommittee of 13, and if approved there to be then presented to the full Advisory Committee, which in turn would report to the League Assembly. The effort to call together the nine powers earlier had been snagged by determined Chinese and Russian opposition to a nine-power conference on the conflict.

Oppose British Proposal.

The Chinese delegation, solidly supported by their Russian allies, was learned to have opposed the British project for convocation of the signatories of the Washington treaty guaranteeing China's territorial integrity, unless the League of Nations continues its study of charges accusing Japan as an aggressor nation.

The position taken by China and Russia was based on the hope of ultimate League measures to aid China as a victim of aggression. The particular articles invoked by China in her charge against Japan were 10 and 11 of the League Covenant, which bind the League to take measures to preserve the territorial integrity of members against aggression.

Until the opposition developed, forcing postponement of its meeting today, the Advisory Subcommittee on Sino-Japanese Affairs, with the United States sitting in consultation, was believed to have accepted the British proposal and agreed to recommend convocation of the nine powers at a late meeting last night.

(Dispatches from Washington for some time have indicated the United States was engaged in secret studies with other powers as to if the nine-power pact could not be used to restore peace in China.

(The United States and Great Britain were known to have previously begun exchanging information on their views and diplomatic maneuvers in the Far Eastern crisis, a move which might have strengthened the British decision to invoke the terms of the pact.)

Action Unjustified.

The factual investigation by the great powers at Geneva was said to have resulted in an impression that Japan's military action in China was "unjustified" by the incidents leading up to it.

The three main points of the subcommittee's conclusions were listed as an indictment of Japan for:

1. "Invasion" of China by Japanese troops.
2. Bombardment of the Chinese civil population contrary to the rules of warfare.
3. "Impeding" normal Chinese commerce by a naval blockade of the China coast.

Great Britain's influence was thought to be responsible for the sudden stiffening of the League attitude against Japan in the Far Eastern conflict. One delegate indicated mounting world opinion would induce the League to adopt stringent measures to curb Japan for what the committee decided was an invasion of China.

The nine-power pact, signed in Washington in 1922, binds the signatories to meet at the call of any one of them that believes a situation has arisen which "involves the applications" of the treaty.

State Department Silent.

By the Associated Press.

State Department officials cautiously withheld comment today on the proposal of a League of Nations Advisory Drafting Committee to invite the United States and other signatories of the nine-power treaty to consider the Sino-Japanese conflict.

Pending action by the full Advisory Committee and the Assembly itself, Secretary Hull and his aides refused to indicate what the attitude of this Government might be.

Thus far in the Far Eastern undeclared war the United States has refrained from any move to invoke the nine-power pact, which guarantees the territorial and administrative integrity of China.

Goes on Trial



HAROLD E. DAHL.
—A. P. Photo.

D. C. LEGIONNAIRES HONORED IN PARIS

John T. Taylor and Paul Griffith Made Chevaliers of Legion of Honor.

By the Associated Press.

PARIS, October 5.—John Thomas Taylor, director of the National Legislative Committee of the American Legion, Washington, D. C., and Paul Griffith, office manager of the American Legion in Washington, today were made chevaliers of the Legion of Honor.

The awards were made at a dinner at which three thousand American legionnaires and French war veterans heard Marshal Petain acknowledge the justice of Gen. Pershing's 1917 stand that American troops fight in France as an American Army.

Twenty years after the United States entry into the great war the famous French commander recognized the correctness of the American general's position—a position which for a time threatened serious discord with allied commanders who urged incorporation of American troops into their own divisions.

Pershing, however, was not at the dinner to hear Petain. Pleading a heavy schedule of Legion activities, the 77-year-old general asked to be excused in order that he might conserve his strength.

The dinners, assembled at long tables in a courtyard at Invalides, saw a bust of Pershing presented by Paris Legionnaires to Comdr. Daniel J. Doherty of the American Legion for the Legion national headquarters at Indianapolis. Doherty, a Woburn, Mass., resident, was made a commander of the Legion of Honor by Petain.

Two other Legionnaires—Philip Convey, national vice commander, of Charleston, W. Va., and Capt. Mark Boatner, Jr., in charge of the American Battle Monuments Commission office in Paris—also were made chevaliers. The visiting former soldiers and their families were guests of the marshal at a sumptuous noonday meal, part of a program of elaborate entertainment arranged by the French government and officials.

DR. OVERHOLSER BEGINS ST. ELIZABETH'S WORK

New Superintendent Is Internationally Known in Field of Psychiatry.

Dr. Winfred Overholser, newly appointed superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, assumed his duties here yesterday.

Internationally known in the field of psychiatry, Dr. Overholser succeeds the late Dr. William A. White. The new St. Elizabeth's head has recently been engaged in special work for the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, after many years at the Massachusetts State Hospital. His home is in Wellesley Hills, Mass.

TRIAL WITHHOLDS VERDICT ON DAHL

Court's Judgment in Case of American Flyer to Be Given, Thursday.

BACKGROUND—

Harold E. Dahl, American aviator, was shot down last July by Spanish insurgents. Wide attention was attracted to case when Dahl's beautiful wife made plea to Gen. Franco to spare his life.

By the Associated Press.

SALAMANCA, Spain, October 5.—Harold E. Dahl, the Illinois flyer, who joined the Spanish government air force and was shot down by Spanish insurgents, was court-martialed today in the grand salon of an ancient Moorish palace.

Little more than an hour was required for Dahl to present his story to the military tribunal, contending that he went to Spain as instructor, but was forced to fight.

The court withheld judgment until Thursday at 2 p.m. It must forward its verdict to Generalissimo Francisco Franco for approval or clemency.

His thin blond hair carefully combed and wearing new trousers and jacket, Dahl entered the court room at 1 p.m., with three Russian aviators, who followed him to trial on the same insurgent charge—"rebellion."

Replace Old Counselors.

The new counsel was brought to him by Mrs. Merito, wife of the defense counsel, and daughter of the Bolivian Minister to Paris, and replaced the counsel he had worn since his capture by insurgents.

A telegram from Mrs. Dahl, awaiting decision of her husband's fate in France, came for the captive aviator as the trial began.

"Heart and good wishes of the whole world are with you. Love, Edith," the telegram read.

Col. Federico Acosta and four captains comprised the court, with Capt. Espinosa acting prosecutor.

The public was admitted and packed the court room as the judges, in full uniform, waited while Dahl conferred with counsel.

Dahl's Story Read.

As the prisoners sat on a bench in the middle of the court room, Dahl's story was read—beginning with his going to Mexico, where he contends he was promised \$1,500 monthly to fly for the Madrid-Valencia government, and ending with his capture by insurgents.

Dahl related there never were more than five American pilots with the Madrid-Valencia regime, and that there now was none.

He said he flew Russian planes. The prisoner said that, after an operation in France, he went back to Valencia for his pay, but instead was forced to fight. He testified he held a reserve officer's commission in the United States Flying Corps.

Dahl's Part in Trial.

His part in the trial ended when he was asked if he had anything more to say.

"I came only as instructor, not as pilot," he told the court, which then took up the case of the Russian prisoners.

Dahl, tall and broad-shouldered, was calm throughout and spoke clearly in English, which was interpreted for the court.

Generalissimo Francisco Franco's military court probably will sentence the American to death, but the insurgent leader's previous response to the supplications of Dahl's beautiful wife promised to spare him.

Dahl has been spending the long hours of waiting in writing his memoirs. He wants not only life but freedom.

Dies in Spain

U. S. YOUTH GIVES LIFE FOR LOYALIST CAUSE.



SAMUEL LEVINGER.

This American youth, 20, the son of a Columbus, Ohio, rabbi, was fatally wounded in the siege of Belchite while fighting for the Spanish loyalists in the International Brigade.

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Comment

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The President was referring principally to the Far Eastern situation.

Rome Professes Peace Aim.

ROME, October 5 (AP).—Well-informed sources said today President Roosevelt's reference to peace-loving nations could also apply to Italy. If the Mediterranean situation is in a "state of international anarchy," the culprit is not Italy, but Soviet Russia, it was added.

No official comment was obtainable, on the grounds that President Roosevelt's address was not mentioned in the Italian press.

London Sees Her Foes Hit.

LONDON, October 5 (AP).—President Roosevelt's Chicago address calling for concerted action to restore world peace was welcomed as "very significant" here today.

The foreign office, apart from showing "evident interest," followed its custom of refraining from comment on a speech by the head of a state. Well-informed quarters interpreted the speech as a strong condemnation of the methods of totalitarian states.

Poland has doubled its imports of iron ore and increased its own production 33 per cent in the last year.

Lindberghs to Stay in Home In Britain Another Christmas

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, October 4.—The Lindberghs have decided to spend another Christmas in the rambling, ancient, timbered house of Long Barn at Seven Oaks, Kent, the landlord revealed today.

Long Barn's owner, Harold G. Nicolson, member of the House of Commons, said Col. Charles A. Lindbergh gave notice that he intended to remain "until after Christmas at least." A friend once said, "If Lindbergh cracks his head a few times on the low doorways he'll decide to move." Whether or not the lank flyer cracked his head, he seems satisfied with the picturesque retreat.

Even the landlord, who resides at Sissinghurst Castle, Kent, said he could not understand why the colonel is content to stay in drafty Long Barn during the winter.

The renting arrangement is quite informal. Nicolson originally offered the residence to the colonel to "stay as long as you like."

A real estate agent at Seven Oaks handles the rent. The colonel pays promptly. Neither the agent nor Nicolson give any thought or care concerning the colonel's pursuits there.

Friends of the Lindberghs said the couple is completely satisfied with Long Barn as a suitable place for the rearing of their second son, Jon, so it is thought likely they will continue there until the third son, Land Mor-

Commerce Committee, asserted that such an accord "should express on the British side a future trade policy more in line with the non-discriminatory policy of the United States."

Needle Caused Pain.

ANDERSON, Ind.—When Mrs. William Gift, 77, rubbed her aching leg, a needle emerged. Then she remembered swallowing the needle more than 50 years ago.

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