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PETER EDSON REPORTS ON CONFERENCE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10.—With Foreign Commissar M. V. Molotov gone from the San Francisco Conference, the Soviet Ambassador to Washington, Alexander A. Gromyko—pronounced Gromko with the accent on the Mee—becomes Mr. Big for the Russian delegation at the United Nations Charter writing and spelling bee.

Gromyko smiles a little more readily than the others in this stolid, impassive and almost impassable group. But, aside from the smile, he is pretty much the personification of mystery wrapped in enigma—tall, dark and taciturn.

He is younger than nearly all the other heads of missions here, being only 37. That would make him only nine years old at the time of the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917. He has grown up under Communism. He is a career diplomat and apparently a good one in Russia eyes, for he has been awarded the Order of Lenin—highest civilian decoration given by the Moscow government—for the job he has done in Washington in the past six years.

Gromyko's public utterances since he became ambassador, succeeding Maxim Litvinov have been noteworthy only for their extreme caution, couched in the customary polite but dull diplomatic phrasing. About as far as he goes in committing himself is to say that the people of the Soviet Union feel friendship and deep respect for the U. S. people, and are grateful for receiving from us not only moral but also substantial material support.

As far as Washington society is concerned, his greatest material display of friendship comes at the annual October revolution anniversary receptions in the big limestone embassy formerly occupied by Czarist diplomats, four and a half blocks up 16th Street from the White House. On these occasions, Gromyko dons gold braid and shakes hands with from 1500 to 2000 members of official Washington, who put on a somewhat disgraceful garb for the vodka and caviar. It's enough to make a recluse of even the most gregarious of hosts.

Gromyko was born in Minsk, White Russia, some 300 miles west of Moscow, and near what used to be the pre-war, pre-Curzon-line Polish Border, Minsk was of course overrun by the Germans early in the war. But at San Francisco Gromyko had the satisfaction of seeing White Russia admitted as a sovereign state in the United Nations.

He was educated as an economist and for a time lectured at the Institute of Economics and the Academy of Science, entering the government, at 30, he was in charge of the American section of the foreign office. After a year in that position he was ordered to Washington in 1939 as counselor to Ambassador Constantin Uman'sky. In the three months before Uman'sky's recall and the arrival of Ambassador Litvinov in December 1941, Gromyko was in charge of the embassy and conducted early negotiations for Soviet purchases and lend-lease supplies from the U. S.

Until becoming ambassador two years ago, Gromyko lived in a Washington suburb with his friendly-faced but equally reticent wife, their son Anatoli and daughter Milya. He played a little volleyball, chess, did some fishing, started a stamp collection for his son and spent Saturday afternoons at the movies.

He knew practically no English when he arrived but has studied the language diligently, along with the reports on manufacturing, economics, history and politics—the usual things expected of any career diplomat.

Today Gromyko has a good working knowledge of English and he gets about in the diplomatic set a bit more. But the Ambassador and Madam Gromyko are not, perhaps, as clubby with the White House and State Department officials as were Maxim and Ivy Litvinov.

Recall of Litvinov at the time of the first Quebec Conference in 1943 was at first gossiped about as a slap at the United States for failure to develop a second front. The State Department was quick to deny that, however, and any ideas that Gromyko is a second-rater have been completely destroyed.

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Superforts Pound Japan Again Today

Released From Concentration Camp



Pastor Niemeller, well known religious figure in pre-war Europe, talks to an American correspondent shortly after he was released from an enemy concentration camp in the Alps where he had been held as a hostage. (Signal Corps Radiotelephoto from NEA Telephoto.)

Special Service Arranged For Church Sunday

Sunday evening the Training Union of the First Baptist Church is sponsoring a full evening program honoring mothers. This program will begin with the Training Union hour—7:00 o'clock. The Junior and Intermediate Unions will present the program to the Adult Union in their regular meeting place—the basement of the church. The mothers are especially urged to be present, and all others are invited to attend.

At the Evening Worship Service at 8:00 o'clock there will be a roll call of the Service men and women who are members of the church. The mothers of these service men and women are to answer the roll call. If it is not possible for the mother to be present, the wife, father, sister, or some other relative or friend may answer the roll call. Stars will be added to the service flag for all those in service who have not had a star added previously.

Fall of France Laid To Petain

PARIS (UP)—Paul Reynaud, France's last Pre-Vichy Premier, today blamed the fall of France and his own resignation as premier in 1940 on Marshal Petain.

MARRIAGE LICENCES
The following marriage licenses have been issued from the office of County Clerk W. V. Love:

Eugene E. Funderburg and Merle Dean Hunter.
Carl J. Spencer and Lillie Leona Smith.
Ralph C. Redlake and Imogene Gandy.
William O'Neil, Sr. and Mrs. Viney Wiley.
N. W. Handy of Santo and Silvia Dewey of Artesia, N. M.
Harold L. Shelton of Ranger and Mildred Jean Cole, Strawn.
Billie Edwards of Ranger and Miss Mary Edella Grogan, Ranger.

J. H. CLEMMER FUNERAL HELD FRIDAY, MAY 11

Last rites for J. H. Clemmer, who died at his home in Ranger Wednesday, May 9, were said at the Church of Christ Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Rev. H. B. Johnson, assisted by Mack Strimman, minister of the Church of Christ, Rev. W. E. Hallenbeck of the Church of God, Eastland, and G. S. Westbrook of the Church of Christ at Cisco. Rev. Marshall D. Masters, First Christian Church of Abilene.

Interment was in the Merriman cemetery with arrangements by Killingsworth's Funeral Home.

John Henry Clemmer was born in Madisonville, Tenn., March 16, 1870.

He moved with his parents to Springdale, Ark., when a very small child, then moved to Ranger, Texas, at the age of 21 and has lived here since.

He was married to Nora Brewer, Jan. 31, 1922. To this union ten children were born, of which nine with Mrs. Clemmer survive. They are as follows:

Homer R. Clemmer of Abilene, Eunice Clemmer of Ranger, Mrs. W. P. Hiles of Gentry, Ark., Carl Clemmer of Abilene, Mrs. A. Z. Myrick of Cisco, Mrs. Edwin George of Ranger, Ira Clemmer of Ranger, Mrs. D. F. Stuffer of Laird, Burden Clemmer of Ranger 17 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren.

About 40 years ago he became a member of the Church of Christ and helped to build the first church in Ranger. He was also a member of the Oddfellows Lodge.

He has 4 grandsons in the service and 3 are at present overseas. He leaves a host of friends and relatives, including two brothers, Bill of Talahache, Okla., and Albert of Elgin, Ill., and three sisters, Mrs. C. M. Gore, DeQueen Ark., Mrs. Joe Ewalt, Longview, and Mrs. C. M. Miller of Kansas.

Palbearers were Dick Jones, H. S. Taylor, T. G. Williams, Frank Weekes, Milton George, J. M. Robinson, V. V. Cooper Jr., and John F. Williams, all of Ranger. Honorary palbearers named are Jack Donohoe, Horace Adams, George Fongler, W. F. Creager, Joe Dennis, J. N. Graham, E. L. Stiles, F. E. Langston, Willard Swaney, Dr. W. L. Jackson, Dr. P. M. Kuykendall, Harlan Phillips Jim Cooper, R. V. Robinson, Weaver Aishman, Tom Wilson, Frank Penn, C. E. May, Addie Williams, E. E. Crawford, Jim Robinson, Claude Tuley, Frank Weekes, Cicero Weekes, Frank Williamson, M. H. Bobo, Henry Davenport, W. M. Myers, Buck Myrick of Cisco, Joe Harness, Lewis Pitcock of Graham, E. L. Gray, Nath Pirkle, T. J. Anderson, C. M. Pruet, A. E. Crawley, A. J. Ratliff, G. C. Love, H. P. Earnest and Judge George Davenport of Eastland.

E. R. Hanks, 77, Former Resident Of County, Dies

E. R. Hanks, 77, former Eastland county resident and brother-in-law of R. P. Barber, Eastland, route 2, died May 2 at Plainview which had been his home for a about 25 years. Interment was at Plainview on May 3rd.

The deceased was an Eastland county pioneer, residing in the Pleasant Grove community. He moved from Eastland to Plainview 25 years ago following the coming of the oil boom in this section. His widow and two daughters survive.

WLB Pledges To Avoid Postwar Wage Cutting

WASHINGTON (UP)—The WLB today assured the nations workers that it will try to preserve the general level of their wartime hourly wage rates when they go back to peacetime jobs.

WLB Chairman George W. Taylor pledged the WLB to be "just as alert" in preventing wage rate cuts as in preventing general raises. He said the WLB will attempt to "hold the line" of September 15, 1942, as provided in the stabilization WCT under which the agency controls wages day night.

May 29 Date Set For Chamber of Commerce Event

Tuesday, May 29 has been set as the date for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet and Jeff Williams who spoke at the banquet last year will again be the speaker.

The place for the banquet has not been selected but will likely be decided at a meeting of the directors which will be held Monday.

In Pacific



Ward has been received that Walter J. Atterburn, machinist mate third class, is now stationed with the United States Navy in the Pacific. His station is on a floating dry dock at Guam.

He entered the service of the Navy on March 21, 1941 and was sent overseas in February of this year. He received his training at Farragut, Idaho.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Atterburn and his wife, the former Miss Clara Faye Russell, is making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Russell, while her husband is in service.

Texas Hospital Meets Standards Of Surgeons

GALVESTON, Tex. (UP)—The only one of seven large Texas hospitals to meet the minimum standards of the American College of Surgeons is the John Sealy Hospital in Galveston.

Discussed in the current issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association are the standards of John Sealy, Baylor University Hospital, Parkland and St. Paul's in Dallas, Hermann and Jefferson Davis Hospitals in Houston and Scott and White Hospital in Temple.

John Sealy was approved for the training of generalists, psychiatrists, dermatologists, pediatricians, clinical laboratory technicians, physical therapy technicians, X-ray technicians and nurses.

Lt. C. F. Poyner Now Stationed At San Antonio

San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, Texas.—At the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, officers of the Central Flying Training Command are attending the Officers Command and Training School to prepare for key administrative and command assignment.

During the four-week course at this AAF Training Command unit, the officers study administration, combat operations, physical training techniques and general military training.

S-Sgt. Hardin Wounded In War In Europe Apr. 27

Mrs. Christine Hardin of Olden received the dresden war department message this morning, informing her that her husband Staff Sgt. James L. Hardin, has been wounded in action in the European theatre of operations.

According to the message Sgt. Hardin was wounded in action in Germany on April 27 and further information will be forwarded to the wife as soon as it is received by the department.

TO REVIEW CASES

WASHINGTON (UP)—The War Department today ordered a review of the cases of a number of professional athletes inducted into the Army in recent weeks despite their failure to meet physical standards.

11,000 DUE HOME
ROME (UP)—Allied headquarters announced today that about 11,000 American soldiers will leave Italy for the U. S. this month.

LETTER TELLS MUCH ABOUT PACIFIC ISLES

C. W. Alworth has passed on to the Times an interesting letter which he has received from his nephew, R. R. Kingsley, MMS second class who is serving with the United States Navy in the Pacific and part of it is printed here.

"I have been in foreign waters for the past 23 months so you see in that length of time I am almost a native of these so called (in the movies only) beautiful South Sea Islands.

I have been in and out of Australia a couple of times. At one time it was my job to go to get two weeks of liberty there. So I took me a train ride, 160 miles inland and consequently I saw a good portion of the country. As you have never traveled until you take a train ride on their funny little dinky railroads, no Pullman, diner, nor sleeper, so riding and sleeping is a real problem. At every station stop everyone piles off for a cup of tea and scones. The coaches are built to accommodate six or four persons depending on whether the aisle is in the middle or on the side. The conductor has to get on the platform and there is one at each station stop. Everything in Australia is backward, even the country itself. You drive on the left, walk on the left, look to the left and even the water whirls down the basin counter-clockwise. At the race tracks, which is a gala event for them, the horses run the wrong way around the track and betting is legal.

And their monetary system had me in a fog for quite a spell, but before I left I had it mastered like a Wall Street banker, the pounds, shillings and pence. The food there was paramount and plentiful, also cheap.

Then I spent about nine months in New Guinea from which place I sent home eight boxes of native wood carvings, all made from some very fine woods, such as black ebony, black palm, teakwood, and many varieties of the finest mahogany. The natives there are very dumb but interesting and very friendly. All they do is fish and eat coconuts which grow there by the millions.

I am now stationed from one of the 7,083 islands that old Mother Nature has formed to compose the Philippines, 2,441 of these islands are named and 4,642 unnamed—Eight distinct languages and 87 dialects are spoken, English being familiar to something like 4,000,000 of them. At this particular spot the Japanese at one time had an American prisoner of war camp but that now is all water under the bridge.

The natives here are intelligent and clean in personal appearance. They resent being called natives, they much prefer to be called Philippine-Americans and rightfully they are.

The jungles here are full of wreathed Jap planes as well as monkeys. Now there is something Charlie, you had better place your order for one with me, they would make Blackie a very nice playmate.

Bananas, pineapple, oranges coconuts and rice grow here and so far that is all I have seen. But give me time and I'll find out."

U. S. - Britain Oppose Further Invitations

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—The U. S. and Britain will oppose further invitations to the United Nations Conference to prevent revival of the Russian demands for admission of the Warsaw Polish Government. It was learned today.

Meanwhile the Conference work continues in secret committee meetings while the top conference officials admit little or no progress on the remaining major unsolved problems—trusteeships, regional arrangements and the world court.

THE WEATHER
West Texas.—Considerable cloud cover tonight and Saturday. Showers tonight.

ATTACKS HIT HOME ISLANDS AT SAIGON IN RUINS, SEVEN JAPANESE NAVAL STATION

The stepped-up air war against Japan continued today with new superfort attacks on the home islands and announcement that the big Japanese naval station at Saigon, French Indo-China, has been bombed almost out of existence.

Headquarters of the U. S. Fifth Air Force in the Pacific announced that seven concentrated blows were struck at Saigon by heavy bombers and fighters from the Philippines between April 22 and May 4. The oil depots and ship repair yards at the port were smashed and 95 enemy merchant ships and two naval craft destroyed or damaged. Headquarters spokesman said Saigon, second only to Singapore as a naval repair station, may be useless as such for the duration of the war.

Military To Rule Germany With An Iron Hand

WASHINGTON (UP)—The U. S. military government of Germany will exercise iron control over the lives of German people in the American-occupied section, Secretary of War Stimson revealed today.

The military government will rule over all courts, over domestic and foreign politics, over man-power and the areas economy, Stimson said.

All forms of public expression will be controlled and there will be censorship of news going to the outside world—based "solely on military necessity."

The German army will be demobilized, the entire area demilitarized, the Gestapo wiped out and the whole territory thoroughly "denazified," Stimson said.

House Earmarks Money For Two State Buildings

AUSTIN (UP)—The Texas House today passed a bill earmarking about \$2,200,000 of three state funds for construction of two state office buildings.

Rep. M. A. Bundy of Wichita Falls said the money for the buildings would come from the railroad commissions oil and gas enforcement, the operators and chauffeurs license and the bond of cosmetology funds.

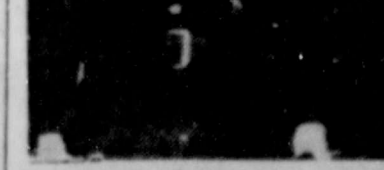
If not used for the office buildings the money would go into the general revenue fund.

Million Yanks To Be In Army Of Occupation

JARIS (UP)—Official sources at Supreme Headquarters indicated today that approximately 1,000,000 American troops will remain in Europe as an army of occupation.

The remaining 3,000,000 Americans will be shipped as soon as possible to the U. S. or direct to the Eastern Theaters. Maj. Gen. Frank S. Ross, chief of the communications zone, said.

Examine Ratified Surrender Terms



Col. General Hans Juergen Stumpf, left, Chief of the Luftwaffe, Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, Chief of German High Command, right, and Gen. Adm. Hans Georg Friedberg, right rear, Commander in Chief of German Navy, shown after they signed the ratified unconditional surrender terms at Russian headquarters in Berlin. (Signal Corps Radiotelephoto from NEA Telephoto.)

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At the close of the games high score award for the men was presented to Mr. Joe Fleckenstein and second high for men went to Mr. Gene Hall. Mrs. Harry Warner was high score winner for the women and Mrs. Fleckenstein second high score winner.

Refreshments were served to the following guests: Messrs. and Misses Coke Martin, Ernest Anderson, Joe Fleckenstein, Haris Gardenhire, Arlie Carver, Harry Warner, R. J. Rains, Gene Hall, W. B. Kufinger, J. B. Houghton and Mrs. Ella Raines and Davenport.

PERSONALS

Miss Mary Allen Lanier is expected home from Abilene Christian College at Abilene to spend Mother's Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Lanier.

Arthur Murrell, who has been a patient in the West Texas Hospital has been removed to his home in Eastland.

Mrs. John Heuser has been removed from the West Texas Hospital to her home.

Miss Georgia Mae Johnson of Roswell, New Mexico, formerly of Ranger is a surgical patient in the West Texas Hospital.

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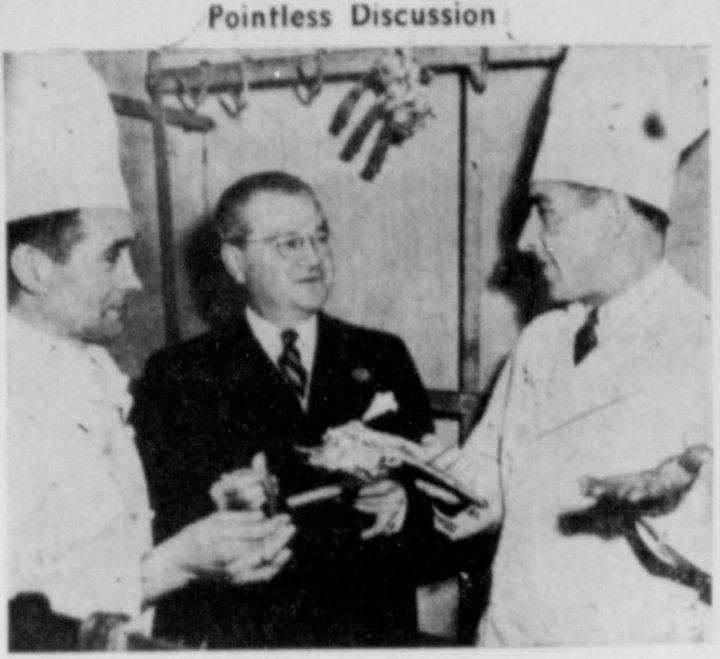
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Pointless Discussion

Anthony Cominotto, right, head chef at San Francisco's St. Francis Hotel, holds up his hands in dismay, wondering what to do for ration points as United Nations Conference representatives jam the dining room. John Renaud, left, assistant chef, and Alfred Barati, catering manager, look equally perplexed as they display a few kitchen remnants.

Arabia's Delegate

Emir Faisal, above, of Saudi Arabia, represents his country at the United Nations Conference in San Francisco. Second son of King Ibn Saud, he is Arabia's Foreign Minister.

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troys.

He was head of the Soviet delegation that helped draft Dumbarton Oaks proposals last fall and he has handled his government's affairs in Washington all through the difficult periods when second front, Polish, Finnish, Romania, Yugoslav and German occupation and reparations questions have been the big issues.

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