

BIG 3 SPEEDUP AIM OF TRUMAN AND CHURCHILL

'Much Business' Is Done, Aids Report

POTSDAM, Germany, July 21 (AP)—The Big Three victory conference reached the end of its first week tonight and American officials expressed satisfaction with progress already made in problems ranging from inter-allied rehabilitation of Europe to destruction of Japanese resistance.

President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin held their fifth three-hour meeting today and an announcement from the American compound said: "The work of the conference is going ahead and much serious business has been done."

Both Mr. Truman and Prime Minister Churchill were reported anxious to speed the deliberations of the conference.

The President is eager to return to Washington soon, and is believed seeking to keep discussions down to a minimum, with a view to quick decisions where there is a possibility of adjustment of differences.

For his part, Churchill wants to return to London by July 26, in time for the announcement of the national election returns, and his associates are reported working toward the goal of concluding the conference in advance of that date.

How long the meeting would continue and what agreements had been reached were left unanswered, but the American statement — the first interim report given by any of the three delegations — reflected President Truman's wish to keep the world informed as much as possible of progress in this suburb of conquered Berlin.

15 Hours of Discussion

The American delegation reported that the three leaders of the United States, Britain, and Russia spent approximately 15 hours this week in direct discussions at the round table.

They met formally each day, starting Tuesday. Secretary of State Byrnes, Foreign Secretary Eden, and Foreign Commissar Molotov began the daily spade work on Monday. Besides their full dress meetings, the Big Three entertained among themselves with a series of luncheons and dinners where the international business of peace and war continually obtruded.

Churchill, Eden, and former Deputy Prime Minister Clement Attlee and the highest military commanders of Britain slightly delayed the previous schedules today in order to witness a parade in the Tiergarten of the British 7th armored ["Desert Rats"] division.

It was Churchill's second visit to the ruins of central Berlin. He made his first visit Monday and inspected Hitler's underground shelter at the reichschancellery.

Berliners Cheer Churchill

Today he was cheered by shabby, awed Berliners on the Kurfuerstendamm when he stopped to open a new British service club for the 7th armored men, who named it the "Winston club" in his honor.

The German cheers were an unscheduled event. A crowd of more than 200, mostly women and children, gathered outside British military lines around the club, formerly known as the "Kabaret der Komiker," and when he drove up there were cries of greeting. He merely stared at them.

But on leaving in a car with Field Marshal Montgomery, the prime minister acknowledged the German cheers by raising his fingers in the V for victory sign.

Churchill told the Desert Rats their march from El Alamein across Africa and Europe to Berlin was "unsurpassed in all the story of war so far as my reading of history leads me to believe."

"Glorious Pilgrimage"

"Here in Berlin," he said at the club opening, "I find you established in this great center from which, as from a volcano, fire and smoke and poison fumes have erupted all over Europe twice in our generation."

"Dear Desert Rats," he said, "may your glory ever shine, may your laurels never fade, may the memory of this glorious pilgrimage of war which you have made from El Alamein via the Baltic never die."

The Big Three kept perfectly in

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[Associated Press Wirephoto: Via Radio from London]

British and Russian principals at "Big Three" conference table in Potsdam, Germany, July 19. Seated clockwise from lower right are Foreign Secretary Eden of Britain, Prime Minister Churchill in unidentified interpreter, Russian Vice Commissar for Foreign Affairs Vyshinsky, Russian Foreign Commissar Molotov, and Generalissimo Stalin of Russia. This is a British official photo.



Field Marshal Montgomery, Prime Minister Churchill, Field Marshal Alexander, Foreign Minister Eden, and Gen. Lyne, division commander (left to right, front) watching British 7th armored division (the Desert Rats) parade in Berlin yesterday.

[Associated Press Wirephoto: By Signal Corps Radio]

Quiet Sunday In Store

A quiet Sunday morning was in store for the American delegation with the President planning to attend religious services. Lt. Col. Lawrence M. Nelson of Columbus, Ga., Baptist minister and divisional chaplain of the 2d armored division, was to deliver the message. The chaplain of the 67th armored regiment, Capt. E. Northen Jr., also a Baptist, was to lead the singing in the American compound.

Last night Adm. Emory S. Land, chairman of the United States maritime commission, J. J. Meely, assistant secretary of war, and Lt. Gen. Lucius Clay, Gen. Eisenhower's deputy in Germany, had dinner with the President. The President's party again was entertained by Pianist Sgt. Eugene Elist and Violinist Pvt. Stuart Canin, both of New York City, who previously played for the Big Three.

Correspondents saw the variance in the press customs of Washington, London, and Moscow delineated by the way information came out of Potsdam during the week.

There has been no news release solely on the initiative of the soviet delegation. The only British release of wide interest was given out 36 hours late concerning the dinner which Churchill and Stalin had without any other official guests. American releases averaged two daily, and today departed from a mere recording of social engagements to give the progress report on the conference itself.