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SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE BULLETIN

HIGHLIGHTS

In the 7 September session of the San Francisco conference, the Soviet delegate failed in a final effort to force amendments to the draft. The three Communist delegates failed to attend the signing ceremony on 8 September.

DEVELOPMENTS AT SAN FRANCISCO

1. In the 7 September session, the Soviet bloc's final formal speech was made by Polzari and was indistinguishable from other Communist tirades. Following the speeches of the other nations, Gromyko again unsuccessfully attempted to force Soviet amendments on the conference.

The speeches of the Canadian and Australian delegates were critical of Soviet arguments and proposals at the conference, accusing the USSR of employing "white-is-black and black-is-white logic" hypocrisy. Ruzo of the Philippines criticized the treaty's reparations provisions and Indonesia's comments were in a similar vein. Premier Yoshida of Japan, with unusual bluntness, worked several strong anti-Soviet and anti-Communist statements into his speech.

The signing session of the conference on 8 September was preceded by a Soviet press conference at which Gromyko characterized the peace treaty as a draft of a new war. He repeated the comments he had previously offered as amendments to the draft. Gromyko and the two satellite delegates failed to attend the signing ceremonies.

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2. The proposed Japanese-Philippine Supplementary Reparations Agreement, originally expected to be concluded at San Francisco, will be finalized in Manila, according to an agreement made by technical officials on both sides. The Philippine delegates bluntly told the Japanese they were "not in a mood to shake hands" unless the Japanese immediately gave tangible evidence of helping Philippine industrial rehabilitation.

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