

WILMINGTON AND VICINITY: Partly cloudy, becoming hot in afternoon. Temperature yesterday: High 86—Low 68.

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1st. Army-Navy "E" Award In Area Goes To Ethyl-Dow Plant

The first Army - Navy "E" production award in the Wilmington area will be presented to employees of the Kure Beach plant of the Ethyl - Dow Chemical company at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

JAPS IN U. S. JOBS HAVE RADIO FILES

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(AP)—A house committee today seized foreign broadcast files found in the rooms of two Japanese employed by the government.

The group headed by Chairman Lea (D-Calif.) and investigating the Federal Communications Commission called an emergency hearing to question Fred Nitti, a native of Japan, and John Kitasaka, American-born Japanese.

Nitti is employed by the office of strategic services in "highly confidential" work, he testified. Kitasaka edits scripts of radio Tokyo broadcasts in the foreign broadcast intelligence division of the FCC.

Kitasaka said he had the copies made to "study them" to help him in his work. Nitti said they aided him also, in what he was doing for the highly secret OSS.

U. S. KEEPS CLEAR OF POLISH RUKUS

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(AP)—The United States intends to pursue a strictly non-partisan course in the Russo-Polish dispute over the administration of liberated areas of Poland, it was reported on high authority tonight.

Officials here are hopeful that a way will be found to avoid any direct clash of interests between Britain and the United States, on one hand, and Russia on the other over the Polish question, despite the outburst of denunciations which has marked the organization of an administrative authority for Poland under Russian sponsorship.

The latest shot in this verbal exchange was fired today at the State department by Ambassador Jan Ciechanowski of the Polish government in exile at London. As he called in Secretary of State Hull, Ciechanowski denounced the Soviet-approved Polish Committee of National Liberation as a "typical puppet government imposed by Moscow."

The committee already has blasted Ciechanowski's government as having no legal authority to administer Poland and then declared its intention to rule until such time as the Polish people have opportunity to express themselves on a government.

Russia, which for months has withheld any official statement on relations with Poland, announced that it would conclude an agreement with the committee covering relations between the Red army and civilian administrations of Polish territories from which German forces are driven.

U.S. Invaders On Guam And Tinian Gain

Marines Sweep Over Ushi Base; Apra Harbor Taken

ABOARD EXPEDITIONARY FLAGSHIP OFF TINIAN, July 25.—(July 24 U. S. Time)—(Via Navy Radio)—(AP)—American Marines swept onto Ushi point air-drome on Tinian island today and scaled and captured strategic heights commanding it after a night of fighting in which several hundred Japanese were killed in desperate futile counterattacks.

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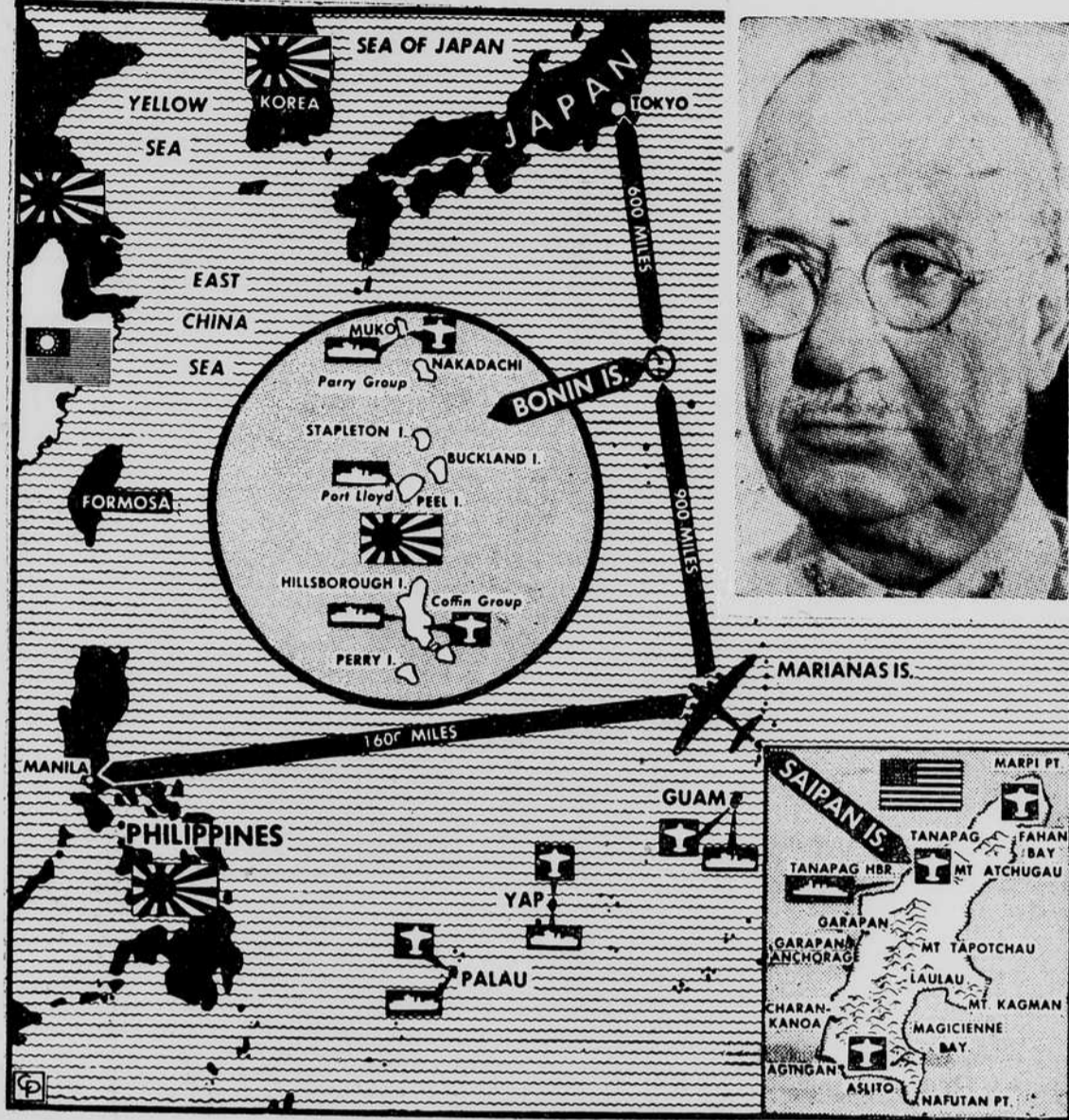
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SQUEEZING THE PINNACLES



With the invasion of Tinian underway and the battle for Guam going well, this map provides a comprehensive round-up of the action areas in this vital Pacific section.

ALLIED ARMIES NEAR FLORENCE

ROME, July 25.—(AP)—British infantry, gaining in small but bloody battles through mountainous country, advanced to within less than 10 miles of the historic city of Florence from the south, while American troops fighting inland along the Arno river were reported tonight only 18 miles west of the great Arno center and transportation hub.

The enveloping Allied drives on the Metropolis, 140 miles northwest of Rome, were being pressed in the face of bitter enemy resistance. Nazi troops yielded each successive position only after being blasted out, and there always was a new stronghold into which they could retire.

As the Fifth and Eighth Armies converged for a final assault on the city there was no indication that Field Marshal Albert Kesselring had any plan other than to defend it desperately, rather than to withdraw his forces into the "Gothic line" on the northern side of the Arno, which flows through Florence.

On the American front, extending from the Tyrrhenian sea through the city of Pisa and on inland along the twisting Arno river to a point 18 miles from Florence, the last German soldier either had crossed the wide stream and entered the "Gothic" defenses or had died in a futile attempt to stem the advance.

Scrap Paper Collection At Wrightsville Beach Scheduled For Friday

The Senior Fraternity, members of which have recently collected 60,000 pounds of scrap paper, has announced that the truck will visit Wrightsville Beach on Friday, sometime after 5 o'clock, and remain as long as there is a scrap of paper to be had.

Residents of the resort city are asked to have their paper on the front porch and if possible tied up in bundles convenient for handling.

The truck is plainly marked and it is also to be noted that the men aboard are eminently successful in making their presence known. There is little danger of missing them. The chief need is to have the paper out where it can be readily picked up.

Meantime, collections continue in Wilmington. If anyone has any doubt about how to have it gathered, a telephone call to 6843 will bring full information.

STIMSON WARNS AGAINST LET-UP

WASHINGTON, July 25.—(AP)—Germany has been shaken and "shot through with doubts" by the three-sided Allied attacks in Europe, Secretary of War Stimson said tonight, but there is no collapse in sight and no excuse for relaxing on the home front.

"There is only one sure strategy to finish this war with finality and speed," the secretary declared in a radio report on his recent trip to Italy and Normandy.

"That is for us and our Allies to gear every resource we have in men and equipment in a final, unremitting assault on land, sea and in the air. The determination to do this is unmistakably present in our men in uniform. It must also be the guiding thought of everyone behind the lines."

Stimson spoke over the Blue and Mutual networks. Stimson said many persons are talking of a quick victory through collapse of the German army, but "such a collapse is not yet apparent to our men who are locked in combat with a brutal, resourceful and stubborn enemy."

DOUBLE PRONGED DRIVE UNDERWAY

Montgomery And Bradley Strike Under Biggest Aerial Cover

AN ADVANCED COMMAND POST, SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, July 25.—(P)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower made his sixth trip to the Allied beach-head in Normandy today for an eleventh-hour conference with Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery and Gen. Omar N. Bradley before the British and American ground forces merged in an all-out attack—the sequel to another terrific blasting of German positions from the air.

GREAT OFFENSIVE

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Wednesday, July 26.—(P)—The Allied armies in Normandy opened the greatest coordinated offensive of the western invasion Tuesday as the Americans smashed west of St. Lo in their heaviest assault since Cherbourg and British-Canadian forces on the east drove south of Caen against some of the strongest German resistance of the entire campaign.

With their supreme commander, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, on the beachhead to confer with field commanders for seven hours as the big push got under way, the Allied armies struck to end a relative stalemate of several days.

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's American First Army launched its drive at noon after "very large forces" of heavy, medium light and fighter-bombers had joined in a concentrated aerial assault, headquarters announced in its midnight communique—no. 100. Dispatches from the front said the aerial assault was borne by more than 3,000 American planes comprising the mightiest aerial fleet ever hurled at a German battle-line.

British and Canadian infantrymen and armor hit below Caen on a four-mile front before dawn, seizing at least two towns in a one-mile advance through terrific opposition employing tanks and 88 MM. guns.

Headquarters said that the advance was maintained during the day despite the enemy resistance, which produced "heavy fighting." By early evening, dispatches from the front reported, the Germans were hurling tanks and (Continued on Page Three; Col. 5)

Woodrow Wilson Hut Exceptionally Busy

In submitting her annual report as hostess of the Woodrow Wilson Hut, Mrs. Ethel S. Powers said that it is impossible to give a complete resume of all activities because no record can be kept of the little personal services rendered such as writing letters to mothers, mending, buying gifts for relatives and the thousand and one courtesies to the enlisted men of this area.

Otherwise, Mrs. Powers says, the Hut program has consisted largely of dances for Service men. One hundred and one dances were given from July 1, 1943 to the same date this year, at a cost of \$3,771.35.

Smith, Caraway Trailing In Vote For U.S. Senate

By The Associated Press Senator Ellison D. (Cotton Ed) Smith, 79-year-old dean of the Senate, and Senator Hattie D. Caraway, the Senate's only woman member, trailed opponents last night (Tuesday) in their bid for renomination in South Carolina and Arkansas Democratic primaries.

June Bank Clearings Totaled \$39,461,914; Half Year Tops 1943

Banks of Wilmington have cleared \$39,461,914.65 for the month of June, announced D. M. Darden, secretary to the Wilmington Clearing House Association yesterday.

Clearances for June are less than for May due to the fact that there were five reporting weeks in May and only four in June, explained Mr. Darden. The clearance for May was \$44,037.21.

"We are holding our own in Wilmington," said Mr. Darden. "A shrinkage was expected by bank officials but we find instead that the figure for the first six months of this year exceeds the figure for the first six months of last year by approximately \$9,000,000."

The clearance in 1943 was \$230,311,817.93 while in 1944 it is \$239,047,040.80.

Polio Committee Asks \$50,000 Fund Increase

RALEIGH, July 25.—(AP)—The North Carolina committee of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation today called for an additional \$50,000 for use in combating the state's current infantile paralysis epidemic which has infected 383 persons and caused 17 deaths since June 1.

Former Gov. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, chairman of the committee, said the additional funds would be needed to carry out the board program of care and treatment outlined for use in the infected areas. Ehringhaus said that \$45,266.69 was contributed by 93 counties during the first drive for funds last month. A \$50,000 grant was made by the National Foundation. The Governor estimated that the care and treatment program would cost approximately \$80,000 in the infected areas alone next month, even if the epidemic continues on its present scale. More than \$35,000 will be needed in Catawba county, where an emergency hospital has been set up to care for more than 100 persons.

4 Horsemen, Hitler, Goering, Goebbels, Himmler, Ride Roughshod In Germany And Occupied Lands

STOCKHOLM, July 25.—(AP)—Ten days before the attempt was made to kill Adolf Hitler Berlin was flooded with small leaflets bearing the single line, "Let's make peace now. Smash Hitler and his gang," a source with close connections inside Germany told the Associated Press today.

LONDON, July 25.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler tonight invested Marshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering and propaganda chief Paul Joseph Goebbels with sweeping powers over German public and private life and in effect placed Germany and the occupied territories under an arch-Nazi quadrumvirate.

7,000 Workers On Labor Front Idle In Strikes

By The Associated Press At least 7,000 workers were idle yesterday (Tuesday) in work stoppages on the nation's labor front, and the War Labor Board called upon two of the striking groups to resume work. Undersecretary of War Patterson, in a telegram, also pleaded for termination of a walk-out in Michigan.

In a telegram to Oakley Mills, local union president of the CIO United Steel Workers at Chicago, the WLB directed 400 striking employees at the Western Foundry company to resume production immediately. The walkout, result of a dispute over a change in wage rates, "is seriously interfering with the production of critical materials," the WLB said.

Carolina Beach Fixes Tax Rate

The Carolina Beach Board of aldermen tentatively agreed upon the \$1.13 tax rate for the area at a special meeting last night. This is the same as the rate used for the previous year.

Listings of the budget were also passed by the board and under general fund, \$4,005 was set as the figure for the year. The police department, \$9,417.60; sanitation department, \$6,500; streets and boardwalks, \$12,475; and public buildings \$11,126. This makes a total of \$47,652.60.