

WILMINGTON AND VICINITY: Partly cloudy and continued warm with scattered thundershowers. Temperatures yesterday: High 89—Low 73.

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REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR AND BATAAN

How Robot-Weary Londoners Live Deep Under Ground



Londoners make themselves comfortable in a well-equipped shelter built in tunnels running beneath underground railways. There they are safe from German's robot bombs. Two such shelters are complete as part of a program that will provide sleeping quarters for 40,000 Londoners. At upper left, shelterers in sleeping quarters prepare for a night's sleep. Lower left is the canteen cash desk where they obtain receipts for money spent in the shelter's canteen. At upper right is a well-lighted hallway and an emergency stretcher. At lower right, young shelterers obtain their traditional tea at the canteen. (AP wirephoto).

ARMY - NAVY 'E' FOR ETHYL - DOW

Maj. John W. Thurlow, addressing the employees, officers and guests gathered at the Ethyl-Dow plant Wednesday afternoon to commemorate the presentation of the Army-Navy 'E' award for production, struck the key-note of the occasion when he said: 'To you in this gathering the "E" should be and surely is a matter of tremendous significance. It bears witness to the achievement and maintenance at this plant of a high production that depends upon several important elements. The first of these is the harmonious relationship, the fine teamwork, between management and labor of the Ethyl-Dow Chemical Company. The absence of any work stoppage in the record of this plant's production is but one of the facts that give eloquent testimony as to just how close this labor-management teamwork has been.'

G. E. Cantwell, manager of the plant, accepting the award, paid high tribute to the men who had made its bestowal possible. 'In the successful prosecution of a war,' he said, 'there must be two armies—the fighting army at the front and the production army at home.'

Eighty-four of the plant's workers have been called to the armed service—one killed in action, one a prisoner of war, several discharged because of wounds, one announced, and added: 'The rest of us have taken our position in the production army, and are receiving the Army-Navy award for excellence today in recognition of the job which we are doing as production soldiers.'

CARIBBEAN STORM IS BREAKING UP

MIAMI, Fla., July 26.—(AP)—A tropical storm which headed over the Caribbean sea toward Jamaica was reported by the weather bureau late today to have shown signs of breaking up. 'Reports at 2:30 p.m. from the storm area show an extensive area of squalls with winds of 40 miles an hour around the western tip of Haiti and 100 miles southward and eastward,' said a 5 p.m. advisory, 'but no definite center of circulation can be located. It is possible that the small center was broken up against the mountains of western Haiti. 'However, caution should be continued in the Jamaica area and eastern Cuba until further notice.' In a morning advisory the bureau had noted some indication of hurricane winds, 75 miles an hour or more.

Vinson Rejects Appeal For 2-Cent Leaf Hike

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson today rejected appeals of blue cured tobacco growers and warehousemen for a 2 cent a pound increase in 1944 ceiling prices. Vinson notified a group of more than 30 tobacco men representing the five blue cured producing states that he was his 'final decision' that the ceilings announced last week—39 cents for loose, ungraded tobacco and 43 1/2 cents for graded and tied leaf—would stand. The tobacco man maintained that ceilings of 41 and 54 1/2 cents, recommended by them at a meeting with the Office of Price Administration here in March, was the minimum acceptable to them. Standing by their guns, the group shouted down an offer from Vinson, if they would accept the lower figure, to sign a supplemental order allowing a one-cent pound 'leeway' on the Georgia-Florida markets, where practically the entire crop is sold loose and ungraded, to be 'balanced off' under the ceilings in the middle and old belt. 'That would do nothing in the world but add confusion to dis-

ENEMY ACTIVE IN NEW GUINEA

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Thursday, July 27.—(AP)—Small Japanese patrols are trying to break through American lines across the Drinimur river on the Aitape front in British New Guinea, headquarters announced today. The Japanese attempting to break westward out of the positions in which they have been trapped in the Wewak area are probing the American southern flank, headquarters said. Far to the west in northwestern Dutch New Guinea, fighter planes and patrol torpedo boats raised havoc with the Japanese base of Manokwari, damaging barges, fuel dumps, trucks and bivouac areas. Manokwari is on the New Guinea mainland 50 miles west of American-occupied Noemfoor island. Bombers from the southwest Pacific area smashed the airbase and supply areas at Woleai island (Continued on Page Six; Col. 4)

BYRNES SEES NEED FOR QUICK ACTION

SPARTANBURG, July 26.—(AP)—James F. Byrnes, director of war mobilization, said here today that the turn of events in Germany has made it imperative that Congress give immediate consideration to demobilization legislation. In an interview, he said that 'no one can tell what is really taking place inside Germany, but there is one thing certain—anything can happen and we must be prepared. 'We have gone as far as we can by executive order in carrying out the demobilization recommendations of the Baruch-Hancock report.' He added that he had communicated with the majority leaders of the house and senate expressing the hope that as soon as congress reconvenes they can obtain action of two bills, one providing for disposition of surplus property and the other setting up machinery for converting from war to peace production.' Byrnes asked those on the home front not to falter in their job, saying: 'Hard and bloody fighting is still ahead of us. Even if Germany should collapse this fall we still have Japan to lick. We cannot lessen our war effort at home until the last bullet is fired.'

NEW ZEALANDERS NEARING FLORENCE

ROME, July 26.—(AP)—Spearheaded by New Zealand veterans of Cassino, Eighth Army Forces smashed today within eight miles of the open city of Florence, which was expected to fall without a struggle once its outer defense were breached. (The Berlin radio said July 1 that Adolf Hitler had declared Florence an open city to protect its 'irreplaceable cultural values,' and there has since been no report of Allied planes having attacked the city's rail yards.) New Zealand tanks and infantry, stabbing forward five miles in two days of bitter fighting against Nazi parachute troops, were reported closing on the highway town of Casasciano, less than eight miles south of Florence. Other Eighth Army columns advanced steadily along a 30-mile front below the city, renowned as the birthplace of modern art. (A German military comment-

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LONDON, Thursday, July 27.—(AP)—Russian troops, having reached the Wisla (Vistula) river on a 30-mile front in Central Poland, fought today for bridgeheads on the western bank which would outflank Warsaw, 57 miles to the northwest, and place them across the last large natural defense line guarding Germany, 140 miles away. While these sagging Nazi defenses on the Wisla underwent the scourge of Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's massed forces, the north Baltic front split open with Soviet capture of the Estonian city - fortress of Narva and neighboring towns on the south shores of the Gulf of Finland, and the Germans and their Hungarian puppets in the south reeled back into the Carpathian mountain passes below encircled Stanislawow and Kolomyja on the routes to Czechoslovakia. Along the fiery fronts, 800 air-line miles long, more than 500 towns fell to the Russian assault, it was announced by the Soviet midnight communique and two orders of the day by Premier Marshal Stalin. Stalin's order announcing capture of Narva was followed on the Moscow radio by the Estonian anthem, and his second order, on capture of the fortress of Döblin, on the east bank of the Wisla, by the Polish national anthem. Soviet - raised Polish forces numbering about 100,000 were participating in the battle in central Poland which posed perhaps the gravest of the many perilous prospects confronted by the German command. Eight great Red Army groups were carrying the main weight of the tremendous offensives which, besides ground gained had dominated the German garrisons of Stanislawow, Lwowo, Brest Litovsk, Bialystok, Daugavpils (Dvinsk) and probably also Kaunas. Those cities once represented a line of formidable defenses ranging along the entire front, but Russian encirclement and annihilation tactics had caught them tight. The Germans made these grave admissions: They were retreating in the North Baltic; the Russians were striking east and northwest of Kaunas, Lithuania, with 'major infantry and taken forces'; and the Hungarians have been pushed back to the west and southwest, creating 'grave danger for the towns of Stanislawow and Kolomyja.' 'The Germans did not admit any large withdrawals on the Kaunas front, where they are reported to have reinforced their stiff defense with the 214th infantry division recently in Norway, but acknowledged that Riga, Latvia, was within reach of the Russians, now less than 70 miles distant after having encircled Daugavpils and cut the railway to Riga.

Mother Of Ten Children Sponsors Ship Launching

WARSAW, July 26.—Mrs. Blooney Hertford Wiggs, mother of 10 children, five of whom are in the armed forces, acted as sponsor of the SS Atakapa at the ship's launching July 11 at the Charles-ton Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Charleston, S. C. Yoeman Second Class Dixie Harriet Wiggs, daughter of Mrs. Wiggs who acted as maid of honor at the launching is stationed with the Waves in Washington, D. C., in the Navy Department. R. C. Wiggs RM, first class who is serving with the Sixth Naval District in Charleston, is a pre-Pearl Harbor man. Also in the Navy is ARM Second Class Cecil H. Wiggs, now reported missing, who is in the Naval Air Corps. Representing the Army in the family are Sgt. N. L. Wiggs of the Army Air Forces in Nebraska, and Cpl. D. N. Wiggs, who is at Camp Hood, Texas.

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Foe Turns Pisa Tower Into Machinegun Nest; May Have To Blast It

AN AMERICAN COMMAND POST NEAR PISA, ITALY, 26.—(AP)—The enemy has installed an observation post in the world-famous leaning tower of Pisa and has heavily fortified the city, forcing the Fifth Army to consider firing upon it as it did the Cassino monastery to prevent further danger to doughboys, officers said today.

Up to now, that historic buildings and monuments might be spared, no artillery fire has been directed against the city. But with the machine-gun mortar and self-propelled rocket fire being poured across the Arno river upon American positions in the southern section of the city, Major Arthur Peterson of Irdianapolis, a divisional artillery officer, declared: 'If it becomes enough of a military objective to outweigh public opinion, we will have to fire upon it.'

Marines Mount To Top Of Tinian's Highest Peak, Hold Advantage

ABOARD EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FLAGSHIP OFF TINIAN, Marianas Islands, July 26.—(July 25 U. S. Time)—(AP)—(via Navy radio)—American Marines, counting almost 100 slain Japanese for each of their own dead, captured the highest peak on Tinian island to ashore. Seizure of the 564-foot Mt. Lasso gave the invaders a vantage point a third of the way southward from Tinian's northern tip, near which they first

ALLIED BOMBERS POUNDING REICH

LONDON, Thursday, July 27.—(AP)—Allied bombers were sweeping over the Reich early today from virtually every direction, the German radio reported, in what appeared a continuation of the gigantic three-cornered blasting Nazi strategic targets have been given on preceding nights.

Various German broadcasts told of the approach of formations of bombers over East Prussia, the Kiel bay, western northwestern and southern Germany as well as the lower Danube region. These reports indicated that the Russian and Mediterranean air forces were in action again as well as the RAF's night armada operation from Britain—all aiming at shattering key industrial and communications targets on the German home front.

MONEY CONFREES SETTLE OWN BILLS

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—The state department said today that each nation represented at the recent United Nations monetary conference at Bretton Woods, N. H., footed its own bill.

The only expense incurred by the United States, a department spokesman said, was for room space used as offices by the American delegation and the secretariat.

'The rooms used by the American personnel for living quarters were paid out of their per diem allowances,' the state department said. 'The space occupied by the delegations from the other countries for their living or office quarters was paid for by those countries.'

Inquest Of Case Involving Dr. Shaw Is Postponed

The inquest scheduled to be held last night at Burgaw into the death of a young woman on whom Dr. Colan Shaw of Atkinson is charged with performing an abortion, was postponed to a later date. The reason ascribed to the delay is that the doctor at Duke hospital, Durham, who examined the victim, had failed to return to the coroner a full report of his findings, and the case was therefore not ready to be presented to the jury.

GAIN ON 20-MILE FIRE-SPRAYED LINE

Tanks And Infantry Pierce First And Second Foe Defenses In France

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Thursday, July 27.—(AP)—A great combined American Tank and infantry assault smashed through the German first and second defense lines and into rear artillery positions west of St. Lo Wednesday, scoring gains up to five miles deep through a four-mile-wide breach in the Nazi positions.

BATTLE ON GUAM GOES FAVORABLY

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS Pearl Harbor, July 26.—(AP)—American assault forces on Guam, holding about 12 miles of the central western coastline, battled for important installations today.

At the same time radio Tokyo reported an American carrier task force struck at Palau, east of the Philippines, and that an Allied fleet again bombarded Sabang harbor on Sumatra. The attack on Palau, if confirmed, would be the second by such an American force on that enemy stronghold 500 miles from the Philippines. The first, on March 29, dealt heavy damage to Japanese shipping and aircraft.

The attack on Sabang, reported in a Japanese communique broadcast by Tokyo, had not received Allied confirmation. Sabang, at the western end of Sumatra, was first hit by an Allied fleet last April 19.

COMMONS DEBATES ROBOTS IN SECRET

LONDON, July 26.—(AP)—The House of Commons went into its impromptu secret session today to discuss flying robots after a night in which the Nazi robots battered at London and southern England at regular intervals.

Two patients were killed and 250 escaped injury when one of the missiles hit a hospital in southern England early today.

Today's secret session was brought on when Capt. Alec S. Cunningham-Reid, who had a tilt with the government last week with persistent questions about robots, raised the question of 'the urgent necessity of adequately dealing with looting from the premises damaged by flying bombs,' in Prime Minister Churchill's speech on the robots on July 6 he rejected all proposals for a secret discussion. Since then, however, there have been insistent demands in Parliament for more information.

Harbor Islanders Asked To Take Papes To Roger's

Harbor Island residents, learning that scrap paper would be collected at Wrightsville Beach on Friday by members of the Senior Fraternity, asked the Fraternity to stop at their homes at the same time. The collectors have announced they cannot 'cover' both areas the same evening, but if Harbor Island folk will take their scrap paper to Roger's store on Friday afternoon they will pick it up in passing.

3 Democrats, 1 Republican Defeated For U.S. Senate

Associated Press Staff Writer Senators Ellison D. (Cotton Ed) Smith of South Carolina, 79-year-old senate dean and bitter foe of President Roosevelt, and Hattie W. Caraway of Arkansas, only woman Senator, became the third and fourth members of that branch to fall of renomination, nearly complete returns from Tuesday's primaries showed yesterday (Wednesday). Both are Democrats. First Defeat to become a primary fatality was Sen. D. Worth Clark of Idaho, defeated in June by Glen Taylor, cowboy, radio minstrel,

and shipyard worker. The lone Republican defeated so far is Rufus C. Holman of Oregon, who lost to Wayne L. Morse, former war labor board member. Politicians in Washington differed over the effect Smith's defeat might have on the southern 'revolt' against the President's election. Some said the thumping victory over Smith and three others by Gov. Olin D. Johnston, 47-year-old Roosevelt supporter, might slow up the anti-Roosevelt elector threat in Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana. Others believed it would have no effect. The

latter said Smith would have been retired six years ago if he had not been able to raise the cry that the administration was trying to 'purge' him. Mrs. Caraway, a senator since 1931, was defeated in a race topped by Rep. J. W. Fulbright, 39-year-old former university president who attained national attention by sponsoring the first peace-preservation resolution to pass either house of Congress. Fulbright will face a run-off on August 8, since he failed to get a majority. (Continued on Page Six; Col. 7)

United States Scores Argentina's Attitude

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—The United States tonight denounced Argentina for 'deserting the Allied cause' and decisively rejected all suggestions that it negotiate with President Edelmiro Farrell's regime on re-opening diplomatic relations. Instead it recommended to all united and associated nations the diplomatic isolation of Argentina. The denunciation apparently was without precedent for bluntness and strong language. It was issued by the State department after Secretary of State Hull had consulted for several weeks with other Ameri-

can governments. Copies were sent to all the American governments except Argentina. A department official said there was 'virtual unanimity' among those governments in supporting the principles laid down by Hull for continuing non-recognition of Argentina on the ground of desertion. One or two, it was said, have not given endorsement yet but are expected to do so. The extent of support for continuing non-recognition of the revolutionary Farrell regime is regarded by Hull as of utmost importance since Farrell and his officials have hoped that if they failed to get

United States recognition they would be able to persuade other nations, particularly those in South America, to break away from the policy. Asked whether the reinforced diplomatic policy might be followed by economic sanctions, a high official said that question had not been taken up yet. The Argentinean declaration asserted that Argentina had taken 'two steps which have resulted in the most serious injury to the Allied cause.' 'It has deliberately violated (Continued on Page Six; Col. 8)