

FORECAST

Partly cloudy and continued mild. Light to moderate west and southwest winds. Yesterday's temperatures: High 88, Low 68.

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NEW CITY OFFICIALS TAKE OFFICE



City Clerk J. R. Benson gives the oath of office to members of Wilmington's new city council, meeting for the first time yesterday. Left to right, they are Mayor Pro-Tem Garland S. Currin, Mayor W. Ronald Lane, Councilman J. E. L. Wade, Mr. Benson, Councilman Walter E. Yopp and Councilman Robert S. LeGwin. Recording the meeting is Mrs. Mary Southerland, assistant to the city clerk. Attorney W. B. Campbell also is shown. (Star-News Staff Photo)

Lane Renamed Mayor Of Wilmington, New Council Discusses City Extension

SENATE APPROVES LABOR SECRETARY

Action on Clark Deferred; Anderson Okehed By Committee

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(U.P.)—President Truman's new cabinet shakeup passed its first major test today when the Senate approved the nomination of Federal Judge Lewis B. Schwellenbach of Spokane, Wash., to be Secretary of Labor.

Confirmation was by unanimous consent. Schwellenbach, 50, a former Senator, succeeds Frances Perkins who had held the post since the last President Roosevelt took office in 1933. He is expected to be granted much wider powers than his predecessor when he takes over the job July 1.

Another appointment, that of Rep. Clinton Anderson, D., N. M., to be Secretary of Agriculture, was approved meanwhile by the Senate Agriculture Committee. It will be brought to the floor next Monday.

The Senate Judiciary Committee deferred action until June 10 on the nomination of Tom C. Clark of Texas to be Attorney General. Acting Chairman Carl A. Hatch, D., N. M., said there will not be enough members in town until then for a representative vote.

Meanwhile, Chairman Guy M. Gillette of the Surplus Property Board, announced that he has submitted his resignation to Mr. Truman. Leaving the White House after a talk with the President, he said he had accepted the appointment late last year with the understanding that it was temporary.

The Agriculture Committee scheduled public hearings to begin June 11 on the appointment of Claude R. Wickard of Indiana to be Rural Electrification Administrator. He is now Secretary of Agriculture.

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Following a nomination by Mayor Pro-Tem Garland S. Currin, the new city council at its first meeting yesterday re-elected W. Ronald Lane, owner and manager of Lane's drug store, as mayor, and re-elected unanimously all other city officers.

They are Garland S. Currin, mayor pro-tem; Robert S. LeGwin, treasurer; W. B. Campbell, city attorney; and J. R. Benson, city clerk. A. C. Nichols was continued on as city manager.

City Clerk J. R. Benson administered the oath of office to Councilmen J. E. L. Wade, W. E. Yopp, Currin, LeGwin and Lane, shortly after the group met at noon in the council chamber. Edgar L. Yow, who did not seek re-election and Robert R. Romeo, who did not request an election run-off between himself and Currin, retired from the Council, after a short business session of the old Council immediately prior to the noon meeting.

The new council passed a motion by LeGwin asking for the authorization of the city attorney to start extensive surveys and collect data necessary for the calling and holding of an election on extension of the city limits. According to legislation enacted in the last session of the General Assembly, it is required that three months notice be given from the time the election is

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DAVIES TO TALK WITH EISENHOWER

To Discuss Allied Control Of Germany; Others To Confer

LONDON, May 31.—(U.P.)—Joseph Davies, who has been in London on a special mission for President Truman, flew to Allied headquarters at Frankfurt-on-Main today to confer with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower on detailed arrangements for meeting of the four-power Allied control commission for Germany.

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DRASTIC SUGAR PLAN ANNOUNCED

OPA Administrator Discloses Four Point System For Canners

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(U.P.)—The OPA tonight launched a drastic program designed to end what it termed a home canning "sugar racket" developing in some parts of the country.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles announced a four point plan which he said was aimed at "some chiselers (who) are stooping to falsifying their applications in an effort to get sugar they know they won't use in canning."

The tightening of sugar distribution followed a boost in the ration point value of canned tomatoes and spinach, and a lowering of the point price of tomato juice and vegetable juice combinations.

RALEIGH, May 31.—(U.P.)—The Raleigh district OPA office said today that an announcement in Washington referring to certain changes in the handling of home canning sugar rations "does not mean that any changes will be

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NATIONS PREPARING WAR CRIMINAL LIST

LONDON, May 31.—(U.P.)—The United Nations war crimes commission was told tonight that the United States is preparing a list of accused criminals for submission in full with every case "ready for immediate trial."

F. H. B. Kent, British delegate to the commission, made the disclosure while telling the commission last week that the Japs have been making sporadic balloon bomb attacks against the western part of the nation for the past several months, but listed no casualties and said no property damage has resulted.

The six Oregon deaths were disclosed by Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson, who repeated the previous Army-Navy warning

to western states residents to take precautions against the sporadic attacks.

Patterson did not say when or where the six deaths happened, but it was learned that they occurred near Lakeview early this month. The office of Censorship permitted publication of the time and place of the tragedy in view of Patterson's statement.

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61,519 JAPS REPORTED DEAD AS YANKS GAIN ON OKINAWA; BRITISH TROOPS GO TO SYRIA

France Told By Churchill To Withdraw

DE GAULLE WARNED

Frenchmen Hint No Decision Made; Special Meeting Held

PARIS, May 31.—(U.P.)—A hasty meeting called by Gen. Charles de Gaulle to consider Britain's stern announcement of her intervention in the Syrian dispute broke up tonight apparently without a decision on how France was to respond.

De Gaulle left his office for home at 9:30 p. m. and no statement by the government was expected tonight.

A responsible authority said that French troops in Syria definitely have not yet been ordered to withdraw to their barracks although the text of Prime Minister Churchill's note was issued here as a communique and probably was communicated to French commanders.

LONDON, Friday, June 1.—(U.P.)—Britain ordered her troops in the Middle East yesterday to halt the explosive French-Syrian fighting in the Levant, sternly telling France to silence her guns, and a dispatch from Damascus said British tanks had drawn up on roads leading to the Syrian capital.

London morning papers quoted the French-controlled Levant radio at Beyrouth as saying that the French government had ordered Gen. Humboldt, its commander-in-chief in Syria and Lebanon, to cease firing. There was no confirmation of this from any official source.

In a firmly-worded note Prime Minister Churchill notified Gen. Charles de Gaulle that the British commander-in-chief in the Middle East had been ordered to "intervene" to prevent further bloodshed and to protect Allied communication lines for the Japanese war.

He called upon the French leader "immediately" to order French troops in Syria to cease fire and withdraw to their barracks "in order to avoid a collision between British and French forces."

"Once the firing has ceased and order has been restored, we shall be prepared to begin tripartite discussions here in London," Churchill said, leaving the obvious implication that Britain's intervention would be extended beyond the shooting period.

A dispatch from Paris said the sharp note came as a stunning surprise to Gen. de Gaulle, who quickly called an emergency meeting of his key ministers to discuss the situation.

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The note reached Paris at the very time a French foreign office spokesman was reiterating at a press conference that his country did not wish British-American mediation in the Levant dispute.

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U. S. War Casualties Pass 1,000,000 Mark

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(U.P.)—U. S. combat casualties in this war officially passed the 1,000,000 mark today and now are nearly four times the World War I total.

The announced total was 1,002,887, an increase of 6,798 during the past week. It covers only those casualties which have been officially tabulated at the War and Navy departments.

The total includes 890,019 Army casualties and 112,868 among Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Personnel. It comprises 227,087 dead, 607,468 wounded, 63,455 missing and 104,867 taken prisoner. About 90,000 prisoners have been liberated in Europe.

The missing total includes about 44,000 Army men un-

counted for in Europe. Under secretary of War Robert P. Patterson told a news conference there is little doubt that many of these will turn up alive.

Of the 90,000 prisoners liberated in Europe, he said, 37,571 will be back in this country by Sunday. He said 4,700 arrived at New York and Boston Tuesday and that an additional 10,000 will arrive Sunday. Liberated men are given 60-day furloughs.

Patterson said the Army will not lower its discharge age unless the Pacific war gets ahead of schedule. He said the present age limit—40—provided for the release of "all whom the Army thinks it safe to discharge." Some members of

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ALLIES GAINING CHINA OFFENSIVE

U. S. Commander Says Japs Being Forced In Strategic Retreat

CHUNGKING, May 31.—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of U. S. troops in China, declared today that the Allies are turning to the offensive in China and forcing the Japanese into a strategic retreat.

He cautioned that supply limitations still prohibit the unleashing of a major offensive but added that "we are now on the upgrade."

"We have reached a point in the China theater where we are passing from the defensive to the offensive," he said. "I am very optimistic concerning future military developments in China."

Chinese forces have opened a new attack against the Japanese trans-continental corridor, assaulting the fortifications of Chienkiang (Tsin-kong), 50 miles south of the former American airbase of Luochow, which the Japanese are reported to have abandoned and burned.

Chienkiang is 80 miles northeast of captured Nanning. Front dispatches said that Chinese troops driving both north and south of Nanning have brought 180 miles of the Japanese lifeline highway to Indo-China under their control.

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SOONG SUCCEEDS CHINESE PREMIER

CHUNGKING, May 31.—(U.P.)—President Chiang Kai-Shek turned over his job as premier of China today to his brother-in-law, Acting Premier T. V. Soong, and apparently intends to devote his energies primarily to fighting the Japanese as supreme allied commander in the China theater government and the Yenan communists, toward whom his attitude always has been moderate.

Soong, 50, is a brother of Mrs. Chiang Kai-Shek and one of the most popular leaders in China. He was educated at Shanghai, Columbia and Harvard. For years he was Chinese minister of finance.

In addition to the premiership, he is China's foreign minister.

Chiang retains numerous positions, the chief of which are president of China, generalissimo of her armies and supreme allied commander in China. He announced his resignation as premier to the new central executive committee of the Kuomintang, the government party.

Wong Weh-Hao, minister of economic affairs and head of the China war production board, was appointed vice premier, succeeding Dr. H. H. Kung, a brother-in-law of Soong and Mrs. Chiang.

U. S. Troops Are Fighting In Mud, Rain

THREATEN FOE LINE

Five Division Break Through Crumbling Hill Defenses

GUAM, Friday, June 1.—(U.P.)—Five American divisions on Okinawa swept across muddy terrain for major gains in all sectors yesterday, seizing control of Shuri and threatening the entire Japanese central defense position. Enemy killed amounted to 61,519 in the bloody campaign.

In every division zone of action, Marines and Soldiers broke through crumbling Japanese hill defenses to slowly "pinch out" the entire Shuri position, once the keystone of the enemy defense line.

The dwindling 32-square mile pocket was being chopped into small sectors by southward drives. The Japanese were withdrawing to the south for a new stand as their defensive positions along the Naha-Shuri-Yonabaru line were outflanked.

Announcement that the enemy has lost 61,519 men up to May 30 indicated that 13,416 have been killed in the last 13 days. The last count of enemy dead listed 48,103 killed up to May 17. American casualties in the Okinawa campaign up to May 26 have been announced as 35,116—9,602 killed and missing and 25,514 wounded.

As the Pacific war's bloodiest campaign went into the 61st day, U. S. Marines and Doughboys were in control of the main central fortress of Shuri. Troops were hammering through the town from opposite directions to within a few hundred yards of a junction after taking Shuri castle.

The American positions were improved despite stiff resistance in some sectors by the remaining Japanese—estimated at about 30,000—who clung to ridge and cave positions and fought to the death to cover the reported withdrawal of main elements southward.

Marines over the west coast, pushing southeast from captured Naha City, held a line south of Kobakura village in their push toward the Kokuba river. They were within 1,000 yards of joining 7th Infantry Division troops smashing forward from Chan village two miles south of Shuri.

The 7th Infantry also was fanning farther southward toward Kamizato village against mounting resistance.

The First Marine Division which took Shuri castle poured reinforcements through the devastated city. Those Marines were striking toward the northeastern sector of the town to join the 7th Infantry Division. The soldiers broke into that quarter of the city in a gen-

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ADM. MURRAY SAYS:

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(U.P.)—Seventh War Loan statement by Vice Adm. G. D. Murray, commander of U. S. Pacific Fleet Air Force:

"The Seventh War Loan Drive is a barometer which measures America's faith in the cause for which she fights. Each of us can share the grave responsibility of maintaining this faith by buying War Bonds.

Donald King Is Elected American Legion Chief

Donald C. King, treasurer of the Wilmington Iron Works, was elected commander of Wilmington Post No. 10 of the American Legion last night, succeeding Norwood S. Westbrook.

Col. Lawrence L. Simpson, retired U. S. Army engineer, withdrew from the race for commander at the meeting, and J. J. Davis was nominated from the floor.

Elected to the posts of first, second and third vice commanders respectively, were O. O. Allsbrook, Bruce B. Cameron, Veteran of World War II, and Theo Webb.

The Rev. Sankey Lee Blanton was elected as chaplain of the post, and E. H. Divine, World War II veteran, was chosen as finance officer. W. K. Rhodes, Jr., also a veteran of World War II was named judge advocate, while Harry Symmes was elected service offi-

cer, and Miss Stella Pettaway, historian.

Named as home trustees were Walker Taylor, H. E. Falls, J. G. Thornton, Robert R. Hales, J. G. Donald King. The new executive committee is composed of John Donnelly, George Avant, Bruce Poisson, Frank Blanchard, and Gearhardt Johnson, a veteran of World War II.

The new officers, who will be installed at the first meeting in July at the Legion home, expressed appreciation to their fellow members for their support.

E. F. Troy was selected as a delegate from the post to attend the American Legion state convention at Raleigh June 10.

Two hundred and thirteen members were present at the election. (Continued on Page Three; Col. 6)

PEACE DELEGATES DISPUTE CRISIS

Conference Moves Into Sixth Week; Urgent Action Seen

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—(U.P.)—A blood-splitting dispute among three of its member nations gave new urgency tonight to efforts of a United Nations conference to set up a world league equipped to settle just such arguments. The American delegation swung into action to press the job to a successful conclusion.

While other delegates talked uneasily about the armed controversy in which France, Syria and Lebanon are involved on the other side of the world, United States representatives at the Golden Gate tried to prod the Big Five into agreement on half a dozen issues which bare the way to finishing a charter for a new world organization.

Defining the extent of great-nation veto powers over efforts of a proposed security council to prevent war still is the big question to be decided. But nothing can be done about it until Moscow reacts to an interpretation of these powers.

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PLANES COMPLETE MISSION IN BURMA

CALCUTTA, May 31.—(U.P.)—All U. S. combat units attached to the Eastern Air Command were withdrawn from the Burma theatre today, their mission accomplished, as ground forces pushing toward Thailand continued the steady annihilation of fragmentary Japanese units.

Maj. Gen. George E. Strate, in relinquishing his post as chief of the Anglo-American Eastern Air Command, said that with the fall of Rangoon no targets existed for his air forces.

The withdrawal, coupled with the consolidation of service of supply and the India-Burma theater headquarters indicates that Americans in southeast Asia will do no more fighting unless a Japanese rally should threaten the Burma road.

Sen. LaFollette Flays Peace Policy Of Allies

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(U.P.)—Sen. Robert M. LaFollette, Progressive Republican, warned today that the next war in history will end in a short truce instead of lasting peace if the United States fails to halt the "imperialistic policies" of Great Britain and Russia.

In his first major speech on foreign policy since Pearl Harbor, the former isolationist also told the Senate that the world security plan now being drafted in San Francisco "must be overhauled completely if it is to achieve its purpose—the prevention of future wars. He proposed six amendments which he said would make the plan more "practical."

Charging that Britain and Russia have "floated" the Atlantic Charter declaration against territorial aggrandizement, he protested that the United States has failed to use

its "tremendous bargaining power" to halt their tactics. "Unless we change our direction soon," he said, "we shall find that our fantastic expenditure of men, money and materials has bought us only a short and uneasy truce—not the enduring peace we seek."

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WEATHER

Table with weather data for Wilmington, N.C. including temperature, humidity, precipitation, and tide information.

Six In U. S. Are Killed By Enemy Balloon Bomb

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(U.P.)—A balloon-borne Japanese bomb killed a woman and five children near Lakeview, Ore., early this month, it was disclosed officially today.

This was the first known instance of fatalities suffered in this country as result of Japan's attempt at long-range bombing of the United States by unmanned balloons launched from the enemy homeland. The Army and Navy revealed last week that the Japs have been making sporadic balloon bomb attacks against the western part of the nation for the past several months, but listed no casualties and said no property damage has resulted.

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