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U. S. Promises To Double Army In Pacific; Reds Ask P. Five To Solve Levant Crisis; 14 Enemy Ships Sunk; Battered Shuri Falls

New Disorder Is Reported, Shops Looted

PEACE PARLEY CITED

No Indications Of French Violation; Hundreds Killed

LONDON, Saturday, June 2-(U.P.) -The Soviet Union today stepped into the Levant crisis, calling on the Big Five to take "timely measures" to end disorders in the near east in the spirit of the world security charter now being drafted at San Francisco. Moscow said the Soviet govern-

ment had sent notes to the French provisional government as well as the governments of Great Britain, the United States and China "who hold the initiative for postwar organization of peace and international security."

The Soviet note, calling for peaceful settlement of the Arab-French dispute, shortly after the French government refused to enter immediate negotiations with Britain and the United States.

A dispatch from the United Press Correspondent Sam Souki in the Syrian capital reported that new disorders began when French African troops, set adrift by their officers after a French cease-fire order, began looting food shops which had opened for the civilian popula-

Syrian nationalists and police fired on the looters from behind sandbags and fairly heavy rifle and machinegun fire was ringing out through the city late last night. There was no indication that the French themselve had violated the cease-fire order given them last

The information bureau of the Soviet foreign affairs commissariate issued a communique in which it announced dispatch of the notes to the four powers.

"The Soviet government pointed out that military actions were occurring in territory of Syria and Lebanon and that French troops stationed there had armed encounters with the Syrians and Lebanese, that artillery shelling and air attack on the capital Syria town of Damascus had occurred," the communique said.

"Armed encounters also occurred in a number of other towns in Syria and Lebanon" the Syria and Lebanon" the syria and Lebanon to the syria and in Syria and Lebanon," the note the American G-men to collect evisaid. "The number of killed and dence against Axis war criminals. wounded is increasing every day. The position is complicated by the tighten its detective and prosecu- supplies. In add fact that the three above mention-(Centinued on Page Two; Col. 5)

WILMINGTON SUFFERS YEAR'S HOTTEST DAY mined to exact a full price from

Old Sol had his working clothes States was "anxious to play its full on vesterday and as a result, he part in the commission's work." dished up for Wilmingtonians, the hottest day of the year to date, ac-

Getting a good start shortly after dawn, Old Sol steadily jacked up the mercury a fraction of a degree state of the days and the mercury a fraction of a degree state of the days and the mercury a fraction of a degree state of the days and the mercury a fraction of a degree state of the days and the mercury a fraction of a degree state of the days and the at a time until a high of 89 was resorded for the day, leaving izations as the German Gestapo izations as the German Gestapo residents panting and perspiring. June 1, 1944 was almost as warm however. Weather Bureau records showing that the maximum temperature here a year ago was 88, (Continued on Page Three; Col. 7) Veglisson of Cotalonia. or one degree cooler than yesterday which is not as satisfying as a'tall cool one.'

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Meteorological data for the 24 hours
tading 7:30 p.m., yesterday.

Humidity 1:30 am, 82; 7:30 am, 84; 1:30 pm, 64; 7:30 pm, 72,

Total since the first of the month.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 1-49-1 cow on an interpretation of the veto The American delegation at the power.

Honoring The Unknown Soldier

In solemn Memorial Day ceremonies the wreaths of President

By U. S. War Planes

(International Soundphoto)

MANILA, Saturday, June 2-49-

General George C. Kenney's Far

Eastern Air Force made big news

again today in the Southwest Pa-

and blasting Japanese ground in-

stallations from the Netherlands

East Indies to Formosa and Ma-

Allied fliers, chiefly American,

sank or heavily damaged 2,117,482

tons of Japanese shipping from

January 1 through May 31, Gen.

Douglas MacArthur reported in to-

Japanese ships represented in

that tonnage far exceeded 1,000 in

number, for as the air, submarine

and naval blockade has com-

pressed the enemy's sphere of op-

In addition to the huge toll Ken-

ney's fliers took of Japanese ship-

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FOR LIFE IN FRANCE

LAVAL TO BE TRIED

MADRID. June 1.— (U.P.)

Official sources here were sil-

Laval decided to give himself up

Harry S. Truman and the American Legion are placed on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Arlington National Cemetery at Arlington, Va. Similar services were held in Allied capitals.

Five Jap Ships Sunk

LONDON, June 1-P-Delegates day's communique.

sentative of the Washington war ping, they dropped more than 70,-

a means of bringing to trial the from Barcelona said tonight.

In discussing a projected world-wide investigating unit Lt. Col. J. after a two-hour conference yester-day with Civil Governor Correa

Russia Reported Ready

EVIDENCE SOUGHT

IN WAR CHARGES

World-Wide Agency Plan-

ned; U. S. Anxious For

Convictions

of 16 nations attending a confer-

ence of the United Nations War

Crimes Commission moved today

tion machinery gained impetus,

Col. Abe McGregor Goff, a repre-

crimes office, told the delegates

that the United States was deter-

every war criminal - "white or

yellow." He said that the United

There were indications that the

and SS and simplifying convictions

In discussing a projected world-

United Nations conference has been informed that Russia is willing to proved all but a few paragraphs powers. A Big Five meeting im- charter dealing with trusteeships. (12 midnight eastern war time.) The key issue of the conference key bases in the Pacific.

is whether the United States, Britain, Russia, China and France

6:37p with it, and the conference for the the veto formula would work.

But late today a committee aprenew talks about great nation veto of the proposed section of a world mediately was called for tonight. Parts approved include those which would let the United States hold

There were indications that And-Tides For Today

(From the Tide Tables published by Right Low High Low 2:21a 9:47a 2:48p 10:02p

Wilmington 2:48p 10:02p

ain, Russia, each shall have authority to block by preaction drawn up by Big Five technicians in answer to questions raised by small nations on how to the preaction of the preaction rei Gromyko, chief of the Russian

Five Combat Yanks' Lines More Meat Promised

Fnemy Shins Facing Light For U. S. By July 1 Enemy Ships Facing Light Are Included Jap Fighting

SUB SAGA RELATED

Japan Destroyed As Maritime Power

WASHINGTON, June 1 .- (A) sunk 14 more enemy ships, including a destroyer and four other ships claimed in the latest toll inishing resistance. were a large tanker, five medium merchant vessels, two medium freighters and a small merchant ly encircled Shuri while the Japa

Simultaneously, the Navy re-Salmon, which, forced by heavy depth charge attack to surfact after helping sink a Jap tanker, fought it out with surface guns at four escorts, forced two of them to flee, and itself escaped.

For the action, the Navy said the Salmon has been awarded the presidential unit citation.

The sinkings announced in day's communique raised to 1.142 the total Japanese ships of all types sunk by United States subs since the start of the war, including 136 combatant and 1,006 non-

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U. S. WILL RELEASE ITALIAN PRISONERS

cabinet announced today that the river. It met considerable resis- land, Burma and Malay. cific, sinking five Japanese ships Allies have informed Italy of tance from Japanese in the vicinitheir intention to release all ty of Kokuba village, but forward the corridor vulnerable to air at-Italian prisoners of war as soon elements crossed the river and tacks and subject to pressure from as possible, and have asked the penetrated southward. government to work out a repatration program.

for a program was made only as Naha-Honabaru highway crossing preparation for the eventual re- the island from east to west. partriation of Italian prisoners In the central sectors, the 24th Italian government apparently in- nants of the Shuri fortress garriterpreted the Allied request for a son. program as a sign that repatriation was imminent.

erations, fliers have found the Nipponese resorting to smaller and Allied authorities were unwilling to predict when the return
ture positions in the southern Ozato As the commission's drive to smaller vessels to transport their

NEW PENETRATIONS

Secretary Forrestal Says Mopping Up Operations In Progress; Resistance Collapsing

GUAM, Saturday, June 2 .- (P)-United States submarines have Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr.'s 10th U. S. Army troops comcombatant vessels in Pacific wa- pleted capture yesterday of the ers, the Navy announced today. fortress city of Shuri, battered The other combatant craft were keystone of Nippon's smashed three small patrol vessels and a southern Okinawa defense line coastal minelayer. Noncombatant and drove southward against dim-

The central areas of the Amerimerchant vessels, two medium can lines, which had bulged badly northward as four divisions virtualnese held tight in that citadel, were straightened and shortened by the laxed its security restrictions to day's gains, Fleet Adm. Chester ell the story of the Submarine W. Nimitz reported in today's communique.

Strong elements on both flanks made new penetrations toward the south into enemy held ground. point blank range with the tankers Progress was so great that Nimitz reported "mopping up operations of their China land corridor with- tacks on Russian soldiers in Berlin, were in progress in newly captured drew under pressure at points along a 900-mile front today, while oth- Russian-occupied German capital areas behind the lines.'

Several hours earlier, Maj. Gen. er enemy forces to the east push. announced tonight a program of John R. Hodge, commander of the ed along the Chekiang province calling for the ex24th Army Corps, told Associated coast in an area vulnerable to Press Correspondent A! Dopking that only weather now could stop high command announced. the Yanks. He said that to all outanese resistance on Okinawa was sien in Honan province the Japa-on the verge of collapse. sien in Honan province the Japa-nese were pulling back from ex-intended act of disorder will be ex-

Detailing the ground action, posed salients under heavy attack ecuted unless they inform police at which was supported strongly by by U. S. 14th Air Force planes. Marine aircraft and heavy Naval A Chinese army spokesman said the Japanese had found it inadguns, Nimitz reported:

The 6th Marine Division moved visable to longer hold their conforward to occupy about 1,000 yards tinental corridor linking Manchur-ROME, June 1.— (U.P.) -The of the north bank of the Kokuba ia with French Indo-China, Thai-

The First Marine Division captured Shichina hill masses after an build the projected railroad be-An Allied commission spokes- advance of about 2,000 yards, which tween Liuchow and French Indoman emphasized that the request gave them positions overlooking the China.

to have been the enemy's answer abroad, and that no action date Army Corps reorganized its In- to the Allied cutting of sea com- occupation authorities who had givhad been set for their return The fantry forces and mopped up rem-

> Launching a poweful attack on the east, the 7th Infantry Division

(Continued on Page Three; Col. 3) Osaka Is Left Burning As 450 B-29's Hit City

American Superfortresses rained in a week. sion. Originally advocated by France to be tried for his life and fire bombs for two hours on Osaka in a daylight attack Friday and "are generally being brought under cantrol.' ent but the Barcelona advices said

This picture was presented by Japanese broadcasts as 21st bomber command headquarters here disclosed that 86 square miles of that 6.9 square miles of Yokohama tween June 15 and July 5.

Japan's great war productio ncentwere destroyed in Tuesday's day. ers were in ruins before the Osaka raid. The destruction there will be city.

bombers, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz of ruined city districts in Japan. disclosed in his fleet communique

ing U. S. planes-which the 21st in the Osaka raid yesterday. Command announced numbered Thursday, EWT.

broke out in the northwestern sec- his target run tion of Osaka city and also Amaing brought under control."

most part has been marking time (Continued on Page Two; Col. 6) —followed similar heavy blows (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3) the new areas if and when they are (Continued on Page Two; Col. 7)

Radio Tokyo hinted of a great con- from Marianas bases, shielded by to end within 10 days, Mr. Truflagration, saying resulting fires 150 Mustang fighters from Iwo Jima man said in response to a question scattered some 3,200 tons of incenweeks in the conclusion of the dication of disorder in Berlin or of industrial area.

were destroued in Tuesday's daylight attack on that Tokyo bay port Japan's sorely tried air force of- Tokyo's fire-blackened area by two

fered no opposition to the Mustang pre-dawn raids last week, brought fighters from Iwo, escorting the big the B-29s' score to 86 square miles The 21st Bomber Command, in

announcing the figure, made clear

ing fighters—came over in forma- Champaign, Ill., gave the vivid de- calling and holding of an election according to legislation enacted tions of 10 to 30 planes starting at 8:35 a m. yesterday (7:35 p.m. "melting" in the clouds. He told was viewed yesterday by city offihow the overcast dissolved into a cials as a definite indication of a costs of extension of municipal Fires, the broadcasts added, light haze over Osaka as he made favorable attitude of the new body facilities to enable them to make

Returning B-29's crews reported

Japanese Pounded On 900- Berlin Mayor Seeks Merci-

anese units along the western side disorders including arson and at-

each incident.

WASHINGTON, June 1—(U.P.) -Price Administrator Chester Bowles predicted today that housewives will find more meat for their dinner tables around He told a joint committee on

streamlining Congress that OPA has devised for immediate operation a new plan it hopes will keep the nation's meat distribution system in better balance. Supplementing a recent or-

der for more Federal meat inspection, it will require slaughterers to send into each county the same proportionate quota of meat that he shipped into that country in the first quarter of 1944. Bowles said both programs

should "begin to show effect"

BEFORE CHINESE

Mile Front; Hit By U.

S. Planes

CHUNGKING, June 1-(AP)-Jap-

From the French Indo-China bor-

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MAY BE HELD SOON

WASHINGTON, June 1- (U.P.) -

President Truman said today that

he definitely will meet with Prime

Minister Winston Churchill and

Russian Premier Josef Stalin in

He declined to reveal when or

where the next Big Three meeting

would be held, but told his news

conference that the time was get-

ting closer and hinted that it would

Asserting that he expected the

that a delay of as much as two

ing of the Big Three meeting.

the not-too-distant future.

be held overseas.

BIG THREE MEETING

ENEMY RETREATS

the inspection plan which already is "pushing a lot more meat" into legal distribution channels and forcing some 11,-

out of business. Civilian supplies also will be increased slightly by cancella-tion of all lend-lease and foreign relief meat shipments during July, August and September. The only meat exports for those months will be consigned to U. S. armed forces

000 "fly-by-night" slaughterers

statement and disclosure of the ban on meat ex-(Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

50 FORMER NAZIS

TO BE PUNISHED

less Justice; Under-

ground Cited

Apparently speaking for Russian

en him his office after their re-

deepest disaster in its history.

have fallen victim to their treacher-

cuping force whose good under-

standing and friendly attitude to-

ward the population is a primary

and essential prerequisite for es-

tablishment of normal conditions

There had been no previous in-

and for general well-being.

ters or other buildings.

For All-Out He said the quota system was War On Japs "overdue" and should have been placed in operation with

WORKERS SOUGHT

Truman Calls

All Escort Vessels Not Needed For Training Will Be Used

WASHINGTON, June 1-17-The U. S. Army in the Pacific, president Truman declared today, ultimately will be twice its present size and "bigger than our army was in Europe at its height."

In a special message to Congress, reviewing the war and reiterating this country's determination to fight the Japanese conflict "to complete finish," Mr. Truman called for workers in ship repair yards to meet the suicide attacks of the Japanese and asked civilians to abstain from travel during the mass movement of troops to

the Pacific. Mr. Truman said the Pacific war has developed all the major elements of a Naval war and told Congress all escort vessels not needed for training will be sent

LONDON, June 1.(U.P.)-Disclosing there. He praised the Navy's aid in bringing about successful land in-Lord Mayor Arthur Werner of the vasions all over the world, and said the Japanese surface Navy 'has now been reduced to a fraction" of its full fighting strength.

The Japanese merchant marina, American invasion, the Chinese as those specifically guilty, for he added, "has now been reduced to a quarter of its pre-war size." For this we can thank our sub-In addition. Werner said in a ward appearances, organized Jap- der northward to the area of Shanh- broadcast over the Berlin radio, marines, air and sea bases, and

> "As we approach the homeland the density of his air power becomes greater," the Pres-It was indicated that members ident reminded. "This means of the Hitler youth organization or tough fighting in the air.

> "In the future we shall have to the Werewolves who, the Nazis hopexpect more damage rather than ed, would carry on underground resistance in event of an Allied victory might be involved in the in-

less," he said. The message, read to Congress by clerks, said the joint chiefs of "I warn all deluded and misguided staff have decided "that our Army persons, especially members of the can deliver its heaviest blows in

Chinese ground troops, and had former Hitler youth, not to continue the Pacific and win final victory discovered it was impossible to these activities," the mayor said. most quickly with a strength which "Parents and teachers, make it a year from now will be about clear to your children what a sense- 7,000,000. "By maintaining our army at less and ruinous crime against the this size," the President said, "we That railroad, connecting at Liu- nation any kind of attack or outshall be able to more than double

the force we now have in the Pacific and hurl against the Japanese an overseas force larger than the 3,500,000 men who united with our organization of Berlin, Werner Allies to crush the Wehrmacht and the Luftwaffe." The President said the strength

"Berliners! Hitler's war of crime has thrown our home town into the of 7,000,000 men was decided on by the joint chiefs of staff after consultation with General Douglas "Criminals are still to be found MacArthur and Admiral Chester who by crazy actions want to prevent the return of peace and quiet. Nimitz. "These are the men," the Presi-Human lives and property that had

been spared by the war already (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

TOTALITARIANS SEEK "As far as these outrages are JAP CABINET PARLEY directed against members of the Red army they are both senseless and criminal provocation of an oc-

WASHINGTON, June 1- (U.P.) -Japan's new totalitarian political party is pressing for an emergency session of parliament, Tokyo broadcasts disclosed today, and it was indicated that the government of Adm. Baron Kantaro Suzuki might be headed for trouble less than two months after it assumed of-

organized attacks on Russian sol-Directors of the party - called Churchill recently suggested that diers, possibly officials also, and 'sure victory''-met today and decided to ask a parliament meeting in view of the present war situation," the Japanese Domei news agency said in a broadcast recorded by the Federal Communications Commission,

Secretary General Kenzo Matsumura told the meeting that he had conferred with cabinet ministers vesterday and exchanged views on the possibility of a session of the

GEN. SCHMIDT SAYS:

WASHINGTON, June 1.-(AP) -A War Bond message from Major General Harry Schmidt, commanding general, 5th Amphibious Corps, U. S. Marine

"If any Americans feel their personal War Bond quota in the 7th War Loan is too high, let them think of the task assigned a Marine in taking a Jap-infested Pacific island like Iwo

tording to local Weather Bureau officials. There were many of the year to date, acposite tording to local Weather Bureau officials. membership of such terror organ-

WEATHER

1:30 pm., 25; Minimum 71: 20; Minimum 71: 20; Minimum 72: 7:30 am, 76; 1:30 pm. 87; Maximum 89; Minimum 71: 20; Minimum 71: 20

Precipitation
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m.,

Suarise, 2:01: Sunset, 7:19; Moonrise 11:01a. Stage of river at Fayetteville, 10.11. with it, and the conference for the most part has been marking time while awaiting word from Mos-

To Talk Of Veto Power

GUAM, Saturday, June 2 - (P) - | against Tokyo and Yokohama with-

More than 450 of the mighty B-29 |San Francisco security conference diary bombs on Osaka's congested conference would not affect the tim- what appeared to be at least partly As the fires still burned, the 21st

Bomber Command announced here the meeting be held some time be- attempts to burn Russian headquar-This, with the ruins added to

more than 600 B-29's and escort- Second Lt. E. H. Burton, Jr., of collect data necessary for the first of July. City officials must

Survey To Begin Monday On City Extension Plan The new City Council's action at | taken into the city, it was learned, Tokyo reported that the attack- it did not include the area burned its first meeting Thursday in auth. Several officials predicted that

chow with lines to the north, was rage represents today "

said:

ous activities.

orizing City Attorney W. B. Camp- the results of the survey would In describing the conflagration, bell to start extensive surveys and be presented to the council by the towards the measure.

gasaki city, and "are gradually be- that Japanese interceptor planes, City Engineer J. A. Loughlin are ed territory. doubly cautious because of the expected to start Monday on field The city attorney yesterday ex-The Osaka mission—the second American mustangs, showed little surveys, required by the city limits plained that the information must mass fire raid against Nippon's willngness to close for battle. Antiipal facilities can be provided to

a public statement that such facil-City Manager A. C. Nichols and ities can be provided to the annex-