

FORECAST

Partly cloudy and continued rather hot today and Friday.

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Delegations Tentatively OK Formula

VOTE PLAN PLEASES

Conference Now Considering Regional Security Arrangements

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13.—(U.P.) The United Nations Conference gave tentative approval today to its most controversial problem—the Yalta voting formula.

The voting formula, including the hotly-contested veto power of the Big Five nations, was given overwhelming approval by a technical committee this afternoon.

Latin America had precipitated a bitter fight on the regional arrangements issue with demands that the Pan American security system be exempted from authority of the World Organization.

Other changes in the original proposals, as recommended by the committee report, included:

1. That the Security Council should encourage peaceful settlement of local disputes through regional agencies.

2. That the Security Council should at all times be kept fully informed on activities undertaken or in contemplation under regional arrangements or by regional agencies for the maintenance of international peace and security.

3. That the committee report should not conflict with previous regional pacts, nor with the act of Chapultepec affecting the Western Hemisphere.

4. That the committee report on regional arrangements, an important part of the proposed charter, was overshadowed in importance by the veto acceptance which terminated a long and bitter fight.

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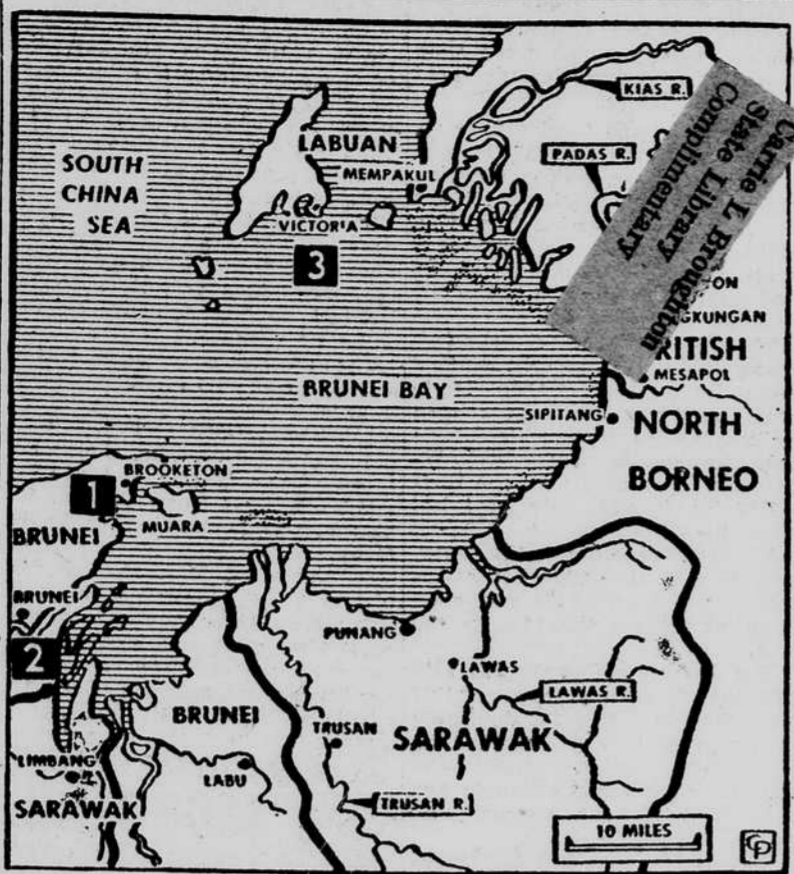
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Borneo Invaders Move Inland



The North Borneo campaign, which began when Gen. MacArthur's 9th Division troops landed on Brunei Bay, has begun with relatively light casualties.

The above close-up of the invasion area shows the key invasion routes: (1) Muara, (2) Brooketon, and (3) Lamuan.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—(U.P.)—More than 4,000 Allied merchant ships, including 343 that flew the American flag, and 480 neutral vessels were sunk by enemy sea and air forces during the past five and a half years of war.

Overall tonnage lost was estimated at a staggering 32,000,000 dead-weight tons.

The losses were announced simultaneously by the war shipping administration, the Navy and the British admiralty.

WSA said that of the 543 American merchantmen lost to enemy action, seven were sunk before Pearl Harbor.

It also disclosed that another 984 U. S. ships went down in collisions and other wartime Maritime disasters in convoy operations and as a result of blackouts and reduced navigation aids.

The latest Merchant Marine casualty list shows 5,579 seamen dead or missing and 487 taken prisoner through last May 1.

A joint U. S. Navy-British admiralty announcement disclosed that 3,742 Allied merchantmen, exclusive of American vessels, were sunk.

City Manager Nichols said that, under the present system, the city council would be asked for deferments for members of all departments who are considered essential to the operation of the city of Wilmington.

Mr. Rhodes, who appeared chiefly for members of the Police Department, pointed out to the council that two trained officers recently had been called for induction and are due to report immediately, and that three more are eligible.

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Furthermore, he blushed, the gun he wore at Boston last week on his triumphant return from Europe was just "my social gun."

The swashbuckling Third Army commander set the record straight after spending 15 minutes with President Truman as a couple of old soldiers reminiscing about the artillery and our men.

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Marines Smash Jap Defensive; Aussies Take Brunei Airfield; Meeting Of Big Three Settled

High Ground Seized Near City's Edge

RESISTANCE SLIGHT

Invaders Speed Advance On Borneo By Aid Of Bridge Laying Tanks

MANILA, Thursday, June 14.—(U.P.)—Australian 9th Division veterans in an amphibious landing from the Brunei river in north-west Borneo have seized high ground only 200 yards from the outskirts of Brunei, capital of Brunei protectorate, front dispatches disclosed today.

As the Australians landed from the river, a second force drove eight miles along jungle trails from the Brooketon area of Brunei Bay to capture the Brunei Airfield and reach a point only two miles north of the city.

Spreading their advance by using new bridge laying tanks, the Australians made their big gain without meeting resistance.

It was indicated that the Japanese main forces had abandoned Brunei after setting key buildings afire and blowing them up, leaving only a rear guard to hold the city as long as possible.

PT-boats which shelled the coast southwest of Brunei reported that fires were visible 40 miles in the area between Seria and Miri as the Japanese fired and blew up the wells and tanks of the rich oil fields.

The Australians who carried out the amphibious landing moved up the Brunei river from the bay. They landed about two miles east of the city and drove on to reach the outskirts, seizing high ground from which they dominated the waterfront.

On Labuan Island at the north side of Brunei Bay the Australians cleared the entire southern part of the island, driving the Japanese into the wild northwestern area. The Australians were now moving on Timbalai airfield on the northwest coast after taking Labuan airfield.

Both Naval and air units hit Japanese positions in the Labuan Island area, and they sank two coastal vessels off the East Borneo coast.

Front dispatches said Japanese resistance along the northwest Borneo coast was still light and revealed that in the first day of operations, Sunday, only 61 Japanese were killed. One was captured.

Along the MacArthur blockade line between Singapore and Shanghai, and in the Netherlands East Indies generally, the air forces continued widespread operations.

Patrol planes wrecked three coastal vessels off Malaya, Col. (Continued on Page Nine; Col. 7)

Poles Defy Big Three

LONDON, June 13.—(U.P.)—Poland's Government-in-Exile here refused today to recognize the authority of the three major powers to supervise the formation of a new Polish national unity administration at a conference set to open Friday in Moscow.

London's Poles assailed the proposed meeting as an outright concession to Russia and clung tenaciously to the hope that the Moscow negotiations would break down.

In a tense and troubled atmosphere they planned tentatively to hold an emergency cabinet session to place before the world—and particularly before American Poles—a formal protest against the latest development in their relations with Russia.

"Never, never will our people recognize this agreement," said a spokesman for the group. "Never, never will they recognize a so-called government formed in this manner."

And never, he emphasized, has the exiled government acceded to the Crimea Conference agreement for a broader-based provisional government.

Truman Will Meet Allied Chiefs Soon

PRESIDENT ELATED

Reports Hopkins, Davies Missions Are Satisfactory

WASHINGTON, June 13.—(U.P.)—President Truman jubilantly disclosed today the definite setting of an early "Big Three" meeting and said there are prospects for a complete settlement of the Polish issue.

Obviously elated over confidential reports from Harry Hopkins and Joseph E. Davies, his special emissaries, the President announced to a news conference:

1. While he cannot divulge the time or place, upon which all have agreed, he will meet soon with Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister (Continued on Page Nine; Col. 5)

Port Taken By Chinese

CHUNGKING, June 13.—(U.P.)—Chinese troops forced the broad Feiyun river barrier and recaptured the small port of Julian on China's east coast today in a fast-moving drive on Wenchow, only 14 miles north, the Chinese high command reported.

Closely supported by Armed Chinese guerrillas emerging from coastal hills, Chinese regulars poured into Julian after a 10-mile advance from captured Pingyang, 24 miles south of the big former treaty port which lies 440 miles west of Okinawa.

The Japanese were falling back on Wenchow, with its population of 80,000, with the Chinese close on their heels and battling to clear the entire invasion—threatened Chinese coastline northwest of the Japanese island of Formosa.

The Chinese command said that it took the Chinese four days to advance from Pingyang and cross the deep Feiyun river; with the aid of local militia who swept down out of the hills to aid the crossing, Pingyang was recaptured Saturday, a communique said.

3,500 Japs Are Killed In Advance

FOE FALLING BACK

Total Japanese Dead Set At 70,000 In 75-Day Campaign

By LEIF ERICKSON

GUAM, Thursday, June 14.—(U.P.) The Sixth Marine Division smashed the Japanese Oroku peninsula pocket on Okinawa yesterday after a fierce nine-day battle while the first Marine and Seventh Infantry Divisions pressed back both flanks of the precipitous Yaeju escarpment.

Maj. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr.'s sixth division killed 3,500 Japanese on the peninsula, raising to more than 70,000 the number of enemy troops killed on Okinawa in the 75-day old campaign.

Shepherd's Marines overran an enemy hospital on Oroku and found 150 Japanese dead inside. The bodies presumably were those of wounded who were killed by the Japanese before they withdrew from the area.

It is a matter of policy for Japanese not to permit wounded to fall into American hands.

Maj. Gen. Archibald V. Arnold's Seventh Division Doughboys advanced up to 400 yards on the east flank of the Yaeju line to gain control of most of the escarpment rim in their area.

With control of that rim, the division is in a position to develop a pincer arm around the eastern side of the escarpment. There are some roads and draws in this area and some small villages through which tanks and self-propelled guns can be brought up.

On the west bank, Maj. Gen. Pedro A. Del Valle's First Division Marines carried troop reinforcements forward on tanks through heavy Japanese fire to strengthen their positions on the Kunishi ridge. The reinforcements had to move across open rice paddies before the ridge.

Units of the division's Seventh Regiment had taken the western half of the crest yesterday.

With complete capture of Kunishi ridge, the Marines will be able to push down the western coast and develop the right arm of the pincers around the escarpment.

In the central sector, the 96th Infantry Division assaulted the highest and steepest escarpment faces. Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley's New York Doughboys advanced about 400 yards on its west flank to reach outskirts of Ozato town, Ozato is at the foot of the escarpment face at a point where the cliff line curves southward from the nose, already captured by the 96th Division.

Bradley's troops were under heavy machinegun and automatic weapons fire. The Japanese also were employing mortars in continued fierce resistance all along the Yaeju line, but their artillery fire has fallen off materially since the start of the U. S. Tenth Army's assault against the enemy's last-stand defense there.

Great concentrations of American artillery were fired on Japanese troop assemblies observed on top of a plateau behind the escarpment face.

On Oroku peninsula, the Sixth Division Marines still had considerable mopping up of Japanese strongpoints to complete their task.

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U. S., Britain Cautioned On Ideas Of Sovereignty

FIVE N. C. SHIPS SUNK IN ACTION

Transporting Troops; 15 Lives Lost On These Vessels

Five of the 41 British and American ships reported by the War Department as lost or damaged while on troop transport duty during the war with Germany and Italy were built by the North Carolina Shipbuilding company, a study of the list of vessels delivered by the yard revealed yesterday.

The total number of merchant ships built at the Wilmington yard and sunk during enemy action was not reported.

According to figures given in the Associated Press story from Washington, only 15 soldiers lost their lives aboard four of the ships. Information on the fifth was not released.

Persons familiar with the role of transports in the war were inclined to look upon the unusually low casualty figure as indicative of sturdy ship construction.

All the five ships from the Wilmington yard were of the Liberty type.

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TWO ARE KILLED IN AUTO CRASHES

Wilmington Man, Whiteville Child Die In Separate Wrecks

A 36-year-old Wilmington man and an eight-year-old Whiteville girl were killed in separate automobile accidents on the highway between Leland and Whiteville at 4:30 a. m. yesterday and 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, according to State Highway patrolmen, who said that two others were seriously injured.

The dead are Eugene Edward Sullivan, of 1922 Cine road, and Shirley Ann Parker, daughter of Mrs. Dessie Parker.

Sullivan was killed when a large truck and trailer, driven by Pvt. Lawrence Ingersoll, of the 1079th Air Force base unit, Camp Davis, crashed into a tree in front of the residence of Lester Phillips, at Leland, early yesterday, according to Officer W. B. Ridgick, of the State Highway patrol.

Ridgick, who along with Rural Policeman Dillon Ganey, of Brunswick county, investigated the accident, said Pvt. Ingersoll was being held for a coroner's inquest at 8 o'clock tonight.

The Parker girl was instantly killed instantly Tuesday night when the car in which she was riding struck the concrete abutment of the Sole's Swamp bridge, one mile south of Whiteville, according to Patrolman Porter Davis.

Seriously injured in the crash were Mrs. Harold Payne, operator of the vehicle, and her mother, Mrs. J. C. Newsom. Mrs. Payne was reported to be in a critical condition at the Columbus County hospital this morning and Mrs. Newsom's condition was said to be "fair."

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School Bus Drivers Set Record During Semester

Carrying total of 3,347 pupils on the trips to and from schools of the city and county.

Sixty-four trips were made daily by the 25 buses carrying white children, while nine trips were made each day by the four Negro drivers.

In commenting on the excellent record made by the school bus drivers, Mr. West said that all of the 25 white and four Negro drivers have a combined total of 187 years of experience driving school buses and years have passed since a serious accident to a New Hanover County school bus has been recorded.

All drivers have to pass a rigid driving test and all have been granted certificates by the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

New Hanover County is one of the very few counties in North Carolina, Mr. West pointed out, which uses only adult drivers, and this in a large measure, is the reason why there has been but few minor accidents such as bent fenders, etc.

Another interesting feature of the report issued by Business Manager West is that school buses haul a total of 28 loads daily from Maffitt Village alone.

Democratic nations of which Great Britain and the United States are the leaders, must be prepared when the long-awaited peace does come, to limit their ideas of sovereignty for the good of the rest of the world.

Dr. Gerrard Priestly, noted traveler, teacher and lecturer; told members of the Wilmington Kiwanis Club at their regular weekly luncheon meeting yesterday at the Friendly Cafeteria.

Priestly, who is on the faculty of Springfield College, Springfield, Mass., is currently on a speaking tour of the nation under auspices of the Army and Navy USO of New York City.

The guest speaker, who already has traveled over 46 of the 48 states of the Union, was introduced by Kiwanian Charlie Robinson who is an alumnus of Springfield College.

Following a reminiscent theme throughout his address, Dr. Priestly reminded his audience at the outset that he was a native Britisher and had lived most of his life in that tight, little island which had known the horrors of five and one-half years of total war, and recalling a Churchillian remark made January 30, 1933 that "the world is standing on the watchtowers of history."

He then traced his pre-war travels through Germany, Italy and Czechoslovakia where he witnessed a parade of the goose-stepping Hitler youth movement personnel; heard Mussolini declare from his vaunted spot on his palace balcony in Rome that the world would get peace only at the point of a million Fascist bayonets; of standing along the Danube—not the Blue Danube of song and story, but a muddy, brown Danube polluted by the filth of Nazism.

The speaker dwelt briefly on the persecution of the Jews of Prague by Nazi SS troops; of the looting of shops owned by Jews and then in lowered voice he described the arrival in England of Premier Chamberlain for his meeting with

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WEATHER table with columns for High, Low, Precipitation, Wind, etc.

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U. S. Planes Rain Bombs On Enemy Suicide Bases

GUAM, Thursday, June 14.—(U.P.)—Strong forces of U. S. planes roared over Kyushu Island Tuesday in a rocket and bomb assault against Japanese suicide plane bases at Kanoya and Kushira and sent a virtual round-the-clock aerial offensive against Japan into its eighth consecutive day.

American bombers and fighters also raked Japanese outpost islands in the Kuriles and the Ryukyus. Light units of the Pacific Fleet, streaming into the Kurile waters 480 miles north of the Japanese homeland, bombarded Matsua island Tuesday.

U. S. WHITE COLLAR BILL PASSES HOUSE

WASHINGTON, June 13.—(U.P.)—The House today passed legislation to give 1,450,000 Federal white collar workers 15 per cent salary increases totalling \$736,000,000 a year.

The bill, in line with the Little steel formula, also would grant government employees time-and-one-half for overtime.