

North Carolina - Clear to partly cloudy and continued hot Saturday. Few widely scattered thundershowers.

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R. J. Johnson Dissents On Power Rates

FILES HIS OPINION Commissioner Disapproves Cheaper Power For FHA Units Here

RALEIGH, June 29.—(P)—Utilities Commissioner Robert Grady Johnson today filed a dissenting opinion granting a lower rate to the Federal Public Housing Authority on all current bought from the Tide Water Power Company.

The Commission's order, which goes into effect July 1, makes it mandatory that the power company adopt a power rate schedule giving an average rate to two cents per kilowatt hour. The Commission said the schedule, worked out by its rate expert, Edgar Womble, would mean a savings of approximately \$16,822.32 a year to the FHA.

Under the previous regulations, occupants of the projects controlled by FHA at Wilmington pay a flat rental that includes light, water, and heat.

CORONER BLAMES DEATH ON WOMAN

"Texas Bombshell" To Get Hearing At Bridgeport Today

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., June 29.—(P)—Coroner Theodore E. Steiber held today that Imogene Stevens shot a young submarine sailor in an "aura of sex recrimination and window smashing reprisals" created by a dispute over a neighbor's husband in which the sailor had no part.

The dispute said the coroner in a six-page finding blaming the death of the sailor, Albert Kovacs, 19, on the "criminal act" of Mrs. Stevens occurred just before the shooting last Saturday night between her and Mrs. Charles A. Milton, at whose New Canaan home the slaying occurred.

Meanwhile, late today, Prosecutor Edmond L. Morrison of New Canaan said that Mrs. Stevens would be arraigned in municipal court in that town Saturday at 2 p. m. (EWT) before Judge Arba B. Marvin.

Night In The Rain Saves Day For Dog

NEW YORK, June 29.—(P)—It was a long night for eight year-old Israel Borrero and his brother, Frank, 12, huddling under shrubbery in central park for protection from the rain.

But close beside them was their dog, Lucky. Police said the brothers ran away from home after their mother said they must find a home for Lucky, or he would go to the ASPCA this morning.

CHARLOTTE TOPS STATE HEAT WAVE

Mercury Soars To 103 At Queen City Airport During Day

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS With little relief promised by the weather man before the turn of the week, North Carolina sizzled yesterday as the mercury soared to the highest mark of the season at numerous points in the state, and in some cases established new records.

The Charlotte area, which recorded 100 degrees Thursday for the highest temperature in the state, still was the hottest spot on the Tarheel map yesterday when the temperature zoomed to 102 degrees in the city, while the U. S. Weather Bureau at the Charlotte Airport reported a top reading of 103.

A short-lived shower late in the afternoon brought some relief, but the Weather Man could promise was some moderation early during the coming week.

The next hottest spot yesterday was Greensboro with 101. Durham had a top of 99 with a low reading for the day of 71.

Raleigh had a top reading of 97 degrees and a low for the day of 75, while at Asheville the temperature hit 94.

In some sections of the state late gardens were reported suffering to a great extent as a result of the excessive heat and the lack of moisture. In many sections no help-rains have fallen for a period of two weeks.

The current heat wave has prevailed for approximately two weeks with daily readings during that period in the mid-nineties in many cities and towns. One heat prostration had been reported, that being at Kinston Thursday when a newly made Noble of Sudan Temple collapsed during the shriners' summer ceremonial.

South Carolina was also feeling the effects of the heat wave, as Columbia yesterday reported a top of 100 degrees.

OIL TRUCK PLUNGES INTO STURGEON CREEK

An oil transport truck driven by Ralph Ellis, Riverside apartments, and owned by the War Emergency Cooperative Association, of Spartanburg, S. C., plunged off a ledge into the waters of Sturgeon Creek according to Bert Parmenter, branch manager of the concern.

American Forces Land On Kume Island Without Opposition; Plane Rescues Wac, Airmen From "Hidden Valley"

Survivors Of Tragedy Saved By Daring Stunt

Balikpapan Oil Plants Bombed Out 281 TONS DROPPED Neutralization Raids On Enemy Refineries Continue

MANILA, Saturday, June 30.—(P)—The once-great Japanese oil cracking plants and refinery center at Balikpapan on Borneo's Southeast coast were being consumed by flames today from 281 additional tons of bombs dropped by airmen of the American Far Eastern Air Force.

In announcing this latest and heaviest of a series of neutralization raids, a spokesman at Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said that more than 130 Liberator and Mitchell bombers flew over the target Thursday at low and medium altitudes and encountered only slight to moderate ground fire.

The port's barracks, warehouses and installations of an adjacent airfield already were blazing from more than 2,300 tons of bombs unloaded in the past two weeks by Gen. George C. Kenney's Fifth and 13th Air Forces, which make up the Far Eastern Air Force, along with portions of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Other bombers of those forces hit Kindai and Makassar airdromes, in the Southern Celebes across the Makassar Straits from Balikpapan. Light Allied naval units shot up the Borneo Eastern coastal area at night.

MacArthur's communique gave no further word concerning American warships which he disclosed yesterday were on the prowl in Makassar Straits, but attention focused on Japanese reports that Balikpapan had been under naval bombardment for ten days past.

There still was no American confirmation of the Japanese reports, which also have claimed that Allied landing attempts at Balikpapan were repulsed and that Allied minesweepers were busy clearing the way for a new invasion move.

MacArthur's communique today announced that ashore on British North Borneo, Australian Ninth Division troops completed capture of Beaufort, on the narrow-gauge

TRUMAN URGES SWIFT ACTION ON CHARTER KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 29.—(P)—President Truman gave the finishing touches today to a 600-word Congressional message in which he will urge speedy Senate ratification of the United Nations Charter for world peace.

Mr. Truman, who last night referred to the charter as a world constitution and said he hoped the United States would be the first nation to ratify it, has not yet decided whether he personally will read his appeal Monday for swift Senate action, his press secretary, Charles Ross, said.

Takes Command On Okinawa



New commander of the U. S. 10th Army on Okinawa, Gen. Joseph W. ("Vinegar Joe") Stilwell checks a map with Col. William C. Bentley, air officer who piloted him, just before they hopped off to the General's first inspection of his battleground. Air Force photo.

Davis Issues Drastic Order To Stop Strikes

Newspapers Report Potsdam As Site LONDON, June 29.—Newspapers reported today that the Big Three conference next month would be almost certainly held at Potsdam, outside Berlin, where the Sans Souci palace and the marble palace of the Hohenzollerns would give ample room.

The Star also reported that the first United Nations war crimes court for trying German war criminals probably would meet in Berlin sometime in August.

HOUSE APPROVES SUCCESSION BILL

Noisy Voice Vote Follows Cheers For Speaker Rayburn WASHINGTON, June 29.—(P)—With cheers for Speaker Sam Rayburn, the House today shouted its approval of a bill to place him next in line for the Presidency.

The bill—urgently requested by President Truman in a message two weeks ago—passed the House on a noisy voice vote and headed for the senate where trouble awaits it.

Before the House passed the measure it deleted a provision for holding a special presidential election in case the country is left without a president or vice president. That section also was asked by Mr. Truman but the House decided it would violate a Constitutional requirement that a president be elected for four years.

The Presidential Succession Bill—removing the Secretary of State from the immediate line of succession—went through the House with a speed seldom equaled for major legislation.

With an eye to his approaching absence from the country for a Big Three meeting in Germany, Mr. Truman sent his recommendations to Congress June 19. The bill emerged from the House Judiciary committee Wednesday by a vote of 10 to 9 after a 45 minute session.

BULLETIN: NEW YORK, June 29.—(P)—Members of the newspaper and mail deliverers union (unaffiliated), distributors of 11 metropolitan dailies with a combined week-day circulation of more than 5,000,000, voted 1-648 to 41 tonight to strike. The union claims 2,000 members.

New Stepping-Stone Lies 300 Miles Off Formosa

Vandenberg Appeals For Charter O.K.

MAKES STRONG SPEECH Republican Senator Cheered By Colleagues In Chamber Oval

WASHINGTON, June 29.—(P)—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich., who once espoused isolationism, fervently appealed to his Senate colleagues today for early ratification of the United Nations Security Charter because it may be the world's last chance to cooperate for peace.

"We must have collective security to stop the next war, if possible, before it starts; and to crush it swiftly if it starts in spite of our organized precautions," he told a rapt Senate chamber.

The Charter which he helped draft at San Francisco is not perfect, he conceded, but it would be a start toward the collective security which is necessary to prevent World War III.

"I doubt if there could be another or a better start," he said gravely.

Therefore, he said, he would support ratification of this Charter "with all the resources at my command."

"I shall do this in the deep conviction that the alternatives is physical and moral chaos in many weary places of the earth. . . I shall do it because this plan, regardless of its merits, holds great promise that the United Nations may collaborate for peace as effectively as they have made common cause for war. I shall do it because peace must not be cheated out of its only collective chance."

Vandenberg, the Republican party's No. 1 foreign policy spokesman in Congress, said the Charter can be "a new emancipation proclamation for the world."

"It is laden with promise and with hope. It deserves a faithful trial."

(Continued on Page Three; Col. 6) SOUTHERNERS BACK BILBO FILIBUSTER WASHINGTON, June 29.—(P)—Southern colleagues today went to bat for raw-throated Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo, D., Miss., in filibustering against the Fair Employment Practices Committee, but the weary Senate was spared another nocturnal talkathon.

The chamber, in session until after midnight Thursday, adjourned today at 5:13 p. m., E.W.T., after Sen. Olin D. Johnston, D., S. C., was authorized to take the floor when it reconvenes at noon tomorrow.

Bilbo, who talked Wednesday and Thursday with the objective of presiding over "FEPC's funeral" didn't talk today. But he kept the filibuster alive by rejecting a compromise on the amount of funds to be given the agency. And southern colleagues backed him up.

Workers by the thousands went back to their posts in the big automobile plants after settlement of a protracted union jurisdictional

No Japanese Encountered By Patrols, Nimitz Declares

GUAM, Saturday, June 30.—(P)—American patrols have occupied all of little Kume Island without resistance, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today—extending the American invasion springboard another 50 miles Westward and adding possible airstrip sites and small-craft port facilities.

Tokyo Radio, in reporting the landings last Tuesday, asserted "heavy fighting" was in progress, but today's Fleet communique said "no enemy troops were encountered." There had been no confirmation of the American landings until today.

Kume, within 300 miles of Formosa and 370 from Kyushu, is about seven miles long and three miles wide at its broadest point. Saddle-shaped, the center is flat, with a 1,070-foot peak in the North, and a 961-foot height in the South.

About three-fourths of the area is forested. Deep channels pierce the protective coral reef at several points and small finger piers and wharves can accommodate small steamers.

Peace-time pursuits of the 13,414 civilian inhabitants included raised sugar cane, sweet potatoes, rice and other crops, weaving ponjee and mats and operating sugar mills.

Kume is only 32 miles west of the Kerama islands, the first of the Okinawa group invaded by the Americans.

HULL QUITS BED TO SIGN CHARTER

Former Secretary Of State Goes To Capital For Ceremony WASHINGTON, June 29.—(P)—Ailing Cordell Hull left his hospital room today to affix his signature to the United Nations Charter, of which he has often been called the father.

The 73-year-old former Secretary of State returned to the State Department, over which he so long presided, sitting down in his former conference seat on the second floor and signed with a firm hand.

The document had been flown here from San Francisco to receive his signature as senior adviser to the American Delegation at the Conference.

Hull, whom illness has confined to the Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Md., since he resigned as Secretary of State last October, appeared in fairly good health, although he walked slowly.

He signed first the original copy of the Charter, printed in Chinese, French, English, Russian and Spanish, using his own pen to write his name immediately below the signature of former Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., who acted as chairman of the Conference.

Hull then signed a certified copy with photographs of the other signatories, which will be sent to the Senate for ratification. The original will be retained in the Department of State.

Hull also signed the original and certified copy of the Interim Agreement. Alger Hiss, State Department official who acted as secretary to the Conference, arrived here only this morning by plane with the documents.

Three Russians End Life As War Prisoners Riot

FORT DIX, N. J. June 29.—(P)—Three Russian citizens among 154 prisoners of war captured while fighting with the German Army hanged themselves today while the group rioted in protest against an order which would return them to Europe, Major George B. Paul, camp public relations officer, said tonight.

Seven of the group, wounded by rifle fire when they rushed from their barricaded barracks under a tear-gas assault, are being treated in the camp hospital.

Major Paul said the remainder of the group were started on their return voyage this afternoon. The Russian prisoners barricaded themselves in their barracks this morning after receiving an order from Lt. Gen. George M. Freisch camp commander, to prepare for their return to Europe.

WEATHER (EASTERN STANDARD TIME) (By U. S. WEATHER BUREAU) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.

TIDES FOR TODAY High Low Wilmington 1:08a.m. 8:27a.m. Masonboro Inlet 1:21a.m. 8:38p.m.