

FORECAST

North Carolina: Thursday—Clear to partly cloudy with moderate temperature. A few afternoon thundershowers along south coast.

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Mermaid In Net



Bathing suits are really the subject, and "netty but nice" is what one wit says of the above-pictured ratty creation of net and white jersey. Not listening? Well, the dainty little miss inside the net is Tee Matthews, cute and cool as anything on the beach at St. Petersburg, Fla. (International)

10,000 STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK

CHICAGO, July 11.—(U.P.)—Striking workers returning to their jobs in war and civilian plants took the nation's total of strike-idle workers to 45,000 today.

About 10,000 strikers in various industries voted to return to work, leaving the biggest work stoppage that of 16,600 United Rubber workers, CIO, at the Akron, O., Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. They will meet Friday to vote on ending their 11-day old walkout over a wage dispute.

Some 1,000 members of the United Dairy Workers, CIO, today voted to end a three-day milk strike over unionization of part-time managers in two Detroit creameries, resuming service to 150,000 families.

Elsewhere in Detroit some 14,000 workers were out. The National Labor Relations Board ordered a strike vote among 10,000 employees of the General Motors A-C Spark Plug Division for next Wednesday.

Striking members of the Independent Newspaper and Mail Deliveries Union continued their strike against New York newspapers despite a War Labor Board ultimatum that the union would lose its closed shop status if the strike did not end today.

A strike which threatened to paralyze production of warships at the New York Shipbuilding Corp. plant at Camden, N. J., employing 18,000 men, ended when 3,000 striking welders, members of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers (CIO) ended a 24-hour walkout.

Some 2,500 United Auto Workers, CIO, who struck at the Mack C plant at New Brunswick, N. J., June 25 against contract cancellations, voted to return to work. Another 5,500 union members out in sympathy at the company's Plainfield, N. J., and Allentown, Pa., plants were to vote on ending their walkout.

Mrs. Benito Mussolini Reviews 36 Turbulent Years With Diar

CHINESE CAPTURE SINCHANG FIELD

CHUNGKING, July 11.—(U.P.)—Chinese columns have recaptured the former American air base of Sinchang in Kiangsi Province and driven a wedge from the East into the Japanese trans-continental corridor, a communique disclosed today.

Capture of Sinchang, the fourth American airfield re-taken by the Chinese in recent weeks, posed a direct threat to the former principal W. S. airbase of Kanhsien, 35 miles to the northeast. Suichwan, just north of Kanhsien, also was formerly an important American base.

Besides Sinchang, the air bases of Nanning, Luichow and Tanchuk, all in Southern Kwangsi, have been recaptured. After taking Sinchang, the Chinese drove forward seven miles to capture Nankang.

Meanwhile, other Chinese ground troops are advancing toward Kweilin in Kwangsi province, after capturing Chungki, last important barrier before the strategic Japanese-held city. Wochow, another air base town, also was threatened by troops advancing from Tengyung along the west river.

In a third major thrust, the Chinese captured a Japanese base five miles from Paoching, captured by the enemy last summer, from which the Japanese launched an abortive attack on Chinese and American bases.

The Chinese central news agency said that the Japanese were "hurryingly" abandoning their positions in Southern Kiangsi and that the Japanese garrison at Kanhsien had begun a retreat Northward Tuesday.

The news agency said the enemy could retreat by two possible routes toward Hengyang on the Canton-Hankow railway, which is controlled by the Japanese, or try to break through the Kan river to Japanese-held Nanchang, on the South shore of Poyang Lake in Northern Kiangsi province.

Allied planes already have been out in force, harassing the retreat, the news agency said, and in the past three days have attacked warehouses, dumps and hundreds of junks and sampans loaded with looted goods.

Meanwhile, however, the Chinese communique revealed that heavy fighting was raging some 14 miles Northwest of Kansien where two Japanese columns engaged Allied forces.

Widow Reveals Early Desire To Migrate, Raise Family

By ANN STRINGER (United Press Staff Correspondent) TERNI, Italy, July 11.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Benito Mussolini, reviewing her life for 36 turbulent years with the late "Il Duce," said today that her great regret was that she did not go to the United States in her youth, as they planned, to raise a family of Americans.

"We were happiest in the old days," she said. "We never really had a home after 1925. We were happy before that. We should have gone to America when we first got married. We planned to do it and talked much about it. We planned to live there and raise children there."

"But then Mussolini"—She never called him Benito—"changed his mind. He felt himself too powerful and his friends persuaded him to betray the workers. But his sympathies were always with the working class."

I found the widow of Mussolini inside the barbed wire enclosure of Terni internment camp where she is held protectively with her two younger children, Romano, 17, and Anna Marie, 16. They live in a six-room apartment in the camp hospital, and homeloving Rachele Mussolini at her own request does all the cooking for the 42 patients.

The camp is an abandoned synthetic rubber factory. At times choking with sobs or screaming denunciation of her husband's mistresses, Donna Rachele told me of the last days before her husband was executed last April 28.

"I last saw Mussolini about eight days before he was killed," she said. "I talked to him on the phone about six or seven hours before he died. He called at 3 a. m. and told me to try to get to Switzerland. He said if I failed, to turn myself and the"

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STASSEN LOOKING FOR LENGTHY WAR

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11.—(U.P.)—Navy Commander Harold E. Stassen, a veteran of war and of world efforts to prevent it, said today Japan probably would not be defeated without a long-bitter struggle, and asked the home front not to let up in backing the fighting men.

The 38-year-old former governor of Minnesota, on his way to join the staff of Admiral William F. Halsey's Tokyo-smashing Third Fleet, expressed confidence at a press conference that the "superb forces" battling Japan, augmented by manpower from the European theater, would win final victory.

"But any letdown on the home front costs lives on the fighting front," he said. "Any delay in ship repairs, in turning out supplies like rockets, in transport of new divisions—all this means that at a crucial time there will be deficiencies."

Stassen, a member of the United States delegation to the recent United Nations Conference here saw a "definite possibility" of unanimous ratification of the World Peace Charter by the United States Senate.

Australian Troops Break Through Japanese Defenses At Balikpapan In Face Of Heavy Counter Blows

'The Stomach' Goes Into Action On The Food Front



Pfc. Chester "The Stomach" Salvator of Southbridge, Mass., the Army's eating wonder who consumes as much as 10 men, goes into action in a cafe at Atlanta, Ga., after getting his first pass in four weeks from nearby Fort McPherson. He has been under observation of Army doctors at the fort. His bill at the cafe came to \$9.95. He ate: Seven orders of chicken, 10 orders of potatoes, nine glasses of orange juice, two quarts of milk, one giant sala d, five egg salads, two orders of olives, two glasses of coffee, two slices of watermelon, five orders of rolls, five slices of pie topped with ice cream. (AP Photo).

Plunge Three-Mile Wedge Inland From Island Core

ALLIED GENERALS TAKE OVER TODAY

BERLIN, July 11.—(U.P.)—Four general upon whom devolves the task of governing the defeated German Reich's bomb-cratered capital today constituted themselves Berlin's "Kommandantur" and announced they would take over the city at 9 a. m. tomorrow.

Their names soon will be household words in Berlin—Col. Gen. Alexander V. Gorbatov of Russia, Maj. Gen. Floyd L. Parks of the U.S. Maj. Gen. L. O. Lyne of Britain, and Maj. Gen. Geoffrey de Beaulieu of France.

In what Lyne, a spokesman for the "Kommandantur" or commandery, described as an "atmosphere of great friendliness," the four met in Gorbatov's headquarters in Berlin's veterinary college only a short distance from Hitler's ruined chancellery. The Soviets had raised the banners of the four victorious nations in the huge building's courtyard, leaving a large red and gold star Hammer and Sickle atop the building to indicate this was Russian occupied territory.

The conferees sat at a T-shaped table with Gorbatov at top. He will head the "Kommandantur" at first, after which other members will rotate on a 15-day basis.

Lyne admitted great difficulties lie ahead, but said 17 subcommittees of experts were working out details and added "I cannot believe there is any problem which cannot be solved."

For the present, each Allied occupied sector will be responsible for supplying its troops as well as civilians, but there will be interchange and possibly a pooling of commodities to insure unified supply.

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WORK AT CAMP DAVIS TO CONTINUE UNDER ENGINEER'S ORDER

All contracts for improvements at Camp Davis were ordered carried out yesterday by Col. C. T. Hunt, district engineer of the Savannah office of the Army Engineers, according to an announcement yesterday from Camp Davis.

Construction work at the camp was reported to have been impaired by persistent rumors that work on projects at the camp had been halted entirely.

It was reported yesterday that progress had been somewhat delayed on the five new mess halls, which were to have been completed yesterday. It is expected that they will be completed next week.

Completion dates for the remodeling of barracks for both convalescent patients and returned officers and enlisted men also will be delayed.

Enemy Assaults Thrown Back; Other Gains Recorded

MANILA, Thursday, July 12.—(U.P.)—Australian troops in heavy fighting have broken through Japanese defenses at both ends of the Balikpapan beachhead and have hammered a three-mile wedge inland from the center, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

The breakthrough in the center of the beachhead took off from the coastal road in the area of Sepinggam-Ketjil, three miles east of Balikpapan, and rolled three miles inland through a series of wooded hills before the Japanese recovered and staged a counter-attack. The enemy assault was stopped and thrown back, MacArthur announced.

Other troops which cracked the Japanese lines northeast of Manggar airstrip, at the Eastern end of the beachhead, hammered out another half-mile gain in a drive that reached one and a half miles North-east of the airfield.

The advance came after a week of heavy fighting around the airfield, where the Japanese have established powerful road blocks supported by artillery and mortars in an effort to halt the Australian drive against the East Borneo oilfields to the Northeast.

A third Australian column at the western end of the beachhead advanced to within a half mile of 200-foot high Mount Batochampar, a powerful enemy stronghold protected by minefields and supported by coastal guns, after seizing complete control of Balikpapan Bay and the Pandansari refineries.

Mount Batochampar is about six miles north of Balikpapan. Planes of the 13th Airforce joined the ground assault, with 25 P-38 Lightning fighters-bombers raining fire-bombs on enemy positions 12 miles inland from the beachhead.

Another force of more than 20 B-24 Liberator heavy bombers plastered enemy barracks at Bandjermasin, administrative center of South Borneo some 200 miles southwest of Balikpapan, and shipyards at the oil shipping port of Samarinda, 60 miles North.

Ground action in the Brunei Bay area of North Borneo was confined largely to patrolling, but more than 50 Australian fighter-bombers bombed and strafed the Kudat and Jesselton areas while 10 medium bombers of the 13th Airforce hammered enemy positions west of Beaufort. Another group of 30 Australian Spitfires blasted strongpoints and suspected enemy troop concentrations south of Miri.

NIMITZ ANNOUNCES NEW AIR STRIKES GUAM, Thursday, July 12.—(U.P.)—New strikes by the Navy's improved Corsair fighters and Avenger torpedo bombers against the Japanese homeland were announced.

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COMMITTEE PULLS FAST ABOUT FACE

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(U.P.)—The House appropriations committee-affected today and recommended a \$250,000 fund for continued and unrestricted operation of the Fair Employment Practice Committee.

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Opposition Witnesses Blast Charter Before Committee; Davies, Eden Talk

Conference Sets Off Busy Diplomatic Sparring

LONDON, July 11.—(U.P.)—Joseph E. Davies, confidential envoy of President Truman conferred with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden today on a one-day visit to Paris, Britain and then flew on to Paris, en route to the Big Three conference which is expected to start at Potsdam this week-end and continue for about 10 days.

It was Davies' second visit in six weeks. Arriving on the Queen Elizabeth last night, he flew to London from Scotland, conferred with American Ambassador John G. Winant and then conferred and lunched with Eden.

It was believed that Allied policy regarding Germany was the chief topic for discussion. Davies expected to visit Frankfurt, Allied Supreme Headquarters, on his way from Paris to Berlin and Potsdam.

Davies' visit was part of unusual diplomatic activity in preparation for the Big Three talks.

Russian Ambassador Fedor Gusev left for Moscow last night and was expected to accompany Marshal Josef Stalin to Potsdam. Hasan Saika, Turkish foreign minister returning from the San Francisco Conference, conferred with Eden today on Russia's demands in return for a new Russian-Turkish friendship treaty. Rene Masigli, French Ambassador, also talked to Eden, presenting his country's views on problems which the Big Three will consider. France

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OFFICIALLY DEAD FOR TWO WEEKS, HEN COMES BACK TO LIFE

MONTREAL, July 11.—(U.P.)—A resurrected hen strutted around the laboratory of the city morgue today after being officially "dead" for two weeks.

A farmer shipped the hen to the morgue in a sealed box on June 22 with a note saying he believed it had died of paris green poisoning and wanted to know the facts.

Chemists were busy so the "corpse" was pushed aside and yesterday when they got around to the autopsy the chicken raised its head and emitted a weak cluck. After being fed, it got back on its feet.

Now the chemists don't know what to do with the chicken because the farmer didn't enclose his address.

WALKOUTS CLOSE ALABAMA PAPERS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 11.—(U.P.)—Publication of the three Birmingham daily newspapers was suspended tonight when composing room employees stopped work on a contract dispute and began picketing the plants.

The walkout stopped a combined daily circulation of approximately 228,000.

The two afternoon papers, the Post and News, had gone to press with final editions when the walkout began around 6 P.M. and so will not be affected until tomorrow. The Morning Age-Herald will not appear tonight.

Approximately 280 members of the International Typographical Union (AFL) were involved.

Attacks Cover Opinions Of Various Groups In Nation

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(U.P.)—Opposition witnesses came before the Senate Foreign Relations committee today to attack the World Security Charter variously as a communist plot, a military alliance, a demagogic document, a fraud and deceit, but mostly on the grounds it was unconstitutional.

They appeared at the third day of the committee's hearings into the Charter signed at San Francisco by the 50 United Nations and soon to go before the full Senate for ratification. Invited by Chairman Tom Connally, D. Tex., the witnesses represented organizations ranging from national groups

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NAVAL GUNS SEND U. S. S. DICKERSON DOWN TO DAVY JONES

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(U.P.)—The Navy revealed today that U. S. naval guns were compelled to sink the high speed transport U. S. S. Dickerson after Japanese planes blasted her into a hopeless hulk off Okinawa and killed 51 of her crew of 150.

The enemy planes bombed and set the vessel afire last April 2 and while she was steaming some 15 miles off Okinawa. After one of the planes dropped its bombs, the Dickerson was swept by flames and rocked by explosions.

A moment later a second Japanese plane roared in from dead astern, clipped two smokestacks, and crashed into the bridge, killing all personnel on the forecastle.

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The next "few days." It assumed that Brennan's report accompanied it.

War Department Probing Case Of Condemned GI's

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(U.P.)—The War Department is investigating the case of two army privates in China who have written home that they were condemned to die for the death of a Chinese woman.

The soldiers are Pvt. John V. Brennan, West Hartford, Conn., and Pvt. James Cooper, Norwood, Ohio. A letter from Brennan to an aunt telling of his court-martial was turned over to Senator McMahon (D-Conn.), who asked an undersecretary of War Robert Patterson to investigate.

Cooper's case was turned over to the War Department June 16 and the Department said Monday that "full information in reference to his court martial is en route here by courier mail (carried by an officer) and should be received within

Army Promises To Cut 7,000 Doctors Off Roll

WASHINGTON, July 11.—(U.P.)—The Army promised today to reduce its doctors by 7,000 by May, 1946—a rate of demobilization that was criticized by a Senate Military subcommittee as too slow.

Plans for releasing doctors were disclosed at the committee's hearing on the relative needs of the civilian population and the Army for medical care.

Senator Johnson (D-Colo.) said "the leisurely attitude of the Army toward this problem is something that this committee ought not to accept lying down."

Brig. Gen. Robert W. Berry, representing the War Department, took exception "to the use of the word 'leisurely,'" but Johnson

reiterated he thought it was "the right word."

"There is a tragic and critical need for these doctors in our communities," put in Senator Downey (D-Calif.), subcommittee chairman.

Testimony brought out that the Army now has about 45,000 doctors and that, including those in the Navy and the Veterans Administration, the total serving the armed forces is approximately 60,000.

In active civilian practice, by comparison, were roughly 74,000 doctors, although another 20,000 are in salaried jobs with state hospitals and industrial plants, or are serving as interns.

WEATHER (Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m., yesterday. Temperature High 84, Low 74. Precipitation Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m.—.11 inches. Total since the first of the month—.24 inches. TIDES FOR TODAY (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.) Wilmington a.m. 6:48 a.m. 12:01 p.m. 6:55 p.m. 9:52 a.m. 3:38 a.m. 10:56 p.m. 3:42 p.m. Sunrise 5:11; Sunset 7:25; Moonrise 8:06 a.m.; Moonset 9:57 p.m.