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NORTH CAROLINA — Partly cloudy skies and moderate temperatures Tuesday and Wednesday, scattered thunder showers on the coast Tuesday afternoon and evening.

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## TRUMAN CALLS ADMIRAL LAND

### VINSON NAMED TO TREASURY OFFICE

#### President Sends Formal Nomination; Snyder As Successor

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—President Truman today formally nominated Fred M. Vinson to be Secretary of the Treasury and appointed John W. Snyder of St. Louis to succeed Vinson as War Mobilization Director.

The Senate had planned to confirm Vinson's appointment today but debate on the Bretton Woods monetary agreements forced postponement of a vote until tomorrow. Overwhelming approval is assured. Nor is opposition expected to Snyder's nomination.

Snyder, former Vice President of the First National Bank of St. Louis, is now Federal Loan Administrator. He succeeded Vinson in that post. He has been a close personal friend of the President for more than 25 years.

Vinson, a Kentuckian, will succeed Henry Morgenthau Jr., who had held the Treasury post for more than 11 years.

Confirmation of the appointment will put Vinson next in line for the Presidency behind Secretary of State James F. Byrnes.

Ernest Schram, president of the New York Stock Exchange and a former chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, is reported in line for Snyder's job. Snyder said his successor will not be selected until Mr. Truman returns from Europe.

Vinson's appointment was Mr. Truman's sixth cabinet switch. It leaves only four holdovers from the cabinet he inherited from the late President Roosevelt, and of these, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson is reported ready to step out. Of the original 1933 cabinet, only Secretary of the Interior Harold I. Ickes still holds his post.

Vinson will take office with the public debt at some \$250,000,000, and expected to reach nearly \$300,000,000 by the end of the year. He will take over a revised tax structure suited to postwar needs. He was a tax expert when he was a member of Congress.

Morgenthau, a New York neighbor of the late President who took office Jan. 1, 1934, meanwhile sounded what is likely to be his swan song to Congress.

In a letter to Chairman Robert F. Wagner D. N. Y., of the Senate Banking Committee, he asked the legislators to see to it that the government accepts the responsibility of guaranteeing a sound and prosperous economy. He endorsed the so-called full employment bill which authorizes government economic planning.

Morgenthau had agreed to remain at his post until Mr. Truman returned from Europe. After Vinson's choice was announced last week, he wrote the President suggesting that he step out at once.

Vinson is a former House member and one-time Judge of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

### Jap Casualties Near Half-Million Mark

MANILA, July 16.—(AP)—American mopping-up operations in the Philippines cost the Japanese 4,670 dead and 603 captured in the past week, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

This brought the enemy casualties in the entire Philippines campaign to 428,732, including 10,768 prisoners. Most of the Japanese losses in the week were on Luzon, where 4,222 of the dead were counted.

American casualties for the week were 82 dead, one missing, and 195 wounded, bringing the total for the whole campaign to 54,402.

### Davis Closing Order Leaves Future In Doubt

Announcement yesterday by the War Department that Camp Davis is to be discontinued as a convalescent and redistribution center for the Army Air Force personnel left in doubt the future of the north installation in eastern North Carolina, where thousands of soldiers were trained for the war against Germany and Japan.

All construction work, totaling \$1,600,000 in unfinished contracts, was ordered halted immediately. The work was ordered rushed to completion by Army engineers last week.

Camp Davis, in the general vicinity of Holly Ridge in lower Onslow county, was completed in 1941 at an original cost of about \$17,000,000. It first was used as a training center for coast artillery, anti-aircraft and balloon barrage units.

In the four years of its existence it has been expanded considerably. The Army Air Forces took it over a few months ago.

The future of the camp will be decided after it has been offered to other War Department agencies. According to a statement by the AAF, through the Camp Davis public relations office, casuals now at the center, patients in the convalescent hospital and permanent personnel will be moved to other AAF facilities as soon as possible.

An AAF spokesman said the abandonment was ordered to obtain a greater economy of operation. It first was used as a training center for coast artillery, anti-aircraft and balloon barrage units.

### "Vinegar Joe"



This excellent study of General Joseph Stilwell, commanding general of the U. S. Tenth Army, was made on July 6 during a press conference at his Okinawa headquarters. The General told correspondents that Japan would be hit from every possible channel. (AP Wirephoto.)

### 30,000 WORKERS RETURN TO JOBS

Delivermen Continue To Tie Up 14 Papers In New York

By The Associated Press  
The nation's labor disputes balance sheet yesterday showed the most optimistic figures in many weeks.

Ten walkouts ended, returning more than 30,000 workers to their jobs, and, although 25 other strikes idled about 36,000 persons, prospects brightened for early settlement of some of them.

Printing trades disputes continued with distribution of 14 metropolitan daily newspapers and three racing sheets curtailed in New York by a continuing three-week walkout of 1,700 members of the Newspaper and Mail Deliverers' Union (N.M.D.).

Despite a publishers' warning that the workers faced dismissal if they did not return to work yesterday morning, Joseph Simons, union president, said the members decided to stay off their jobs over a demand that the publishers establish a welfare fund for members of the union.

Work stoppages also continued. (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

### HUGHES TAKES WRAP OF "HERCULES" FOR FIRST "LOOK-SEE"

CULVER CITY, Calif., July 16.—(AP)—The Howard Hughes Airplane Manufacturing plant today took the wraps off its "Hercules," which is to be the world's largest seaplane, and disclosed that the massive cargo carrier will weigh 425,000 pounds. Its cost will exceed \$20,000,000.

The plane has a wingspread of 320 feet, or large enough to accommodate a Superfortress on each wing. It will have eight engines to generate 24,000 horsepower for its maiden flight some time next year. Delivery of the engines is expected next January.

The Hercules will be able to carry a 60-ton tank, complete with armor and crew, or three light tanks. Used as a hospital ship, it would accommodate 350 patients on stretchers with doctors and nurses to care for the wounded. As a transport, it could carry 750 infantrymen from Honolulu to Tokyo, nonstop.

Barbey expressed belief that a landing could be achieved without heavy casualties because American forces will be able to pick the spot for invasion and gain overwhelming gun and air power on it.

### DRINKING PARTY ENDS IN SLAYING

MIAMI, Fla., July 16.—(AP)—The nude body of a woman identified by police as Mrs. Ella Mae Flynn Eames, 42, of Boston, Mass., former Red Cross ambulance driver, was found today in a blind alley back of a downtown hotel here.

Police Capt. James O. Barker said 19-year-old William Wells Parker, seaman first class, of Toledo, Ohio, had voluntarily acknowledged to his commanding officer, Lt. Comdr. Richard Giffen, that he struck the woman with a beer bottle during a drinking party in his hotel room.

He quoted the sailor as saying he then dumped the body from a hotel fire escape into the alley, 15 feet below.

Barker said personal effects of the woman showed that she was the wife of the Rev. Owen Eames of Brookline, Mass., and the mother of three children. Letters, he said, indicated her husband had been a Chaplain in the Army.

The police captain said Mrs. Eames had filed suit for divorce here in December, charging her husband with desertion.

Seventh Naval District headquarters, through its public relations office, said they were holding the sailor for investigation, but no charges had been placed against him and he would be turned over to civil authorities. The Navy statement said a report on the case had been forwarded to Washington and if no civilian action were taken, then the Navy would handle the case.

Dr. E. C. Thomas, county physician, told police that pending X-ray examination, he could not immediately say if Mrs. Eames was dead when she was thrown from the hotel. He said he believed, however, that she had died in the hotel room.

## Australians Nearing New Oil Center

### CAPTURE IMMINENT

Chinese Continue To Press Japanese Forces Backward

MANILA, Tuesday, July 17.—(AP)—Capture of another of Borneo's great oil fields was expected momentarily as hard-hitting Australian troops today bored into the swamps near the island's East coast North of Balikpapan.

The Japanese resisted fiercely when the Aussies first started their northward drive along the coast but the soldiers from down under advanced five miles in two days without opposition. The Aussies were last reported only five miles from the Sambodja oil fields in the heart of the swamps. Other objectives are the oil fields and port of Samarinda, 36 miles northwest of Sambodja.

Light Allied naval forces moved in to blast coastal positions east of Sambodja.

It was thought that the retreating Japanese have already sabotaged the oil wells and the coastal pipe line leading to Balikpapan.

Heavy artillery was employed by the Aussies and Dutch Colonials to drive the Japanese from a 200-foot high position a half dozen miles northeast of war-wrecked Balikpapan. The Japanese continued to resist north of the captured ridge.

Ground troops were closely supported by Allied airmen.

### CHINESE BESIEGE CITY OF PAOKING

CHUNGKING, July 16.—(AP)—Chinese armies, battering Japan's East-West corridor which cuts China in two, have besieged Paoking, advanced toward Kwelin and virtually cleared Kanshien, all former U. S. air base cities, it was reported today.

Powerful columns moved toward the three strategic cities, top objectives in the campaign to throttle Japanese holdings in Southeast Asia and open the way for an Allied invasion of China's vulnerable coast.

Allied bombers, utilizing recently seized bases in that area, collapsed the enemy's vital supply route between Formosa and Amoy, great tea port 140 miles to the west, a Central News Agency dispatch said.

U. S. 14th Air Force P-51's aided ground troops west of Paoking, important air base city destroyed in the Allied retreat from Southwest Hunan Province. The six-week ground drive toward that city stumbled to a halt last week, but Chinese troops have stepped up activities to the west, it was reported.

American planes pounded six trenches and strongpoints. Kwelin, last of four former U. S. air bases in Kwangsi Province still in enemy hands, was threatened by four columns. Driving from the Southwest, one column Friday seized Liukianghsien, 35 miles from the recently captured air base at Liuchow. This force then advanced another 10 miles toward Hsiujehsien on a secondary road leading to Kwelin.

### SYRACUSE DELAYS RINGLING CIRCUS

SYRACUSE, N. Y., July 16.—(AP)—More than 5,000 persons were delayed more than two hours at the opening of a two-day stand by the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus today while city and circus officials wrangled over proof of financial responsibility.

The circus officials were refused permission to admit anyone to their show under provisions of a city ordinance requiring that "at any place of assembly, persons responsible for the assembly show proof of public liability insurance to the amount of \$10,000 for each individual attending the gathering and \$100,000 for any one accident."

Finley hurried telephone call to a New York City casualty company brought assurance that a special policy covering the circus' two-day stand in Syracuse was being prepared and that a certificate to that effect should reach the city officials by tomorrow morning.

Meanwhile, James J. Torney, city corporation counsel, accepted a \$10,000 cash bond pending arrival of the certificate.

Mayor Thomas E. Kennedy commented that the circus officials had more than a week in which to meet the requirements of the ordinance and that there was no excuse for the delay.

Herbert Duval, circus business agent, explained that Syracuse was the first city visited that had demanded proof of the existence of such insurance. Other cities, he said, had accepted the statement of circus officials that such a liability policy was in force.

# 1,500 PLANES STAGE DEVASTATING ATTACK ON JAPANESE CAPITAL

### PIPELINE BREAK GIVES GAS-STARVED MOTORISTS OF FRANCE BIG FIELD DAY

LILLE, France, July 16.—(AP)—A break developed near here over the weekend in the Allies' pipeline across the English Channel, and gasoline-starved motorists had a field day scooping up fuel that drained out.

The black-market price on gasoline dropped from \$3.50 to \$1 a gallon.

The underwater line, built from England to France about the time of the Saint Lo breakthrough to service American

and British air forces operating on the continent, sprung a leak late Friday and gasoline flowed out onto the ground for more than 24 hours.

Frenchmen came from miles around, bearing buckets, dishes and even sponges, and gathered up every drop possible.

When the black-market price dropped, Allied military officials investigated on the ground that government property was being sold, and the sales ceased.

## Hitler, Wife Reported On Patagonia Estate

### OPA SAVES WHEAT CROP IN KANSAS

TOPEKA, Kas., July 16.—(AP)—Husky harvest hands went to bed hungry a night or two but now Western Kansas restaurants have sufficient points to serve up the customary heaping platters of steak and potatoes.

Thus a threat that much of the grain in that area might go uncultivated was averted.

State Rep. Clair Curry protested to Gov. Andrew Schoepel today that for want of ration points the restaurants could serve no more food and that for want of food the combine crews were passing out of the area.

Action was prompt. In fact, the OPA already had moved to increase food allotments in the Western wheat belt.

Mrs. Helen Mays, chief rationing clerk for Greeley County, Curry's home county, said tonight "no one is going to go hungry now."

Curry told the Governor he had talked with 15 men who went to bed last night without supper but said tonight some of his own harvest hands reported they had eaten big dinners in Tribune.

"One of them said he had to wait two hours to get served but he had his choice of roast beef or chicken, vegetable, bread and some plums. Plenty such as it was," Curry said.

Tribune's cafes had closed early Sunday after running out of food. Restaurants in Horace, another town in the county, closed Friday. Unable to find food to supply several hundred transients.

Harvest hands have always eaten well in Kansas. Flapjacks, eggs and bacon and potatoes for breakfast; steak, potatoes and gravy; mounds of sweet corn, bread and butter, puddings, cakes and pies for dinner and a repeat for supper.

A sandwich or no supper at all was not a fair substitute, Curry said. He told the Governor that only 6 of a point had been available for a harvest hand per day and "that amount will not feed a harvest hand."

Complicating Western Kansas' harvest food situation was the fact, it is having one of its finest wheat crops in history and there has been an abnormal influx of harvest help.

### CHAPLIN MUST PAY HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD, July 16.—(AP)—Comedian Charlie Chaplin, who is growing a moustache of his own for the first time for his forthcoming role as "Bluebeard," today was ordered to dip into his \$3,000,000 fortune and resume payment of \$75 a week to support red-haired Joan Barry's daughter until a final decision on whether he is the baby's father.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Helen Hayes Bland; two sons, Daniel Weyland Bland, Jr., and William Bland, of Burgaw; two daughters, Helen Bland and Adelaide Bland, of Burgaw; two brothers, D. H. Bland, Sr., of Goldsboro, and W. B. Bland, of Washington, D. C.; and four sisters, Mrs. C. C. Wagoner, of Lexington, Mrs. J. E. Crutchfield, of Greensboro, Mrs. J. H. Williams, of Burgaw, and Mrs. J. L. Sox, of Cary.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

## Nation Must Wait Until 1946 For Food Easement

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Anderson declared tonight that, on the basis of present indications, civilians will have to wait until 1946 for any material improvement in the domestic food situation.

"Because of the time it takes to produce food, not much relief from actual shortages can be expected during 1945," he said. Fixed by what was done a year or more ago, just as what we do now will determine the food supply that will be on hand next year."

For the months ahead, he said, meats, food fats and vegetable oils, sugar, condensed and evaporated milk and canned fruits and vegetables will continue in short supply. In addition rice and dried

CHICAGO, July 16.—(AP)—Chicago Times correspondent Vincent De Pascal reported from Montevideo today that he is "virtually certain" Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun are on a German-owned estate in Patagonia.

His dispatch was carried in today's edition of the Times.

"From information just received from Buenos Aires," De Pascal wrote, "I am virtually certain that Adolf Hitler and his wife, Eva Braun, the latter dressed in masculine clothes, landed in Argentina and are on an immense German-owned estate in Patagonia."

De Pascal said they reportedly landed on a lonely Patagonian shore from a German submarine which "supposedly" returned to surrender to the Allies.

He said that according to his information, "received from reliable channels," Hitler and Eva are living on one of a number of estates in Patagonia purchased by Germans to provide sanctuary for Nazi overlords.

"In this connection," De Pascal wrote, "the utmost significance is now attached to the words of Gen. Basilio Pertinax at a banquet on June 4: 'I am glad to announce that our friends are safe at last.'"

It was the latest in a rain of bombs and shells from sea and air that in four days has spread ruin along the entire length of the enemy's home islands.

The American fleet—the Third—shelled the enemy home islands of Honshu and Hokkaido on Saturday and Sunday and with its thousand odd carrier planes burned out three Japanese industrial cities and destroyed or damaged 128 enemy vessels.

Yesterday it clamped on a radio blackout, and its whereabouts were unknown until this morning, when Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced that it had joined the British Pacific fleet in a gigantic and continuing blow against the Tokyo area. The American carrier planes had smashed the same area's airfields in a great strike one week ago today.

It is the first combined American-British operation of the war against the enemy homeland, and is commanded by U. S. Adm. William F. Halsey, Jr.

Nimitz identified one British carrier, one battleship, two cruisers and five destroyers, and it was clear that other unidentified units were participating.

He named the battleship King George V, completed since the war began; the fleet carrier Formidable, the six-inch-gunner cruiser New-

Argentina Papers Demanding Probe

BUENOS AIRES, July 16.—(AP)—A special investigation commission of the Argentine government proposed tonight that the German submarine which surrendered recently to Argentina be turned over to the United States and Great Britain, together with her crew and all records of the Argentine investigation.

The report was made to the Foreign Office which transmitted it at once to President Gen. Edel-

### SHIPWORKER PLUNGES 60-FEET TO DEATH AT SHIPYARD HERE

Daniel Weyland Bland, of Burgaw, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon when he plunged approximately 60 feet from the top deck of a ship under construction at the yards of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company into the engine room hatch.

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### NR OFFICERS NOW ON EQUAL BASIS

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal tonight announced plans to give Naval reserve officers an equal chance for advancement with Annapolis graduates.

He said 10-month post-graduate courses in Navy tactics at the U. S. Naval Academy Aug. 7, the first time in history that reservists have been afforded such an opportunity.

He predicted that those who complete the course will make up the nucleus of a sizeable group of officers transferring from reserve status to the regular Navy after the war.

"The Academy experiment," he said, "is considered the first step toward assuring reserve officers who transfer equal opportunity with each other and with regular Navy officers."

"Although the size and composition of the postwar Navy has not been fixed by Congress, it is assumed that a considerable expansion of the Navy establishment will be necessary."

The course will cover navigation, ordnance, seamanship, communication, and Naval administration—the same subjects included in the post-graduate curriculum of regular officers.

The men selected were picked from nearly 800 applicants on the basis of previous education and Navy experience. They enrolled with the understanding that they must serve in the reserve for 10 years after the war.

Those eligible are Lieutenant Commanders under 36 with at least four years sea duty, Lieutenants under 31 with a minimum of two and one-half years sea duty, and Lieutenants junior grade with two years. Ensigns at least 21, and Lieutenants junior grade with 18 months and 31 days' sea duty.

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### WEATHER

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

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| Temperature  | High 78   | Low 69 |
| Maximum, 84; minimum, 70; mean, 77; normal, 79.                      |   |        |
| Humidity   | High 72   | Low 65 |
| 1:30 am, 91; 7:30 am, 72; 1:30 pm, 74; 7:30 pm, 65.                  |   |        |
| Precipitation  | Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 pm, 1.70 inches. |        |
| Since the first of the month, 6.16 inches.                           |   |        |
| Tides for Today  |   |        |
| (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.) |   |        |
| High   | 3:19a 10:44a                                    |        |
| Low  | 4:02p 11:11p                                    |        |
| Masonboro Inlet  | 1:35p 7:22a                                     |        |
| Sunrise, 5:15; sunset, 7:23; moonrise, 12:47a; moonset, —            |   |        |

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