

North Carolina: Partly cloudy and warm Monday. Widely scattered, thundershowers in afternoon, mostly in north portion and in mountains.

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Granted Divorce



Film and stage actress Carole Landis is all smiles after being granted a divorce in Las Vegas, Nev., from Maj. Thomas C. Wallace of the U. S. Army Air Forces. They were wed in London, England, in 1943. (International Sunphoto.)

JAPANESE TROOPS IN BREAKTHROUGH

45-Mile Dent In Chinese Lines Made On Invasion Coast

CHUNGKING, July 22. — (AP) — Japanese troops covering 103 miles in 22 days, have made a 45-mile breakthrough along China's "invasion coast" opposite Formosa.

While the enemy forces battled to link their pockets in the seaports of Amoy and Swatow in Southeast China, battle-tough Chinese veterans tightened their siege around the Japanese-held airbase city of Kweilin, a communique revealed.

Striking southwestward toward Swatow, the Japanese advanced from a point six miles south of Yunshiao, mid-way between Amoy and Swatow, crossed the border from Fukien Province into Kwangtung and captured Chaonan, 20 miles north of Swatow, the communique said.

Chaonan, a port on the Han river Delta and the site of an airbase, was, however, recaptured by the Chinese in bitter fighting and at Friday noon still was in the hands of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's troops.

The 45-mile Japanese advances from the Yunshiao area to Chaonan took several days and was made by troops who were landed on the coast south of island-bound Amoy June 30 and now are threatening to break through for a link with enemy forces holding the former treaty port of Swatow.

Chungking observers expressed (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4)

AUSTRALIA RECEIVES OVER BILLION WORTH OF AMERICAN GOODS

CANBERRA, Australia, July 22. — (AP) — United States lend-lease goods valued at more than a billion dollars were received by Australia up to the end of last April, it was officially disclosed here today.

Reciprocal Australian lend-lease goods and services to America between April 1942 and last March totaled about \$800,000,000.

The official report showed that U. S. forces received \$10,500,000 worth of Australian radar and signal equipment—one-fifth of the total output of the Commonwealth radio industry before 1942 had no experience in this technique.

The report said American carbon black, tire fabric and synthetic rubber received under lend-lease was used in part in Australia to produce tires for American forces. It added that lend-lease tractors and other farming equipment was used to increase food production for American force.

WEATHER

Eastern Standard Time by U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday. 1:30 am, 74; 7:30 am, 75; 1:30 pm, 82; 7:30 pm, 80. Maximum 86; Minimum 72; Mean 79; Normal 79. Humidity 1:30 am, 96; 7:30 am, 90; 1:30 pm, 66; 7:30 pm, 61. Precipitation Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm, 6.0 inches. Total since the first of the month, 19.26 inches. Tides For Today (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.) Wilmington High 8:25a 3:25p Low 9:03p 3:22a Masonboro Inlet High 8:02a 3:22p Low 8:41p 12:17a Sunrise, 5:17; Sunset 7:20; Moonrise 6:20; Moonset 3:20a.

Conference May Discuss Jap Defeat

BIG THREE BUSY

Deliberations Resumed After Truman Attends Church Services

By MERRIMAN SMITH United Press Staff Correspondent POTSDAM, July 22.—(U.P.)—President Truman, Marshal Josef Stalin and Prime Minister Winston Churchill returned again to their momentous discussions today amid indications that the most vital military issue in the Allied world—the defeat of Japan—may be laid before the Big Three conference before the week is ended.

It was believed probable that the question of the Japanese war would be brought up before the conference by President Truman, who already has voiced his determination to achieve the quickest possible victory in the Far East to save American lives.

Reports yesterday said the Big Three have cleared their agenda of all preliminary routine and now are prepared to make their final decisions dealing with major economic and military problems.

It was believed the Big Three will dispose of their top European problem—an overall economic policy for postwar Europe and broad details governing the occupation of Germany—before turning to the vital issue of Japan.

The virtual news blackout on the discussions continues. The only official news Sunday was a brief announcement that the conference reported officially that "much serious business has been done" in the first four days of discussions.

This announcement followed the first definite statement of accomplishment yesterday when it was reported officially that "much serious business has been done" in the first four days of discussions.

The Big Three did not even permit the Sabbath to interfere with the urgent matters of world import receiving their attention in the high-ceilinged conference room of the palace.

President Truman attended church services in the morning before he returned to the discussions in the afternoon. As the leaders met, a freak cyclonic storm struck the shattered German capital. The storm ripped up trees, levelled tottering walls in Berlin's ruins and delayed army communications.

The storm lasted only a few minutes and early reports said there were no casualties.

There were no new indications today when the conference will end. When Truman and Churchill arrived a week ago, it was estimated the session would last from 10 days to three weeks. There is a feeling now that it is likely to run the full three weeks, indicating the wide scope of issues to be decided.

While the strictest secrecy surrounded the discussions themselves, correspondents still were permitted (Continued on Page Three; Col. 8)

SENATE TO PROBE RAILWAY SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, July 22.—(AP)—The Senate War Investigating committee will give the right of way tomorrow to an investigation of the Nation's war clogged railway system.

First witness will be Col. J. Monroe Johnson, director of the Office of Defense Transportation, the government agency charged with coordinating all forms of transport during the war.

Although the situation has been developing for some time, public and congressional interest was focused on it more sharply after complaints that some soldiers had to ride in coaches instead of Pullmans in making cross-country trips after their arrival from Europe.

Japanese Battleship Nagato, 415 Other Ships, 556 Planes Destroyed, Damaged By Mighty Third Fleet In Ten-Day Raids

Singapore Drive Expected Shortly

COLOMBO, Ceylon, July 22.—(AP)—The Times of Ceylon said today that a new Allied offensive "with Singapore as the great prize" was expected soon.

TRIAL OF PETAIN WILL OPEN TODAY

PARIS, July 22.—(U.P.)—Henri Philippe Petain, 89-year-old former head of the Vichy Government, sat tonight in a heavily guarded cell built specially for him in the Palace of Justice, resting in the few hours that remain before he goes on trial on a charge of betraying the France which once honored him as a marshal of her armies.

Petaim was brought to the palace secretly in the "Black Maria" Saturday from the Montrouge prison. He has been held at Montrouge almost, all the time since he gave himself up on the collapse of Gestoim and has spent his time composing his memories. His wife was reported with him at the Justice Palace as she was at Montrouge.

Before leaving Montrouge, he was permitted to confer with Marcel Peyrouton, former Vichy Interior Minister, to clarify a point of his defense involving the Dec. 13, 1940 arrest of Pierre Laval, Vichy chief of government now a fugitive in Spain. It was reported their conference confirmed Petaim's contention that he gave Petrouton a free hand to arrest Laval.

Only a few spectators were present as he was moved into the Justice Palace. The Republican guards and police, 600 of which will guard the building and its surrounding during the trial, doubled their vigilance.

Republican guards had walked those pavements before to guard notable prisoners of France. In 1793 Marie Antoinette, Queen of France, was led forth from the Justice Palace to the Guillotine after a revolutionary court found her guilty of treason.

A France smarting under the (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4)

BRITISH NAVY MEN SEARCHING CLYDE FOR GERMAN MINES

LONDON, July 22.—(AP)—A German submarine slipped into the Firth of Clyde three weeks before VE Day and planted 15 large magnetic mines, three of which have not been located despite a search since April 20, when the first of them exploded and sank a 200-ton fishing trawler.

Disclosing this today, the Admiralty said an area of more than 1,000 square miles had been dragged by Royal Navy minesweepers.

Both the Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth, loaded with American troops returning to the United States, have made at least two departures down the Clyde since the potential danger has existed. They are equipped with every known anti-mine device.

After VE Day, the Admiralty said, the command of the U-boat 218, one of the first Nazi submarines to surrender, told questioners he had penetrated the Clyde April 18 and laid 15 mines. He gave the exact position where each was placed.

Civilians To Feel Pinch Of Japanese War More In Home Heating Fuel Tanks Than Auto Gas Tanks

WASHINGTON, July 22.—(AP)—The supply and distribution of home heating oil for the coming winter present real problems, particularly on the East Coast and in the Midwest, the council said in a statement.

"Earlier Navy diesel fuel programs," it added, "have resulted in substantial losses of normal production of burning oils for this winter. The operation of catalytic cracking units for the 100-octane program has further reduced kerosene and distillate fuel oil yields. Unless more crude oil can be obtained and refined it appears that a substantial increase in the yields of distillate fuel and kerosene at

Japs Break Trap, Start Hard Drive IN PEGU MOUNTAINS

Mountbatten's Troops Counter-Attack Enemy In Force

CALCUTTA, July 22.—(U.P.)—Japanese troops in the Pegu mountains have broken out of a trap and opened a powerful drive toward Pyu, vital Rangoon-Mandalay rail town 10 miles west of the Sittang, a communique said today.

Allied infantry, supported by artillery, tanks and armored cars counter-attacked in force, Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten said.

The enemy group, estimated unofficially at several thousand, recently was pocketed west of Pyu, 120 air miles north of Rangoon. The Japanese drive apparently was aimed at crossing the rain-swollen Sittang and either joining the hard-pressed Wawchi garrison, 50 miles to the northeast, or lunging toward Thailand, some 70 miles away.

Mountbatten said that Pyu was the "center of the zone of activity."

Northeast of Pegu at the bend of the Sittang river, Japanese units moved toward Myitkyo. British Gurkhas seized two villages in that area after fierce skirmishes.

British artillery shelled a concentration of 200 Japanese two miles northwest of Taunggyi, 117 miles east of Maiktila. Liberator bombers yesterday battered supply points at Singora in Southern Thailand. Heavy damage and fires were reported by returning airmen.

Supporting ground troops southeast of Pyu, other warplanes attacked enemy positions. Twenty huts and buildings were destroyed.

On the previous day, Japanese bunker positions and supply dumps were pounded west of Pyu and in the Myitkyo sector.

TWO WOMEN GET NIEMAN AWARDS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., July 22.—(AP)—An Associated Press editor and a political reporter for the San Francisco News today became the first women to receive Nieman Fellowships in journalism at Harvard University.

Charlotte L. Fitz Henry, AP night editor at Chicago, and Mary Ellen Leary, San Francisco news political reporter, were among the ten men and women chosen for a year's study at Harvard beginning in September.

This is the first year that women have been eligible for the Fellowships, which provide stipends that approximate the salaries of the recipient.

The awards were first made in 1938 under the will of Agnes Wahl Nieman, widow of the publisher of the Milwaukee Journal, and since then 87 newspapersmen have studied at Harvard under the Fellowships.

The eight men who received awards this year for study beginning in September are: James Batal, editor and publisher of Cleghorn Courier, Fitchburg, Mass., now with the OWI in New York; Arthur W. Hepler, St. Louis Post-Dispatch reporter; Frank W. Hewlett, United Press war correspondent; Robert J. Manning, state department reporter for the United Press at Washington; Cary Robertson, Sunday editor of the

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Truman And Churchill Inspecting Honor Guard



Two of the "Big Three," President Harry S. Truman and Prime Minister Winston Churchill inspect an honor guard, composed of Second Battalion Scots Guards, on the lawn of Churchill's Berlin residence. The President was Winnie's luncheon guest at the moment. British Official Radiophoto. (International)

Australian Troops Make New Landing In Balikpapan Headwaters Area

Third Fleet Box Score

GUAM, Monday, July 23.—(U.P.)—Here is the box-score of Adm. William F. Halsey's sweeps against Japan now in their 14th day:

Table with columns: PLANES, Destroyed, Damaged, Downed, Total. Rows include Tokyo, Hokkaido-Honshu, Tokyo Area, and SHIPS (Sunk, Damaged, Total).

DISCHARGE POINT TOTAL UNDER 85

WASHINGTON, July 22.—(U.P.)—Soldiers with slightly less than 85 points will become eligible for discharge within a few days. The promised revision of the "critical score," set at 85 in May, will be made before the end of this month, War Department spokesmen said tonight.

Meanwhile, many veterans with more than 85 points, who were returned to this country months ago, are complaining bitterly that the Army won't release them. Over 200 men in camps here, rated "non-essential," but unable to get discharges, are resentful of the delay.

Others with a surplus of points say their commanding officers won't declare them non-essential because of personal prejudices or because they hope to keep up a big army.

The Army's answer to charges is that five chief barriers are in the way: Time required to transfer men from one service to another, to supply replacements, to train them, and give furloughs, and lack of shipping space.

Chairman Edwin C. Johnson, D. Colo., of the Senate Veterans subcommittee, charged however, that the Army is "leisurely" about (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4)

ICKES PLANNING TERRITORY END

WASHINGTON, July 22.—(U.P.)—Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes is planning a policy declaration aimed at future liquidation of U. S. territories and dependent areas through political self-determination, it was disclosed tonight.

The plan, which may be Ickes' swan-song to Washington political life, points at final disposal of the nation's outlying possessions according to the democratically-expressed will of their peoples.

Ickes is expected to leave the cabinet within a month or six weeks, according to reliable quarters which said that President Truman soon will accept the self-styled "old curmudgeon's" resignation. The source said there is "no acute reason" for Ickes' departure "other than that the President wants a cabinet of his own choosing."

Light Units Also Blast Omura Town

BRITISH TAKE PART

Raiders Meet Strong Anti-Aircraft Fire At Yokosuka Base

By EDWARD L. THOMAS United Press War Correspondent GUAM, Monday, July 23.—(U.P.)—Adm. William F. Halsey's mighty Third Fleet, augmented by units of the British Navy, destroyed or damaged 416 ships, including the 32,702-ton battleship Nagato, and 556 planes in their sweeping attacks along the coast of Japan which are now in their 14th day, it was disclosed today.

Lifting the curtain of secrecy which had shrouded activities of history's mightiest fleet since it bombarded the Japanese shoreline South of Tokyo early last Thursday, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced that light units operating in the same area today destroyed or damaged an entire four-ship convoy.

Other light units of the Third Fleet, Nimitz disclosed, early Monday morning shelled the town of Omura on the island of Chichi, in the Bonin islands 165 miles north of American held Iwo and 725 miles south of Tokyo.

Nimitz disclosed that in last Wednesday's aerial bombardment of the Tokyo area by some 1,500 American and British planes, U. S. Navy pilots attacking the Yokosuka naval base 30 miles south of Tokyo heavily damaged the battleship Nagato, previously damaged in the Philippines sea battle last October.

The Americans, it was disclosed, found only a small part of the remnants of the Japanese fleet at Yokosuka. They attacked through (Continued on Page Three; Col. 2)

JAPAN FINALLY RECOGNIZES LAW

WASHINGTON, July 22.—(AP)—Japan has agreed, after three and a half years of war, to comply with the international law permitting neutral observers to visit prisoner-of-war camps.

The State Department disclosed the Japanese decision today in an announcement that Switzerland will take over representation of Japanese interests in this country.

Spain represented Japan here until April 4, 1945, when it decided to stop after receiving unsatisfactory replies from Tokyo to protests about treatment of Spaniards in the Philippines.

The announcement said the Japanese then asked the Swiss to take over. Since the Swiss also represent United States interests in Japan, they said they would agree on condition that Tokyo allowed their observers to visit "all (Continued on Page Three; Col. 6)

MARINE SERGEANT, INJURED IN WRECK, DIES AT HOSPITAL

Sgt. Herman E. Smith, 30-year-old Marine of Camp Lejeune, who was injured Thursday afternoon when the car in which he was riding skidded and overturned about three and one-half miles north of Wilmington on U. S. Highway 17, died at 5:22 p. m. yesterday at James Walker Memorial hospital, Coroner Asa W. Allen reported last night.

Coroner Allen said there would be an inquest this afternoon. A coroner's jury will be impaneled at 10 a. m. at the hospital and the inquest will take place at 3 p. m. at the courthouse.

The operator of the car, Cpl. Clyde E. Tyler, 25, also of Camp Lejeune, was removed to the Blue-enthal Army Air Base after the accident, where it was reported that he suffered only minor cuts. Smith was unable to be removed from James Walker Memorial hospital before he died.

Investigating officers said the accident occurred at 4:15 p. m. Thursday in front of the High Hat club, where the vehicle was attempting to pass another car, also headed south, when the Marine's automobile skidded about 53 yards, overturning and skidding on the right side of the road.

CHURCHILL, ATTLEE TO RETURN HOME FOR RESULTS OF ELECTION

LONDON, July 22.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill and Clement Attlee, leaders respectively of a Conservative and Labor parties, are expected to return Wednesday night from Potsdam to be on hand when results of the July 5 general election are announced.

All day Wednesday returns will be coming in and the complexion of the new House of Commons should be known by late afternoon. A special service has been arranged to Churchill's residence to keep him speedily informed on all returns.

It is believed that if his government gets a working majority Churchill will quickly return to Potsdam, assuming the conference there still is in session. If Churchill should be defeated, then some interruption of the conference's work would seem inevitable while political changes are made at home.