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Cloudy and warm today, showers and thundershowers west and central portions tonight beginning in mountains this afternoon. Wednesday, cloudiness and cooler.

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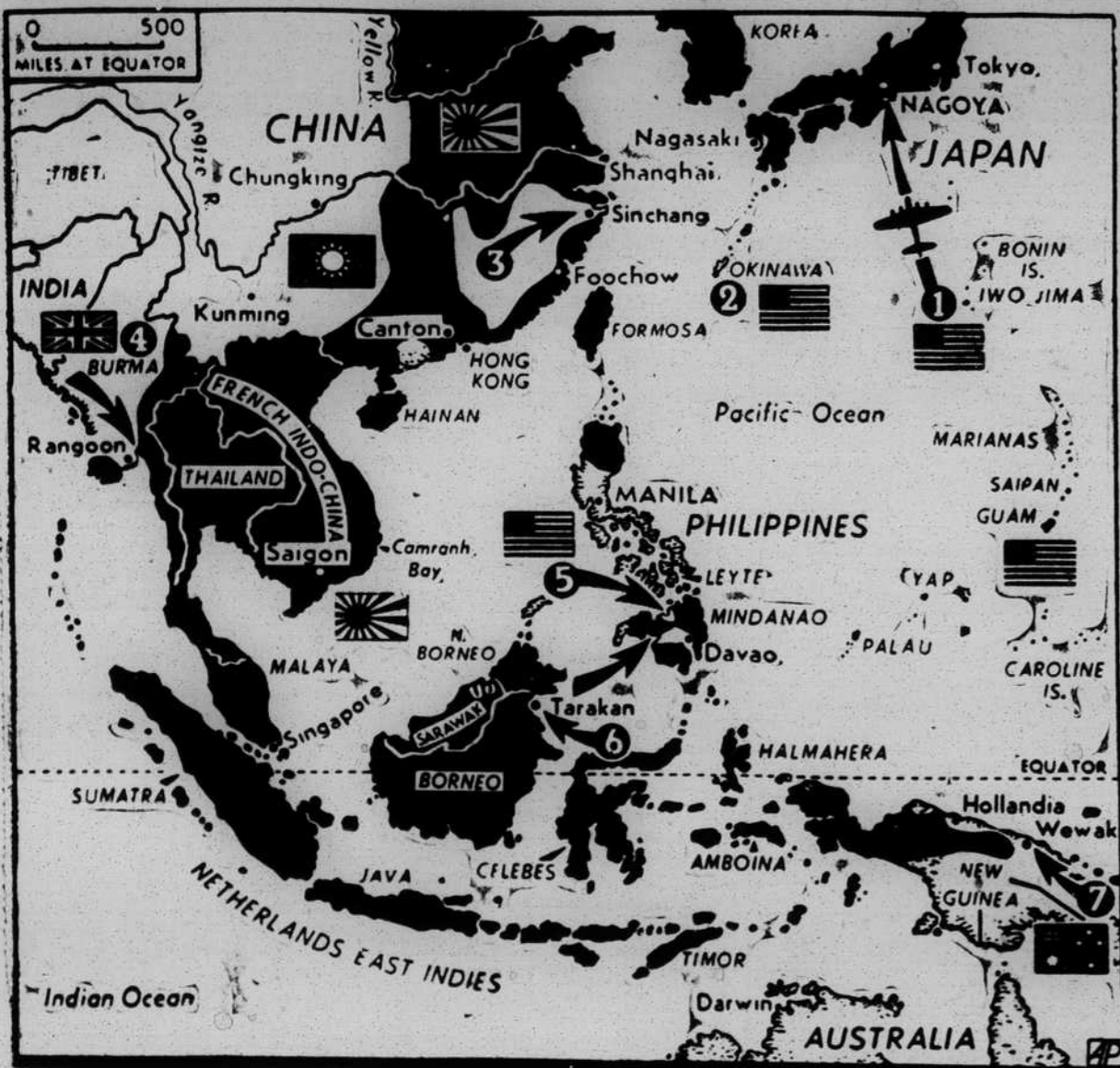
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YANKS SET FOR FINAL DRIVE ON SHURI DEFENSES



ALLIES BITING BIG CHUNKS FROM JAP-HELD TERRITORY—Numbers on the above map locate points where the Allies are biting pieces from Japan's empire in the Pacific war. The heaviest fire bomb raid of the war (1) hit Nagoya, Americans gained their southward drive on Okinawa (2), Chinese took Sinchang (3), and were on the outskirts of Fochow, British (4) had cleared Rangoon and were preparing to drive east and south; in the Philippines (5), Americans drove toward a juncture northwest of Davao; Allies were completing the mop up of Tarakan (6) and Australian troops captured Wewak, (7), which had been by-passed earlier.—AP Wirephoto

AT CONFERENCE:

Moscow Has Key To Security Problems

Gromyko Asks Kremlin's Advice On Trusteeship, Regional Defense System

By John M. Hightower Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—(P)—United Nations officials looked to Moscow today for word that may hasten final agreement among the big-five powers on two of the most critical issues thus far met in charting a world security organization.

NO 'CRISIS' IN ISTRIA SETUP

British Deny Report Of Ultimatum Delivered To Marshal Tito

LONDON, May 15.—(P)—A British spokesman today labeled as "exaggerated" reports published in London that Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia had been ordered peremptorily to withdraw his troops from Istria and the Adriatic port of Trieste.

Britain and the United States hold that Trieste would remain under Allied control until the peace conference settled its status. The spokesman said this policy had been communicated to the Yugoslav government through envoys at Belgrade in an atmosphere of frankness and friendship. He declared there was no question of a crisis or of an ultimatum.

His statement was similar to one issued Saturday in Washington by Acting Secretary of State Joseph Grew, who said the Yugoslav government had been informed that Trieste would be controlled by the Allied military government until its status was settled in the orderly manner pledged by the United Nations for the solution of such problems.

In Belgrade, Edvard Kardelj, See NO CRISIS Page 2

Goering On First List War Criminals

LONDON, May 15.—(P)—The War Crimes commission today announced Reichsmarshal Herman Goering's name was placed on the first list of war criminals in November, 1944.

The statement by the United Nations commission said simply: "With reference to recent discussions in the press, the United Nations War Crimes commission desires to state that Hermann Goering's name was placed in November, 1944, on the first list of persons charged with war crimes which was adopted by the commission."

Russia, it developed, holds the key to settlement of both the international trusteeship and the regional defense system questions. Ambassador Andrei Gromyko, who succeeded Foreign Commissar Molotov as chief Russian delegate to the United Nations conference, has referred proposals on both of these to the Kremlin.

Officials hope that replies on both of these will be received in a day or so. They figure that the speed with which Moscow acts will show whether Gromyko can get the same sort of quick action that Molotov was able to obtain before he returned home.

The United States and Britain have ironed out virtually all of their differences on both issues and France and China were reported in

MOSCOW, May 15.—(P)—Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov returned to Moscow today from the United Nations conference in San Francisco. He arrived in his special plane piloted by a U. S. crew.

substantial agreement with them. A Russian proposal for dealing the Big Five in a group on future United Nations handling of ex-enemy lands under international trusteeships has met American opposition, however.

UNKNOWN On regional defense pacts, such as the inter-American system, Russia's final attitude is not definitely known, pending word from Moscow.

France's position as one of the See MOSCOW Page 2

Many AMG Rulings In Reich Enforced By Death Penalty

By ELTON C. FAY WASHINGTON, May 15.—(P)—The full meaning of the "stern" military government the United States is imposing on Germany in the American occupation zone is found in penalties provided for infractions.

In more than a dozen instances, the death sentence may be imposed. Long imprisonment and heavy fines are provided in others.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower drew up the list of ordinances and penalties as his armies moved into

SEEK RELEASE OF FATHERS

Move Begun To Release Army Men With More Than 3 Children

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(P)—A move to force the army to discharge all men with more than three children began on Capitol Hill today.

It is under the leadership of Representative Engel (R-Mich.), who said he will seek a house vote on the proposition when the annual War department appropriation bill reaches the floor within several weeks.

As a member of the appropriations sub-committee handling army funds, Engel will ask the committee to write into the bill a ban against payment of funds to any service man who has more than three children. Its acceptance, he said in an interview, would force the army to discharge such men, since no one can be compelled to serve without compensation.

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JAPS TREATIES WITH GERMANY ARE ABROGATED

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—(P)—Abrogation of all treaties between Japan and Germany and other European countries was decided upon unanimously today by the Japanese cabinet, Radio Tokyo reported.

Shortly before the unconditional surrender of Germany, Shigenori Togo, foreign minister, branded reported Nazi peace feelers as "flagrant violations" of the Axis tripartite pact because Japan had not been informed.

Following today's action Togo conferred with Emperor Hirohito, and later called in Heinrich Stahmer, German ambassador to Japan to advise him of the action.

Radio Tokyo's report quoting the Japanese Domei News agency, was recorded by the Federal Communications Commission.

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War Loan Summary

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(P)—The 7th War Loan summarized:

Dates: May 14-June 30. (Purchases by payroll deduction count April 9-July 7) Individual goal: \$7,000,000,000. Corporation goal: \$7,000,000,000. Total: \$14,000,000,000. Slogan: The "Mighty 7th."

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MEET PLANNED TO DISCUSS PEACE PROGRAM

President Admits He Discussed Parley With Eden Yesterday

NO DEFINITE DATE

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(P)—President Truman said today he hoped to meet soon with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin to discuss the future peace program.

The president told reporters he had discussed such a meeting with British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden yesterday but that no definite decision had been made.

He said he hoped that they could get around a table soon but he did not believe it would be immediately.

The matter came up after the president said he favored repeal of the Johnson act restricting loans to nations in default on world war I obligations.

He was asked if he planned to meet with Churchill and Stalin. He replied he hoped that there will be a possibility for the three to meet and discuss together a peace program around the table.

The Big Three will have the meeting, he added later. A reporter asked if that meant it was on and he said he hoped there would be one soon. He added it would not be before the close of the San Francisco Conference.

Pressed for a definite time, the president said it won't be immediate or in the far distant future.

Churchill Hopes For Meeting Of 'Big Three' Soon

LONDON, May 15.—(P)—Prime Minister Churchill said today he hoped for a meeting soon with Marshal Stalin and President Truman and, in reply to another query in Commons, refused to commit himself on the question of whether Hitler is dead.

He also disclosed that King George VI early during the war had practiced daily with a rifle and tommygun in the Buckingham palace garden, and expressed belief the King would have joined the men on the firing line if the war ever had broken a last ditch stand in London.

The prime minister further said Britain would not hold formal victory parades and celebrations until Japan is defeated.

Asked whether a meeting of the Big Three was contemplated in the near future, Churchill said: "I devoutly hope so. It would be very odd if such a long, fierce war ended without any settlement even amongst the victors."

HITLER DEAD? When one member inquired whether Hitler's death had been established "beyond all shadow of doubt," Churchill replied that he knew no more "than any other member who reads the newspaper."

"There I have only my own opinion to go by," he said. "What is that?" a member shouted.

"I really do not feel that any particular duty lies upon me to make guesses," the prime minister replied. "When we have anything particular, I shall be quite ready to announce it. In the meantime I must say I incline to the general opinion."

Churchill was asked whether Hitler was being hidden by Prime Minister de Valera's Eiree government, and drew laughter with the remark that he would have "inquiries made on that."

SHARP PROTESTS Sharp protests against the attitude of de Valera's government arose in the house. One member suggested the government move for arrest of the German legation staff in Dublin with the view of trying them as war criminals.

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Truman Opposed To Reduction Of Taxes Until Japs Defeated

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(P)—President Truman declared today that he is opposed to any reduction in taxes until after Japan has been defeated.

The President told his news conference that there can be no reduction—no possible reduction—until after the whole war is over.

He said 85,000,000 bond holders had to be protected and that the only protection lay in continued high taxation.

The President was asked if he had seen a statement by Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the senate finance committee suggesting a plan for the gradual reduction of taxes.

He replied that there can be no reduction in taxes while the war is on.

There is no possible way to reduce taxes until the war with Japan has been ended, he added, and as long as the nation is obligated to levy taxes to meet its debts.

Bloody Balet Pass Falls To Americans

Yanks Count 7,000 Enemy Dead In 75-Foot Pass Between High Mountains

By FRED HAMPSON

MANILA, May 15.—(P)—Bloody Balet pass fell to Americans of the 25th and 37th divisions Sunday after weeks of bitter fighting, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today. Doughboys were fighting down the 80-mile mountain road leading to the extensive Cagayan valley of northern Luzon, a Japanese stronghold.

Yanks counted 7,000 enemy dead in the narrow 75-foot defile between towering mountains, Associated Press Correspondent, James Hutcherson reported from the field. The toll is expected to mount to 20,000 when Japanese dead sealed in the network of caves interlacing the pass walls are counted.

It was from these caves, many of them large enough for an entire company, that enemy troops held off the Yank drive into Luzon's breadbasket. The enemy exacted "sobering losses" on our troops, Maj. Gen. Charles L. Mullins, Jr., reported.

But the way now lies downhill. When doughboys reach the valley floor, tanks, heavy artillery and flame-throwers can be brought to bear.

The 25th and 37th were driving toward Santa Fe and juncture with the 32nd division pushing along the Villa Verde trail from the west. They were two miles apart.

RING TIGHTENED East of Manila, the 43rd division, preparing for the final assault, tightened its ring around Japanese near Ipo Dam, which supplies one-third of Manila's water.

On Mindanao, Japanese fiercely resisted the Yank drive near Davao City between the Talomo and Davao rivers. Americans hurled back six banzai charges in company strength Saturday and Sunday. Japanese naval guns on the northern tip of nearby Samar island, invaded by Doughboys, shelled American lines on the mainland.

The 31st division liquidated a reinforced company of bypassed Japanese between Kibawe and Maramag in north central Mindanao. Sixty miles up Sayre highway, near the north coast, the 40th division consolidated the captured Del Monte air center. Guerrilla forces seized Cagayan port, bringing the entire north coast under American control.

The three divisions are fighting to bisect Mindanao and break up an estimated 60,000 Japanese troops.

On Tarakan Island, off Borneo, Australian and Dutch troops scored local gains. Aneta, Netherlands

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Truman For Repeal Of Johnson Act

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(P)—President Truman told his news conference today he was for the repeal of the Johnson act which places restrictions on private loans to countries in default on World War I obligations.

He read from a message to congress in January by former President Roosevelt asserting that repeal of the act was necessary to achieve an adequate flow of essential trade.

Mr. Truman said Mr. Roosevelt's statement was as true as it can be and that he personally had never been for the Johnson act in the first place.

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HAS 1. POINTS—Sgt. Harold M. Carothers (above) of Denver, has 168 discharge points, only two points short of twice the number needed to qualify for an Army discharge. However, he is sticking to his post as a tail gunner in the Air Corps. He did not object to being classified essential for he is "sort of itching to see Tokyo from the tail-end of a B-29."

BOND CAMPAIGN IS LAUNCHED

Shelby's Civic Leaders Eat K Ration And Plan For Drive

Fortified with a meal of K ration, the soldiers field food, representatives from all of Shelby's civic organizations opened the loan drive in the Seventh War Loan campaign last night and went out today to sell bonds as they have never sold them before.

The meeting at the Charles hotel was presided over by Hall Houpe, who was in charge of the program, and Worth Morris, commander in chief of the bond drive in the retail district.

The K ration, brought to the table in Uncle Sam's little brown boxes, was a novel experience for the banqueters, who declared they could take it if the men who are fighting for them can eat it. Most of them did too.

One of the features of the evening was the showing of a film depicting an amphibious landing on an island in the South Pacific under heavy fire. These pictures were actual photographs taken by the signal corps and showed concerted movements by the army, navy, marines and air forces. They held the intense interest of the local group.

TELLS OF D-DAY Major Frederick V. H. Smith, who was a member of the ordnance division in England while ammunition was being piled up for assault on the continent, told of the mammoth nature of the operations necessary to get ready for D-day.

D. H. Finley, a member of the quartermaster corps who is recuperating at the Moore General hospital from his service in New Guinea and the Philippines, told of the supply operations and their magnitude. He detailed the different divisions of quartermaster operations and gave his hearers some idea of what their bond money is spent for.

Reporting for the bond committees were Guy Roberts, of the K-

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U. S. FORCES TAKE AIRFIELD ON OKINAWA

Conical Hill Taken In Face Of Stiff Enemy Resistance

FIGHTING IN NAHA

By LIEF ERICKSON GUAM, May 15.—(P)—American forces captured the strongly defended Yonabaru airfield yesterday and squared away today for the final drive on Okinawa's inner Shuri defense area.

Yonabaru and Conical Hill, chief remaining Japanese observation point, fell to Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley's 96th infantry division.

Two rifle companies which gained its 480 foot Summit late Sunday held tenaciously to their position despite Japanese counterattacks. Yesterday the 383rd regiment of the 96th completed the hill's capture and paved the way for the mile and a half gain to Yonabaru, fourth airfield to fall to the Americans in the Okinawa campaign.

Meanwhile, Maj. Gen. Lemuel Shepherd jr.'s Sixth Marine division was fighting in Northern Naha, Okinawa's capital city which has been leveled by weeks of naval gunfire and artillery. The Yanks still have to cross the Asato river to reach the main part of Naha.

Looking across the muddy Asato estuary, Commanding Officers Col. Merlin F. Schneider, of the 22nd Marine Regiment, said: "We'll take her but the cost may be high."

GOOD TOEHOLD Conical Hill lies about 420 yards east of the final Shuri defense line and its seizure will provide a good toehold for the final assault on Shuri fortifications.

A ranking officer said the breaching of the Shuri line will be the climax to the gory fight on the island threshold to Japan's homeland and that the rest of the Okinawa campaign will be a "downhill pull."

Associated Press War Correspondent Al Dopping reported that as the battle raged along the eastern sector, with little gain reported in the center and west, a battlegroup stood off shore pounding away at Shuri Castle. One marine observer reported it scored 25 hits on this medieval-like fortress but "they seemed to bounce off like a rubber ball."

Tanks and planes are being used to supply American troops in the rugged center where enemy artillery and wild terrain are hampering truck lines to the bloody front.

In renewed air attacks on the U. S. Pacific fleet, Japanese aircraft Sunday evening and Monday morning damaged a major unit and two light units at a cost of 46 planes—eight of them downed by one destroyer's guns.

The Japanese were using 154 m. guns on Okinawa—comparable to U. S. 6 inch pieces.

Former Louisiana Governor Leche Is Paroled Today

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(P)—Former Governor Richard W. Leche of Louisiana, serving a prison term after his conviction of a charge of using the mails to defraud, was paroled today by the Federal Parole board, effective June 30.

The 46-year-old one-time associate of the late Huey P. Long began serving on December 31, 1941, a 10 years' prison sentence.

He was eligible for parole April 30. He has been serving his sentence in the federal correctional institution in Texas, Tex.

The board made no comment on its action.

Government To Take Steps To End Strike

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(P)—President Truman said today the government would take whatever steps were necessary to end the anthracite mine work stoppage, now in its third week.

The coal must and will be gotten out, he told his news conference.

He did not elaborate on the flat assertion.

He was asked what further steps would be taken and answered tersely that he would take whatever steps are necessary to get the coal out.

THE WAR TODAY: Allied Press Takes Firm Stand On Coddling Prisoners

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP Writer

A lot of folk on the Allied home- fronts will breathe easier as the awful price. Now we want the scalps not only of Nazi officials but of the German military command, all of whom are guilty of war crimes.

Gen. Eisenhower's announcement followed British and American newspaper criticism of Reichsmarshal Goering's treatment by the U. S. Seventh army. A news dispatch said that deputy Nazi Fuehrer was given lunch in a hotel parlor after "brief greetings and a handshake."

The Allied press is making it amply clear that we want no coddling of the enemy. We tried it with the Kaiser's gang a

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p. m.—Scouters club meets with Lily Mill troop No. 6 at Lily Mill club house.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 p. m.—State College Alumni association meets at Shelby hotel.

7:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting at Presbyterian church.

8:00 p. m.—Midweek prayer and praise service at First Baptist church. Deacon's Night.

8:00 p. m.—Fellowship hour at Central Methodist church.