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State Theatre Today - "Eve Knew Her Apples" Starring ANN MILLER With Wm. WRIGHT

BATTLE FOR OKINAWA CAPITAL CITY NEARS CLIMAX

U. S. Willing To Relinquish Part Of Her Occupation Zone To France

TRUMAN TALKS WITH BIDAULT; TO AID FRANCE

Expresses Appreciation Of Part French Can Play In Settlement

BIG-THREE MEETING

By D. Harold Oliver WASHINGTON, May 18.—(P)—President Truman told the French foreign minister today the United States is willing to relinquish to France a part of the American zone of occupation in Germany.

The President, following a conference with Minister Georges Bidault, issued a statement saying details of the relinquishment "have already been conveyed informally to the French government and are now in the process of being formalized."

Mr. Truman expressed a desire to meet General Charles de Gaulle, head of the French provisional government and said that "there was a full appreciation by the United States government of the part which France could and would play in the settlement of questions of world and European interests."

Bidault was asked if he and Mr. Truman discussed suggestions that France participate in the coming Big Three meeting, he replied the conversations were about political questions of the day, not especially about meetings.

President Truman added in his

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WORK ON NEW COAL CONTRACT

Ickes Suggests \$1.37 1/2 Per Day Boost As Compromise

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(P)—John L. Lewis and anthracite operators sought today to write a new contract that would boost the daily pay of hard coal miners \$1.37 1-2 and end a three-week strike.

The pay figure was suggested as a compromise by Interior Secretary Ickes, who has been in technical control of the mines as solid fuels administrator since President Truman ordered the workings seized May 3.

The 72,000 Pennsylvania anthracite miners have been idle since their contract expired April 30. Lewis has ignored a War Labor board order to extend the old contract.

Ickes' sudden move late yesterday was viewed with optimism, in government quarters. The fact that both sides accepted his proposal as a basis for resuming deadlocked negotiations was considered encouraging.

The interior secretary made no recommendations how the wage increase should be distributed among the miners' various demands. Lewis for instance, asked \$1.50 for underground travel time, in addition to other so-called fringe adjustments, including shift differentials and higher vacation allowances.

Some authorities thought the underground or "portal-to-portal" compensation under Ickes' proposal would amount to between \$1.12 1-2 and \$1.20 per day.

The Ickes figure is approximately midway between the \$1.79 sought by Lewis and the original \$1.03 counter offer of the operators.

Ickes conferred at length with coal cost experts of his department, who in turn consulted with both sides, before proposing the \$1.37 1-2 compromise.



HITLER AND SWEETHEART BEFORE FATE OVERTOOK HIM—This is a pre-war photo of Adolf Hitler and his sweetheart, Eva Braun, at the Nazi leader's Berchtesgaden retreat.

Mortally Wounded Ship Comes Through

Loss Of Life Heavy When Mighty Carrier Was Blasted Just Off Coast Of Japan

By ALVIN S. MCCOY Kansas City War Correspondent Distributed By The Associated Press

ABOARD THE U. S. S. SANTA FE IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC, March 20.—(Delayed)—(P)—A full day after the carrier Franklin was bombed, bodies floated by us in the sea, dropped from the carrier ahead in a seemingly endless stream as burial services went on interminably.

(McCoy and 825 other survivors were removed by the cruiser Santa Fe a few hours after the disaster. Meanwhile the Franklin's remaining crew fought the seemingly impossible situation to save the stricken ship which had been taken in tow and headed away from Japan.

At six o'clock tonight Captain Fitz of the Santa Fe announced over the public address system.

"Today," he said, "the Franklin cast off its tow. I have just received a report that she is able to make 21 knots. We have come 207 miles from where the Franklin was hit, but we are still only 225 miles from places where the Jap airfields are located."

Each minute the Franklin's chances for survival seemed brighter, chances that appeared incredibly slim when she lay wounded off Nippon's shores.

The Franklin was blasted by more than 30 tons of its own bombs and rockets after the Japanese bomber struck it, and it erupted four hours yesterday off the coast of Japan to cause one of the most horrible naval catastrophes of the war.

LOOKED HOPELESS Blotted out by smoke towering a mile high when she was hit, wrecked by intermittent explosions of her own ammunition for four hours, dead in the sea 60-odd miles from southern Japan, and listing almost 20 degrees to starboard, the Franklin appeared a certain candidate for Davy Jones locker.

The Franklin survived more cruel punishment than any

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Act Of Chapultepec And Security Council Conflict

By JAMES MARLOW SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—(P)—Maybe by now you need an aspirin because phrases like these—Act of Chapultepec, Pan-Americanism, regional arrangements—have been pouring out of the United Nations conference. Here's an explanation:

The American republics, North and South, met in Mexico City last March and drew up an agreement which they called the Act of Chapultepec. It was the kind of agreement the Latin American countries particularly wanted.

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THE 'FRANKLIN' RETURNS HOME

Carrier Miraculously Survived One Of Severest Ordeals Of War

By POPE HALEY WASHINGTON, May 18.—(P)—The aircraft carrier Franklin which miraculously survived one of the severest ordeals of this or any war, is home.

She came home, sadly crippled but under her own power, her charred and battered hull manned by a skeleton crew of survivors. Now undergoing repairs at the Brooklyn navy yard, she will resume her place in the war against Japan.

Until now Japanese radio propagandists never knew how close they came to being right when they boasted that the 27,000-ton vessel of the Essex class had been sunk.

As it was the carrier suffered 832 men killed and missing and 270 wounded—more than one-third her total complement—in blazing, agonizing hours.

LUCKY Chance played into the hands of the lone enemy dive bomber that streaked suddenly out of the clouds within 60 miles of the Japanese coast on the morning of March 19 and dropped two 500-pound armor

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THREE COUNTY MEN MISSING

Doster, Devinney, Welch Are Missing; Walton Ill In Burma Area

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GESTAPO HAD PLOT TO KILL EISENHOWER

Entire Western Front Had Been On Alert For Months

PUSH MANHUNT

By Wes Gallagher

PARIS, May 18.—(P)—One of Supreme Headquarters' top security secrets was made public today with official disclosure that a picked gang of assassins under the leadership of Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler's hatchetman, Lt. Col Otto Skorzeny, had plotted last winter to kill Gen. Eisenhower.

Confirming capture of the giant, 35-year-old political kidnaper, headquarters revealed the plot had kept the entire western front in a state of alert for months during and after the Ardennes battle.

Meanwhile, history's biggest manhunt for notorious Nazis still at large was being pressed from Norway to the Bavarian Alps. A war crimes commission official said a decision on what to do with the German military hierarchy probably would be reached at the commission's conference May 31. He said the blacklist was about complete.

Skorzeny, six-foot-four leader of the raiding party which freed Benito Mussolini from Allied custody in Italy in September, 1943, was taken by the 16th regiment, U. S. Third division, in the Arl valley.

Most of the story about the Skorzeny plot was submitted to Gen.

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HOSIERY MILL BUYS PLANT SITE

Full Knit Acquires Property For Plant Site After War

A tract of land of about three acres has been purchased by the Full Knit Hosiery Mills on which to erect a modern plant when machinery and building materials are available.

The site is a part of the Mrs. Julius Smith property on Buffalo street between the Eastside Baptist church and the Carolina Dairy's new plant.

At present the Full Knit Hosiery is operating in a rented building at 317 South Morgan street where it operates sixty machines. The local plant is under direction of John Wilkins, who is experienced in this field. He was discharged from military service in May 1943.

The Full Knit Hosiery Mill operates two plants, one in Shelby and one at Burlington, the home office, and also has connections with a number of other mills.

Mr. Wilkins states that a meeting of officials will be held within a few days at which time the type of building, and size to be constructed will be decided upon. Machinery has been on order for many months and it is planned to begin construction when delivery of machinery and building materials can be had.

KUHN IS SENT BACK TO REICH

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(P)—Former German-American Bund Leader Fritz Kuhn has been ordered deported to Germany as an undesirable alien, the justice department announced today.

The order was issued by the board of immigration appeals. The justice department said the 49-year-old native of Munich, who was convicted in 1939 of larceny and forgery involving German-American Bund funds, will be placed on a boat at a time to be determined by American military authorities in Germany.

After being paroled from Danmora prison, New York, where he was serving a two and one-half to five year term on the larceny and forgery charges, Kuhn was interned as an enemy alien and sent to Crystal City, Tex., on July 8, 1943.



ATTACK BY DOGS KILLS WOMAN—Mrs. Doretta Zinke (left), ethnologist lecturer and war worker died at Miami Fla. an hour and a half after police said she was attacked by nine pit bulldogs.

Manslaughter charges were filed against Joe Munn of Hialeah, owner of a pack of dogs trained for pit fighting. He is shown (right) with one of his dogs en route to a dog pound where all nine were held prior to their being killed today.

Veto Control Plan Nearing Test Vote

All Five Big Powers Stand Together On No Force Without Full Agreement

By John M. Hightower Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—(P)—The outspoken opposition of many small nations to the big-power plan for a veto control of future peace-keeping machinery today nears a United Nations conference test vote.

It appears possible that the big powers—the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France—may accept some modification of the veto where peaceful settlement of disputes is concerned although Russia could block this. But they all stand firmly on the proposal that no force should be used against any nation except when all five agree.

Prospects are then on a show-down the powers can put over the argument that unless they stick together on great international issues of the future no peace keeping league can hope to prevent war.

As the battle of the veto builds up in one of the key committees, here are other top conference developments:

1. Considerable support, apparently enough to put it over, is forming behind an Australian proposal to pledge the United Nations to respect each other's territorial integrity and political independence.

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Czech Government Has Long List Of War Criminals

LONDON, May 18.—(P)—A source close to the Czechoslovak government said today its list of war criminals now numbered more than 500 names and included all the ranking officials of Hitler's wartime government.

A Czechoslovak commission will leave for Germany shortly to help collect evidence for trials, but will return in time for the May 31 conference of representatives of the 16 nations which have members on the general war crimes commission.

Multi-Million-Dollar Gold Scandal In China Revealed

By JAMES D. WHITE WASHINGTON, May 18.—(P)—Details of a multi-million-dollar "gold scandal" involving yellow money loaned by this country are coming to light here despite a tight Chinese censorship.

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MARINE SIXTH IS BROADENING ITS BRIDGEHEAD

There Is Still No Sign Of Collapse Of Grim Defense

NEAR SHURI

By Leif Erickson

GUAM, May 18.—(P)—The Okinawa campaign is slowly shaping into a decisive phase with the Sixth Marine division battling to broaden a bridgehead in the capital city, Naha, and three divisions steadily closing on the fortress city of Shuri from three sides.

Now 48 days old the Okinawa campaign ranks as one of the Pacific war's toughest. There still is no evidence suggesting any collapse in the grim defense by an estimated 34,000 Japanese and Okinawa "home guard" survivors of an original garrison force of 80,000 or more troops.

Tenth army pressure against the Japanese "little Siegfried line" has been sustained and hard hitting since the Marine 3rd Amphibious corps took over the western half of the southern front and two freshened army divisions went into the line on the 24th army corps sector on the east.

The longer the ground campaign lasts, the longer supply vessels and warships will be exposed to persistent Japanese aerial attacks, in which more than two dozen American vessels have been sunk and a material number damaged.

A second consideration is that Okinawa terrain providing the best base development potentialities is the southern sector below Naha and Shuri.

Okinawa's best airfield, Naha airfield, lies about a mile southwest of Naha across an enclosed harbor. It undoubtedly will be the primary airfield

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TRAPS CLOSING ON LUZON JAPS

Big Enemy Force Hemmed In Near Ipo Dam, Unit Well Supplied

MANILA, May 18.—(P)—Two traps were closing today on sizeable Japanese garrisons on Luzon and Mindanao in the Philippines.

In central Luzon, the biggest enemy force yet enveloped in the archipelago was hemmed in by Maj. Gen. Leonard F. Wing's 43rd division near Ipo dam, chief water source for Manila.

The Nipponese are at least at regimental strength. They are well supplied with artillery, mortars and small arms. The Yanks have beaten off one enemy attempt to break out, killing 14 Japanese.

In the central sector of Mindanao, southern island of the Philippines, Maj. Gen. Rapp Brush's 40th division and Maj. Gen. Clarence Martin's 31st division, have another sizable enemy force squeezed between them along the Sayre highway.

Today's communique reported advances which narrowed the gap between the 40th and 31st from 55 to 45 miles. The 40th is driving south from the Del Monte air base center. The 31st has pushed north to the edge of the air base of Valencia after putting the captured airstrip at Maramag into operation for transport planes.

Liberated French Score Black Markets

PARIS, May 18.—(P)—Three hundred Frenchmen liberated from slave labor in Germany paraded along the Champs Elysees today shouting "Down with the black market."

The demonstration highlighted conditions here under which virtually all city dwellers are forced to patronize the wide open black market to live, although rationing with controlled prices is theoretically in effect.

Prices run up to \$25 for a decent restaurant meal, \$250 for a pack of cigarettes, \$1.60 for a bar of American chocolate, \$4 or more for a pound of butter.

POLICE PROBE SLAYING CASE

Woman Torn To Pieces In Mass Attack By Nine Vicious Dogs

MIAMI, FLA., May 18.—(P)—Police worked today to clear up puzzling aspects of the strange case of an attractive 39-year-old woman torn to pieces in a mass attack by nine bull pit terriers.

The dogs meanwhile ate voraciously at the city pound of rations provided by the city, while Joe Munn of Hialeah, decreed they must die.

Police quoted him as saying: "They are a bad strain. They must be destroyed."

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 8:00 p.m.—Called meeting of Cleveland Lodge A. F. & A. M. for work in third degree.