

WEATHER

North Carolina—Fair and slightly warmer today and tonight, Tuesday, partly cloudy and warm with afternoon thundershowers in the mountains.

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PATROL PLANE BAGS ENTIRE JAP CONVOY

Five Ships, Totaling 17,000 Tons Sunk Off Formosa Saturday

ONE TROOP CARRIER

By Fred Hampson MANILA, May 21.—(P)—In one of the war's outstanding aerial feats, a single Philippine-based navy patrol plane destroyed an entire Japanese convoy of five ships, totaling 17,000 tons off Formosa Saturday, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today.

The largest ship, more than 5,500 tons, was a troop carrier, judging from its numerous lifeboats. A total of 369,818 Japanese have been killed and captured in the seven months' Philippines campaign, 14,408 of them in the last fortnight, MacArthur announced.

Japanese forces driven north of Davao into a succession of defense lines on Mindanao Island appeared to be weakening. A U. S. 24th division column which spearheaded the coast, throwing a flank threat at stoutly defended Sasa airfield, did not meet resistance until the end of a full day's advance. At nightfall, it overcame strong Japanese positions 3,000 yards northwest of Ipil village.

Other elements of the 24th knocked out strong Japanese resistance around Tugbok on the main Japanese escape route into the mountains. One company beat off four counterattacks by a single Japanese platoon one night.

The Sayre highway on north central Mindanao was opened to the Yanks as far as Dalirig village as the 40th and American divisions drove south. Advancing northward toward a juncture, the 31st sniper platoon reached within 11 miles of Malaybalay, provincial capital of Bukidnon.

On Luzon, where fog and rain added to toughness of the fight, Yanks cleaned out resisting pockets in the Balete Pass of the northern sector and in the Ipo pocket east of Manila.

Aussie veterans captured Hill 105 on Tarakan island, off Borneo, mid point of the Nipponese defense line in the center of the island.

Diggers in British New Guinea captured Brandt plantation, near captured Bewak, and reached the eastern edge of Boram airfield after a mile advance.

HOCHIH IS RECAPTURED

CHUNGKING, May 21.—(P)—Chinese troops in a sudden offensive in Kwangsi province have recaptured Hochih, important Japanese bastion on the Kwangsi-Kweichow railroad, 85 miles west of the rail junction of Liuchow, the Chinese high command announced today.

On the east China coast, Chinese troops hammering eastward from the captured city of Fochow—possible American invasion port—have occupied Mamoi, eight miles distant, and other Chinese reached the vicinity of Lienkong, 20 miles northeast of Fochow, the high command said. The coastal successes were scored in yesterday's fighting.

Hochih was one of the Japanese strong points screening the enemy corridor to Indo-China. Repeated Chinese attacks had failed to dislodge the strongly entrenched Japanese there during the winter campaign.

Chinese forces on the east coast also seized another port in the Fochow area, and rumors persisted that enemy troops were evacuating numerous China coast positions which they feared would be turned into death traps in the event of an American invasion.

Sallada Nominated Aeronautics Chief

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(P)—President Truman nominated Rear Admiral Harold B. Sallada to be chief of the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics with the same rank.

Admiral Sallada will replace Rear Admiral Dewitt Clinton Ramsey who has been chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics since Aug. 6, 1943. Ramsey's new assignment was not announced immediately.

The President also nominated Monnet B. Davis of Colorado to be minister to Denmark. Davis is now a personal representative of the President in Denmark with the rank of minister.



WHERE BRITAIN, U. S. DISPUTE TITO CLAIMS—Shaded area includes Styria and the eastern part of Carinthia in southern Austria and Venezia Giulia in Italy, part of which are involved in a territorial dispute between the U. S. and Britain and Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia.—(AP Wirephoto Map).

Army Takes Over Cocker Machine Co.

Employees, Out Since January 30, Returned To Work Today Under Army Control

GASTONIA, May 21.—(P)—Employees of the Cocker Machine and Foundry company returned to their jobs today as the plant resumed operations under control of the U. S. Army.

Ben Abernethy, president of the Moulders' Union Local, said members of his union were going back to work, ending a strike that began January 30 as a result of a labor dispute. All machine shop workers had already returned, he added.

The company produces machinery used in the manufacture of war-related tires.

The army took over on an order by President Truman issued Sunday, and possession was taken at 2 p. m. by Capt. Benjamin P. Anderson of the Quartermaster general's office, who announced late Sunday operations were expected to return to work today.

The plant was closed last January when machinists and founders walked out following a labor dispute. Most of the disputed matters have been ironed out, but the company still is unwilling to accept compulsory company maintenance of union membership, the WLB announced.

UNIONS INVOLVED The International Molder and Foundry Workers Union and the International Association of Machinists, two AFL affiliates, are involved in the dispute.

Some 120 workers walked out originally, but since that time some machinists have returned to their posts, but no founders.

The Cocker plant makes mechanical equipment for production of high tenacity rayon yarn and yarn duck, used in the manufacture of tires.

It was the second instance in the south where the army has taken possession of a textile plant. The other was at Asheville, where on Feb. 18 the military authorities took over the American Enka Corporation, also engaged in essential war production.

Capt. Anderson was accompanied by several officers, but no troops were present. The controversy between management and labor has

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THE WAR TODAY: Tito's Demands Will Be Test Of Big Three Unity

By DeWitt MacKENZIE, AP Writer

The unity of the Big Three is likely to get a sharp and revealing test in the explosive situation created by Yugoslavia's territorial claims against Italy and Austria—and the Anglo-American order to their diplomatic representatives and nationals in Yugoslavia to prepare for possible evacuation indicates that a showdown is near.

This crisis revolves about dynamic Marshal Tito, Yugoslavia's Red politico-military chief, and the position in a nutshell is this: Tito is claiming Italian territory around Trieste and Gorizia, and

REGIONAL SELF DEFENSE PLAN IS WORKED OUT

Conference Now Safely Past Its Biggest Stumbling Block

RUSSIANS AGREE

By John M. Hightower Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—(P)—Agreement among the big-five and Latin American nations on plans for regional self defense systems within a world organization today put the United Nations conference safely past its biggest stumbling block.

Russian acceptance of the regional plan with only minor changes in wording was followed by signs that a smooth and early solution of Soviet-American differences over a system of international trusteeships is close at hand.

Furthermore, satisfaction of the Latin American republics that the regional defense system in this hemisphere will be preserved melted their opposition to decisive action on other major conference issues, mainly a veto-voting system for the big powers in the proposed world security council.

As the fourth full week of the conference opened, many United Nations leaders were hopeful that the job of charting the new international league could be finished June 2. Proposals for speeding up the work to meet that deadline were ready for a steering committee session today.

FULL PROTECTION American military authorities were understood to feel that the security arrangements already on or in the making offer full protection to the United States territories.

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SCHOOL YARD CONTEST ENDS

Announcement Of Prizes Made By L. A. Waters, Of Lions Club

Results of the school yard beautification contest, sponsored jointly by the Shelby Lions club and the Cleveland county board of education, were announced this morning by L. A. Waters, chairman of the education committee of the Lions club.

Five first places were awarded in the five groups of schools. Bethware was awarded the \$50 top prize among county high schools. Shanghai was awarded the \$30 top prize among the county elementary schools; Camp High and Washington tied for first place among the negro high schools and received \$22.50 each.

Ellis Chapel won first place among the colored elementary schools and received a prize of \$25; LaFayette school won first place among the Shelby city schools and received a \$30 prize.

There has been tremendous interest in this beautification contest and a total of \$400 in prizes were awarded. There was keen competition among the schools, some of which put more than 2,000 hours work on their buildings and grounds. They were judged on outside appearance of buildings, shrubbery, condition of the grounds, sanitation of premises, drainage and ditching, and miscellaneous improvements. All of the schools were visited in January and again this month to note the improvement.

OTHER WINNERS Other winners in their order for each group follows: County high schools: Waco, Belwood, Bolling Springs, Grover, Fallston, Lattimore and Mooresboro.

County elementary schools: Moriah, Dover Hill, Earl and No. 1. Colored high schools: Green Bethel and Compact.

Colored elementary schools: Earl, Flat Rock, Mooresboro, Rock Cut, Vance Borders and Hopewell.

Shelby city schools: Jefferson, Marion and Washington, Graham and South Shelby.

Not in every instance did the school which came out with the highest score have the most improvement. For instance Marion has the highest score among the city schools but took third place in improvement because there was not so much room for improvement. Fallston had the highest score among county high schools but did not win the improvement prize.

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Coal Miners Returning To Pits Today On Lewis' Orders; Contract Made

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., May 21.—(P)—Most of Pennsylvania's 72,000 hard coal miners, on the basis of early reports, returned to work today.

All anthracite mines in district seven, United Mine Workers, around Hazleton, resumed work and all mines checked in district one around Wilkes-Barre were reported in operations. District one employs 38,000 miners, district seven 15,000.

Daily production of the anthracite mines is approximately 190,000 tons, shut off since May 1 when the miners' union contract expired.

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, ordered the workers to return, officers of local unions being notified by telegram.

Operators and UMW representatives reached a contract agreement late Saturday to raise the miners' pay \$1.37 1-2 a day. Federal agencies will review the contract in the light of the wage stabilization policy, and the Office of Price Administration will decide on awarding price increases on coal to cover added costs.

Thomas Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the UMW, said details of the new contract probably will not be announced until it goes before the board.

Telegrams to officers of local unions explained that the wage boost was distributed among "travel time, increased vacation payments, premium rates on the second and third shifts, punitive overtime after seven hours a day and 35 hours a week with proper and adequate coverage for every employe in the industry."

The miners have been under government seizure since May 3 but the miners would heed no orders to return to work until a contract agreement was reached. Production was cut by an estimated 3,500,000 to 4,000,000 tons of coal.

In the Pottsville, Pa., area, many independent coal miners returned to work yesterday, 24 hours ahead of the schedule set by the union.

Truckers who supply coal to Philadelphia consumers direct from the miners also returned to work and were scheduled to be on the road by the time general mining operations started today.

Schoerner, Basch, Others Captured

List Of High War Criminals Grows But Moscow Impatient; Hunt For Himmler Continues

By The Associated Press PARIS, May 21.—(P)—Field Marshal Ferdinand Schoerner, commander of hold-out Nazi troops who resisted the Red army in Czechoslovakia many days after Germany's unconditional surrender, was an American captive today—turned over to the 42nd division by troops of a German army command post.

Continuing to round up an assortment of Nazis, Fascists, and war criminals, the U. S. Third army captured Dr. Franz Anton Basch, a leader of Hungarian Nazis who organized a Volksbund in Hungary in 1939.

Edward Dietz, former chief of German anti-Allied propaganda and boss of the radio commentator, Lord Haw Haw, was seized in the First Canadian army sector.

Rome dispatches said Settimio Riscio, a Fascist charged with responsibility for the execution of more than 200 Italian Patriots, had been arrested in the Italian capital, Maj. Mario Carita, chief of Fascist SS police in Northern Italy, was killed by U. S. infantry of the 88th division in his mountain hideout near Suisi Saturday.

Schoerner, who deserted his troops in the field and flew out of Czechoslovakia May 8, was disguised in a Tyrolean native costume when he sought refuge with the German First army group, only to be surrendered promptly to the Americans.

HUNT HIMMLER The manhunt for Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler continued. An armored automobile identified as having belonged to him was found near Neunkirchen, close to the area where Arthur Greiser, former Nazi overlord of Posnan, was caught on May 17.

Moscow commentators last night demanded to know why ANSWER QUESTIONS Cleveland voters will answer four questions "yes" or "no" on the ballot which will be submitted at the special election. In substance these questions are:

Question No. 1: Shall Cleveland county accept the \$48,000 indebtedness of the Shelby hospital now borne by No. 6 township?

Question No. 2: Shall bonds in the amount of \$240,000 for the enlargement and improvement of the Shelby hospital be issued and a tax levied for payment of principal and interest?

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Basic Freight Rates To Be Equalized

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(P)—The nation's railroad freight bill is being refigured. In a move widely significant to the south and west, the Interstate Commerce commission:

1. Ordered basic freight rates to those sections—except for the far west—equalized with eastern rail charges.

2. Directed that the nation's carriers simplify rate-making by setting up a uniform system of freight classification for the entire nation.

The long-waited order, universally conceded to be the most important in the commission's 58-year history, was released late Saturday without an advance hint. The decision, however, was quickly

reclaimed by southern leaders. ON ITS WAY Gov. Ellis Arnall of Georgia declared: "America may well take notice—the south is on its way." Arnall added that the ICC ruling will not deter Georgia from pressing its Supreme court suit against a number of railroads on charges of conspiring against the south in establishing railroad freight rates.

Elmer R. Oliver, vice president in charge of operations for the Southern railway, said he expected a study committee to begin meetings in about a week to determine what will be required by the order.

CATEGORIES The ruling covered these general categories:

1. A nation-wide uniform classification of rates. At present an article such as a radio might be shipped under one classification in the south and under a different, lower-rate classification in the east, henceforth, said ICC, a particular article must move nationwide under the same classification.

2. Directed that differences in "class" rates now existing throughout the country be reduced to a minimum, except for the Pacific coast which asked for no reduction. The effect of this order virtually eliminates territorial rate divisions which the south and west contended have placed their sections at an industrial disadvantage

with the east. CLASS-RATE SCALE 3. For this revision the commission recommended that a class-rate scale approximately 15 percent higher than present first-class rates in eastern territory be established as a base. This will result in higher rates for the east and lower rates for the south and west.

4. Because years may be required to make these changes, the commission directed that temporary relief be provided, effective August 30, by increasing all class rates within eastern territory by 10 percent and lowering all other class rates except those west of the Rocky Mountains by 10 percent.



LIEUT. O'SHIELDS



PFC. HUNT

O'SHIELDS, HUNT ARE LIBERATED

Lt. "Buck" O'Shields And Pfc. Hunt Prisoners Since July

Two Cleveland county boys, Lt. H. E. (Buck) O'Shields and Pfc. Hugh Hunt, who had been taken as prisoners of war nearly a year ago, have been liberated within the past few days, it was learned today when members of their families received word directly from them.

Lt. O'Shields, prisoner of war since he was shot down over Germany in a Liberator bomber last July 7, has been liberated according to message received by friends here. In a cablegram received from Lt. O'Shields himself he said: "All well and safe, hope to see you soon."

He is a son of Mrs. Jesse H. O'Shields, formerly of Shelby, but now of Rock Hill, S. C. Lt. O'Shields was formerly employed at Palmer funeral home here and entered service in January, 1943.

Pfc. Hugh Hunt wrote an air mail letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Hunt, of Casar route one, in which he said that he was well and hoped to be home soon. He was taken prisoner July 11, 1944 and was liberated on May 7, he said in his letter. No other details were given.

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DISCHARGE AGE AGAIN LOWERED

Enlisted Men, WACs, 40 Or Over, May Apply For Release

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(P)—The army today fixed at 40 years the age at which enlisted men may apply for discharge.

The army only last month had lowered the discharge age to 42 years. An estimated 30,000 enlisted men in the army are in the 40 and 41 year age groups.

At the same time, the war department announced that WACs 40 years of age or over who have served the required period on active duty will be eligible for discharge. It estimated that 8,000 enlisted WACs will be eligible under this provision.

The new order provided that in the case of men 40 or 41 years of age, commanders will be permitted to retain for not more than 90 days any men for whom a replacement is not available at the time he requests discharge.

The war department said that "when the military situation permits" a further reduction in the age limit will be made.

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p. m.—Junior chamber of commerce meets at Hotel Charles.

7:30 p. m.—State guard drill at armory.

7:30 p. m.—City council meets at council chamber at city hall.

TUESDAY 7:30 p. m.—C. A. P. members meet at armory.

7:00 p. m.—Lions club meets at Hotel Charles.