

WEATHER

Fair today and tonight, and continued mild today becoming cool again tonight. Friday, partly cloudy and slightly warmer.

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State Theatre Today - "Dangerous Passage" Robert LOWERY Phyllis BROOKS

U. S. FORCES HOLD SHURI IN GIANT Pincer CLAW

Early Meeting Of The 'Big Three' Is Definitely Being Planned

Himmler Kills Himself

LONDON, May 24.—(AP)—A Reuters dispatch from the British Second Army said Heinrich Himmler killed himself at 11:04 P. M. yesterday.

'A' Card Gas Rations To Be Upped 50 Per Cent Beginning On June 22

WASHINGTON, May 24.—(AP)—Uncle Sam gave the signal today for more gasoline for the nation's motorists.

Relieved of the task of pouring thousands of barrels daily to European battlefronts, the government announced a 50 per cent increase in basic "A" rations, effective June 22, and a substantial boost for many "B" drivers beginning June 11.

The change in the "B" ration increases the ceiling for supplementary gasoline to 650 miles a month throughout the country.

Those who can show an occupational need for more, in addition to the "A" hike, will be able to present their case to local ration boards beginning June 11, Bowles added.

AT CONFERENCE:

U. S. Insists Peace Machinery Workable

Topping International Issues Is Question Of More Democratic Government For Poland

By John M. Hightower Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—(AP)—The United States sought by firm and friendly negotiation today to prove that a foundation exists in the ruins of postwar Europe for an effective United Nations organization around the world.

CLEAN-UP FIGHT IN PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces, Fighting On Seven Fronts, Make Slow Advances

By FRED HAMPSON MANILA, May 24.—(AP)—The yard by yard cleanup fight against Japanese in the Philippines made slow progress on seven fronts Wednesday while Sixth division Aussies hunted down Nips on North Borneo's Tarakan island.

Some of these campaigns are almost two years old. Some Philippines battles represent continuation of a campaign now nearing six months old.

The 35th Regiment of the 25th division, commanded by Col. Stanley R. Larson, of Talladega, Ala., pushed up highway five miles beyond Balet toward the mouth of

equal footing. The new adjustment of allotments marks the first time since the start of gasoline rationing in 1942 that the entire country has been on an equal footing both "A" and potential "B" grants.

Noting that "A" motorists have been "severely limited" in use of their cars since the start of the war, Bowles said he was "particularly pleased" to announce the increase.

Deputy PAW Administrator Ralph K. Davies injected a note of caution, however, that the more rations could be temporary. He said:

"The additional quantities to be made available to the civilian are not guaranteed for any certain period of time, but

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HOPKINS AND DAVIES GO TO RUSSIA, BRITAIN

Special Missions Preliminary To, Not 'Substitute' For Meet DESPITE ELECTIONS

By Ernest B. Vacaro WASHINGTON, May 24.—(AP)—The White House said today that an early meeting of the "big three" definitely "is in the works."

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said the special missions of Harry L. Hopkins and Joseph E. Davies to Moscow and London were preliminary to and not "a substitute" for the projected meeting of the Russian, American and British chiefs of state.

"They do not take the place of the Big Three conference which definitely is in the works," Ross told his news conference.

"They are part of the general pattern, which will include the Big Three meeting."

"The conference definitely has been decided upon," a reporter asked.

"The conference is projected," Ross replied.

Ross said he thought the British elections in July would not affect the time of the meeting, but added that he could not say when or where the Big Three would get together.

"I have no idea of the time or of the place," he said.

He said Hopkins and Davies each "has a special mission to perform," and that both "fit in."

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BOND DRIVE MOVES SLOWLY

Total Of \$299,375 In War Bond Sales Reported Through May 21

The Seventh War Loan drive is moving very slowly in Cleveland county and a concerted effort will be made to speed up the tempo of the campaign by June 1, it was indicated this morning by George Blanton, county war finance chairman and Jack Cover, chairman of the drive.

Through May 21, a total of \$299,375 in war bonds had been sold in this county since the inception of the Seventh War Loan drive.

Of this amount a total of \$158,089.00 and a quota of \$744,000 for E, F and G bonds.

Leaders had their heads together this morning to see what can be done about speeding up the campaign.

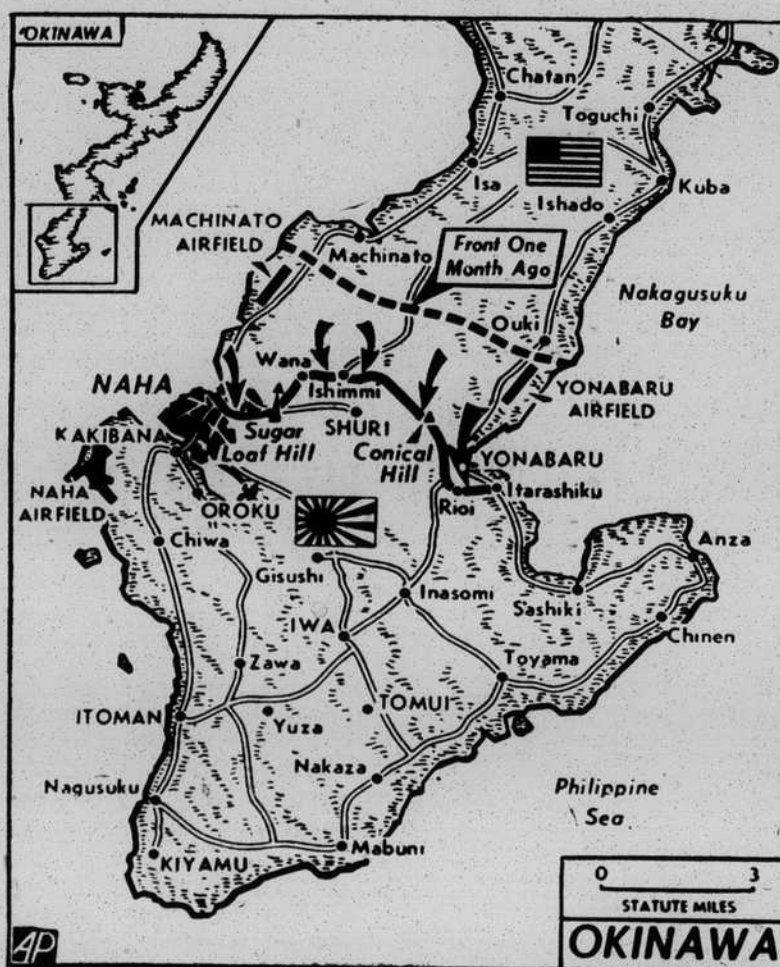
Truman To Fly To San Francisco WASHINGTON, May 24.—(AP)—President Truman will fly to San Francisco to address the concluding session of the United Nations Conference.

CHURCHILL BUSY:

Selection Caretaker Government Begun

By EDWARD J. DENNEHY LONDON, May 24.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill began today the task of choosing the members of his new "caretaker government," as sections of the London Press saluted the now dissolved coalition which under his leadership piloted Britain through five perilous years.

Political correspondents of London newspapers agreed generally that the prime minister would have most of the cabinet offices filled by the weekend, and that the new interim government would be ready to meet when Commons sits again



YANKS GAIN ON OKINAWA FLANK—In a surprise night attack, American troops (large arrow) drove through and beyond Yonabaru on the eastern flank of the Japanese line on Okinawa Island. Minor gains were scored elsewhere (small arrows) by the Americans.—(AP Wirephoto Map)

Tokyo Burned Five Hours After Bombing

550 Superforts Laid 9 Million Pounds Of Fire Bombs On City In Biggest Raid Of Pacific War

By Leif Erickson GUAM, May 24.—(AP)—Tokyo burned for five and one-half hours, by Japanese admission, today after more than 550 Superforts plastered the city's war factories and facilities with 9,000,000 pounds of fire bombs in the mightiest single air blow of the Pacific war.

An Imperial headquarters communique broadcast from Tokyo said "almost all fires" were out by "about 7 a. m." (6 p. m. Wednesday, EWT). The raid started shortly after midnight.

The Japanese radio reported property within the Imperial palace compound was hit, but tried to minimize the size of the raiding force and discount the damage generally.

American airmen returning to their base in the Marianas, however, said fires were visible for 200 miles from the city and undoubtedly the Yank bombs burned hell out of the place.

Another enemy broadcast said "about 180" American carrier planes raided airbases on Kyushu, southernmost Japanese home island, in another of the oft-repeated attacks to disable fields mounting Japanese suicide plane attacks against American positions on Okinawa.

This report was not confirmed by U. S. authorities.

Superfort fliers who participated in the Tokyo raid today returned with vivid stories of wide destruction in the Nipponese capital.

One B-29 pilot, Maj. Luther A. Jones, Monroe, La., reporting direct hits on yards which handle one-third of Japan's rail traffic, said on his return from the pre-dawn strike:

"I'm afraid they're going to do a hell of a lot of walking."

A brilliant moon and a ring of oil fires set by lead planes illuminated the target area, the Shinagawa industrial section, which is

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Resignations Of Three Cabinet Heads Accepted, Successors Appointed

By D. Harold Oliver WASHINGTON, May 24.—(AP)—President Truman stood pat today on a four-way cabinet reshuffle that gave the west added prestige and subtracted age.

Mr. Truman named new secretaries of agriculture and labor and a new attorney general late yesterday as a follow-up to his earlier designation of Robert E. Hannegan, 41, to replace 59-year-old Postmaster General Frank C. Walker.

There were indications that no further shifts in the 10-member presidential family are imminent.

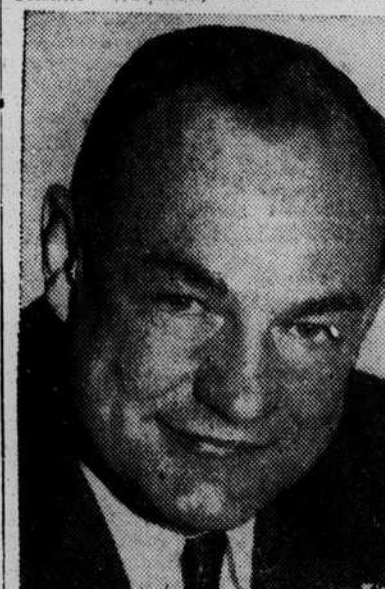
Political observers viewed the selections as retaining a somewhat "liberal tinge" to the cabinet, although both so-called "conservative" and pro-Roosevelt factions in Texas were reported pleased with the promotion of Tom C. Clark, of Dallas, 45-year-old assistant attorney general to succeed Francis Biddle, 59.

The shuffling removed this country's first woman cabinet member, Miss Frances Perkins, 63, who has been in her post more than 12 years. In her place Mr. Truman put Federal Judge Lewis B. Schwelb, 50-year-old former senator and close friend of the President.

Rep. Clinton P. Anderson, 40-year-old New Mexican who heads the special house food investigating committee and who, like Schwelb, supported most Roosevelt proposals, was named secretary of agriculture in place of Claude Wickard, 52. The latter



FRANCIS BIDDLE



CLAUDE R. WICKARD

HOEY CONDEMNS FEPC MEASURE

Bill Reported Favorably By Committee On Labor, Education

WASHINGTON — Condemning the Fair Employment practices bill, reported favorably yesterday by the senate committee on labor and education, Senator Clyde R. Hoey said that it would create a maximum amount of strikes and discord in industry.

"We need to cultivate good race relationship, instead of stirring up strife between races," Hoey said in a prepared statement. "We have made fine progress in the furtherance of good race relationships, but surely we have learned that you cannot settle such problems by passing a law."

Hoey declared that he did not oppose the bill because he is a southerner, but because it would violate an employer's Constitutional right by forcing him to hire a

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p.m.—C. A. P. members meet at armory.

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

8:00 p.m.—Recitation and declamation contest at Junior high school auditorium.

FRIDAY 12:30 p.m.—Rotary club meets at Hotel Charles.

THE WAR TODAY:

Choice Of Fuchs To Head German Area Is Significant

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP Writer

By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP Foreign News Analyst Things are beginning to move in the regeneration of Germany, and one of the most striking developments revolves about the appointment of engaged anti-Nazi German to carry out the administration—under American supervision—of a large political unit in the Rhineland.

He is Dr. Hans Fuchs, a public official for many years prior to the Hitler regime, who is to work under Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, military governor and commander of the U. S. 15th Army. Dr. Fuchs's ser-

vice dates back to the days of Kaiser Wilhelm and he knows his people. It therefore is of prime significance when he tells us:

"My greatest aim is to inculcate a new Christian spirit in our youth, a spirit in which both Catholic and Protestant churches must collaborate in teaching. In a conference with educational leaders of the Rhineland I told them the combined efforts of all of us would be necessary to rid the Nazi thoughts from our people's

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BLOODY FIGHT RAGES ACROSS ENTIRE FRONT

Yanks Increase Pressure, Enter Naha, Gain At Yonabaru

JAPS COUNTERATTACK

By Hamilton Faron GUAM, May 24.—(AP)—Leathernecks and doughboys of the 10th army held the Japanese key fortress of Shuri in a giant cupshaped pincers today as they turned both ends of the Okinawa battle line.

Fierce close-in fighting raged across the entire front as the Yanks increased their pressure, entering Naha on the western flank and expanding gains made at the Yonabaru breakthrough on the east.

In the center, the battle continued unabated as the 77th (Statue of Liberty) division pressed forward toward the hill line overlooking Shuri.

There, a unit assaulting the hills was caught in a murderous cross fire from Japanese cave positions and pinned down.

Just to the left of the 77th, a battalion of the 96th threw back a fierce Japanese counterattack which penetrated American lines more than a third of a mile before it was stopped with a loss of between 150 and 200 Japanese.

Seventh division troops expanded their corridor below Yonabaru, increasing the pressure against Shuri on the left and at the same time heightening the threat of complete isolation for Japanese garrisons in the hills of Chinen Peninsula commanding Nakagusuku Bay, former Japanese fleet anchorage.

The east-west supply lines to the Chinen forces already have been cut.

SPEARHEAD DRIVE Patrol of the Sixth division's Fourth Marine regiment spearheaded the drive into Naha, rubble strewn Okinawa capital, yesterday, in a surprise, pre-dawn

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CASUALTIES NEAR MILLION

WASHINGTON, May 24.—(AP)—The army and navy have suffered almost a million casualties since the beginning of the war, the two services reported today.

The army has lost 886,525, on a basis of individual names received here through May 14. Navy losses of 109,564 make the total 996,089.

This is an increase of 9,875 above last week's report.

The breakdown on army casualties according to corresponding figures for the preceding week:

Killed 181,739 and 17,854; wounded 550,506 and 544,249; missing 57,802 and 66,684; prisoners 98,478 and 89,152.

Under Secretary of War Patterson said that 302,910 of the wounded have returned to duty and 25,856 of the prisoners have been officially listed as exchanged or returned to military control.

Similar figures for the navy: Killed 42,807 and 41,986; wounded 52,005 and 50,421; missing 10,505 and 10,620; prisoners 4,247 and 4,248.

Ships Bringing Troops From Europe Reach N. Y. Today

NEW YORK, May 24.—(AP)—Swing music, played by an army band on a pier, blared over the north river today to greet 7,000 army personnel who returned from Europe's battlefields aboard five camouflaged transports.

Although a majority of the servicemen hugged the ship's rails, listening silently to the music, some jittersbugged with glee on deck while others whistled and sang.

Three ships docked at newly decorated piers in the north river and two at Stapleton, Staten Island.