WEATHER

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

# The Shelby Daily Star

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

**BLOODY FIGHT** 

RAGES ACROSS

Yanks Increase Pressure,

Enter Naha, Gain At

Yonabaru

JAPS COUNTERATTACK

By Hamilton Faron

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

Fierce close-in fighting raged a-

cross the entire front as the Yanks

increased their pressure, entering

Naha on the western flank and

expanding gains made at the Yo-

nabaru breakthrough on the east.

In the center, the battle contin-

ued unabated as the 77th (Statue

of Liberty) division pressed for-

ward toward the hill line overlook-

ing Shuri. There, a unit assault-

ing the hills was caught in a mur-

derous cross fire from Japanese

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 be-

Seventh division troops ex-

panded their corridor below

Yonabaru, increasing the pres-

sure against Shuri on the left and at the same time heighten-

ing the threat of complete iso

lation for Japanese garrisons

in the hills of Chinen Penin-

sula commanding Nakagusuku

Bay, former Japenese fleet an-

the Chinen forces already have

SPEARHEAD DRIVE

The east-west supply lines to

Patrols of the Sixth division's

Fourth Marine regiment, spear-

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WASHINGTON, May 24 -(A)-

The army and navy have suffered

almost a million casualties since

the beginning of the war, the two

here through May 14. Navy loss-

es of 109,564 make the total 996,-

This is an increase of 9.875 a-

The breakdown on army casual-

Killed 181,739 and 17,854; wound-

ed 550,506 and 544,249; missing

57,802 and 66,684; prisoners 98,478

Under Secretary of War Patter-

son said that 302,910 of the wound-

ed have returned to duty and 25,-

856 of the prisoners have been of-

ficially listed as exchanged or re-

Similar figures for the navy:

Killed 42,807 and 41,986; wound-

ed 52,005 and 50,421; missing 10,-

505 and 10.620; prisoners 4,247 and 4,248.

turned to military control.

ties and corresponding figures for

services reported today.

bove last week's report

the preceding week:

and 89.152.

ween 150 and 200 Japanese.

cave positions and pinned down.

battle line.

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# U. S. FORCES HOLD SHURI IN GIANT PINCER C

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

YANKS GAIN ON OKINAWA FLANK-In a surprise night attack, A

merican 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)

**Hours After Bombing** 

On City In Biggest Raid Of Pacific War

By Leif Erickson

half hours, by Japanese admission, today after more than

550 Superforts plastered the city's war factories and facili-ties with 9,000,000 pounds of fire bombs in the mightiest

single air blow of the Pacific war.

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. Ameri-

can airmen returning to their base in the Marianas, however,

said fires were visible for 200

miles from the city and un-doubtedly the Yank bombs burned hell out of the place".

Another enemy broadcast said

about 180" American carrier planes

raided airbases on Kyushu, south-

ernmost Japanese home island, in

another of the oft-repeated attacks

to disable fields mounting Nippo-

nese suicide plane attacks against

American positions on Okinawa.

This report was not confirmed by

Superfort fliers who participated

in the Tokyo raid today returned with vivid stories of wide destruc-

tion in the Nipponese capital. HAVE TO WALK

hell of a lot of walking.'

after midnight.

U. S. authorities.

dawn strike:

GUAM, May 24.—(AP)—Tokyo burned for five and one-

**Tokyo Burned Five** 

## Himmler Kills Himself HOPKINS AND

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

"Heinrich Himmler, head of the German gestapo, committed suicide at the headquarters of the Second British Army, at four minutes past 11 last night," the dispatch said. "This news was made available officially this evening."

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

By Marvin L. Arrowsmith

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. This means that the new A-16 coupons will be good for six gallons each instead of four. Motorists thus will be able to obtain an average of three gallons a week

The change in the "B" ration increases the ceiling for supple-difference is they will be honored mentary gasoline to 650 miles a for 50 percent more gasoline. month throughout the country.

Currently the top allowance is 325

EQUAL FOOTING miles in the east, 495 in the mid-ments marks the first time since asked. west and 400 in the far west.

In announcing these ration the start of gasoline rationing in hikes last night, the OPA and the last the entire country has Ross replied. petroleum administration for war emphasized that not all "B" drivers will be efigible for increases.

said OPA Administrator Chester larly pleased" to announce the in-"Unfortunately there is crease. not enough to give these people more than the increase in their Ralph K. Davies injected a note each "has a special mission to

'A' rations.' 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

As for "A" coupons, they will continue to become valid in se-

U. S. Insists Peace

**Democratic Government For Poland** 

By John M. Hightower

Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor

a foundation exists in the ruins of postwar Europe for an

paper.

effective United Nations organization around the world.

AT CONFERENCE:

## DAVIES GO TO RUSSIA, BRITAIN

Special Missions Preliminary To, Not 'Substiture' 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 not a substitute for the projected meeting of President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin.

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

Then the conference definitely The new adjustment of allot- has been decided upon? a reporter

"The conference is Ross replied.

Ross said he thought the British 550 Superforts Laid 9 Million Pounds Of Fire Bombs tary of agriculture in place of Claude Wickard, 52. The latter elections in July would not affect Noting that "A" motorists have the time of the meeting,

been "severely limited" in use of ed that he could not say when or "Many 'B' ration holders now their cars since the start of the where the Big Three would get tohave all the gasoline they need," war, Bowles said he was "particu- gether. "I have no idea of the time or of the place," he said. Deputy PAW Administrator He said Hopkins and Davies

rations could be temporary. He

"The additional quantities to

be made available to the civil-

ian are not guaranteed for any

certain period of time, but

See "A" CARD Page 2

That is the real significance

seen by delegates at the United

Nations conference in President

Truman's dispatch of Harry Hop-

kins to Premier Stalin's Kremlin

These international experts

from every quarter of the

globe are emphasizing anew

that if the great victorious na-

tions of the war against Ger-

many move hesitantly now to

settle the first issues of peace,

the world charter being drawn up here may not be worth its

Topping all these issues in grav-

government for Poland in accord-

ance with the Yalta agreement

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of caution, however, that the more perform," and that both "fit in-See HOPKINS Page 2

### **BOND DRIVE MOVES SLOWLY**

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

Machinery Workable The Seventh War Loan drive is moving very slowly in Cleveland county and a concerted effort will Topping International Issues Is Question Of More be made to speed up the tempo of the campaign by June 1, it was indicated this morning by George Blanton, county war finance chari-man and Jack Fover, chairman of the drive.

Through May 21, a total of \$299,-SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—(P)—The United States 375 in war bonds had been sold sought by firm and friendly negotiation today to prove that in this county since the inception of the Seventh War Loan drive. Of this amuont a total of \$158,-069,000 and a quota of \$744,000 for E, F and G bonds.

Leaders had their heads togeth-er this morning to see what can be done about speeding up the

Truman To Fly To San Francisco

WASHINGTON, May 24. -(AP)-President Truman will fly to San nated the target area, the Shina-Francisco to address the concluding session of the United Nations
Conference.

nated the target area, the Shinainstein session, which is See TOKYO Page 2 CHURCHILL BUSY:

An Imperial headquarters communique broadcast from Tokyo said "almost all fires" were out by Workers In "about 7 a.m." (6 p.m. Wednesday, EWT). The raid started shortly South To Be Better Paid

> WASHINGTON, May 24 -(P)-Southern workers will be better paid as a result of the Interstate Commerce commission's recent freight rate ruling, Dixieland congressmen predicted today.

sounded by most of the more than tion administrator. 20 southerners asked by a reporter ALSO WFA to interpret the ICC decision to and Anderson also takes over the oppose the bill because he is a make railroads establish uniform duties of the War Food adminis- southerner, but because it would basis of individual names received class rates. Heretofore the south's tration as soon as Marvin Jones violate an employer's Constitutioncharges have been higher than returns to the U.S. court of claims al right by forcing him to hire a the east.

"The average working men, par- the merger. icularly those in the mills and factories, are going to be among the greatest benefactors of the improved freight rates," declared Rep. Priest (D-Tenn.), in a typical comment.

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### One B-29 pilot, Maj. Luther A. Jones, Monroe, La., reporting direct hits on yards which handle one-third of Japan's railtraffic, **20 LEAVE FOR** said on his return from the pre-"I'm afraid they're going to do a A brilliant moon and a ring of oil fires set by lead planes illumi-

Twenty selectees under the leadership of Clyde Hubert Trammel left here this morning for Fort Bragg for final induction into the armed services. Twelve men were eliminated from this call as a result of the recent order deferring men over 30 who are in essential work.

Clyde Chauncey Grigg Clyde Hubert Trammel Ernest James Greenway Joseph Amos McSwain, Jr. Charles David McBrayer Ben Evans Russ Willie Baxter Davis, Jr. H. K. Panther William Silvester Alexander Paris Clifton Hoyle Clayton Dewey Elliott Garland Junior Bowens Ralph Theodore Mauney, Jr. Roscoe James Shehan James M. Vandyke Spurgeon Paul Wright Eugene Derwood Lankford Clyde Earn Self

## Resignations Of Three Cabinet Heads Accepted, Successors Appointed

By D. Harold Oliver

WASHINGTON, May 24.—(P)—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 vesterday as a followup 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. 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. Schwellenbach of Washington state; 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 Schwellenbach, supported most Roosevelt proposals, was named secre-



## **FEPC MEASURE**

Bill Reported Favorably By Committee On Labor, Education

WASHINGTON - Condemning the Fair Employment practices

headed the drive into Naha, rubble strewn Okinawa capital, yesterday, in a surprise, predawn 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 The higher-pay theme was was designated rural electrifica- that you cannot settle such problems by passing a law."

Hoey declared that he did not

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### WHAT'S DOING

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

### Ships Bringing Troops From Europe Reach N. Y. Today

NEW YORK, May 24 -(A)-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 jitterbugged 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 Is-

hunted down Nips on North Borneo's Tarakan island. Far to the

IN PHILIPPINES

Allied Forces, Fighting On

Seven Fronts, Make

Slow Advances

By FRED HAMPSON

anese in the Philippines made slow

progress on seven fronts Wednes-

day while Sixth division Aussies

MANILA, May 24—(AP)—The yard

find in direct conversation with in sporadic fights around Wewak, Stalin some way out of the dead-British New Guinea, and along the ern Allies. Buin trail on south Bougainville, On the success of his efforts may very well hinge the possibility Some of these campaigns are alof a meeting soon among the chiefs most two years old. Some Philipof the United States, Britain and pines battles represent continua-Russia. It is doubtful whether Mr.

tion of a campaign now nearing six Truman would agree to final plans for such a Big-Three parley until

The 35th Regiment of the 25th he is convinced of prospects for division, commanded by Col. Stanconcrete accomplishments on the ley R. Larson, of Talladega, Ala., Polish and other problems. pushed up highway five miles be-yond Balete toward the mouth of committees are making swift pro-

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### by yard cleanup fight against Jap- ity at the moment is the question of providing a more democratic The prevailing belief here is that Hopkins' main assignment is to

### **Selection Caretaker** Government Begun | next Tuesday.

By EDWARD J. DENNEHY LONDON, May 24 .- (A) -Prime Minister Churchill began today the task of choosing the members of his new "caretaker government," as sections of the London Press sal-uted 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

With labor and liberal ministers leaving the cabinet, the Independent Daily Mail predicted that "several junior ministers who have done good work during the war will be pro-moted to cabinet rank and posts will be found for those on war service."

Deputy Prime Minister Clement Attlee, Minister of Labor Ernest Bevin, Home Secretary Herbert Morrison and other labor leaders,

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Those who left were: Leonard Eugene Spencer

Sidney McSwain

bench June 30. Jones suggested

Senator Johnson noted the four

new cabinet members are all from

Congressional comment on

Mr. Truman startled the 178

yesterday's appointment was

newsmen attending his news con-

ference yesterday when he an-

nounced calmly that he had some

cabinet changes to report. They

had been looking only for the ac-ceptance of the Biddle resigna-

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west of the Mississippi.

uniformly favorable.

vice dates back to the days of Kaiser

By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP Foreign News Analyst the regeneration of Germany, and when he tells us: one of the most striking developments revolves about the appointment of an aged anti-Nazi German to carry out the administration under American supervision—of a large political unit in the Rhine-

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. Fuch's ser-

Wilhelm and he knows his people Things are beginning to move in It therefore is of prime significance "My greatest aim is to in-

culcate 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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