Aid The Lions' Fresh Air Camp By Contributing To Jaycee March Of Silver

WEATHER
Partly cloudy and slightly warmer today and tonight. Saturday, partly cloudy and continued warm, with scattered thunderstorms in mountains in afternoon or evening.

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Large Force Of B-29's Rains Fire Bombs On Tokyo; Damage Is Heavy

GUAM, Saturday, May 26—(AP)—A force of about 500 Superforts dropped more than 4.000 tons of bombs on Tokyo's Marunouchi business district and imperial government center this morning in the second big fire bomb raid on that city in less than 48 hours.

The Nipponese capital still was burning from the record 550-plane fire raid early Thursday (Japanese time) in which, preliminary reconnaissance photographs showed at least 3.2 square miles of the Shinagawa industrial center was damaged by fire.

Haze and smoke obscured pictures and Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay's headquarters said considerable additional damage probably was inflicted.

The target area for today's task force that struck shortly after midnight, Japanese time, (about 11 a.m. Friday, EWT) was south central Tokyo, bordered on the north by the imperial palace and on the south by the Shinagowa area bombed Thursday.

Today's target area runs westward from Tokyo bay through the city's equivalent of Chicago's State Street Department store and office building district.

On the outskirts of the Marunouchi district is the imperial hotel, designed by the American architect Frank Lloyd Wright, which survived the 1923 earthquake. Major government buildings also are situated there.

One end of the Ginza, which is the city's Broadway, runs into the Marunouchi.

The new area to fall under the B-29 bombsights probably has the best built and most modern buildings in Japan. These include the nation's largest, so-called fireproof and earthquakeproof, office structures.

Damage achieved in this strike will be the supreme test of the effectiveness of the new fire bombs which have laid waste already 35 9 square miles of Tokyo in six previous incendiary raids.

In the target area also are piers, docks, wharves and warehouses of the highly important sector of Tokyo's waterfront north of the Shinagawa rail marshalling yards, bombed Thursday.

Outside the Marunouchi business district the target area is known to include several important war plants producing aircraft instruments and components, machine tools and electrical equipment.

Extensive military storage areas also are located in this region of Tokyo.

Speed in crossing the target is one key to the performance achievements of the Superfort. The 500-plane force this morning unloaded its 4,000-ton incendiary cargo in little more than one hour.

AT CONFERENCE:

Big Powers To Keep 'Absolute Control'

Veto Power Of Big Five Most Critical Issue Remaining Before Body

By John M. Hightower
Associated Press Diplomatic Editor

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—(AP)—The big powers are reported today to have lined up enough votes in the United Nations conference to block any change in their absolute control of world machinery designed to preserve peace.

This issue—the veto power of any of big five over settling international disputes or using force to smash an aggressor—is the most critical remaining for this assembly of 49 nations. The decision hour comes as the conference enters its second month and Secretary of State Stettinius returns from talks in Washington with President Truman.

Many committees are striving to wind up their work by this weekend in order to allow public discussion of their reports to begin in the four big conference commissions early next week.

Among their latest accomplishments are agreement on provisions designed to strengthen the economic and social work of the new league, and to outlaw secret treaties, once the world organization is functioning.

In the veto dispute many small nations are demanding that the authority of the big powers in a projected world organization be restricted sharply so that an 11-nation security council could try by peaceful means to settle troubles between nations even over big-power objections.

COMPROMISE

The British delegation has proposed a compromise to meet that demand. Some United States delegates like the compromise, but say

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BOMBING FIRES RAGE IN TOKYO

Enemy Says Thousands Of Homes, 3 Imperial Mansions Burned

GUAM, May 25—(AP)—Huge fires still raged in the heart of industrial Tokyo today after Thursday's 9,000,000 pound fire bomb raid, greatest ever carried out on Japan's capital city.

Tokyo radio said "thousands of homes" were destroyed. It made the unconfirmed report that the mansions of three Imperial Princes either were gutted or partially burned along with the French and Italian embassies, the Mexican legation, the official residences of the minister of education and the minister of transport.

Officials of the 21st bomber command here hesitated to estimate results due to difficulties of obtaining clear pictures of the devastation. Clouds of smoke still billowed over the bombed area along Tokyo Bay a few miles south of the Imperial palace.

HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

Returning pilots, however, declared the raid was highly successful, due to good visibility when they hit their targets just prior to dawn yesterday.

Among targets struck were the giant marshalling yards of the principal Japanese railroad lines.

The strike celebrated the end of six months operations of B-29s from Marianas bases.

For their latest raid, the Super-

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U. S., Russia Most Powerful Nations, Must Get Along

NEW YORK, May 25—(AP)—Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace, declaring that Rusisa and the United States have emerged as the two most powerful nations, says there is nothing "irreconciliable in our aims and purposes."

Those who proclaim otherwise, he said last night, "are wittingly or unwittingly looking for war and that in my opinion is criminal."

Addresing the Institute of World Affairs at the New School for Social Research, Wallace said:

"Both the Russians and Americans in their different ways are groping for a way of life which will enable the common man everywhere in the world to get the most good out of modern technology."

CHINESE TAKE HWAIYUANCHEN

Japanese Falling Back Toward Ishan; Enemy Fears Invasion

CHUNGKING, May 25—(AP)—Chinese troops sweeping down the Kweichow-Kwangsi railroad last night captured Hwaiyuanchen, important Kwangsi strongpoint 50 miles northwest of Liuchow, a Chinese army spokesman announced today.

The Japanese have been reported by the Chinese high command to be falling back toward Ishan, 43 miles northwest of Liuchow. The Chinese drive evidently was aimed at Liuchow itself, a former American air base in Kwangsi which now is a strategic rail junction strongpoint along the enemy lifeline corridor between Manchuria and Indo-China.

Capture of Hwaiyuanchen was effected after a 23-mile gain from Szengen (Szeenhsien), which the Chinese reported earlier to have been encircled.

On the east China coast the Japanese, swept from positions which they had fortified against American landings, have hurled fresh troops into an attempt to stem their own retreat northeast of Chinese-held Foochow.

NEAR FOOCHOW

A special Chinese communique said last night that warship-borne enemy troops were rushed into the sector where the Japanese have fallen back to a point near Loyuan, 31 miles northeast of Foochow. Landings were made Tuesday north of Loyuan from "several warships," but the enemy was being checked with the aid of local militia, the Chinese said.

The Chinese were reported advancing close to Losuan, after driving 9 1-2 miles beyond captured Lienkong, 20 miles northeast of Foochow. Meanwhile other Chinese bolstered their positions in the Foochow area and mopped up enemy remnants on the north bank of the Min river, the treaty port's outlet to the sea.

The army spokesman said that during the past month the Japanese had replaced three veteran divisions in their west wall in China, moving them either to Manchuria to help meet a "possible emergency" or to strengthen major garrison points on the coast against an American invasion.

Leon Degrelle Thinks Hitler Still Alive

MADRID, May 25.—(AP)—Leon Degrelle, former Belgian Rexist leader, under sentence of death in his homeland for collaboration with the Germans, was quoted today as expressing his belief that Adolf Hitler is alive and in hiding.

A Spaniard who talked with Degrelle at San Sebastian, where the Belgian is recovering from a shoulder injury, said he asserted he had talked with Hitler in Berlin the day before the Russians entered the city.

Degrelle was quoted as saying Hitler was preparing for an attempt to escape and that he did not appear to be in a mood either for suicide or a fight to the death.

Hodges Men On Way To Pacific

ATLANTA, May 25.—(AP)—Pacific-bound officers and men accompanying Gen. Courtney H. Hodges here from Paris "can't wait" to turn their experience against the Japanese.

The first American army commander told thousands of cheering Atlantians on arrival yesterday that "this is wonderful, but it's just a pause for men of the First army. There can be no real rest until we give the final blow to Japan."

Auto Industry Gets Go Signal For Cars

DETROIT, May 25.—(AP)—America's automobile industry sped plans today for its gradual return to car making, strictly a low-gear proposition for the time being.

After more than three years of total effort in the war, the industry had the war production board's authority to produce 200,000 passenger cars this year.

The WPE granted the authorization yesterday but stipulated that the industry must find its own materials in the "free market" and that no materials priority would be given.

Churches Destroyed

LONDON, May 24. —(AP)— The Universe, London Catholic newspaper, reported today that between 9,000 and 10,000 of the 12,000 Catholic churches in Germany were destroyed or badly damaged in air raids.

French Committee Wants Break With Spain

WOULD DEMAND RESIGNATION OF FRANCO

Urges Government To Force Spain To Surrender Laval

ITALIANS FEEL SAME

PARIS, May 25.—(AP)—The French foreign affairs committee recommended today that the government break relations with Spain and that France propose to other Allied governments means to be taken to force the resignation of Generalissimo Franco.

The committee is composed of members of the assembly and it corresponds roughly to the United States senate foreign relations committee.

The recommendation to Gen. De Gaulle's government asserted that the Franco regime was no different from the erstwhile Fascist government of Italy before its surrender.

The Spanish regime was termed a menace to world democracy.

The committee also demanded that the government lose no further time in forcing Spain to hand over Pierre Laval to France. Laval, chief of government in the Vichy regime, is under death sentence in France as a traitor and is in custody in Spain after fleeing Germany by air.

The committee said the Allies should take joint action to remove Franco, head of the Spanish government since the old republic was overthrown in civil war, and provide the Spanish people with the means of holding an immediate consultative election.

The committee said the Franco regime was forcibly imposed and that throughout the European war its neutrality was a fiction. The

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JCC LAUNCHES SILVER DRIVE

The "March of Silver" drive, that the Shelby Junior Chamber of Commerce has undertaken to supervise, will be conducted Saturday at various places in the business district. The proceeds from the "March of Silver" will be used by the Jaycees to sponsor several Cleveland county deserving boys by sending them to Shelby Lions Fresh Air camp.

Irvin Anthony is chairman of the Jaycee committee for the drive and the members of the club will serve at each of the stations throughout the city, working in shifts all day Saturday. The stations where the drive will be conducted will be located in front of Kendall-Spangler drug store, Cohen's Department store, and Efird's Department store.

The Jaycees are cooperating with the Lions club in this project to send many deserving boys from this community to Camp Cherokee in the month of July. Over fifty boys will be selected to attend a two weeks' supervised camping vacation.

Planned Cut In Sugar Will Give Industrial Users Half 1944 Ration

By Howard Flieger

WASHINGTON, May 25.—(AP)—A congressional food investigator said today OPA is planning a drastic curtailment of industrial sugar which will cut manufacturers to half their 1944 supply, or less.

The new reduction will be announced for the third quarter of the year effective July 1 said this law-maker who asked not to be named.

Sugar is rationed to industrial users—bakers, candy makers and the like—in quarterly allotments.

The new cut became necessary because civilian sugar consumption early this year far exceeded the amount originally set aside.

Chairman Anderson (D-NM) of the house food committee said that in April alone when use was supposed to be 60,000 tons under the corresponding month in 1944 consumption actually ran 95,000 tons ahead of last year. This resulted in a deficit of more than 150,000 tons.

The withdrawal from sugar stockpiles came about Anderson said because OPA ration boards issued allotments in excess of the supply set aside for civilian consumption.

The over-draft must be made up beginning with the third quarter.

The investigator said he did not know whether the restrictionwould be extended to household supplies of sugar.

Industrial users however probably will be cut to 40 per cent or less of the amount they used in 1941. There was some indication they might be held to 30 per cent.

Last year industrialists received 80 per cent of their 1941 supply but the planned new restrictions would cut them to half that amount.

Anderson said the fact sugar was over-allotted in April was evidence supporting his committee's argument that the government's sugar controls lack the coordination to make them effective. The committee found 20 government agencies with a hand in the sugar program — and strongly recommended that the whole problem be placed under the control of one man to handle production distribution and marketing.

Anderson shortly will become that man. President Truman has named him agriculture secretary and food "czar."

Hitler's Notes Reveal War Guilt

Stenographic Record Shows Nazis Planned Crushing Of Czechoslovakia, Poland

By Alvin Steinkopf

BERCHTESGADEN, May 25.—(AP)—Stenographic notes the nazis tried unsuccessfully to destroy have revealed a secret, self-indicting account by Adolf Hitler saying he planned the "crushing" of Czechoslovakia and Poland as "essential preliminaries for the war of the future" against the allies.

Hitler said Germany was "superlatively prepared" for war and that psychologically she "could not afford to waste" Nazi-schooled fanaticism, which he feared might die down.

Hitler's private report, made to division commanders last Dec. 12, was the most spectacular find to date by American officers studying thousands of pages of partly charred notes which are shaping up as a terrific indictment of Nazi war guilt.

German stenographers, who themselves took down many of these statements the Nazis never dreamed would come to light, were transcribing the notes, brought here from Berlin, when a partial text of Hitler's report was found.

Made just before the German Ardennes offensive of Dec. 16, Hit-

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TRIESTE SEES TITO FIREWORKS

Bursts Of Machinegun Fire And Rockets Celebrate Birthday

TRIESTE, May 25. —(AP)— Sudden bursts of machinegun fire and rockets sent civilians in this turbulent city scampering for shelter last night, but Yugoslav troops explained it was just the beginning of a celebration of Marshal Tito's 53rd birthday today.

For nearly an hour Yugoslav soldiers put on a fireworks unlike anything seen in Trieste for years. Rockets arched over the city from the bordering hills. A steady line of lights flickered along a high ridge to the north.

Partisans opened the windows of their billets and fired toward the sea. Machine pistols and automatic rifles chattered from various squares.

One small hotel lobby was crowded with civilians who ducked inside for shelter, inquiring excitedly if fighting had started between Yugoslav and Eighth Army troops quartered in Trieste.

Meanwhile, however, Trieste citizens who have been living on a

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WHAT'S DOING

SATURDAY

8:00 p.m. — Exhibition baseball game in local high school ball park between Shelby and Forest City Legion teams.

THE WAR TODAY:

Newsman Sees Urgent Need For Meeting Of 'Big Three'

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP Writer

The early meeting of the Big Three, which Washington announces is "in the works", is calculated to pour oil on badly troubled international waters, and consequently can't be held too soon.

This is the hurricane season for the United Nations, and is an especially trying time for the Big Three upon whom falls the brunt of the task of keeping the Allied ship on a fairly even keel. The end of the Hitleran war has intensified cross-winds which had been developing: The Polish question, the Yugoslav claims to Italian and Austrian territory, the problems attendant on the occupation of Germany, the generally disturbed condition of the Balkans, the activities of the communist cells throughout Europe.

It's no exaggeration to say that the next few months will represent the most dangerous period which the Allies are likely to encounter. We must deal with these cross-winds promptly.

DANGER PERIOD

If fate projects a split among the Big Three—which heaven forbid—it probably will come in this early

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Japan Says War Only Now Starting

LONDON, May 25.— (AP) —The Tokyo radio said today that if Japan should desire peace "it would be possible that Japan would make proposals through Russia."

The broadcast insisted, however, that "the war is only now starting."

"Others have suggested that Japan intends to propose peace to the Anglo-Americans through Russia," it said. "Russia and Japan are neutral with each other, and therefore if Japan should desire peace it would be possible that Japan would make proposals through Russia. We do not deny this fact."

LT. NOELL

T/SGT. MINTZ

THREE COUNTY BOYS FREED

Noell, Mintz, Canipe Liberated From Prisoner Of War Camps

Three more Cleveland county boys, Lt. Hugh Noell, jr., Sgt. Lon Canipe, jr., and T/Sgt. Rush Shull Mintz have been liberated from German prisoner-of-war camps according to messages received by their families through the Red Cross today.

Lieutenant Noell was confined in Stalag Luft 1; Sgt. Lon Canipe,

SGT. CANIPE

jr., in Stalag, 7-A and T/Sgt. Mintz in Stalag 4.

News of the release of Lt. Noell came to his wife at Itta Bena, Miss., and the good news was quickly relayed to his parents, Mr and Mrs. Hugh Noell, in Shelby Lt. Noell was reported missing Feb. 10, 1944, and about two months later was reported a prisoner of war. The latest word the family has had from him was received about five months ago.

This morning the good news of Canipe's liberation was taken to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Canipe, sr., on route 1, Casar, by Mrs. Noell, a volunteer field worker for the local Red Cross chapter. Sgt. Canipe was taken prisoner in the Italian campaign. He was first reported missing in action and about six weeks later was reported a prisoner of war. The last message to the parents was a prison card

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OTHER TROOPS EXPAND BULGE AT YONABARU

Japs Preparing To Set Up Another Defense Line 2 Miles South

VEHICLES MIRE UP

By Hamilton W. Faron

GUAM, May 25.—(AP)—The Tenth Army's flanking pincers on fortress Shuri in the center of the Okinawa front was pulled tighter today as Seventh Infantry troops expanded their bulge below Yonabaru.

The 32nd regiment pushed ahead to 1,800 yards south of the east coast seaport, while the 184th moved into positions 1,500 yards southwest of the town to maintain the pace Maj. Gen. Archibald V. Arnold's units have set, despite clinging mud which mired everything on wheels.

Japanese movements indicated the enemy would attempt to set up another defense line two miles to the south.

Before Shuri, in the center of the line, 77th infantrymen moved through a small village, meeting only small arms fire, while west and south of the fortress town, fire Marines seized Asato village, killing a dozen or 60-some Japanese encountered.

Small counterattacks were beaten back by the 96th infantry east of Shuri, while tough Marines fought through the streets of Naha on the extreme west.

The move by Maj. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, jr's, Sixth division of Leathernecks could become a

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CHURCHILL IS MAPPING FIGHT

Political Cleavage Widens Between Conservatives, Labor

LONDON, May 25 —(AP)— Prime Minister Churchill was reported mapping a fighting campaign with a hard-hitting personal tour of various parts of Britain as the political cleavage widened today between his dominant Conservative party and the challenging Laborites.

Prof. Harold Laski, speaking for the Labor Party's Executive committee, sounded the Laborite keynote, indicating clean-cut line for a battle on the issue of whether the British wanted a Tory or Labor government.

He said the struggle would be one between private enterprise and monopoly on the one hand and Socialism on the other, and pledged that labor would not again enter a coalition with the Tories (Conservatives) following the general election of July 5.

NO EARLY MEETING

Churchill planned his campaign as the possibility faded of a Big Three meeting on pressing world problems before mid-July. Responsible government spokesmen said the acrimony certain to be engendered by this first general election in 10 years would rule out any possibility of an earlier meeting of President Truman, Premier Stalin and the British Prime Minister. Results of the election will not be known until July 27 or 28.

Churchill, already deep in the task of setting up his "caretaker cabinet," ordered by King George VI as an interim government, was expected to announce its composition by the weekend.

The Prime Minister was reported ready to open his drive for the election tomorrow at Woodford, his own constituency in Essex, where he probably will make several addresses.

Political observers here said special legislation may be enacted in the next three weeks to enable recall of members of the dissolved parliament if necessary. King George will dissolve the parliament by proclamation on June 15.