

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and warm with scattered showers and thunderstorms today followed by partly cloudy and continued warm to night and Sunday.

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JAP AIRMEN BATTER OKINAWA IN PROLONGED RAID

Friday's B-29 Raid Left Metropolitan Tokyo Scorched To Ground

TWO PALACES, HOSPITALS ARE SAID DESTROYED

Tokyo Says 'Inhuman Atrocities' Sharpen Will To Fight

LEGATIONS RAZED

By Hamilton W. Faron GUAM, May 26.—(AP)—Superfortresses, carrying their fire bomb scourge to the heart of the enemy empire for the second time in 48 hours, by Japanese account destroyed two palaces and left metropolitan Tokyo "literally scorched to the ground today."

The attack was announced by Washington yesterday. The 500-plane raid "practically laid waste what was once the world's third largest metropolis," the broadcast reported. "The outer palace within the imperial palace compounds, as well as the Omiya detached palace were destroyed by fire," it added. Stung by the strike into the very nerve center of the empire, radio Tokyo diverged from a later recital of damages to declare the "enemy's inhuman atrocities" had increased the Japanese "feeling of hostility and (they) are firmly determined to fight to the last Japanese."

Damages listed in the Tokyo metropolitan area, generally forming a horseshoe from east to west southward around the imperial palace compounds, included destruction by fire of the imperial university, Bunrika university, a number of elementary and middle schools, "several" large hospitals, the Atago shrine and the Zojo temple.

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The Swedish and Finnish legations were reported completely razed and the former United States embassy partly destroyed. The terrific damage spread by the 500 B-29 raiders was indicated by a Tokyo radio broadcast asserting flames "practically laid waste what was once the world's third largest metropolis."

"The outer palace within the Imperial palace compounds, as well as the Omiya detached palace were destroyed by fire," it added. See TWO PALACES Page 2

LIONS' CAMP FUND \$810

Sufficient To Send 50 De-serv-ing Boys To Camp; Continues

A total of \$810 has been contributed to the Shelby Lion's Club Fresh Air fund and this is sufficient to send more than fifty deserving Cleveland county youngsters on a two weeks supervised camping vacation at Camp Cherokee in the Kings Mountain Battleground park, according to Jesse Bridges, the Fresh Air Camp treasurer. Previously acknowledged contributions amounted to \$760. Since then a friend has given \$45, J. Robert Logan \$5, bringing the total to \$810.

Altho Rostan, publicity chairman, says the officers are highly pleased with the response, especially since the financial drive is purely voluntary and will be conducted without personal solicitation. The board feels that its goal of \$2,000 will be oversubscribed. CONTRIBUTIONS

While the Fresh Air Camp is sponsored and underwritten by the Shelby Lions Club, the project is too worthy and too great for any one civic club to carry the whole burden. With this in mind, all of Shelby's civic clubs will be given the opportunity of contributing funds and help. The presidents of all civic clubs have made or will make special announcements at their respective clubs regarding this matter. Arrangements have also been made to present this matter before the Bible classes of all Shelby churches.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce headed by their new president R. T. "Dick" LeGrand, Jr. has announced that the proceeds of their annual "March of Silver" drive will be turned over to the Fresh Air Camp for the purpose

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Army Orders Slow-Up In Plane Production Which Means 30 Per Cent Cut

By Elton C. Fay

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP)—The army hewed off today a big chunk of its aircraft production program.

It announced a cutback order which will stop production of about 17,000 planes scheduled for the next 18 months. Among other effects the retrenchment will:

1.—Take perhaps 200,000 workers from aircraft plants in a dozen or so cities by the close of the year.

2.—Release substantial quantities of steel and aluminum for civilian use.

3.—End production of the new B-32 bomber, not yet reported in combat, while heavy emphasis is placed for the next few months on increased output of the B-29 (Superfortress).

The Army Air forces last night said the reasons for the new cutbacks are these:

Curtailment of lend-lease operations under which thousands of aircraft went to Allies in the European war; different tactical and strategic requirements for the onefront war against Japan; with Germany's Luftwaffe, knocked out, the United States lost less planes in the closing phases of the battle of Europe, planes which now may be used against Japan.

The AAF said production on the basis of airframe weight (which means the weight of the plane, without engines, etc.), during the second half of this year will be 70 per cent of the total produced in the first half. In the first half of next year it will drop to 60 per cent and then fall to 55 per cent in the second half.

The air forces declined to estimate the number of workers involved in the cutback, but war manpower commission officials said about 200,000 workers might be off aircraft plant payrolls by the beginning of 1946.

They emphasized, however, that was merely an estimate. Since the cutbacks are graduated layoffs will be tapered correspondingly, without any sudden impact, they explained.

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CONFERENCE:

United Nations Arms Meet In The Making

May Follow V-J Day, Will Provide For Armament To Maintain Peace

By John M. Hightower

Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—(AP)—The probability of a United Nations arms conference following close on the defeat of Japan emerged today from the plans for future world security now being put into final shape here.

These plans provide both for the maintenance of land, sea and air forces large enough to safeguard peace and for the regulated reduction of armaments to relieve the victorious nations of this war of the heavy burden they have carried for the past several years. Committee acting in the United Nations conference to date indicate substantial agreement among the 39 nations represented here on these twin objectives. In fact, about the only controversy remaining in the conference is that between the small and great nations over the authority to be exercised in the projected world security council by the big powers.

The Big-Four are due to reach final agreement today on a statement upholding the veto-voting formula worked out early this year. See UNITED NATIONS Page 2

Baka Bombs Used Against Superforts

GUAM, May 26.—(AP)—At least three rocket-propelled Baka bombs were shot down by Superfort gunners in this morning's 500-plane fire raid on Tokyo. This was the first definite report the Japanese had used Baka bombs against B-29s.

Baka bombs are launched in the air by regular bombers. They are piloted by a suicide flier sitting in a small canopy. The bomb has an explosive warhead in the nose.

Ill Feeling Between French, Syrians Threatens Explosion

DAMASCUS, May 25.—(AP)—(Delayed)—Tense quiet prevailed during today's Moslem Sabbath in this capital city of Syria, where ill feeling between the French and Syrians threatened to explode into violence at any moment. A report, which the French would not confirm, said that another boatload of French or Senegalese troops was en route to Beyrouth in Lebanon. It was generally felt here that the arrival of more troops would be a likely moment for the outbreak of actual conflict between French and Levant forces. The British, fearful of repercussions in Palestine, Egypt and elsewhere in the Arab world, were trying to follow a hands-off policy, but pressure was being applied from both sides for the British to take action to settle the dispute. Syrian and Lebanese leaders were also calling for action by the United States to back up official declarations favoring Syrian and Lebanese independence and official recognition. Meanwhile Syrian men between the ages of 18 and 60 are being conscripted into the home army

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NEW BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO MEET TUESDAY

Caretaker Government Likely Choice For Permanent Set-Up

PRESS JAPANESE WAR

By Edward J. Kennedy

LONDON, May 26.—(AP)—The new government of Prime Minister Churchill will face parliament for the first time Tuesday in what one political commentator said today would be "the fiercest baptism of any administration for a long time."

The Times of London lent support to the view of some observers that the "caretaker government," named last night to serve until Britain's general elections of July 5, was also Churchill's choice for his permanent administration, should the Conservative party retain its majority at the polls.

Praising the cabinet as a "carefully balanced team," the Times said its members, when they appear before the house, would "ask for a mandate to press on the Japanese war to its conclusion."

Churchill, who retained Anthony Eden as foreign secretary, chose mainly members of his own party to replace the 30 Labor and Liberal ministers leaving the government. Also there are a few from other parties, including the Liberal Maj. Gwilym Lloyd George, son of the late World War I Prime Minister David Lloyd George, as minister of fuel and power, and the Liberal National Ernest Brown, new minister of aircraft production. Cabinet members without definite party affiliation who were retained included Sir James

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BROWN TO GIVE SENIOR SERMON

Annual Baccalaureate Sermon Will Begin Commencement

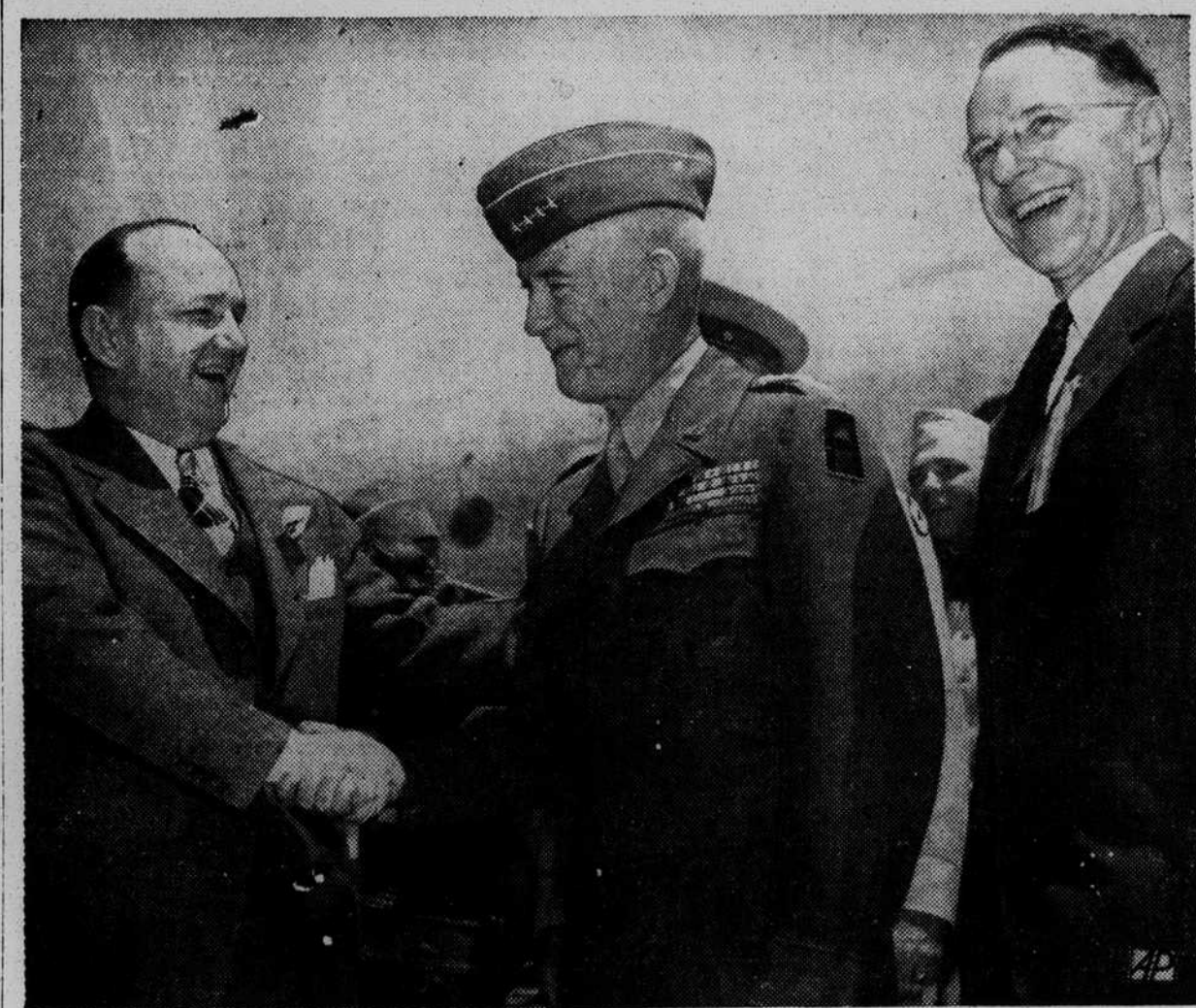
The Rev. Walter Brown, pastor of the Shelby Presbyterian church, will deliver the annual baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of Shelby High school in a special service to be held at the First Baptist church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. Brown has chosen for his topic "Unique Person." No other churches in the uptown district will have services Sunday evening in order that all who wish may attend the senior class service when the 102 graduating members will be present.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by Mrs. H. S. Plaster at the organ with special numbers by the high school Glee club, accompanied by Miss Sedalia Warren at the piano and Mrs. Plaster at the organ. The Glee club, directed by Miss Moselle Moore, will sing at the professional Keller's "American Hymn" and, after the invocation by Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the Baptist church, and the Scripture reading by the Rev. Paul Hardin, pastor of Central Methodist church, the Glee club will sing Mueller's "Create in Me a Clean Heart." After the sermon the Rev. J. D. Sheppard, pastor of the Lutheran church, will pronounce the benediction.

GRADUATION The baccalaureate sermon is one of two events planned in connection with the graduation program. On Friday night, June 1, at 8 a'clock final graduating exercises will be held in the auditorium of senior high school when five members of the senior class, Dick Bowling, Jeanne Keever, Winnie Blanton, Kitty Beam and Jimmy Carpenter, will speak. Diplomas will be awarded by Principal J. G. Hagaman and awards of merit will be presented by Superintendent Walter Abernethy.

Regular school sessions will be held on Monday and Tuesday of next week at the high school when final examinations will be given. Students will not attend classes on Wednesday and Thursday since teachers will be busy making final reports, but all students are expected to report to their homes on Friday morning at 8:30 to receive their report cards.



GEN. HODGES, 1ST ARMY HERO, COMES HOME—Gen. Courtney H. Hodges (center), commander of the U. S. First Army, arrives at the Municipal Airport in Atlanta, Ga., via plane with a group of his officers and men, and is welcomed home by Gov. Ellis Arnall of Georgia. Mayor William B. Hartsfield of Atlanta stands at the right, waiting to extend greetings. Gen. Hodges, a native of Perry, Ga., and his men were guests of honor in Atlanta at a mammoth homecoming celebration. The general's wife lived in Atlanta while he was fighting overseas. — (AP Photo).

HOPKINS IS IN MOSCOW

Will Begin Discussions With Soviet Leaders Late Today

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, May 26.—(AP)—Presidential Adviser Harry Hopkins probably will begin discussions with Soviet leaders on current American-Russian questions late today.

Hopkins, who arrived yesterday by plane from Paris, was reported exhausted by the long trip. He rested this morning at the residence of U. S. Ambassador W. Averell Harriman while Mrs. Hopkins rose early for a Moscow sight-seeing tour.

The Russian press and radio, describing Hopkins as the "personal representative of President Truman," reported his arrival in detail but without editorial comment. An informed diplomatic source said that while the visit was important, persons looking for any sensations probably would be disappointed. See HOPKINS Page 2

Churchill Says Election No Obstacle To Big Three Meeting

WOODFORD, England, May 26.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill declared today he had assured President Truman that Britain's general elections must be no obstacle to a new meeting of the Big Three at the earliest possible moment.

His statement came as he launched a personal campaign for reelection in his constituency of Woodford.

"I have assured the president of the United States, with whom I am in the most close and cordial correspondence, that the fact of the general election coming in Great Britain (July 5) must be no obstacle to the holding of a meeting of the three major powers at the earliest possible moment," he said.

"If I should be called away from this country during the actual election I shall rely upon you to see that my fortunes do not suffer."

State's Income From Cotton Up In 1944

RALEIGH, May 26.—(AP)—North Carolina's 1944 cotton crop, totaling 710,000 average 500-pound bales, brought \$78,500,000 compared with \$60,212,000 for 596,000 bales last year, the State Department of Agriculture reports. In addition, 286,000 tons of cotton seed were derived from the crop with a gross value of \$14,443,000 of the total farmers sold 221,000 tons for \$11,160,000.

Jap Resistance At Manila Is Weakening

Enemy Garrison Of Considerable Size Trapped; 20 Surrender, Others Willing

By Fred Hampson

MANILA, May 26.—(AP)—A disintegrating Japanese force, encircled northeast of Manila in mountains suited for a long, delaying stand, is showing a disposition to surrender.

When the 43rd division and guerrillas captured Ipo Dam, chief source of Manila's water, last week, for the first time in this theater an enemy garrison of considerable size was trapped. Since then, the Doughboys, aided by the Fifth Air Force, have been killing Japanese at a rate of 100 to 200 a day. Only a few surrendered. Yesterday, however, 20 Nipponese, including two medical officers, gave up in a group. They indicated others would like to give up. ON MINDANAO

On Mindanao, southernmost of the Philippines, although close quarter fighting continues north of Davao, front reports from the 24th division indicate the peak of enemy resistance has been passed. Battling still is so close that Pfc. Harold Jones, Ainsworth, Neb., killed a Japanese who was clearing a jammed machinegun. Lincanair airfield, the last of six enemy air bases around Davao, fell to the 24th Thursday.

Today's communique reported the See JAP Page 2

WHAT'S DOING

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

SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.—U. S. O. center open to service folk visiting in the city.

MONDAY 10:00 a.m.—Shelby Ministerial association meets at Central Methodist church. 7:30 p.m.—State Guard drill at armory.

Heavy Bombing Program Laid Out For Japan In Next Year

WASHINGTON, May 26.—(AP)—Japan in the next year will be the target of more than twice as many bombs as fell on Germany during the last 12 months. House appropriations committee members made this disclosure today after a closed-door session with Gen. George C. Marshall. The chief of staff met with the committee yesterday to lay the groundwork for the War Department's appropriation bill for the fiscal year starting July 1. "You can say that in the coming year more than two and one-half times as many tons of bombs will be dropped on Japan as the Allies dropped in Europe this (fiscal) year," Rep. J. Buell Snyder (D-Pa.) told a reporter after the meeting. Snyder is chairman of the subcommittee considering army finances. LONG WAR Other committee members said privately they left the session with these impressions: The war against Japan will be longer and tougher than is generally expected. There will be no big reduction in War department expenditures next

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ELEVEN U. S. PACIFIC FLEET UNITS DAMAGED

11 Japanese Aircraft Shot Down In 18-Hour Battle

NIP TROOPS LANDED

GUAM, May 26.—(AP)—Eleven light units of the Pacific fleet were damaged in Okinawa waters in a dramatic series of raids Thursday night and Friday morning by a motley assortment of Japanese planes, some of which carried airborne troops.

During the 18 hour battle, 11 Nipponese aircraft were shot down. One bomber glided in to a perfect belly landing on American-held Yontan airfield and disgorged a handful of suicide assault troops. They set fire to a number of American planes before they were cut down.

Surprisingly few casualties were suffered on the 11 damaged American ships. Associated Press War Correspondent Vern Haugland reported from Okinawa. He said each craft shot down from one to four attacking planes before and after they were hit. One vessel was hit amidships and, surprisingly no one was killed. Five were wounded.

A Pacific fleet communique today announcing this strangest of all air attacks gave no details as to the types of ships hit or the extent of damage. Haugland said attacking formations included all types of aircraft, ranging from light out-moded fighters to modern dive bombers and medium bombers.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported this heaviest counterblow in weeks today as marines drove tanks through the mined streets of Naha, Okinawa's shattered capital, and artillery pounded the half-encircled fortress city of Shuri. Mud and rain hampered ground operations.

Nimitz announced overall American See ELEVEN Page 2

PROGRAM FOR G-W GRADUATES

Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday; Graduation Monday Morning

The annual baccalaureate sermon for members of the graduating class of Gardner-Webb college will be held at Bowling Springs Baptist church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. The sermon will be delivered by Dr. Ralph Alderman Herring, pastor of the First Baptist church of Winston-Salem.

After the procession, the Rev. J. L. Jenkins, pastor of the Bowling Springs church, will pronounce the invocation and the high school chorus will sing "Come Thou to Him" by Handel. The college quartet will sing Gounod's "Praise Ye the Fathers" preceding the sermon. The public is invited to attend the service.

On Monday morning at eleven o'clock final exercises for the graduating class of 32 students will be held in the auditorium of the E. B. Hamrick building when Dr. William Howard Plemmons, admissions officer and acting registrar of the University of North Carolina, will be the speaker. President Philip Elliott of the college will award diplomas to graduates following the literary address.

MUSIC Music for the occasion will be furnished by Miss Abbie Miller, pianist, and by the college chorus. The Rev. J. W. Suttle will pronounce the invocation. Carlton Holmes Sullivan, dean of the college, will present awards of merit and other honors to students of the college immediately following Dr. Plemmons' address. Members of the graduating class are: Associate in arts—Ovella Benfield, Charlotte; Mary K. Bostic and Jeanne Rollins, Bostic; Pollyanna Camp, Colleen Hill, Jacqueline Huskey, Julius T. Jones, Jr., Margaret Elizabeth Roberts and

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