

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and continued warm today, tonight and Tuesday. Scattered thundershowers in north and west portions Tuesday, in extreme west portion this afternoon.

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JAPANESE APPARENTLY WITHDRAWING FROM SHURI

Premier Of Syria Says French Troops Have Fired Upon Civilians

FEARS GENERAL CLASH BETWEEN TWO FACTIONS

People Retaliated By Attacking French Garrison; Continues

FEELING RUNS HIGH

DAMASCUS, May 28.—(P)—Jamil Mardam Bey, acting premier of Syria, said today that French troops yesterday had "fired upon the people of Hama," north of Damascus on the road to Aleppo, and he expressed fear of a "general clash" between French and Syrians.

The acting premier issued a statement in which he said that after the French opened fire at Hama, "the people then attacked the French garrison."

"The French called reinforcements from Homs," he said. "There is now fighting in the streets. Communications are cut off."

"The feeling now is so intense at Homs that anything may happen there momentarily, and I don't know what may happen at Damascus. The gendarmerie is trying to keep order, but we fear the incidents may grow into a general clash."

He made the statement after a conference with U. S. Minister George Wadsworth and British charge d'affaires Gerold Young. It was understood the American minister strongly urged the Syrians to exert every effort to maintain order.

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CHINESE PUSH TO PINGYANG

Recapture Of Nanning Important Victory; Chinese Near Kweilin

CHUNGKING, May 28.—(P)—Chinese troops, pushing deeply into the enemy's overland corridor to Indo-China, have recaptured the city of Pingyang, 60 miles north-east of recaptured Nanning, the Chinese high command announced today.

The march carried the Chinese offensive to Kweilin, in northeastern Kwangsi, one of the first U. S. airbases lost to the enemy in the Japanese advance several months ago which established a link across China from Manchuria to Indo-China.

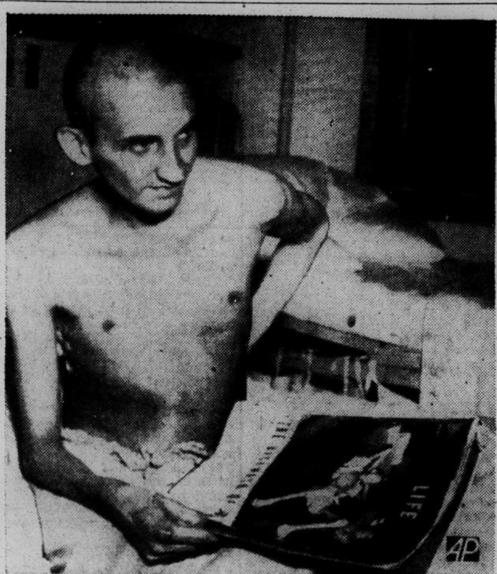
The inland port of Nanning (Yunyang), one of the most important stations on the overland route through Changsha, Kweilin and Hengyang, was recaptured over the week-end in one of the most promising Chinese counteroffensives of the war.

Recapture of Nanning was the feat of troops commanded by Gen. Chang Fah-kwei, veteran leader of the old fourth nationalist army. "The Ironsides," which gained wide fame in the turbulent days of China's civil war. He is now commander of Chinese forces in south-east China.

RADIO MESSAGE

Fall of Nanning came as a surprise in Chungking, since no news of the offensive had been given out. The high command's announcement was based on a brief radio message from Chang Fah-kwei that the city

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'THAT'S HOW I LOOKED'—Pvt. Joseph Demler of Fredonia, Wis., a patient at Kennedy General Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., says "That's how I looked," as he gazes at a picture taken of him in a German starvation camp near Limberg, Germany, last March 29. Plowed back to the United States, he has gained back 40 pounds and now tips the scales at 110. His original weight was 140 pounds.—(AP Wirephoto).

G-W Purchases 1,058 Acres Of Woodland

Alumni Contribute \$2,733 To Fund For Building Memorial To Mrs. Lillian Ritch

A tract of 1,058 acres of land has been purchased by Gardner-Webb college from Cliffside mill at a cost of \$35,000 and the newly acquired property will be used to teach forestry to the students, establish a wood-working department at the college, provide lumber for the post-war building program and pasture for a herd of dairy cattle.

The announcement of this acquisition was made at the meeting of the alumni association Saturday night. The property lies in No. 1 and No. 2 townships and is only a mile and a half from the college with First Broad river running through it. All of the acreage is in one tract. The transaction for the property was made in Greensboro before the board meeting of the Cliffside mills of which Maurice Hendrick is president and treasurer. Mr. Hendrick is a native of Shelby and was most helpful in closing the deal.

DAIRY HERD AND FOOD

More than twenty-five lumber and real estate interests were trying to buy the property which has at least a million and a half feet of saw timber available on the land,—enough to supply the entire needs of the building program at the college.

The acreage is considered quite an addition to the institution in its teaching program as the college expects to develop the land with forestry experts, build a wood-working plant in which to train students in furniture making and other useful arts. In addition it expects to have a pure-bred dairy herd, orchards and berry crops and raise food and feedstuff for the college.

FUNDS ARE GIVEN

Money to purchase the land from the Cliffside mills came from a special fund raised by a friend of the college and does not touch the more than \$300,000 contributed to the memorial building fund.

There are 65 acres on the cam-

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THE WAR TODAY: Efficacy Of Air Power Demonstrated On Tokyo

By DeWIT MacKENZIE, AP Writer

Our rapidly growing aerial assault on Japan is going to give us a demonstration of the efficacy of air power such as the world never before has seen.

One of the main factors in Hitler's downfall was Allied air superiority. The devastation wrought over Germany during the last year of the conflict was paralyzing. Yet it is disclosed in Washington that in the next year Japan will be deluged by more than twice as many bombs as were the heart out of the Reich during the past twelve months.

That's terrific when you stop to think that the light and mountain-

ous little islands of Japan proper are only about two-thirds the size of Germany, and that her populous and flimsily built cities are highly vulnerable to bombing. We have an awe inspiring example of this in the smoking ruins of Tokyo—the world's third largest city—which has been almost wiped out by American Superfortresses, and that without a prolonged bombardment. Incendiary bombs have caused much of the havoc.

And we haven't even got set yet for the big drive, and we still have

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War Criminal Trials To Be Started Soon

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, MAY 28.—(P)—Adolf Hitler, dead or alive, may be tried in absentia as a war criminal.

The war crimes commission will have to decide whether a trial will be held, but there is a feeling in some quarters that such procedure will be ordered. If a trial is ordered, it probably would be on the assumption Hitler still is alive, and in that case he would be given adequate notice to appear.

PARIS, May 28.—(P)—Trials of Germans accused of offenses against American troops in violation of the laws of war probably will begin within a few weeks, Justice Robert H. Jackson, chief United States counsel for war crimes, said today.

He told a press conference, however, that proceedings against the principal Nazi war criminals probably would not get under way for some time, since the United States, Britain, Soviet Russia and France had not yet agreed on certain details of the international tribunal which will try the accused.

Jackson, an associate justice of the Supreme court, was appointed by President Truman on May 2 as chief counsel for the United States on the proposed tribunal. Jackson emphasized there would be no delay in bringing to justice those Germans involved in battlefield atrocities against the American armed forces, such as the Malmedy slayings and the execution of captured airmen.

"It is my duty," Jackson said, "to prepare the case of the United States against Nazi leaders and to present the case to the international military tribunal which, it is hoped, will be created."

Although it will take time to iron out differences of viewpoints, Jackson said he could see no indication that "we are not going to be successful" in establishing a war crimes court such as was proposed.

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Tire Quota Again Upped Half Million

WASHINGTON, May 28.—(P)—Two million passenger car tires—an increase of 500,000—will be available in June, but that amount will fall short of meeting demands.

The increase in next month's ration quota will "help a lot," said OPA Ration Chief Max McCullough. He added, however, that a backlog of 500,000 to 600,000 applications for casings, low inventories and a seasonal increase in tire failures will make the quota inadequate.

OPA estimates that a 2,000,000 allocation will have to be made available to "A" card drivers.

JAPS REPORT SINKING OF 6 U. S. SHIPS

Tokyo Says Battleship, Two Cruisers, Three Transports Sunk

NOT CONFIRMED

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—(P)—Japanese Domei news agency claimed without confirmation the sinking early today of three large U. S. navy warships and three transports by kamikaze corps suicide planes off Okinawa.

One battleship, two cruisers and the transports were sunk in Naka-gusuku Bay, on Okinawa's east coast in a concerted attack by both Army and Navy kamikaze planes, it was claimed in the broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications commission.

"Direct torpedo hits" were also claimed on a large transport, a medium transport and three unidentified vessels.

In broadcasts recorded by the Federal Communications commission, Domei claimed Japanese submarines had sunk two American ships of unidentified category and that special attack (suicide) corps planes had "seriously damaged" an American aircraft carrier and another unclassified vessel.

The broadcasts claimed that Japanese planes other than the kamikaze suicide groups had sunk or damaged at least 10 others. All actions reportedly took place Saturday.

Truman Wants Unemployment Pay Increased

WASHINGTON, May 28.—(P)—President Truman recommended today maximum weekly unemployment compensation payments of not less than \$25 to tide the country over the "transition from war to peace."

"Every eligible worker should be entitled to 26 weeks of benefits in any one year, if his unemployment continues that long," the President said in a message to Congress.

Asserting that congress and the executive have moved on six fronts to prepare the country for postwar reconversion, he said "a major gap" in the program which he urged congress to close is "the lack of adequate benefits for workers temporarily unemployed during the transition from war to peace."

He recommended specifically that Congress take emergency action to widen the coverage of unemployment compensation and to increase the amount and duration of benefits, at least for the period of the "present emergency period of reconversion."

"Basically this can be accomplished by the following:

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AT CONFERENCE:

Foreign Policy Seeks To Regain Prestige

By John M. Hightower

Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—(P)—President Truman and Secretary of State Stettinius, apparently sure of their main objectives at the United Nations conference, now are beginning to turn American foreign policy toward a more decisive role in world affairs.

Stettinius will make a major radio speech to the American people and armed forces overseas from his Pentagon headquarters tonight (7:30 p.m., Pacific war time).

Pegged on a review of the work of the security conference and approved by the President, it will be his most far-reaching discussion of foreign affairs to date.

It is part of the same pattern of events which: (1) will bring Mr. Truman to San Francisco for the final full-dress session, (2) has already sent special White House envoys to London and Moscow to tackle the current European crises, and (3) may lead in a few weeks to a meeting of the President with Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill.

The great objectives of these moves are two-fold:



S/SGT. NATHAN L. FLOYD



PVT. EVERETT McNEELY



PVT. ROY L. JUSTICE



PVT. JOHN DIXON

4 CLEVELAND BOYS FREED

S. Sgt. Floyd, Pvt. McNeely, Pvt. Dixon, Pvt. Justice Liberated

News of the liberation of four Cleveland county men, S/Sgt. Nathan L. Floyd, Pvt. Everett McNeely, Pvt. John Dixon, and Pvt. Roy L. Justice, from German prisoner of war camps was received here this morning by members of their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus M. Floyd, of Lawndale route 1, heard this morning directly from their son, S/Sgt. Nathan L. Floyd, who has been a prisoner since February 4, 1943 when he was shot down over Holland in a B-17 Flying Fortress. He was a radio operator on the Flying Fortress. He was one of the first Cleveland county men taken prisoner in the European theatre of operations.

S/Sgt. Floyd entered service in January 1942, enlisting in the air corps.

His telegram read: "Dear Parents—in France expect to be home soon. Wire Later. Don't worry am Okay."

Prior to receiving this telegram his family heard from him last in midwinter.

Through the Red Cross Mrs. Jay Jarrett, of Lawndale, sister of Pvt. McNeely received a cable announcing his liberation. Pvt. McNeely was captured by the Germans in

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Brackett Helps Shoot Down Japanese Planes

ABOARD A LIGHT CRUISER AT OKINAWA.—(Delayed)—L. V. Brackett, coxswain, USNR, whose wife lives at Millside Station, Shelby, N. C., helped shoot down four Japanese planes in 10 minutes during a pre-invasion bombardment of this vital enemy base.

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p.m.—Chamber of Commerce directors meet at Shelby hotel.

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

TUESDAY 2:00 p.m.—Business session of Morticians of district 11 at Hotel Charles.

6:00 p.m.—Banquet for Morticians of district 11 at Hotel Charles.

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

8:00 p.m.—Called meeting of Cleveland lodge 202 A. F. and A. M. at lodge room for work in second degree.

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BREAKTHROUGH ON EAST COAST FLANKS CITY

Constant Artillery Bombardment Of U. S. Positions Decreases

MAY FORM NEW LINE

By Hamilton Faron GUAM, May 28.—(P)—Japanese appeared today to be withdrawing from the Okinawa fortress town of Shuri after a fierce 38-day defense of the key fortress.

If the indicated withdrawal becomes a full scale retreat it will have been forced by the U. S. seventh infantry division's breakthrough on the east coast which has flanked Shuri and now threatens to cut it off from the rear.

Seventh division patrols have pushed through incessant rains almost to the village of Chan, nearly two miles south of Shuri. The withdrawal and possible cracking of the Japanese defense on Okinawa was indicated in field dispatches and Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' communique:

1. A concentration of Japanese was caught moving south from the village of Gisushi, more than a mile southwest of Chan, and was virtually wiped out by coordinated naval and air bombardment.

2. North of Shuri, between that fortified city and American front lines, the First Marine division saw the Japanese blowing up 15 or 20 caves, presumably to destroy food or other supplies stored there.

3. On the east flank south of captured Yonabaru the Seventh Infantry division found what was described as "very large stores" of food, ammunition and equipment in abandoned caves in the Ozato Mura hills, encompassed by the Seventh last week.

4. Associated Press Correspondent Al Dopping reported that the constant Japanese artillery bombardment of American positions had decreased from an average 15,000 rounds daily to about 500 rounds.

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ED McCURRY BUYS HOTEL

Cleveland Hotel Is Acquired By Ed McCurry Of Shelby

Ed McCurry, owner and operator of the Dixie Laundry, has purchased the Cleveland Hotel on East Marion street from Anderson Hotels, Inc., of Dallas, Texas.

The deal was made about ten days ago, but not consummated until today when the deed for the property arrived.

Mr. McCurry has not decided whether he will continue to operate as a suburban hotel or convert into an apartment house. The real estate, which adjoins his home, is 150x200 feet on a corner location. The 44-room hotel was built about seven years ago by Mrs. B. O. Stephenson and has since been operated as a hotel.

The Anderson Hotels, Inc., of Dallas, Texas, acquired the property from Mr. Gray, who retired and lives here at the hotel. This company operates a chain of suburban hotels in the southeast.

Mr. McCurry says his plans for the property will not be determined until he has considered getting priority to remodel and renovate.

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Fighting Flares On Luzon Fronts

By JAMES HUTCHESON

MANILA, May 28.—(P)—Fighting flared on two Luzon battlefronts today as Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced that 378,427 Japanese have been killed in the Philippines campaign. Of these 8,101 were added the past week.

American casualties are about 50,000, including killed, wounded and missing.

A tank-led 38th division column spearheading the Marikina road east of Manila was locked in battle Sunday with the Japanese in a canyon near Wawa Dam.

Wawa, a minor source of Manila water, is militarily important because the surrounding defenses make it a formidable section of the enemy's Sierra Madre mountain ramparts called the Shimbun line.

The armored column approached the dam from the rear along a road paralleling the Marikina river. It took the town of San Rafael and reached the gorge without opposition. Then at the mouth of the gorge, the enemy opened up with all types of weapons and the column was halted after establishing a narrow foothold. The fight for the dam raged today.

The 32nd division, advancing on highway five, and the 25th, on the Villa Verde trail, closed in on Santa Fe.

Maj. Gen. Charles L. Mullins, Jr.'s 25th division, has killed an estimated 7,000 to 8,000 Japanese during fighting between recently-captured Balete Pass and Santa Fe. Fairly stiff losses have been suffered.

LAST STAND

Santa Fe is at the mouth of the Cagayan valley, which runs to the north end of Luzon and in which the Japanese are compressed for their probable last stand on Luzon.

The next big fight is expected to develop around Aritao, a valley village about four miles from Santa Fe on highway five.

On Mindanao, Associated Press

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Civilian Durable Goods Output Headed For Peaks

WASHINGTON, May 28.—(P)—The United States is headed for production of civilian durable goods a year from now about 30 percent above the 1939 rate. Durable goods includes such items as automobiles and household articles, as distinguished from food and clothing.

Chairman J. A. Krug, submitting his estimate to members of the War Production board last night, added that a huge pent-up demand provides the foundation for "a strong transitional economy" during reconversion.

Krug outlined a policy of as few federal controls over business as possible.

The manpower, materials and plants released from war work, Krug said, will offer substantial opportunity for reemployment and reconversion if manufacturers have the initiative to seize them.

7 BILLION "Today the production of durable goods for the civilian economy amounts to about \$7,000,000,000 per year," he reported.

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