

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and not quite so warm today, tonight and Thursday, with few scattered light showers today.

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TELEMAT PICTURES

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Okinawa Fortress Is Penetrated By Marines After 18-Day Attack

DAMASCUS BOMBARDED

Photographic Reconnaissance Shows Heart Of Tokyo Lies In Ruins

GENERAL GAINS INDICATE FALL OF ISLE NEAR

Naha Virtually Invested, Invaders Meet Stiff Opposition

ROCKWALLED CASTLE

By Hamilton W. Faron GUAM, May 30.—(P)—American marines have penetrated rockwalled Shuri castle, 16th century fortress and keystone of Japanese defense on Okinawa which withstood attack for 18 days, as gains elsewhere led to the prediction half the remainder of the island would fall within a week.

Associated Press War Correspondent Leif Erickson reported from the front that Company "C" Marines of the Fifth regiment, First division, spearheaded their battalion's advance on Shuri and entered the castle yesterday after surprising Japanese defenders swimming in the moat.

By midmorning, Col. John H. Orribe, regimental commander of Hartford, Conn., reported the entire first battalion had reached the castle.

Other elements of the Fifth regiment advanced southeast from the Asato Village area toward the Naha-Yonabaru highway, which runs east and west south of Shuri and which already has been cut at its eastern end by the Seventh Infantry.

Sixth division Marines virtually completed investing of Okinawa's capital city, Naha, moving eastward across the Naha canal. They met stiff opposition as the Japanese fought back fiercely among the Christian cemetery tombstones in the southeast part of the city.

Japanese in the area north of Fortress Shuri also stubbornly resisted.

Associated Press War Correspondent Vern Haugland reported the first regiment of the First Marine division was able to gain but slightly as it moved down Wana ridge into the valley northwest of Shuri "against bitter defenses."

The 77th and 96th army divisions north and west of Shuri found the Japanese line still firm, Haugland said, and failed to make gains.

Thus, although the garrison in and around Shuri seemed to be withdrawing, the shell-torn medieval structure still remained the center of the strongest Japanese resistance on the island.

On the extreme eastern flank, the Seventh Infantry division again

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REV. B. WILSON TO TAKE OVER PASTORAL DUTIES

Rev. B. Wilson, of Lincolnton, retired Methodist minister, will take over as pastor on the Shelby Circuit for the rest of this conference year in place of Rev. R. M. Hauss, who resigned to accept a place with the Allied Church League Rev. Mr. Wilson will preach his first sermon as pastor of the charge Sunday morning at Sharon.

The announcement of the new connection was made by Carver Blanton, district lay leader.

Rev. Mr. Wilson is no stranger to this circuit. He has lived in Shelby twice and has been pastor on the Shelby circuit twice. His daughter, Mrs. Eva Gregory, is a resident of Shelby now.

The pastor will continue to maintain his residence at Lincolnton, he said this morning.

Pope Pius Address To Be Broadcast

ROME, May 30.—(P)—The Vatican radio will broadcast on June 2 an address by Pope Pius XII to the College of Cardinals. The Cardinals will pay their respects to the Pontiff on that occasion, which is St. Eugene day and the Pope's name day.

American Graves Follow The Flag



250,000 Homeless After Yokohama Raid

Uncounted Numbers Killed And Injured, 60,000 Houses Destroyed In Yesterday's Attack

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30.—(P)—American dive bombs spilling on Yokohama yesterday left 250,000 Japanese homeless, killed and injured an uncounted number, destroyed 60,000 houses and knocked out communication and transportation systems, Tokyo radio reported today.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. J. W. INGLE

Widow Of Retired Methodist Minister Dies, Rites Tomorrow

Mrs. J. W. Ingle, 78, of this place, widow of the late Rev. J. W. Ingle, retired minister of Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist church, died at Duke hospital this morning following an operation.

During her husband's 35 years in the ministry, she lived in Shelby, Asheville, Greensboro, Lexington and a number of other cities. She was a native of Rutherford county, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James L. Cooper.

About 20 years ago the Rev. Mr. Ingle was pastor of LaFayette Street Methodist church here for four years. Later, when he was retired, the family moved back to Shelby for permanent residence.

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Allied Nations Join In Memorial Day Tributes

PARIS, May 30.—(P)—Soldiers and civilians of other United Nations joined with those of the United States today in honoring the memory of the American soldiers of the first and second World wars who died on European battlefields.

Religious ceremonies were held among the white crosses at the 54 military cemeteries of this war where more than 117,000 of the 130,000 Americans killed in Europe are buried. Services also were held in Germany, where more than 8,000 American soldiers lie in temporary graves.

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NAVY WORRIED OVER REPAIRS

"Relaxation In Repair Yards, Means Death On Beaches"

WASHINGTON, May 30.—(P)—The navy let it be known today that it is frankly and openly worried over the problem of repairing ships damaged in the Pacific.

At an annual news conference attended by the department's three civilian heads as well as uniformed leaders, reporters were told that any relaxation in the repair yards "means more and more people killed on the beaches."

The navy men, emphasizing the seriousness of west coast repair workers quitting their jobs, indicated broadly that only the necessity of keeping valuable information from the enemy prevented telling the whole story.

Pointing up the problem, Secretary Forrestal said it was estimated the aircraft carrier Franklin now under repairs at the Brooklyn navy yard would require nine months to get back into action. Some cruisers will require six months and a number of destroyers three months.

The secretary said naval casualties in the battle for Okinawa, dating from March 15, totaled 4,270 through May 23 including killed and missing in action, compared with ground force totals for the same period of 5,332.

Admiral Frederick J. Horn, vice chief of naval operations, said this should give some idea of the extent of damage to naval vessels, suffered aboard ships in the support force off Okinawa.

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 6:30 p.m.—Sunday school business supper at First Baptist church.

7:45 p.m.—Prayer meeting at Presbyterian church.

8:00 p.m.—Fellowship hour at Central Methodist church.

8:00 p.m.—Midweek prayer and praise service at First Baptist church.

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

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

7:00 p.m.—Junior Chamber of Commerce directors meet at Cleveland Springs Country club.

DESOLATION RADIATES FROM PALACE AREA

"We Destroyed Every Target We Set Out To Destroy"—LeMay

51 SQUARE MILES

By Leif Erickson GUAM, May 30.—(P)—The warring heart of Tokyo, seared by 8,500 tons of six-pound gasoline jelly bombs, beats no more, Maj. Gen. Curtis E. (Ironpants) LeMay commander of the 21st Bomber Command announced today.

From Emperor Hirohito's scorched palace stretches a scene of desolation with stumps of buildings standing. Fifty-one square miles of Tokyo are in ruins, photographs showed conclusively.

Wood and paper ashes drifted over the fire-twisted ruins, borne on today's southerly wind blowing from Yokohama. Tokyo's teeming port city, 18 miles south, where fires were kindled Tuesday by 3,200 tons of incendiary clusters sown by more than 450 of Lemay's sky Giants.

It was the biggest daylight Superfortress strike against Japan. Scrutinizing the reconnaissance photographs of Tokyo while the 90 minute whirlwind of destruction was loosed upon Yokohama, the youthful cigar-chewing Lemay declared:

"We destroyed every target we set out to destroy. The 1,500 Superfortresses scattered

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Trumans Get Settled In White House

WASHINGTON, May 30.—(P)—The Trumans have made themselves at home in the White House.

In the executive mansion less than a month, Mrs. Harry S. Truman gave newspaperwomen a chance yesterday to see that from pianos to potted plants the upstairs living quarters have been transformed to suit the Trumans.

There are fewer pictures and fresh paint—palest green except in Mrs. Truman's dove gray bedroom and daughter Margaret's suite of Madonnas blue sitting room and shell pink bedroom.

They've culled out lots of the great array of furniture and rearranged what's left.

Most of the dark, overbearing wardrobe chests are removed because, Mrs. Truman said, she couldn't stand to live with them.

PRESIDENT'S STUDY In the President's study, his desk, used by several previous Presidents, has been moved in front of the oval windows.

The secretary said in addition to the pictures of her parents those of several college friends. If she has photographs of any boy friends, they were not in evidence for the reporters.

RED TOUCHES Deep red touches set off the dove gray of Mrs. Truman's suite, occupied these past 12 years by the ever-busy Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The sitting room is just that for Mrs. Truman, no longer the cluttered workshop Mrs. Roosevelt made of it.

A large photograph of President Truman and pictures of Margaret are in the First Lady's bedroom. On her bedside table were copies of a woman's magazine and a news magazine.

The fireplace mantel of the President's bedroom holds other pictures of Margaret and of his mother, Mrs. Martha Truman.

Iran Demands Allied Troops Be Withdrawn

TEHERAN, May 30.—(P)—The Iran Government has demanded the withdrawal of all British, United States, and Russian troops from Iran.

Iran's Foreign Minister Sepan Bodi informed parliament that identical notes had been sent to the British, American, and Soviet embassies, in which "we demanded that in view of the cessation of European hostilities and in order to restore a normal situation in the country, British, American and Russian troops evacuate Iran."

Article 5 of the Russian-British-Iran treaty of 1941 stipulated that Allied forces would leave Iran within six months after the cessation of hostilities, and Iran authorities view that period as dating from Germany's surrender.

IN PHILIPPINES:

Shimbu Line Is Finally Smashed

By James Hutcheson

MANILA, May 30.—(P)—After three months of bitter fighting, U. S. Sixth Army troops have completed the smashing of the cave and tunnel Shimbu line fortifications in the Sierra Madre mountains east of Manila.

A headquarters spokesman today described the capture of Wawa Dam by the 38th Infantry division as the fall of the last stronghold in the Shimbu line. More fighting undoubtedly lies ahead, however, against Japanese withdrawing into mountain ranges east of the Marikina river.

The dam, which together with previously seized Ipo Dam, is Manila's water supply, was seized intact Monday after Japanese resistance melted away overnight.

In northeastern Luzon, today's communique said, the 25th and 32nd Infantry divisions have made

a juncture two miles west of Santa Fe in the Caraballo mountains. Almost superhuman road construction up and down razorback ridges has been necessary both on the central and northeastern Luzon mountain fronts.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today said the juncture near Santa Fe brought "to an end organized enemy resistance in this vital area flanking the main highway into the Cagayan valley. That valley is expected to prove the last-stand battleground of the Japanese on Luzon."

AT CONFERENCE: Small Nations Make Two Notable Gains

Countries Whose Armies To Be Used By Council Should Have Voice In Decision To Use Them

By John M. Hightower Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30.—(P)—Small nations checked off two notable gains at the world security conference today in their struggle with the big-five for more power in a world peace league.

These advances held the prospect of tempering their fight on the Big-Five veto voting formula, although on one hotly debated question they demonstrated an ability to outvote the big powers and score a clear victory for themselves.

Here is what they gained: 1. The United States, Russia, Britain, China and France finally accepted a Canadian proposal that any country whose armed forces were to be employed by the security council should join in making the decision for their use.

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NEW OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE ARE REPORTED

Shelling Stopped By Intervention Of British Minister

FIRING CONTINUES

LONDON, May 30.—(P)—The Syrian and Lebanese legations said today that the French bombed Damascus, capital of Syria, last night.

Intervention of the British minister stopped the bombardment, the legations said in a joint statement, but firing continues. The statement did not explain the extent of the firing.

New outbreaks of violence were reported in Syria in the dispute between France and the governments of Syria and Lebanon.

(The British radio said heavy fighting was in progress in Damascus and that "French troops entered the city and the parliament house." The report said the Syrian youth movement had decided to resume the general strike.)

The Beyrouth radio said Syrian artillery had been brought into action against the offices of the French legation and "all French military positions in Damascus" last night. It added that "French military authorities therefore have taken all necessary measures."

Fighting, which started at Aleppo in the extreme north and has spread southward through Hama and Homs, was reported to have reached Deraa, 60 miles south of Damascus near the Transjordan frontier, where natives were said to have attacked French garrison barracks.

A train was reported derailed between Hamdanah and Kawakeb, with three persons killed and 14

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FOOD CONTROL SEEN 'TIL '50

Wagner Thinks OPA Will Be Necessary Years After V-J Day

WASHINGTON, May 30.—(P)—Food rationing until 1950 was forecast today by Senator Wagner (D-NY).

The chairman of the senate banking committee told reporters that controls on prices and volume of edibles would be necessary until that time.

Wagner's committee yesterday approved legislation continuing the government agency handling those problems — OPA — until June 30, 1946.

The chairman reasoned that perhaps another year or so would be required to defeat Japan; then, to avoid a disruption of the nation's economy, the government would have to keep a clamp on food controls for another three years or so.

Wagner noted, however, that an unexpected foldup of Japan, or some other unforeseen set of circumstances necessarily would change this line of reasoning.

The price control extension for another year was voted 10 to 5 in the committee. By the same margin, the group voted down a proposal by Senator Taft (D-Ohio) to keep controls in effect only another six months.

KEY TO SHORTAGE The action was taken after a day of closed door testimony by Price Administrator Chester Bowles and Economic Stabilizer William H. Davis. They said, in effect, that the food situation would be improved soon.

Members of the committee, quoting Bowles and Davis, said the key to shortages now is the meat black market. Two factors were advanced as helpful for the future. One is the treasury's au-

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Walker Pays Tribute To Late President Roosevelt

HYDE PARK, N. Y., May 30.—(P)—A retiring member of his cabinet paid tribute today to the late President Roosevelt.

"Rarely in history," said Postmaster General Frank C. Walker in a Memorial day address prepared for ceremonies at Mr. Roosevelt's grave, "have whole peoples so taken from one man's fire the flame of courage. Never before did whole peoples look so searchingly and hopefully to one man to win for themselves and their children peace among nations."

Walker will be replaced in the cabinet June 30 by Robert E. Hannegan, Democratic national chairman.

BORN LEADER Describing the late chief executive as one gifted in world leadership, Walker declared: "From the depths of defeat this man led the nations of the world to victory. Through the dark months his courage sustained their courage—his skill and energy and leadership created the greatest

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