

WEATHER

Partly cloudy, continued warm, today and tonight. Friday, mostly cloudy and warm, with scattered thundershowers over north and west portion.

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BRITAIN CALLS ON FRANCE TO HOLD BACK TROOPS YANKS PRESS FLANK ATTACK ON SHURI GARRISON

JAPS HOLD OUT NORTH, EAST OF RUINED CITY

Fresh Downpours Of Rain Worsen Knee-Deep Mud In Area

SUPPLY PROBLEM

By Hamilton W. Faron GUAM, May 31.—(AP)—First division marines who yesterday raised the American flag in victory over Shuri castle, pressed a flank attack today against the Nipponese Shuri town garrison fanatically holding out against two divisions north and east of the ruined city.

The advance patrols of the Fifth Regiment met slight opposition as they shoved ahead toward the western flank of the almost encircled enemy.

The already knee-deep mud which has slowed the whole Okinawa campaign for weeks was made more soupy by fresh downpours.

All available Tenth army men not in the front line were set to carrying munitions, water and rations afoot to the fighting fronts.

Company A of the Fifth Regiment under Capt. Julius D. Dusenberry of Florence, S. C., first occupied Shuri Castle, medieval fortress which was the home of 16th Century Ryukyuu kings and in recent months the headquarters of the Japanese command on Okinawa.

The invading leathernecks found only 50 Japanese troops, which they killed, and two women and a baby.

STARS AND BARS

One of the first acts of the occupying company was to raise the stars and bars of the American civil war confederacy, which was the company's victory flag at bloody Peleliu. The American standard was officially raised approximately 25 hours later.

Marines of Maj. Gen. Pedro A. Del Valle's First division hoisted the colors at 1:45 p.m. yesterday

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POINT VALUES CHANGE SUNDAY

Go Up On Canned Tomatoes, Spinach, Down On Vegetable Juices

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP)—Point values on canned tomatoes and spinach will be higher beginning Sunday. However, the ration cost of tomato juice and vegetable juice combinations will be trimmed.

The OPA announced this today along with only minor changes in meat and other red point food values for the new ration period, which runs from Sunday through June 30.

The blue point revision boosts the value on No. 2 cans of tomatoes to 40 points, up 10, while a can of spinach of the same size will require 20 instead of 10 points. Spinach in No. 2 1-2 cans also will be up 10 points to 30.

Ten points will buy two cans of tomato juice or vegetable juice combinations in containers through size 2 1-2. But the current value of 10 points per can will continue for single purchases. In 46-ounce containers both kinds of juice will have a value of 10 points, down from 20.

MEATS UPWARD

The changes in meat values, disclosed last night, are confined to upward adjustments for a few fat cuts of pork. This, OPA said, was necessary to prevent housewives' diverting them to lard.

Fat backs and plate bacon go from five to eight points a pound, while dry-cured and aged bacon sides go up a point to nine. Regular bacon remains at eight points a pound.

The only other red point change is a reduction from eight to six points a pound for soft cheeses, such as limburger, camembert and ledekrans.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles estimated meat supplies available for civilians in June will be about seven per cent less than this month.



HAPPY YANKS HOME FROM BATTLES IN EUROPE—These American soldiers are all smiles on the deck of the troop ship John Ericsson as the vessel arrived in New York from the European war zone. Aboard are 3,238 wounded, liberated and rotational troops. Above the crowd can be seen a Nazi flag the boys brought along as a souvenir. In the background is the Empire State Building.—(AP Wirephoto).

AT CONFERENCE:

Good Neighbor Idea Put To Severe Test

Outbreak In Levant Causes Apprehensions Over Ability To Make League Function

By John M. Hightower Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—(AP)—Bloody fighting in Syria put to its severest test today the good neighbor policy on which the United Nations are seeking to erect a new world league to keep peace.

Topping off Iran's demand for withdrawal of Allied troops and the prolonged Big-Three dispute over Poland, the outbreak in the Levant aroused new apprehensions of many delegations here over the ability of the big powers to work out their world interests in a friendly and unselfish manner.

American officials, however, are telling these small nation representatives that had the prolonged world organization already been in existence problems such as the Levant crisis, especially, probably would have been more easily and speedily solved.

Secretary of State Stettinius threw his influence against letting any current issues interfere with the work of the conference. Officials appeared confident that he would succeed and the league charter would be produced early in June.

Stettinius was drawn directly into the Levant situation when a

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY

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.

8:00 p.m.—Called meeting of Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. at Lodge room for work in third degree.

FRIDAY

12:30 p.m.—Rotary club meets at Hotel Charles.

8:00 p.m.—Final graduation exercises for high school seniors.

WPB Cutbacks, Reconversion May Relieve Food Shortage

By OVID A. MARTIN WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP)—War production cutbacks and reconversion may team up to ease some of this country's food supply strain by the end of the year.

This possibility is being considered by food officials in connection with plans for sharing American food with hungry peoples in Europe.

Agriculture department economists say that reductions in military output now taking place should tend to reduce consumer incomes. And smaller

YANKS PROBE JAP POSITIONS

Invade Last Important Enemy-Held Area In Philippines

MANILA, May 31.—(AP)—Yank patrols probed today into the Gagan Valley, last important Japanese-held area in the Philippines. The appearance of American forces in the valley, a narrow lowland area in northern Luzon which runs to the island's north coast, was made while 32nd and 25th infantry division troops cleared up Japanese from hills around Santa Fe.

The nearness of rains and the time needed for consolidating positions at Santa Fe probably will delay the start of the battle with the enemy garrison.

ON MINDANAO, close quarter fighting flared between trapped Japanese north of Davao and the 24th infantry division but the three-week-old fight definitely was on the wane.

Today's communique of Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported a Monday air strike at fuel plants, railroads and communications on Formosa by more than 30 Fifth Air Force Mitchell bombers and raids on the coastal rail line of French Indo-China between Saigon and Phanrang by more than 45 Liberators.

Approximately 150 bombers and fighters of the 13th airforce attacked the oil center of Balikpapan, Borneo, the same day.

ANDERSON GETS COMMITTEE NOD

Hearings Ordered For June 11 For Wickard As REA Head

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP)—The senate agriculture committee unanimously approved today the nomination of Rep. Clinton P. Anderson (D-NM) to be secretary of agriculture.

It ordered hearings June 11 on the nomination of Claude R. Wickard, present secretary of agriculture, to be rural electrification administrator.

Chairman Thomas (O-Okla.) said all the members had been getting numerous letters and telegrams from rural electric cooperatives opposing confirmation of Wickard, "so we decided to let them come in and make their statements."

Both Anderson and Wickard appeared before the committee in a closed session.

Thomas said there was great similarity in the wording of all the telegrams protesting against Wickard's nomination.

"Apparently somebody has been telling them what to say," he said, adding that he understood Earl Murie, manager of a Vincennes, Ind., cooperative had been communicating with other cooperatives.

The judiciary committee called Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark of Texas to a hearing on his nomination to succeed Attorney General Francis Biddle.

Rep. Clinton P. Anderson of New Mexico had an invitation from the agriculture committee considering his selection to be secretary of agriculture.

Patterson Reports Six Killed By Jap Balloon Bomb

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP)—Undersecretary of War Patterson disclosed today that a mother and five of her children were killed by a bomb from one of the long-range Japanese balloons sporadically attacking the western part of this country.

Asked if he had any further information on the balloons, Patterson said he cited the incident of the woman and her children to emphasize the need for precautions.

He said the six were killed in a western state, but gave no names or other details except that the tragedy occurred during a fishing trip when one of the children began playing with an unexploded bomb dropped by one of the unmanned paper balloons. The woman's husband and one child, Patterson said, were the only survivors.

The army previously had reported that no property damage has resulted from the balloon raids.

Liuchow Defenders Set Fire To City, Prepare To Abandon Positions

By Clyde A. Farnsworth

KUNMING, China, May 31.—(AP)—Liuchow, main Japanese road and rail hub in southern China was reported swept by fires set by its defenders today as Chinese troops closed in on the city along a 50-mile front.

Signs that the Japanese were preparing to abandon the former American air base site, coming after their loss Sunday of Yungning (Nanning) 120 miles to the southwest, reinforced a growing belief here that Japan is about to surrender the main military fruits of her swift conquest of Indo-China, Thailand, Malaya and the Netherlands Indies.

Such a move would mean that imperial headquarters at Tokyo has decided to write off its investment in men and material as a non-paying proposition, and to leave its forces south of China to shift for themselves. The land corridor serving those forces already has been almost severed by the Chinese, while American planes and submarines have made the sea lanes more of a hazard than a link.

The situation at Liuchow also suggested the possibility that Japan even planned to quit south-east China, leaving only small

holdout pockets while concentrating her strength between the Yangtze and Amur rivers for a last-ditch defense of her continental possessions.

One of the reasons for such a concentration in the north may be Japanese fear of Russian intervention along the Amur river.

OFFENSIVE

An even bigger Japanese consideration may have been preparations in China for a full-scale offensive against them in the south, marked by increased American assistance to Chinese ground forces in supplies, equipment and training under the American army's Chinese combat command.

The preparations came to their first fruition in the recent smashing of the Japanese drive on Chihkiang, which may have played a big part in the change of Japanese calculations.

Tokyo's apparent decision to liquidate the Japanese position in

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Chiang Turns Over Premiership To Soong

Move Seen As One To Coordinate Opposing Forces In China; Soong Very Popular

By Spencer Moosa

CHUNGKING, May 31.—(AP)—Chiang Kai-Shek resigned today as premier and turned the post over to acting Premier T. V. Soong in a move viewed as a step toward solidifying China at a time when the allied nations are applying tremendous pressure on Japan from all quarters.

Chiang retained his post as president of China and head of the state. He also remains China's generalissimo, and now will be able to concentrate fully on military tasks in this critical period of the war on the continent of Asia.

When Soong, Chiang's brother-in-law, became acting premier last December, the shift was regarded as a popular one, possibly paving the way for a working agreement between the central government and the Communists of North China. Soong's attitude toward the Communists is known to be moderate.

Soong's elevation to the full premiership, or president of the executive Yuan, as the post is designated in China, raised the possibility that he would attend any forthcoming meeting of the Big Five leaders of the United Nations.

Soong's popularity throughout the country is expected to strengthen the central government's hand in the military situation. There have been some unconfirmed reports that an agreement already has been reached in principle between the central government and the Communists of the north to wage a single war against the Japanese invader.

Soong actually became Chiang's "right hand man" last December on his appointment as acting premier. As such, he had attended to most of the generalissimo's premiership duties. Thus his elevation to the premiership was a

MARKING the biggest spurt for Cleveland county since the Seventh War Loan drive was started, War Finance Chairman George Blanton announced this morning that bond sales in this county had passed the million and a half mark.

Campaign Chairman Jack Dover accounted for \$500,000 of this increase in a report of sales made to Mr. Blanton yesterday afternoon. An additional increase of \$340,000 was chalked up when J. R. Davis, director of the drive in Kings Mountain reported sales in that amount. Previous sales reported had amounted to \$556,000.

Campaign leaders are particularly pleased with this showing and believe now there will be little trouble in meeting the Cleveland quota of \$2,069,000. Chairman Blanton was high in his praise of the work of the four Shelby civic organizations which have been cooperating in the drive.

EFFORTS FRUITFUL "Their efforts have been particularly fruitful in the sale of E, F and G bonds," he pointed out.

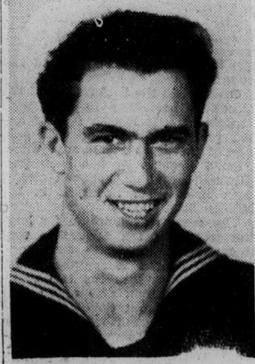
Today closed the books on May sales and all bonds sold after today will bear interest from June 1. Bonds sold today bear interest from May 1.

The solicitation in the uptown district is being directed by Worth Morris, commander-in-chief of the retail division. Jack Dover is handling the over-all campaign with George Blanton acting as war finance chairman for the county and J. R. Davis directing the drive in Kings Mountain.

Despite the heavy increase in sales since the last report, those directing the campaign in Cleveland point out that this is no time to rest on the oars. Bonds are still to be sold, the Japs still to be beaten.



ROY C. DEVINNEY



WILLIE T. DOSTER

TWO CLEVELAND MEN KILLED

S 1-c Roy Colon Devinney, GM 3-c W. T. Doster Reported Dood

The families of two Cleveland county men serving in the United States navy have been informed that their sons, Roy Colon Devinney, seaman first class, and Willie Tim Doster, gunner's mate third class, have been killed in action at sea. Both were previously reported missing in action.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Hoyle Devinney, wife of Seaman Devinney, received a message from the War department saying that her husband, previously reported missing, lost his life as a result of enemy action on April 24. The message stated that information leads to the conclusion that there is no hope for his survival.

Seaman Devinney entered the

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Soldiers Already Set For Discharge All Army Can Spare

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP)—Under Secretary of War Patterson said today the soldiers now slated for discharge are all the army thinks it is safe to release at this time.

Announcing this at a news conference, Patterson said it was in answer to proposals to release men over 35 or to discharge those whose skills are especially needed in civilian life. Chairman May of the house military committee recently urged the army to discharge all soldiers over 35 except for certain key personnel.

Cleveland Registrars Are Ready For Bond Election

Registrars of all 26 Cleveland county precincts, who open the registration books Saturday for the hospital bond election to be held on July 7 met at the courthouse this morning and received an explanation on election procedure from Henry Edwards, county attorney, and W. L. Angel, chairman of the county board of elections.

The registrars were told that this is a special election and only that those persons who register during the four weeks period from June 2 to June 23 will be eligible to vote in the election. It was also pointed out that those who register and who

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BRITISH READY TO INTERVENE IN THE LEVANT

DeGaulle Calls Key Ministers To Consider Churchill's Demands

U. S. SENDS PROTEST

By Alex Singleton

LONDON, May 31.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill called today Gen. De Gaulle today to withdraw French troops in Syria to their barracks. Britain has instructed her armed forces in the Middle East to intervene in the fighting between French and Syrian forces to prevent further bloodshed, Churchill said.

De Gaulle called key ministers into session in Paris immediately after he received Churchill's demand. Paris dispatches said the French government was surprised at the London announcement.

In Washington, the State department disclosed the United States last Monday had urged France to review her policy toward Syria and neighboring Lebanon. Fighting which has taken at least 300 lives continued in Damascus and two huge fires swept section of the city.

Britain, with France, promised the Levant states their independence after British and French forces eliminated Vichy control there.

"In order to avoid a collision between British and French forces we request you immediately to order French troops to cease fire and to withdraw to their barracks," Churchill told DeGaulle.

British forces have been in Syria since 1941 when they and the Free French knocked out German control. The action was announced in Commons by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden following the third emergency session of the British cabinet in 24 hours.

"Once firing has ceased and order has been restored we shall be prepared to begin tripartite discussion here in London," the message to De Gaulle continued.

Eden said the British minister in Damascus had reported a further grave deterioration of the situation in which 300 or more persons already have lost their lives in fighting between the French and Syrians, and that large fire were burning in the capital.

"We have not acted until our over-all responsibility was so serious that we simply had to act a stand by and see a situation develop which would have shamed us all," Eden told Commons.

COLLISION POSSIBLE Eden spoke after a French spokesman in Paris had asserted that a direct collision between France and Britain was possible and the Syrian minister in Paris had insisted that outside intervention alone could resolve the

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CASUALTIES BY MILLION MARK

Army Has Lost 890,019, Navy 112,868 In 3 Years, 5 Months

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP)—American combat casualties in World War II passed the million mark today.

The Army has lost 890,019 men and the Navy 112,868, a total of 1,002,887.

These casualties, suffered in three years and five months of fighting represent an increase of 6,798 over last week's report.

The breakdown on Army casualties as reported today by Undersecretary of War Patterson, and corresponding figures for the preceding week:

Killed 183,563 and 181,739; wounded 553,088 and 550,506; missing 52,746 and 57,802; prisoners 100,622 and 96,478. Of the wounded, 309,646 have returned to duty. Similar figures for the Navy: Killed 48,534 and 42,807; wounded 34,380 and 52,005; missing 10,709 and 10,505; prisoners 4,245 and 4,247.