

WEATHER

North Carolina — Considerable cloudiness and continued cool, tonight and Wednesday.

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- State Theatre Today - "BRING ON THE GIRLS" Sonny Tufts — Veronica Lake Eddie Bracken

Churchill Denies De Gaulle's Charge Of Trouble Making In Syria

GERMANY'S FRONTIERS ROLLED BACK TO 1937 SIZE

Kobe Left In Flames As Fleet Of 450 Superforts Finish Raid

BRITAIN HAS NO AMBITIONS IN LEVANT AREA

British Troops To Withdraw When Trouble Is Settled

THREE-POWER MEET

LONDON, June 5.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill today disputed Gen. De Gaulle's charge that the British had stirred up trouble in Syria and declared that Britain was ready to withdraw all her troops the moment a treaty was affected between France and the Levant states.

Churchill declared Britain had "absolutely no ambitions of any kind in the Levant states."

"We sought no territory there and no kind of advantage that was not given to any of the other nations of the world," he said.

The prime minister declared he favored only Britain, the United States and France negotiating the French-Levant dispute.

De Gaulle had suggested a five-power parity with Russia and China sitting in, but Churchill declared "this would certainly cause a great deal of delay and would require very careful consideration on many grounds."

Churchill made his statement to commons after explaining that "some harm" would be done by leaving unanswered some of the statements made by De Gaulle in a Paris press conference Saturday. "Far from stirring up agitation in the Levant states, our whole influence has been used in precisely the other direction," he declared. "The most strenuous and successful efforts had been made by the British minister at Beyrouth to produce a calmer atmosphere in which negotiations could be conducted for the settlement of outstanding questions between France

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WAR DISPLAYS GET ATTENTION

War Veterans Make Talks In Various Industrial Plants Of City

Displays depicting the part Cleveland county has had in the war effort, which are in the show windows in uptown Shelby were attracting considerable attention today as crowds gathered around the exhibits in various parts of the city.

Included in these displays were parachutes made out of cloth manufactured in this county; tents, wire insulation, uniforms of all kinds, aircraft parts, electrically heated flying suits, flak-proof vests, nylon insect netting, and other equipment.

Col. Walter B. Brown, labor branch, local division of Office of the Chief Signal Officer whose department is primarily interested in promoting production for the Japanese war arrived in Shelby yesterday afternoon and is assisting John M. Gaston, head of the employment service and head of the committee on arrangements, in carrying out the program for War Workers Week.

Arriving from Fort Bragg yesterday morning were Capt. A. T. McLean, jr., public relations officer at Fort Bragg and his party of five veterans of World War II who began their tour of local industrial plants and their conferences with workers.

This party included Lt. O. W. Lee, of Vincennes, Ind., T. Sgt. Jackson E. Reesor, of Pennington, Ga., Va.; Sgt. Paul Corbett, of Sumter, S. C.; Pfc. Ben F. Craig, of San Francisco, Calif., and Pvt. Keith Young, of Pottsville, Pa. These veterans pointed out the need of production to continue the war. They mentioned the fact that it takes 120 yards of cotton material to outfit a soldier; 10

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KILLED IN OKINAWA—Pfc. William B. Alexander, husband of Mrs. Sara S. Alexander of 201 Chestnut street, has been reported killed in action on Okinawa on May 1 by the War department. Pfc. Alexander entered the army in September, 1942, and has been serving with the infantry in the South Pacific since April of 1943.

CHINESE HAVE OCCUPIED SIAPU

U. S. 14th Air Force Plans Continue Attacks On Liuchow Area

CHUNGKING, June 5.—(AP)—semi-official Chinese dispatch said today that Chinese forces had occupied Siapu, 75 miles northeast of Fochow, and added that Japanese forces were fleeing northward along the highway leading to Wenchow, 220 miles south of Shanghai.

Siapu was originally captured by a small enemy relief force which the Japanese landed on the Fukien coast in support of enemy troops withdrawing northward from the Fochow region along the highway to Wenchow.

An official Chinese announcement said Chinese forces in Kwangsi province had reached a point 21 miles southwest of Liuchow, site of a former U. S. airbase which was captured by the Japanese last November. This represented a seven-mile advance on 24-hours. But the Japanese were reported standing firm near Ishan, 43 miles west of Liuchow.

An American communique announced that planes of the U. S. 14th Air Force continued attacks on enemy positions in the Liuchow area.

OVERLAND RETREAT Occupation of Siapu by the Chinese suggested that the Japanese were retreating overland to Wenchow (Yungku), a small but once thriving Chekiang port. Chinese quarters believed that the force which the Japanese recently sent thrusting southward from Wenchow was going to the

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Yugoslav Officials In Istanbul Recalled

ISTANBUL, June 5.—(AP)—All Yugoslav officials in Istanbul being recalled to Belgrade by Marshal Tito, it was learned today. No immediate explanation was given.

THE WAR TODAY:

Invasion Of Japan Direct May Beat Landings In China

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP Writer

Reports that the Chinese have cleared the enemy from several towns along a 75-mile stretch of coast from Fochow to Saipu naturally revive consideration of an American amphibious operation in that direction.

There are several objectives to be gained which must weigh heavily among military leaders. Some months ago it was thought that occupation of Formosa and a drive into the continent might prove desirable, might even be necessary before Japan could be invaded. Then it began to appear that Formosa could be neutralized,

BATTLE RAGES OVER AIRFIELD ON OKINAWA

Strong American Forces On Three Sides Of Enemy's Garrison

MUD SLOWS SUPPLIES

By Hamilton W. Faron

GUAM, June 5.—(AP)—American marines fought for complete control of the last Japanese-held airfield on Okinawa today in the wake of a surprise amphibious landing which put strong American forces on three sides of the enemy's Oroku peninsula garrison.

Tough paratroopers and Marine raiders of the sixth division overran half of the big Naha Bay, on the island's west coast.

Other Tenth army troops slashed ahead in the central and eastern areas, reaching the southern coast and registering advances up to three miles, a record for the campaign.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz in a hearty message of "well done," to the officers and men of Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner's Tenth army, foresaw the conclusion of the Okinawa campaign within the next "three or four days" if they "can maintain their high-speed advances."

Supplies were parachuted to battle line troops as the clinging mud, which for days slowed troops advances, continued to hold supply vehicles in its grip.

Japanese propagandists viewed their garrison's lethal position with alarm and Tokyo's newspapers agreed "mistakeable signs point to the enemy's intention to invade the Japanese mainland."

Japanese Domei news agency warned the loss of the island would lead to increased air attacks, both from Okinawa-based planes and by

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BOY HELD IN TRAIN WRECK

RUTHERFORDTON, June 5.—(AP)—A youth booked as Calvin Spicer, 19, was held in jail here today on charges of wrecking a northbound Carolina, Clinchfield, and Ohio freight train at Harris, six miles south of Forest City, Sunday morning. Two other boys, named by Spicer as accomplices, were also in jail but they denied his allegation. Spicer lives near Harris.

The engineer and fireman were injured when the 119-foot long locomotive and ten cars piled into the Harris depot and demolished it after striking an open switch. J. B. McKinney of Johnson City, Tenn., the fireman, was reported seriously hurt. Bob Williams, of Erwin, Tenn., the engineer, was less seriously injured. Both were taken to an Erwin hospital. The train was bound from Spartanburg to Erwin. FBI agents joined local officials and railroad investigators in working on details of the wreck.

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FLIER RETURNS 'FROM THE DEAD'—Lt. Harold W. Goad, 27-year-old Army flier erroneously reported killed in action over Burma last year, holds a happy homecoming reunion with his wife, Helen, at Portsmouth, Ohio. In the belief that Goad was dead, she married Ensign Robert A. MacDowell in Long Beach, Calif., in December, but plans to have that marriage annulled.—(AP Wirephoto).

AT CONFERENCE:

France Would Stick With U. S. In Split

Boncour Predicts American Position Would Be Upheld 45 To 5 In Showdown

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5.—(AP)—France would go along with the United States in event of a showdown between this country and Russia on the veto issue at the United Nations conference, Chairman Paul Boncour of the French delegation said today.

Any break between the United States and Russia would be agonizing to the French delegations, Boncour said in an interview, but France would vote with America, however reluctantly.

Another French delegate, commenting on this possibility, said "it would be very annoying but it would support the Americans. x x We have been with the Americans all along on this point." France and Russia have a 20-year alliance.

Boncour declared that should the Soviet and the United States run counter in the veto question voting, the American position would be upheld 45 to 5, with Russia, the Ukraine, White Russia, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia in the minority.

U. S. Secretary of State Stettinius was looking today to the White House for a decision on whether a showdown with Russia should be forced on the right of free discussion in a world security council. DIFFERENCE Stettinius is caught in a sharp

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FRENCH WANT BIG FIVE MEET

PARIS, June 5.—(AP)—The French government decided today to propose formally a conference of the "Big Five" to consider the entire problem of the Middle East. France's proposal followed suggestions Saturday by Gen. DeGaulle that such a conference be arranged as an answer to Prime Minister Churchill's call for a three-power conference in London by Britain, the United States and France.

Russia and China would be added to the conference, under France's proposal, and the Arab states also would be invited. A communique said "the government has decided to propose that within the framework of international cooperation, with the agreement of the interested nations, the whole of the problems of the Middle East be submitted to a conference of the five great powers."

The government's decision will be transmitted immediately to Britain, the United States, Russia and China asking formal replies.

BAD WEATHER KEEPS FIGHTER ESCORT HOME

Japanese Fighters, Anti-aircraft Guns Put Up Resistance

RESULTS EXCELLENT

By Robbin Coons

GUAM, June 5.—(AP)—Approximately 450 Superfortresses battled through snow, fog, thunderheads, accurate anti-aircraft fire and fairly strong fighter opposition today to transform the industrial and transportation center of Koko into a mass of smoke and flame.

The B-29s, flying through weather so bad they had to make the trip without fighter escort, found perfect weather over Japan's largest port city and spent an hour setting it afire with 3,000 tons of incendiary bombs in a blazing first anniversary celebration of the initial Superfort raid.

Returning pilots described the results as excellent. They guessed damage would exceed the nearly seven square miles burned out of Yokohama in the May 29 strike at Nippon's second largest port.

About 40 Japanese fighters, some of them fairly aggressive, were sent up to intercept the

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COUNTY MOVES TOWARD GOAL

\$1,766,111 In War Bonds Sold Since Start Of Seventh Drive

Cleveland county is moving steadily toward its goal in the Seventh War Loan drive with sales of \$7,766,800 in bonds reported through June 1. This is against a quota of \$2,069,000.

Reports received by George Blanton, war finance chairman, show that against the quota of E, F and G bond sales of \$744,000 for Cleveland county a total of \$574,927 has been sold.

Special stress was being laid this week on the sale of bonds through the retail establishments in this county. A mass meeting was held at the Rogers theatre this morning by store clerks and announcement was made that any person buying a bond from the regular issuing establishments, banks, post-office or building and loan associations will be given a free ticket to any of the theatres in the city.

Commercial Treaty For Greece, Turkey

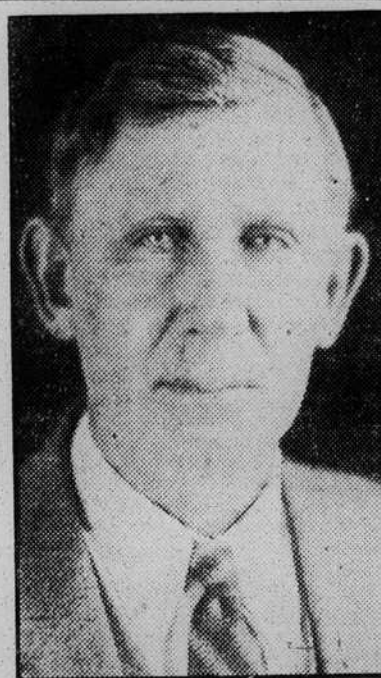
ANKARA, June 5.—(AP)—A new commercial treaty, designed to help reestablish normal conditions in Greece after a long famine, has been concluded between Greece and Turkey.

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MR. WEBB



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GIDNEY WILL SUCCEED WEBB

E. L. Webb Resigning As County Tax Collector, Effective July 1

Robert Gidney was appointed Cleveland county tax collector by the county commissioners yesterday afternoon to succeed E. L. Webb who is resigning effective July 1, the close of the present fiscal year.

Mr. Gidney was born and reared in Cleveland county and for the past several years has been county game warden. Commissioners said they felt unusually fortunate in securing a man as capable as Mr. Gidney for this position.

Mr. Webb told the commissioners several months ago that he wished to resign at the close of the current fiscal year in order to manage his farms. Members of the county board were high in their praise of the effective and conscientious work of Mr. Webb. He has held the office for the past six years.

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4 ZONES FOR OCCUPATION ARE SET UP

Reich Is Disarmed, Ships, Communications Under Allied Control

PLANES GROUNDED

WASHINGTON, June 5.—(AP)—Germany's frontiers were rolled back to the boundaries of Dec. 31, 1937 today in a joint occupation statement by the allied powers.

The statement, setting up occupation zones for the United States, Great Britain, France and Russia, recreates the German nation as it was before Hitler's annexation of Austria and Czechoslovakia. The declaration was made simultaneously in Washington, Moscow, London and Paris.

No announcement was made regarding a joint control arrangement for Austria, which is expected to be set up in the fairly near future. Treatment of Austria presumably will be tempered by the Moscow declaration of 1943 which looked toward a restoration of Austrian freedom, depending upon Austrian efforts in behalf of their own liberation.

The Austrian situation is complicated by the recent establishment of the Renner government in Vienna behind Red army lines, which has not yet been contacted by representatives of Britain, the United States and France.

Nor was there any clarification of what is to be done in Czechoslovakia which is partly occupied by Russian troops on the east and American troops in the west. The

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Occupation Commanders To Meet In Berlin

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS A L L I E D EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, PARIS, June 5.—(AP)—Gen. Eisenhower left his Frankfurt-on-Main headquarters in Germany today for Berlin, where he will meet with Allied occupation commanders representing Great Britain, Russia and the Provisional French government.

Eisenhower's trip is being made as "commander of the forces of occupation," a SHAEF announcement said. This is his first official task in that post and the first time he has served in any capacity other than that of supreme commander of the Allied armies in the west since his forces stormed the Normandy beaches a year ago tomorrow.

Among the matters to be decided in Berlin, the announcement said, will be details of control authority and the location of the Allied control council. PURPOSE OF MEET "The purpose of the meeting is to sign a quadripartite declaration regarding the defeat of Germany and the assumption of supreme authority with respect to the German occupation by the United States, the United Kingdom, the U. S. S. R. and the Provisional French governments."—the SHAEF announcement declared.

Eisenhower, who left Frankfurt about 8 a. m. (2 AEW) was accompanied by Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, commanding the U. S. group control council; Vice Admiral Robert Gormley; Maj. Gen. Harold R. Bull, assistant chief of staff for G-3; Maj. Gen. D. M. Schlatter of the air staff and others.

Chosen by lot to accompany the official party to report the meeting for the American press on a pool basis were Joseph Grigg of the United Press, representing the news services; Drew Middleton of the New York Times, representing the individual newspaper correspondents; and Henry Griffen of the Associated Press, representing the photographers.