

WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness today tonight, and Saturday; scattered showers and thunderstorms occurring mostly in afternoon and evening.

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FRENCH TOLD TO WITHDRAW TROOPS IMMEDIATELY

Yanks Plunge Into Final Battle For Okinawa; Hard Fight Ahead

REMNANTS OF JAP GARRISON WELL FORTIFIED

Possibly 20,000 Enemy Troops Remain, Cut Into Two Pockets

INTENSE MORTAR FIRE

By Hamilton W. Farron GUAM, June 8.—(AP)—American troops plunged today into the final battle for Okinawa, with every expectation of having to use grenades in hand-to-hand combat and to call upon flame throwing tanks before this bloody doorstep to Japan could be called "secure."

Japanese remnants of the smashed Naha-Shuri-Yonabaru line—possibly 20,000 troops—were cut into two separate groups but both were well entrenched. One was squeezed between the Sixth and First Marine divisions when the latter advanced 900 yards yesterday to within 300 yards of the west coast, north of Itoyan town. This maneuver cut off Oroku peninsula.

The second was well entrenched in the Yaeyu-Dake heights, an escarpment rising to 450 feet in the center and stretching from Itoyan to Hanagusuku on the eastern coast.

In both sectors, the Japanese were defending their positions with intense machinegun and mortar fire. On the Oroku peninsula, Japanese also turned 20 and 40 mm. gunfire on the Americans.

Although the enemy position was hopeless—Tokyo radio itself said so in effect—the Nipponese could hold out several days and make the battle for Okinawa even costlier than it has been.

66,324 JAP DEAD

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz's communique reported 66,324 Japanese had been killed on Okinawa from the April 1 invasion through June 6. This was an increase of 4,805 in the past week. Latest

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ROTARIANS WIN COVETED AWARD

President's Citation Comes To Local Club 2nd Consecutive Year

For the second successive year Shelby's Rotary club has won the President's Citation for the district's most significant achievements in promoting the Ideal of Service. Governor Charles H. Stone of Charlotte today advised President Shem K. Blackley. The local club is one of 71 throughout the world to win the Presidential award.

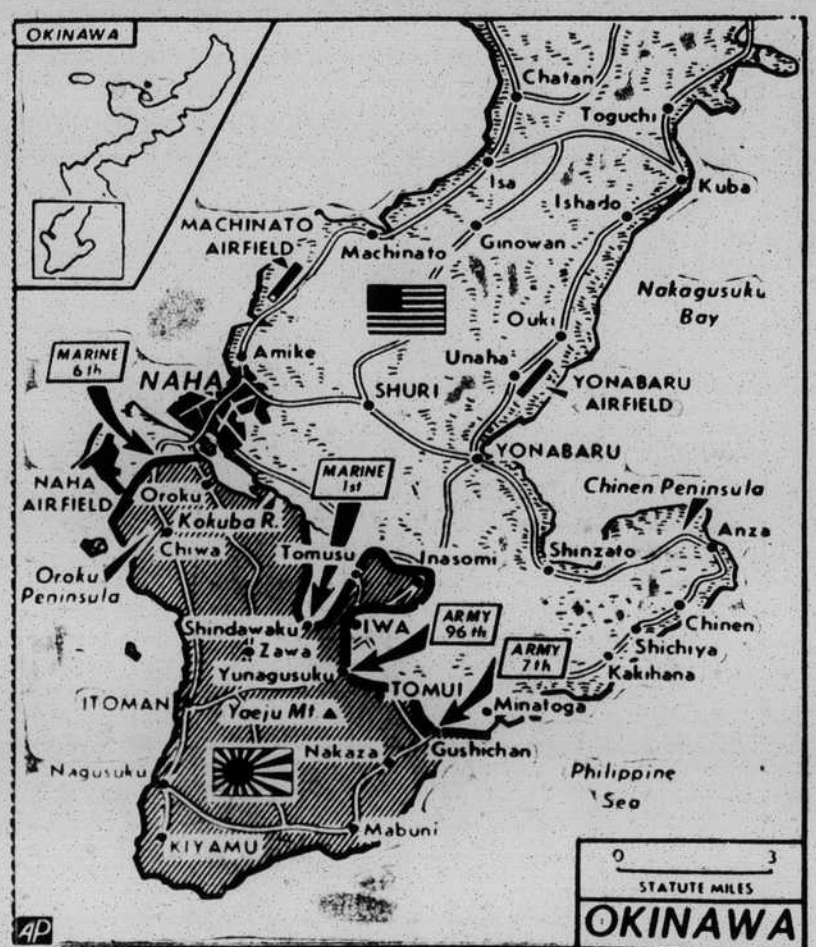
Governor Stone will come to Shelby June 15 to make the formal presentation on behalf of the President of Rotary International. The club did not hold its usual weekly luncheon session today, the members and their ladies having arranged a joint fish fry tonight with the Gaffney Rotarians at Ollie Moore's Broad River park.

Activities of the local club during the past year encompassed a wide field of community service on the part of individual members to draw the coveted award to Shelby another year. Last year it was accepted by the then current President, Clyde A. Short, on behalf of the club.

Eisenhower To Be At White House June 18

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will be the honor guest at a White House dinner June 18 as part of Washington ceremonies celebrating his return to this country.

White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross, said the president is planning the dinner for the evening following a joint congressional meeting at which General Eisenhower will be formally received by members of the two houses of congress.



YANKS TAKE OKINAWA AIRFIELD—The capture of Naha airfield by the Sixth U. S. Marine Division was the most outstanding achievement June 7 among American gains (arrows) on Okinawa. The shaded area is Jap-held territory. The Tokyo radio admitted that the "final end" of the Okinawa battle was in sight.—(AP Wirephoto Map)

Carrier Planes Hit Kyushu Air Bases

Mines Laid In Japanese Inland Waters; Small Enemy Cities To Be Bombed Too

GUAM, June 8.—(AP)—Successive waves of carrier planes raided suicide air bases in southern Japan today and Superforts planted mines in inland waters, Tokyo reported shortly after warning Japanese that "medium and small size cities" would be pounded by B-29s just as their major cities have.

The carrier strike by 200 aircraft was the third reported raid in as many days on air fields of Kyushu, southernmost island of Japan.

Tokyo said the sea-borne raiders took up where land-based planes left off. They bombed and strafed airfields at the southern tip of Kyushu.

At the northern end of the island Tokyo, reported night-flying B-29s mined the western entrance to the inland sea.

While industrial Osaka still smoldered from yesterday's 450-bomber raid, Tokyo told the people that Superfort attacks "will be all the more frequent, bombing objectives will be enlarged, and we can expect that medium and small cities in local areas as well as large cities" will be hit.

HUGE BOMBERS

So far the huge bombers have made large-scale attacks on the major cities of Japan, including Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Yokohama and Kobe.

Automobile Use Tax May Be Abolished

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—Abolition of the \$5 automobile use tax after July 1, 1946, was predicted today by Sen. Johnson (D-SC). The senator, who recently introduced a bill to repeal the tax, made public a letter from the treasury department endorsing its abolition after Japan is defeated.

Big Three Meeting Planned, To Be Held Within 40 Days

WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—President Truman expects to meet with Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill within the next 40 days to discuss world affairs. Announcing this at his news conference yesterday, Mr. Truman said the meeting would be held at the same time as the Big Five meeting to explore the knotty middle eastern problem. He emphasized that the conference planned for some time would include only the Big Three—the United States, Russia and Britain. Then he stated his belief that the Levantine question can be worked out at a lower level.

HAPPY ENDING OF CONFERENCE NOW IN SIGHT

Russia's Concession On Veto Issue Assures Settlement

TWO WEEKS LONGER

By John M. Hightower Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor SAN FRANCISCO, June 8.—(AP)—Small nation acceptance of a big-five veto voting formula for a world security council today appeared certain. A successful end of the United Nations conference is in sight.

Russia's dramatic acceptance of a statement that the big-power veto could not be used to block discussion of any case presented to the council broke a week-old deadlock late yesterday and put the conference over the hill.

Ten days to two weeks more of committee work and speech-making remain to get the United Nations charter in final shape for signing, but no more major issues are on the horizon.

It took the combined efforts of Premier Stalin, Harry Hopkins, who was then in Moscow, and Secretary of State Stettinius, who acted with President Truman's approval, to end the deadlock. Hopkins, on instructions from Stettinius, asked Stalin to reconsider Soviet insistence that any of the Big Five could veto even discussion in the peace-enforcement council of an international dispute. Stalin reversed the Soviet position, acting, according to his spokesman here, in the interest of unanimity and to speed the conference to success.

Patton Named General Counsel For Commission

CAPT. BROWNE TO SPEAK HERE

Formal Exercises At Courthouse Will Close War Workers Week

Captain William F. Browne, who lived for many years in South America as a mining engineer and who has been with the corps of engineers, U. S. Army, in New Guinea, on Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines, will be the principal speaker at the formal exercises at the courthouse Sunday afternoon when War Workers week will be brought to a formal close.

WHAT'S DOING

8:30 p.m.—Joint meeting of Shelby and Gaffney Rotary clubs and their Rotarians for fish fry at Ollie Moore's place on Broad river. 8:00 p.m.—American Legion meets at Legion building, meeting postponed from Tuesday.

Government's Promised Increase In Meat This Fall To Be Very Slight

By Ovid A. Martin WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—The government's promised increase in meat supplies next fall may turn out to average only 36 ounces more per civilian for the entire October-December period.

This increase over summer supplies would include meats served in public eating places. Consequently the increase in supplies at butcher shops would be somewhat less.

Spread over a 60-day period, this 36-ounce boost would be scarcely noticeable, particularly if civilian demand continues at or near present levels.

This prospect is based upon latest government meat allocations and estimates of 1945 production. The bureau of agricultural economics—the War Food administration's statistical agency—said today meat production this year is expected to total 22,500,000,000 pounds, or nine percent less than last year.

It said non-civilian—military, lend-lease, foreign relief and other commercial exports—may amount to 6,500,000,000 pounds. Other WFA officials said this figure may turn out finally to be nearer 7,000,000,000 pounds.

Bradley To Head War Veterans' Bureau

Will Succeed Gen. Hines Who Will Take Another, Undisclosed Post; Modernized

By D. HAROLD OLIVER WASHINGTON, June 8.—(AP)—President Truman called today on a four-star general of World War II—Omar N. Bradley—to look after the affairs of veterans of all wars.

And by so doing, he accented once more his inclination to pick westerners for key jobs in his administration. General Bradley, 52 year old commander of the mammoth 12th army group in Europe, is from Moberly, Mo.

He will succeed Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, retired, who is resigning to take another but undisclosed post offered him by the President. Hines has been head of the veterans administration since 1923, and Mr. Truman said he believed it was time the veterans had someone who served in the current war running their affairs.

The swashbuckling head of the Third army told newsmen last night that "I sincerely hope I fight the Japanese."

"My ambition," he said in an interview, "is to get to the Pacific, but it may not be fulfilled."

The 59-year-old four star general talked briefly with reporters after one of the most tumultuous receptions in the city's history.

Patton said he hoped to get a week or ten day leave which he would like to spend with his sister in Los Angeles.

"There is a little church out there where I was baptized and confirmed," he said. "God has been very good to me and I'd like to go there to give thanks to Him."

The church is St. Gabriel's Episcopal church. Patton was welcomed by shouting throngs estimated at more than a million people by police Commissioner Thomas F. Sullivan, after a transatlantic flight from Paris via Newfoundland.

WAC And Two Airmen Stranded By Plane Crash In Mysterious Shangri-La Valley

By RALPH MORTON HOLLANDIA, Dutch New Guinea, June 5.—(Delayed)—(AP)—A wartime air tragedy has unlocked in a dramatic fashion the mysterious "Hidden Valley of Shangri-La." Paratroopers—the first men from the outside world to invade the isolated field in the valley, 150 miles southwest of Hollandia, have gone to the rescue of a 30-year-old WAC and two army airmen. (A dispatch today, June 8, from Manila by Associated Press Correspondent Dean Schedler, said the rescue still had not been effected but the survivors were "safe and living comfortably.")



SLAIN IN HOME—Albert E. Langford (above), 63, wealthy textile executive, was shot to death mysteriously in his Park Avenue Hotel apartment in New York June 5. Police say they are without clues thus far in their investigation.—(AP Wirephoto).

YANKS CAPTURE BAYOMBONG

Japanese Had Turned City Into Supply Base, Few Defenses

MANILA, June 8.—(AP)—American infantrymen advancing toward the last-stand Japanese forces in Cagayan valley of the northern Philippines, yesterday captured Bayombong, prewar city on northern Luzon which the Japanese turned into a supply base.

The U. S. 37th division found no strong Japanese defenses in Bayombong, although they killed 119 Japanese in a seven mile advance and knocked out two flame-throwing tanks. These were believed to be the first such Nipponese tanks encountered in the southwest Pacific.

Infantrymen drove to the enemy supply base after capturing Bambang Wednesday, sealing off the enemy's lateral road running across the Cordillera Central mountains to a point north of Baguio, American-held summer capital of the commonwealth.

PUSH FOR SORANO

Patrols pressed up the fertile Cagayan valley toward Sorano, a town of 17,000 population before the war.

In Central Luzon mountain fighting through the Manila watershed, the 38th division captured two mountain crests, by-passed a third, and reached the base of a fourth peak.

On Mindanao island in the southern Philippines, the 24th division broke a pocket of Nipponese resistance near Tagakanan village, just off Davao gulf, and advanced a mile up the Taloma river. This was one of several spearheads driving the Davao garrison back into the mountains where they are being trapped between the U. S. 24th and 31st divisions.

RAIDS ON BORNEO

Savege air blows against British North Borneo were reported in the wake of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's conference with Gen. Joseph Stilwell, China-Burma-India expert who now commands all army ground forces.

Liberators of the U. S. 13th air force dumped 225 tons of bombs on Borneo target Wednesday in stepped-up aerial strikes against the East Indies.

LEVANT WILL MEET FORCE WITH FORCE

Arab League Warns Of Measures Taken To Resist Aggression

DISSOLVES RELATIONS

By Fred Krieg CAIRO, June 8.—(AP)—The council of the Arab league has informed France in blunt terms that the Arab states will meet force with force in the Levant, and has told the French to get their troops out of Syria and Lebanon immediately.

A communique of the council, which has been considering the Levantine crisis, announced last night that measures were being put into effect "to resist French aggression," and laid the blame for "assassination, destruction and other losses which occurred in both countries" directly on France, whose troops, it said, attacked Syria.

Supporting the demand of Syria and Lebanon for "immediate evacuation of French troops," the communique said retention of French soldiers in the two countries "is contradictory to the rights, sovereignty and independence which have been acknowledged in both countries," and would cause "permanent tension in the relations of France and the Arab republics."

This tension, it added, "extends to the rest of the Arab country, thus embarrassing the war effort against Japan."

FRENCH INVITATION

The communique was issued a short time after the French government, in a diplomatic counter-move seen as embarrassing to Britain, formally invited the governments of the United States, Britain, Russia and China to participate with France in a five-power discussion of the Middle East question.

(Prime Minister Churchill, who said two days ago a Big Five conference would delay settlement of the question, originally suggested a meeting of U. S., British, and

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BAKERY WILL DOUBLE OUTPUT

Waldensian Company Is Building Addition, Installing Equipment

Work started this morning on an addition to the Waldensian Bakery plant on S. LaFayette street which, when completed and machinery is installed, will double the output of bakery products, it is learned from Athos Rostan, manager.

The building fronts 50 feet on LaFayette and extends to a depth of 48 feet. Brick and steel will constitute most of the material going into the new construction.

MACHINERY DUE

Machinery was purchased some months ago on priority from the War Production board and is due for delivery within the next thirty or sixty days.

Mr. Rostan says the new machinery will be used in the bread-making process. The present building now occupied by offices and retail salesrooms which will be moved to the addition under construction. Dressing rooms and offices will occupy the second floor of the addition.

Less Canned Fruits, Vegetables In 1945

NEW YORK, June 8.—(AP)—The supply of canned fruits and vegetables available to civilians this year will be from 25 to 40 percent less than in 1944, says Paul C. Stark, home food supply director for the War Food administration. The amount of some canned foods such as tomatoes, will be only about half what it was a year ago, he told a regional meeting of victory garden and home-food processing leaders yesterday.