

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and continued hot today, tonight and Thursday; scattered afternoon thundershowers, today, tonight and tomorrow.

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ATHOS ROSTAN

ATHOS ROSTAN TO HEAD LIONS

Officers Elected; Dr. Thompson Appeals For Bond Election

Athos Rostan, manager of the Waldensian Bakery, who has been secretary of the Shelby Lions club for the past year, was elected to its presidency at the annual election of officers held at the Charles hotel last night with only one ballot being necessary.

Other officers chosen at the meeting were first vice president, J. G. Hagaman; second vice-president, Paris Yelton; third vice-president, Tod Caldwell; secretary, Lowery Anstall; treasurer, Worth Morris; lion tamer, Joe Piner; tall twister, Russell Laughridge; directors, W. H. Hardeman and Belton Beason.

Plans were perfected for patrolling the grounds at the horse show today and handling other details in connection with the event which is being sponsored by the Lions club. George W. Wray spoke briefly about the horse show.

PLAN MEETING FOR HOSPITAL

Public Gathering Will Discuss Project Thursday Night

A public meeting for purpose of discussing and organizing county-wide support for the hospital bond election to be voted upon July 7 will be held at the courthouse at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Lend-Lease Shipments To China Increase

WASHINGTON, June 13.—(AP)—Lend-lease shipments to China spurted to \$61,000,000 in April or more than 15 times that of the same month a year ago.

Deadlock Is Broken In Snarled Polish Issue; To Talk Reorganization

By Alex H. Singleton

LONDON, June 13.—(AP)—Poles and big three representatives will discuss reorganization of the Polish Provisional government in Moscow Friday, it was announced today.

A British foreign office commentator said "a very serious deadlock has been broken," but cautioned that "it is contrary to all our experience to say that it is going to be clear sailing from now on."

A simultaneous announcement in London, Washington and Moscow said reorganization of the Warsaw regime on a broad democratic basis as "provided for in the Crimea agreement on Poland" would be discussed in the Soviet capital by representatives of Britain, Soviet Russia and the United States, spokesmen for the provisional government in Warsaw and Polish democratic leaders.

Members of the Polish government in exile in London, still recognized by Britain and the United States, were conspicuously absent from the list of Poles who will take part in the discussion.

Responsible quarters here said that Julian Zakowski, 48-year-old architect and one of three London Poles invited to the conference, had decided to turn down the bid on the ground that he never has been connected with politics. Regarded as a liberal socialist who has no affiliation with the exiled administration, he was understood to have been nominated by the Warsaw provisional government.

Big Three Meeting Definitely Planned

Truman Says Time And Place Fixed For Conference; To Be Within 40 Days

By Ernest B. Vaccaro

WASHINGTON, June 13.—(AP)—President Truman today reported complete agreement on a "big three" meeting soon, a gratifying improvement in Russian relations, and said he hoped the Polish issue is on the way toward settlement.

The chief executive told a news conference that he and Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill have fixed a definite time and place for a conference, but said these details must be withheld until he arrives at the designated spot. This seemed to clinch his previous intimations that the meeting will be held away from Washington.

Asserting that Stalin is just as anxious to get along with the United States as we are to get along with the Russians, the President expressed hope for an early free and democratic election in Poland.

That, he said is the goal of a meeting starting in Moscow June 15, when representatives of the "Big Three" governments and three Polish factions get together to seek a basis for a compromise Warsaw government.

Mr. Truman credited Harry Hopkins, his recent emissary to Moscow, with a major role in the very pleasant yielding which he said Stalin had done on the "Big Five" veto position at San Francisco, as well as a growing willingness to work out other differences.

The results of Hopkins' trip, he said, together with that of Joseph E. Davies to London, "have been completely satisfactory and gratifying."

Obviously somewhat concerned about questions by reporters who raised the question of possible inability to get support from London Poles for the Moscow conference, the President asked that Americans refrain from muddying the waters.

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War Correspondents Assail OWI Cut

NEW YORK, June 13.—(AP)—Eight war correspondents, including Quentin Reynolds and William L. Shirer, today criticized the house of representatives in voting to reduce appropriations for the OWI and declared that the destruction of the office would "leave the field to enemies of democracy."

COPY ACTION OF ALLIES EARLY IN WAR

Aussies Make Small Landing At Brunei River, Speed South

AIRSTRIPE CAPTURED

By James Hutchison

BRUNEI BAY, BORNEO, June 13.—(AP)—The Japanese fired west Borneo's rich Seria oil field storage tanks last night—even as allied forces did before the Nipponese captured this island with its vast stores of oil early in the war.

Hundreds of thousands of gallons must have been destroyed last night alone. I counted 18 tank infernos from a P-T boat which went within a mile of the shore in the Seria vicinity.

Seria is 60 miles south of the point where Australian troops landed three days ago on the Borneo mainland at Brunei Bay.

The Aussies sped their southward push in the general direction of Seria by making a small scale amphibious landing on the Brunei river. The landing, 15 miles from the original invasion point, cut behind Japanese who were opposing the push toward Brunei town.

The main force was nine miles from Brunei when the amphibious operation was made to close the pincer.

On Labuan Island in Brunei bay, See COPY Page 2

Civilian Travel Sidetracked By 'Tokyo Express'

WASHINGTON, June 13.—(AP)—Another big segment of civilian travel will be sidetracked in August to make way for the Tokyo Express.

Half the present number of pullman cars and 10 to 12 per cent of the railroad coaches will be withdrawn from civilian use from August until about March, 1946, for military purposes exclusively.

A growing pinch in air travel is also coming, J. Monroe Johnson, director of the Office of Defense Transportation predicted yesterday at a news conference in which he sought public cooperation in reducing unnecessary travel.

"I understand that in another two or three weeks you might as well stay at home if you haven't got a No. 2 airplane priority," Johnson said.

The diverted railroad cars will be used as troop carriers in organized movements averaging 308,000 men daily as the army's redeployment of forces to the Pacific gets into stride, Johnson said.

Although the peak will arrive some time in August, difficulties will become pronounced early in July, when vacation travel normally soars.

As Johnson voiced the warning, the War Production Board announced that the entire freight car manufacturing industry had

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THE WAR TODAY: Propagandists Threaten Japs With Imminent Invasion

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP Writer

By J. M. ROBERTS, Jr. AP Foreign Affairs Analyst Japanese propagandists have been threatening their people with an imminent American invasion although they know that we are not yet set for climactic action.

They intend to use the next few months to prepare in every way which our bombers will permit. They make much of forming a civilian defense army (like Germany's, which only got in the way of regular troops when the show-down came). But they say nothing of the two or three classes of



SOLICITOR SPURLING

SPURLING DIES EARLY TODAY

District Solicitor For 19 Years, County Native, Rites Thursday

L. Spurgeon Spurling, 50, state solicitor for the 16th district for 19 years and a native of Cleveland county, died at 2:20 this morning at his home in Lenoir after an illness of about six months.

Funeral rites will be held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the First Baptist church of Lenoir, of which he was an active member, with the pastor in charge of service. Interment will be in the cemetery at Lenoir.

Mr. Spurling was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Spurling of near Fallston, was reared in this county and educated in local schools. He then went to Wake Forest college where he received his bachelor of arts degree and a degree in law. He was graduated with honors there and had become well-known in debating circles in colleges throughout the country.

In World War I his college career was interrupted by World War I and during the war he served in the army stationed at a camp in Georgia. After signing of the Armistice, he returned to college and upon graduation, accepted a teaching position at the State School for the Deaf in Morganton.

In 1920 he went to Lenoir where he took up the practice of law and in 1926 was elected district solicitor. In that position he gained the respect and esteem of all who were associated with him.

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No Change In State Department Secretary Post Says Truman

WASHINGTON, June 13.—(AP)—For the third time in as many weeks, President Truman informed his news conference today that no change was contemplated in the State department secretaryship, now held by Edward R. Stettinius, jr.

He laughed when the question was put again today and replied there is nothing new.

He pointed out that Stettinius will accompany him to his coming meeting with Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin, still expected to be held within 30 or 40 days.

Chinese Recapture Juian And Hoyun

By SPENCER MOOSA

CHUNGKING, June 13.—(AP)—Chinese troops following up the Japanese withdrawal from the Fochow area today recaptured Juian, only 15 miles south of Wenchow, after winning Pingyang 10 miles farther south, the Chinese high command announced today.

Earlier, the Chinese announced recapture of Hoyun, 105 miles northeast of Canton, but disclosed officially that the Japanese had regained Ishan, western bastion of the former U. S. Air base city of Liuchow, in bitter fighting some 400 miles to the northwest.

The Chinese were reported to have evacuated Ishan the night of June 11.

The Japanese withdrawal in the Fochow area left Amoy as the only enemy pocket in Fukien province. The Chinese were declared pushing on toward Wenchow.

Hoyun was recaptured on June 9 and the Chinese advanced 19 miles to the north. It was originally taken by the Japanese as part of a plan to protect the approaches to Canton and Hongkong to enable the enemy to move troops quickly to the coast east of Hongkong in the event of an American invasion.

Evatt Amendment On Veto Is Defeated

Small Nations Rally Behind Proposal That They May Break Veto Power 10 Years Hence

By John M. Hightower Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13.—(AP)—Defeat of an Australian amendment cleared the way today for approval in a United Nations conference committee of the big-five demand for total veto control of proposed machinery for world security.

The amendment, which would have removed the veto from steps to settle international disputes peacefully and limited it to use of force, was voted down 20 to 10. Fifteen nations abstained and five were absent.

Simultaneously small nations were beginning to rally behind a proposal that they should be permitted another crack at the veto about 10 years hence.

In other words, they are calling for the right to amend the charter in future without any of the big powers being able to exercise a veto over the amendments. The Big Five are dead set against this.

Action on the Australian amendment came last midnight after three and a half hours of debate during which 17 speeches were made.

The committee scheduled two more meetings today, in an effort to wind up its work. The next big vote presumably would be the one approving the veto voting formula.

UNANIMOUS This is the formula which requires that Russia, France, the United States, China and Britain must be unanimous before the project security council of the world organization can take any step to preserve peace. The lone exception would be that none of them would

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PAPERS ASKING FOR NEWSPRINT

WASHINGTON, June 13.—(AP)—The War Production board today considered—reportedly with some favor—a newspaper industry recommendation for larger allotments of newsprint in the July-September quarter.

A WPB spokesman said the proposed increase was "slight" and was based in part on a cut in governmental demands for paper, both for federal agency use and for export.

However, it was learned in other quarters that efforts are being made to provide a "one-degree" betterment in newsprint allotments.

CUT CONSUMPTION Newspapers now are required to cut their newsprint consumption by specified percentages under their 1941 paper usage for the corresponding quarter. The curtailments range from 4 percent for small papers, up through 8 percent, 12 percent, 20 percent and 24 percent for progressively larger papers. A "one-degree" relaxation would reduce the curtailments to 3, 6, 9, 15 and 18 percent respectively. In other words, the small paper which had a 4 percent cut would have a 3 percent reduction; the largest papers would be cut 18 percent instead of 24.

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LAST-DITCH OKINAWA LINE SAID BROKEN

U. S. Field Artillery Bombers Dug-In Enemy Atop Plateau

NEW FLAMETHROWERS

By Richard O'Malley

GUAM, June 13.—(AP)—Simultaneous pre-dawn attacks on both flanks of Yaeju plateau caught the Japanese napping and apparently cracked the enemy's last ditch defense line on Okinawa, front dispatches reported today.

The Japanese came to life at daybreak and attacked with machineguns and knee mortars. But it was too late.

Cliff-scaling Seventh division infantrymen held the eastern anchor of the Nipponese suicide line. First division Marines were astride a ridge at the western anchor, three miles away. And from the north, American field artillery unleashed one of the heaviest barrages of the campaign against two concentrations of the 10,000 to 15,000 enemy troops dug into caves atop the plateau.

Fighting was so fierce that in 36 hours battling for the slope of one hill, 137 men in a single Marine company, including all of its officers, were killed or wounded. That is more than half the company's strength.

Japanese, including at least one woman in soldier's uniform, charged Marine lines during the night with satchel charges. They blew up like firecrackers when hit.

NEW TECHNIQUE U. S. infantrymen met counterattacks with machineguns and a brand new flamethrower technique. Machineguns were packed to the top of the escarpment on the backs of Yanks scaling ropes, hand over hand. Tankmen brought flamethrowers 500-foot hose extensions connected to their tanks at the

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CHURCHILL AND ATLEE CLASH

Each Accuses Other Of Precipitating British Election

LONDON, June 13.—(AP)—A sharp exchange between Prime Minister Churchill and his former deputy, Laborite Clement Atlee, in which each accused the other of precipitating the general election next month, added new heat today to Britain's already warm political campaign.

In a statement issued from No. 10 Downing street, Churchill brought into the open private discussions which had preceded the breakup of his coalition government by declaring Atlee had given him the impression the labor members of the cabinet would be willing to carry on until Japan was defeated.

Atlee, he said, apparently changed his mind after consulting with other labor party leaders.

Atlee issued an immediate reply denouncing Churchill's statement as "a seditious attempt to make out that the labor ministers deserted the government."

Atlee repeated laborite assertions that the conservatives had forced an early election in order to capitalize on Churchill's "great service to the country in this party interest."

William O'Dwyer Democratic Nominee For N. Y. Mayor

NEW YORK, June 13.—(AP)—Kings county district attorney, William O'Dwyer, emerged today as the unchallenged Democratic nominee for mayor of New York city and victor in his battle for acceptable running mate. With this development it appeared that the mayoralty contest would be between the Brooklyn prosecutor and General Sessions Judge Jonah J. Goldstein.

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.—Horse shows at Dedmon ring. 7:45 p.m.—Prayer service at Presbyterian church. 8:00 p.m.—Midweek prayer and praise service at First Baptist church. 8:00 p.m.—Fellowship hour at Central Methodist church. THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.—A. P. members meet at armory. 7:00 p.m.—Kiwanis club meets at Hotel Charles.