

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and continued rather hot today, tonight and Saturday; Scattered thundershowers west portion this afternoon and in west and central portions Saturday p.m.

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YANKS SEEK QUICK KNOCKOUT BLOW ON OKINAWA

Conquest Of Objectives In Northwest Borneo Virtually Finished

STAR EDITORIAL:

A WORTHY MEMORIAL

Cleveland county's memorial to the approximately 6,000 men and women who have answered their nation's call to service in World War II is to be a hospitalization program in keeping with the spirit and traditions of the county if our people vote as we confidently expect them to do the \$400,000 bond issue supporting the project in the special election July 7.

Two splendid hospitals in a single county system thus would constitute a worthy permanent, living memorial dedicated to the relief of human suffering and to prolongation of life. What finer testimonial could we write of our appreciation of the sacrifice made by those fine sons and daughters of whom the whole people are justly proud? What memorial could better be dedicated to serving the whole county than hospitals devoted to treatment of the sick and infirm?

Clevelanders want a fitting memorial erected to their sons and daughters of World War II—those who have made the supreme sacrifice as well as those who return—and The Star believes they will recognize in this hospital program a challenge to do it in a manner and spirit that will redound to the enrichment of living in a way that constitutes the kind of tribute we will want to pay our fighting men and women.

AT CONFERENCE:

Showdown Today On Charter Revision

Close Battle On Issue Is Expected; Small Nations Resentful Over Veto Outcome

By John M. Hightower

Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15.—(AP)—Several small nations resentful of big power leadership may rally enough United Nations conference votes today to force revision of the projected world security charter in 5 to 10 years.

RIBBENTROP IS CAPTURED

Taken While He Slept In Hamburg Boarding House

FIELD MARSHAL MONTGOMERY'S HEADQUARTERS, GERMANY, June 15.—(AP)—Nazis Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop was captured yesterday as he slept in a Hamburg boarding house, bringing to a close the most intensive manhunt in Europe since V-E day. Von Ribbentrop, understood to be wanted by the governments of at least 10 nations to stand trial for war crimes, was the last top-ranking Nazi known to be alive who had eluded capture. A metal can of poison was found strapped to his body, but he surrendered this voluntarily.

The dandified former champagne salesman who became the engineer of Hitler's arrogant foreign policy, had been hiding in Hamburg since April 30. The man who had imposed his diplomatic will on Europe had not a friend in all of Germany's second largest city who would assist him actively in obtaining a place of refuge. Von Ribbentrop volunteered the information that he had intended to hide until British feeling about

Suzuki Determined To Win Great Victory—Regardless

Premier Suzuki of Japan is rejoicing because his people "have gone to concern themselves with the fate of the nation." He, says he, never agreed with those who considered the Okinawa fight climactic. He, says he, is going to win a great victory even if there are no Japanese left alive to enjoy it. In this he can be assured of the utmost in American cooperation. Such as that just promised by Generals Arnold and Le May, who are preparing to send Mr. Suzuki and his people two million tons

ENEMY FORCES STILL AVOIDING DECISIVE BATTLE

Aussies Take Abandoned Brunei City Without A Fight

BUILD BOMBER BASE

By Spencer Davis

MANILA, June 15.—(AP)—Japanese troops abandoned Brunei City and Australians have taken it without a fight, virtually completing conquest of all major objectives in the northwest Borneo invasion, now five days old.

Enemy forces, still avoiding a showdown fight, streamed south in scattered groups toward the Seria and Miri oil fields, but a few hundred Nipponese dug in on Labuan Island at the northwest entrance to Brunei Bay sniped at dismounted cavalry commands. The commands were less than half a mile from Timbalai air field—LST initial objectives.

While Royal engineers hurried work of converting Labuan airfield into a bomber base within 600 miles of Batavia and Singapore, Philippine based heavy bombers struck at Saigon, Indo-China, and Hong Kong. Fifty Liberators dropped more than 455 drums of jelled gasoline on Hong Kong's causeway and small boat basin in the heaviest fire strike Hong Kong has yet suffered. Forty others bombed Saigon's railway transport warehouse.

Tokyo said others hit Borneo's oil refinery city of Balikpapan. The enemy radio said 46 Liberator bombers, with a fighter escort, blasted Balikpapan, on Borneo's east central coast, for an hour yesterday.

ALL FALLING The Japanese-controlled Batavia radio also made a left-handed admission that all north Borneo, invaded Sunday by Australia's famed "Rats of Tobruk," is falling. The enemy broadcast dwelt instead on south Borneo where, it said, natives have formed the "first group" of an organization "fashioned after the Japanese special attack

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PLANE CRASHES KILLING 17

Two Waves Included, Navy Lieutenant Seriously Injured

VICKSBURG, MISS., June 15.—(AP)—Seventeen naval personnel, including two waves, were killed and a navy lieutenant was seriously injured yesterday when a big transport plane exploded and crashed in a wooded area 16 miles northeast of here.

The bodies of the dead were taken to the Baldwin Funeral home in Jackson 40 miles due east of here, under supervision of officers from the Jackson Army Air Base. The lieutenant, the only known survivor, still was unconscious in Mercy hospital at Vicksburg. Attendees said he suffered three leg fractures, a broken left collarbone and severe burns.

CAUGHT FIRE

Owen W. Baldwin, owner of the Jackson Funeral home, said eyewitnesses told him the big plane was flying at about 5,000 feet when it apparently hit an air pocket. It fell three or four thousand feet and then dropped again, Baldwin said he was told. Moments later the ship caught fire and then exploded. Wreckage and bodies were strewn over a wide area of wooded country. Owen Shuff, telegraph editor of the Vicksburg Herald, said one Oak Ridge resident, a Mr. Harris (first name unknown) told him he helped extricate 15 bodies from the wreckage. Another died enroute to the Vicksburg hospital. Neither the destination nor the plane's base was known here. The Dallas naval air station said the plane passed through Dallas but was not based there.

'Complete Destruction' Of Japan In Air Attacks Forecast By Gen. Arnold

By Richard O'Malley

GUAM, June 15.—(AP)—The "complete and utter destruction" of Japan in air attacks that will reach the rate of 2,000,000 tons of bombs a year by July 1 was promised today by Gen. H. H. Arnold, commander of U. S. army air forces.

"If that is what Japan wants, by God, that is what she is going to get," Arnold solemnly vowed at an unusual press conference.

"It is going to be a terrible place to live in." Giving immediate emphasis to his pledge, Arnold announced that while he was speaking, 520 Superfortresses were showering 3,000 tons of fire bombs on the great Osaka industrial region this morning. One year ago today, B-29s flew from China for their first raid on Japan.

Arnold's 2,000,000 tons a year forecasts 5,480 tons every day. The greatest single day's raid to date was a 4,500-ton onslaught on Tokyo May 24 by 550 Superfortresses.

"It is necessary to destroy five key cities—Tokyo, Nagoya, Yokohama, Kobe and Osaka," Arnold stated. Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Le May, chief of the 21st Bomber Command which Arnold is visiting here, said today's raid on Osaka—the fourth—may have ended the need for further incendiary treatment of that greatest of the enemy's industrial cities. The previous attacks had burned out about 15 square miles of Osaka.

ALREADY "GONE" Kobe, Yokohama and Kawasaki are "gone," and only a few targets remain in Nagoya, Le May declared, while previous raids have burned out 50 square miles of Tokyo, leaving only 10 square miles in which the American bombers are "interested."

"It is just a matter of time until we get everything of value in Japan," Le May said. "Starting July 1 we are going to drop 1,300,000 tons of bombs and forces of Gen. George C. Kenney (commander of the U. S. Far Eastern Air Forces) 700,000 tons," Arnold asserted.

AS IN GERMANY Detailing the destruction done in Germany—a much broader industrial

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Senate Group May Probe Loan To Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, June 15.—(AP)—Rep. Knutson (R-Minn) said today he will propose that Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt and John Hartford be summoned before the house ways and means committee.

Knutson said he wants a "complete explanation" of published reports that Hartford, president of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., loaned the late president's second son \$200,000, recovered only \$4,000 and listed a \$196,000 bad debt for tax deduction in his 1942 income tax return.

Ranking Republican member of the committee, Knutson's assertion to a reporter came after Chairman Doughton (D-NC) announced plans to call the group, probably Tuesday, to decide whether to investigate the matter. "BAD DEBT" Doughton disclosed in a house speech yesterday that Hartford's 1942 income tax return is under scrutiny of the internal revenue bureau, and that the bureau this far has not approved a \$228,500 "bad debt" item listed in it. Doughton told the house he did not know whether Hartford's return specifically lists a loan to Roosevelt as part of the claimed deductions. Knutson, following his colleague to the floor, said "We might be able to find a way to compel General Roosevelt to report that \$196,000 as income. Hartford's attorney earlier in the week said the loan was made in 1939 to finance a Texas radio network and that it was settled for a payment of \$4,000. Roosevelt has not been available for comment.

OSAKA FIRED BY 3,000 TONS OF INCENDIARIES

520 B-29's Take Part; Fires Set At Many Points, Says Tokyo

LASTED HALF HOUR

By Leif Erickson

GUAM, June 15.—(AP)—Osaka, Japan's chief industrial city, was fired today by 3,000 tons of incendiaries dropped by 520 B-29s and Tokyo admitted conflagrations at "a number of points" without making the usual claim they had been checked.

The raid, which Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Le May said may have finished off Osaka's war-making potentialities, was acknowledged by Tokyo to have lasted at least an hour.

The first announcement of the raid was made by Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the army air force, at a press conference by way of emphasizing his warning to Nippon that within a little more than two weeks bomb loads dropped on Japan will average 5,480 tons a day.

The Marianas-based sky drenchers unloaded their jelled gasoline bombs on steel, iron and precision works of southeastern Osaka and, for the first time, hit the industrial

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MERCURY HITS 100 MARK, SAGS

Some relief came today from a heat wave that sent the mercury soaring to a blistering 100 degrees earlier in the week. John Phifer's official thermometer made the recording that the century mark had been reached, but a severe wind storm early today had toppled the reading to 71 degrees this morning.

However, the weather man came back with vengeance to promise continued heat today, though holding forth some hope that thunder-showers might bring relief in some sections of Western Carolina this afternoon.

Clevelanders who were complaining last week about "frost on their straw hats" have now shed coats and are getting all steamed up mopping their brows and cursing the weather.

But summer isn't even here, being scheduled to start officially at 2:52 p.m. June 21. Then look for summer heat!

Woodrow Falls Killed In Action

KINGS MOUNTAIN — Woodrow Falls, 25 youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Falls, sr., of Lumberton, formerly of Kings Mountain, was killed in action, when his transport, USS Bates, was lost in a battle off Okinawa, according to a message received by relatives. The loss of the Bates, along with three other craft, was announced this week by the Navy department.

Falls, who was a gunner on the USS Bates, was originally attached to the Seabees, prior to his destroyer and transport service.

He was previously reported missing in action, however a later telegram confirms his death. He stressed that there was no such thing as a "separate sea war," a separate ground war or a separate air war. "When you put sea, ground and air together, you multiply rather than add their power," he said. There were the high points in the hour-long conference during which Eisenhower invited the correspondents to ask about anything which had been bothering them during his three-year stay in Europe: 1—The continued application of the non-fraternization rule in the Reich depends upon the attitude of the German people themselves and

Remaining Jap Garrison Expected To Fold Up Soon; Yaeju Peak Taken

By Robbin Coons

GUAM, June 15.—(AP)—Tenth Army forces strove for a quick knockout blow on the supreme command post of the tottering Japanese defense on Okinawa today as signs pointed with increasing certainty to the folding up of the doomed garrison.

Doughboys of the 96th division, supported by flame throwing tanks which seared Japanese cave fronts and hill positions, captured Yaeju Peak, the highest promontory of the Yaeju-Dake last ditch defense escarpment, nick-named "Big Apple" by the Yanks.

The hill overlooks the plateau which was the enemy's principal defense ground on the southern line. Only the advance of the Seventh division, moving in from the east flank to high ground on the left of "Big Apple," remains to set the stage for sweeping the enemy from the plateau and onto the slopes which lead toward the sea.

Japanese surrenders increased to the hundreds and advancing Americans counted the bodies of scores of others who had committed suicide rather than surrender or retreat again.

Maj. Gen. Pedro Del Valle, commander of the Marine First division which holds Kunishi ridge on the right flank, pointed up the critical balance of the situation with the comment that the Japanese may be "crushed in two days—or two weeks. It all depends on

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17 Killed, 32 Hurt In Train Wreck

Freight Car Jumps Track Into Path Of Passenger Train; Cars Piled Up

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., June 15.—(AP)—At least 17 persons were killed and 32 injured early today when the 34th car of a freight train jumped the tracks and fell on an adjoining tracks ahead of an onrushing Washington-Buffalo passenger train, Pennsylvania railroad officials said.

More than 200 persons were shaken up when the locomotive and the first six cars of the passenger train were derailed at Milton. Many of the passengers were trapped in the wreckage, where they remained until freed by railroad crews. Officials said 21 cars of the freight also left the track.

Acetylene torches were being used to cut into the passenger coaches and extricate bodies. Officials said it would be "at least several hours" before all the dead were released and "maybe longer before they are identified."

The railroad's publicity office at Philadelphia announced the identified dead as follows: Mrs. Francis Cheslock, 1312 Hemlock St., Shamokin, Pa.

R. C. Stratton, engineer, 1414 Market St., Camp Hill, Pa.; N. E. Graeff, fireman, Harrisburg, Pa.

TERRIFIC CRASH The wreck occurred shortly after 1 a. m. Officials said the freight train had stopped at Milton a few minutes earlier and was moving at a low rate of speed while the passenger train's speed was estimated at its usual running rate—55 miles an hour.

Pfc. Lester Calvert, enroute to Buffalo, said the crash "was louder than anything I heard on European battlefronts." He retrieved a duffle bag containing \$3,700 in war bonds and left the scene before other details were obtained.

Ambulances were dispatched from three neighboring towns and the injured were removed to hospitals speedily.

Trains were being detoured over a 40-mile stretch between Williamsport and Sunbury on the Reading company lines and officials said they expected to have the eastbound track cleared by 8 p. m. and the westbound by midnight.

The reoccupation of Ishan was not immediately confirmed by the Chinese high command, which a short time earlier had reported fierce fighting raging in the suburbs of the town.

3—Field Marshal Von Rundstedt was the greatest general the Allies faced; the late Field Marshal Rommel was bold but unskilled; German military men did not respect Hitler's strategic planning but in 1943, particularly, Hitler ran his campaigns almost alone.

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Gen. Eisenhower Gives Review Of War

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, A L I E D EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 15.—(AP)—Gen. Eisenhower told a press conference today that the Allied invasion of Europe last June succeeded only because the air, sea and ground arms fought as a single, unified force. Speaking with great frankness, the supreme commander said that many allied officers actually had doubted that an invasion of Europe was possible. The cooperation of all arms which made the feat possible, he added, was carried on through V-E Day. The Germans finally knew the