

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and continued warm and humid today, tonight and Sunday. Scattered thundershowers in west this afternoon and in west and central portions Sunday p.m.

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YANKS USE FLAME THROWING TANKS ON OKINAWA

Tokyo Reports Fleet Of U. S. Warships Moving In On Balikpapan

AUSSIES DRIVE TOWARD PRIZED OIL FIELDS

Fighter-Escorted Liberators Bomb Borneo Defenses

LABUAN SECURED

BRUNEI BAY, June 16.—(P)—The African-experienced Australian "Rats of Tobruk" drove toward prized west Borneo oil fields today as an unconfirmed enemy broadcast reported an Allied fleet, led by three battleships, was approaching the oil refinery center of Balikpapan.

Tokyo said a fleet of three battleships, an aircraft carrier, 16 destroyers and "other warships" was moving in on Balikpapan, on the east central coast.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communiqué today said only that Balikpapan's defense guns and air defenses were pounded by more than 50 fighter-escorted Liberators.

MacArthur said the raiders from the 13th (Jungle Fighting) Airforce "concentrated 76 tons of bombs on Balikpapan gun positions, destroyed two fuel tanks and hit nearby air defenses at Manggar and Sepinggan."

The enemy report came less than a week after the Australian Ninth division invaded the Brunei Bay area of northwest Borneo under the guns of the U. S. Seventh fleet and bombs and rockets of the 13th and Royal Australian Airforces.

AIRFIELDS OVERRUN
The "Rats of Tobruk," who fought the Germans in North Africa, overran three airfields—within 800 miles of Singapore—seized the capital city of the Sultanate and now are moving south toward the enemy-held Seria and Miri oil fields.

Melbourne reports said the Aussies were pushing into the state of Sarawak, within 18 miles of Tontout oil refinery.

MacArthur's communiqué today announced the occupation of the 3,600-foot Taimbala airfield on Labuan Island and complete security of that island commanding entrance to the fleet anchorage of Brunei Bay.

WEATHER MAN IS WHIMSICAL

Swelter Spells, Wind, Hail And Thunderstorms Over Nation

By the Associated Press
Snow has ceased falling in the Rocky Mountains... An egg won't fry on a Texas sidewalk... Sections of the East and West coasts continue to steam today in their first swelter spells of the year.

It seems the nation's weather is recovering from a touch of spring whimsy.

The humid east coast was beset by wind, thunderstorms and hail. A wind at Belmont in western New York uprooted 200 trees, disrupted electric and telephone service and caused injury to one woman.

New York City's 92 yesterday was its highest reading of the year, and the heat wave is expected to continue.

The South was cooled off a little by showers and cloudiness. In New England, a record breaking heat wave continued today and was forecast also for Sunday.

ALL KINDS
The soggy midwest was hit by every kind of weather but a dust storm. Cloudburst floods tied up rail traffic at some points, hailstones fell two inches deep in Kansas City, a minor "twister" in Kansas City caused considerable damage, violent winds at Kirksville, Mo., blew a baby under a divan.

A windstorm reaching 75 to 80 miles an hour, accompanied by heavy rain, smashed through Central Illinois from west to east and left a swath of broken power and telephone lines, destroyed buildings, hundreds of uprooted trees, and twisted radio station antenna towers.

Montgomery, Ala., and Albany and Columbus, Ga., finished in a three-way tie for the southern dripping derby with about one inch of rain each.



ALLIES SPLIT JAP HOLDINGS—Evidently following the strategy of divide and conquer, the Allies virtually have split the Japanese forces into two areas. Allied land, sea and air blows (arrows) have isolated the enemy's war gotten empire in southern Asia and the Indies from the Japanese islands and northern China. Newest Allied attack was the Australian landing at Brunei Bay on Borneo Island. The black areas are held by the Japs.—(AP Wirephoto Map).

AT CONFERENCE:

Opposition To Veto Appears Cracking Up

Two Other Controversies: Reports By Colonial Powers; International Relations Discussions

By John M. Hightower
Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor
SAN FRANCISCO, June 16.—(P)—Small nation opposition to a big-five veto over future changes in a world security charter is cracking up, and leaders of the big power bloc hope to win out on this issue tonight.

It is one of three which conference committees are struggling to wipe out this weekend in line with a high-speed schedule which calls for President Truman to address a final session of the United Nations conference next Saturday.

The other two controversies are: 1. Whether colonial powers, such as Britain and France, should be directed to make reports on their colonies to the proposed new leagues. Australia proposes that they should. The two big powers object.

2. Whether the projected general assembly of United Nations should be empowered to debate any aspect of international relations or only matters concerned with peace and security. This is an old issue, previously settled over Russian objection to a veto on the right to debate any international affair. But Russia has insisted that it be re-opened, demanding the peace-and-security restriction.

Discussion of a Big-Five veto over future amendments produced a long and sometimes sharp session of a conference committee last night. In its course, Senator Henri Rolin of Belgium said he probably would be accused of inconsistency, but it was the unanimous opinion of the Belgian delegation that the veto over future amendments should be allowed.

Manuel Tello, undersecretary of the Philippines, said he was not sure if the Philippines would support the veto. He said he was not sure if the Philippines would support the veto.

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THE WAR TODAY: New Yorkers Mute Before Parade Of 'Purple Hearters'

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP Writer
A million ordinarily noisy New Yorkers stood mute along the broiling sidewalks of Fifth avenue last night, as the parade of Purple Hearters moved down the broad street. Up from the lower reaches of the broad street came only one sound, the whine of 200 army jeeps geared down to two miles an hour.

It was infantry day, and the men with Purple Hearts were on parade. Crutches stuck up from some of the machines like pins in a cushion. Bandaged heads, and arms, and faces. Here and there a nurse accompanied a man still too ill to go it alone.

On the jeeps were printed the names of battles—of Cassino, Burma, Saipan, Okinawa, Ie, Aachen, Leyte, of Cherbourg and of Attu.

There was little color to this parade. The khaki of the army, the white of the bandages, here and there a splash of red from bouquets of roses brought by some girls just before the parade started, a few streaks of lipstick left on pale faces.

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YANKS FIGHTING TOWARD APARRI ON LUZON TIP

Smashed Jap Resistance To Enter Fertile Cagayan Valley

FROM ROUGH TERRAIN

By Spencer Davis
MANILA, June 26.—(P)—American troops were out on the floor of the broad and fertile Cagayan Valley today, pounding along at nearly a mile an hour within 150 miles of Aparri at the northern tip of Luzon.

Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beighler's 37th Ohio infantrymen, who had been battling north along a tortuous mountain gorge for three and a half months, smashed through Japanese resistance yesterday and headed out across the flatlands in a race with the July typhoon season.

When the typhoons strike they will bring flood waters raging over the valley's low-lying tobacco, rice, and corn lands, bogging down motor vehicles and grounding aircraft.

The veteran Buckeyes rolled ahead 22 miles in 24 hours after breaking through the last Japanese defenses at the valley's southern gateway, and liberated the important Isabella province towns of Santiago and Echague.

LEVEL TERRAIN
The 37th division's advance into Cagayan valley marked the first time any of MacArthur's troops have been fighting on level terrain since they crossed the central plain to Manila in January.

Other American units on the island are still battling in the jungle-covered mountains. The rested sixth division, teaming with the 37th in the northward push, branched off near the southern end of the valley, and advanced northwest four miles along highway No. 4, west of Baguio.

In the mountain area east of Manila the 38th infantry division, the first cavalry division and the 112th cavalry regimental combat team engaged Japanese hold-out units, counting 500 enemy dead.

North of Baguio, near the island's west coast and almost due west of the Cagayan valley, the 33rd infantry drove along the Agno river gorge in the Tabio sector. MacArthur reported 400 enemy dead there.

ON MINDANAO
On Mindanao at the southern end of the Philippine chain the 24th infantry division, plugged on at an arduous job of clearing out hard-to-get caves and pillboxes near Davao. Units of the division also captured a rocket launched supply dump there.

South of the Talamo trail in the mountains east of Davao the 31st infantry engaged slowly retreating Japanese units in a series of small-scale clashes. They reported 100 Japanese dead.

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Only Few Of Philippines War Prisoners Freed

MANILA, P. I., June 16.—(P)—Only 1,447 men or more than 18,000 American army and navy personnel captured by the Japanese on Bataan and Corregidor have been liberated, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters disclosed today.

Another 3,260, who made the "death march" or were captured on "the rock," have been officially reported dead. A large majority of the 13,000 unaccounted for are believed to be held in prison camps in Japan, China and Formosa.

Many prisoners were shipped to labor camps in northern Japan; others were sent to work on Yokohama docks or in Mukden munitions works.

PRISON SHIPS SUNK
Hundreds never reached their destinations. They died when American bombers or submarines sank enemy prison ships enroute from Manila's Bilbilid prison.

Bilbilid, which served as the staging point for shipping prisoners from the Philippines, saw at least 10,000 enlisted men and nearly 2,000 officers marked for shipment to the Orient.

When the Yanks came back to the Philippines they liberated nearly 25,000 military and civilian prisoners confined in Cabanatuan, Santo Tomas and Los Baños. Among them were 5,844 American nationals.



PENNSYLVANIA TRAIN WRECK KILLS SIXTEEN—Rescue workers remove the dead and injured from the wreckage of a Pennsylvania Railroad passenger train in which at least 16 persons were killed and 32 injured at Milton, Pa. The train, bound from Washington to Buffalo, crashed into wrecked cars of a freight train which had jumped the rails and had fallen on the adjoining track just ahead of the passenger train.—(AP Wirephoto).



C. C. HORN

C. C. HORN GETS ENDORSEMENT

Members Of Cleveland Bar Sign Petition To Governor

C. C. Horn, member of the North Carolina General Assembly from Cleveland county, who has been a practicing attorney in Shelby for the past 15 years, this morning received the unanimous endorsement of the Cleveland county bar for the place of solicitor to succeed the late L. S. Spurling.

A petition signed by every member of the Cleveland bar will be forwarded to Governor Gregg Cherry within the next few days. It bears the following words:

"We, the members of the Cleveland County Bar association, hereby endorse the application of the Hon. C. C. Horn for appointment as solicitor of the 16th judicial district to succeed the late L. S. Spurling and urge his appointment. We commend his capacity and ability to fill this post with honor and distinction."

PAST RECORD
Mr. Horn is a graduate of Wake Forest college. In addition to serving in the legislature he has been solicitor of the Recorder's court as well as its judge pro-tem.

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KIWANIANS FOR HOSPITAL

KINGS MOUNTAIN—The county hospital bill has been approved and endorsed by the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, who urges that all citizens of the county register and vote for the proposition.

For about a year now, the Kiwanis club has been active in trying to obtain a hospital for Kings Mountain and are stepping forward to help in the forthcoming election.

A special hospital program will be held by the Kiwanis at their regular meeting next Thursday evening, June 21, which will feature addresses by Henry B. Edwards, county attorney, and J. R. Davis, Kings Mountain attorney, who handled the legal arrangements for the election.

BIG 3 TO BERLIN:

Mikolajczyk In Moscow For Polish Conference

By ALEX H. SINGLETON
LONDON, June 16.—(P)—Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, former Polish premier, flew to Moscow today to confer on re-organizing the Warsaw government while in a second post-war dispute Britain was reported authoritatively to have rejected France's proposal for a five-power discussion of Middle East problems.

FALLING BEAM KILLS BRIDGES

Two Others Injured When Steel Beam Falls At Kings Mountain

Harry Bridges, 38, who lives on the Kings Mountain-Cherryville road, was instantly killed and two other persons were injured this morning shortly before 10 o'clock when a steel beam being lowered from the construction work on the First National bank at Kings Mountain fell, striking Bridges and two other men, Howard Jenkins and Howard White.

Mr. Jenkins, who lives near the Kings Mountain high school, was treated for superficial injuries of the arm and is not believed to be seriously hurt. White, who also lives at Kings Mountain suffered several broken ribs.

The beam fell when the rope to which it was suspended was cut by a passing truck driven by Homer Carpenter, of Short Creek, Va., who was driving for the Burlington Trailer company.

UNAVOIDABLE
The construction contractor handling this job is the Lee Construction company and its superintendent on the job was W. Toll.

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WHAT'S DOING

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.—U. S. O. center open to serve people visiting in the city.

MONDAY

7:30 p. m.—State guard drill at the armory.

Forrestal Favors Peacetime Military Training Program

By WILLIAM ARBOGAST
WASHINGTON, June 16.—(P)—Peacetime military training as a preparation "to fight any international ruffian who attempts to impose his will on the world by force" was advocated today by Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal.

Saying that those in favor of a peacetime draft "frequently are asked whom we are preparing to fight," Forrestal declared the answer is "any frustrated paper-hanger anywhere who may be dreaming of world dominion."

The secretary's testimony came after Chairman Woodrum (D-Va.) read letters from Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and Admiral William F. Halsey recommending enactment of the training program.

Referring to the support of Army and Navy leaders for compulsory military training, Forrestal asked the committee if "we in conscience" can discard "such expert testimony and go back to the comfortable inertia and blind complacency which for 20 years practically extended an invitation to Mussolini, Hitler and the Japanese war lords to run the world if they chose to?"

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EIGHT SQUARE MILES STILL IN ENEMY HANDS

Buckner Thinks Campaign Will Be Over Within A Week

SUICIDE ATTACKS

By Robbin Coons
GUAM, June 16.—(P)—Three American divisions drove across Hara Kari plateau today behind flame throwing tanks toward the last three commanding heights on Okinawa island still in the hands of suicide Japanese forces.

The enemy's hold on southern Okinawa, nicknamed "Hara Kiri" plateau by doughboys, has been pared down to a bare eight square miles and Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, jr., said they couldn't last for another week. Only about 10,000 Japanese, many of them second rate troops and Okinawan conscripts, were left on the plateau where Tokyo radio admitted they were undergoing murderous naval and aerial fire.

Japanese broadcasts reported suicide air attacks were renewed Thursday night, after a lapse of three days, against rapidly growing American naval forces swarming in Okinawan waters.

Alarmed enemy propagandists said American sea forces, including many new assault boats, were increasing with such speed that a new attack on the Rising Sun empire appeared to be in the making. U. S. sea patrols cruising around Okinawa were reported in enemy

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TALK CANNERY DEAL TUESDAY

Stockholders Will Pass Upon Lease, Sales Propositions

Stockholders in the Shelby community cannery will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the courthouse to consider propositions for sale or lease of the cannery, whose continuation as a mutual operation has not been undertaken this season.

Since discontinuance of operations, due to shortage of manpower to direct the work, several interested individuals and groups have shown interest in purchase or lease of the property.

Dale R. Stentz, secretary-treasurer of the cannery, said today that one proposition for lease on a two-year basis with option to purchase had been tendered formally and that others had indicated a purpose to have offers in by time of Tuesday's meeting when stockholders will reach a decision on the matter.

Should the property be sold and assets be liquidated the proceeds of the sale would be distributed to the stockholders, who on the basis of the present offer, would be paid back in full with some little profit for use of their money.

The cannery operated two seasons after being provided with funds raised by public sale of stock in the community enterprise.

CANNERS GET SEVEN POUNDS SUGAR EACH

The Shelby war price and rationing board has received the green light for proceeding with the issuing of coupons for canning sugar. It was learned this morning from J. J. Hartigan, rationing secretary.

Applications for sugar were filed by householders several weeks ago but the distribution of the sugar was held up on the advice of the Charlotte district office.

Distribution under present plans will be on the basis of approximately seven pounds per person. This compares with 20 pounds per person issued last year.

Some boards are issuing sugar on the basis of five pounds per person for canning.

Mr. Hartigan said that the work of mailing the coupons would begin Monday and would be carried out as rapidly as possible. However he pointed out that the task is a large one and the work will require some time.