

WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness and mild temperatures with scattered showers and thundershowers today and tonight; Wednesday partly cloudy and continued mild; showers.

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YANKS DRIVE TOWARD FINAL VICTORY ON OKINAWA

Truman Proposes New Order Of Succession To Presidency Of U. S.

WOULD MAKE HOUSE SPEAKER HIS SUCCESSOR

Under Present Organization Rayburn Would Be Next In Line

CONGRESS TO ACT

WASHINGTON, June 19.—(AP)—President Truman, embarking on the first of a long series of plane flights, today asked congress to make the speaker of the house his successor if anything untoward should happen to him.

As the house is now organized, this would throw the succession to 63-year-old Sam Rayburn of Texas.

Under present procedures, Mr. Truman would be replaced in the White House by the Secretary of State, the post now held by Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., should he be unable to complete his term.

The speaker of the house of representatives, Mr. Truman told Congress, is not truly representative of all the people.

In a special message to both houses of Congress sent shortly before he left for the west coast, the President said the question of succession "is of great importance now because there will be no elected vice president for almost four years."

Mr. Truman, who entered the White House from the vice presidency on the death of President Roosevelt April 12, said the existing succession law, enacted in 1886, provides for members of the cabinet to take over the presidency in the event that neither the elected president nor vice president can serve.

PRESENT ORDER The order of succession is: The secretary of state, treasury, and war; attorney general, postmaster general, and secretaries of navy, and interior.

Pointing out that each of these cabinet members is appointed by the president, Mr. Truman said it

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PRESIDENT OFF TO WEST COAST

Goes To Address Final Session Of Security Conference

By ERNEST B. VACCRO WASHINGTON, June 19.—(AP)—President Truman left by plane at 8:20 a. m., eastern war time, today for a west coast visit he will climax by attending the San Francisco United Nations Security conference.

The president planned an 11-hour non-stop flight to Olympia, Wash., where he will pay a "social visit" to Gov. Mon. C. Wallgren before going to San Francisco to address the closing session of the security conference.

The president was given a cheery sendoff by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, America's returned hero, whose plane, the "Sunflower" rested just behind the president's special C-54 waiting to take the general to a big New York welcome.

Others in the small group at the army air transport command runway included Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew and Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau.

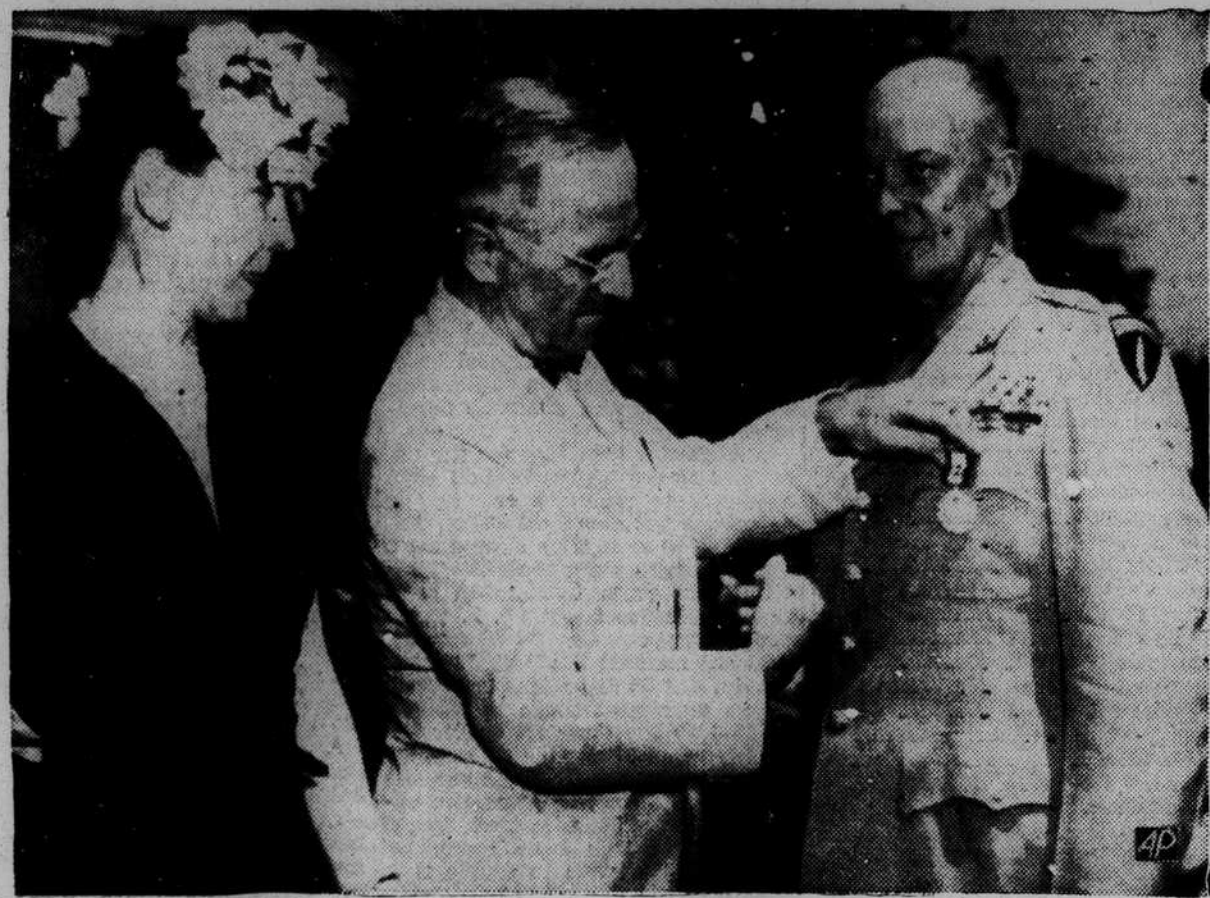
The president paused at the top of the ramp leading to his plane to wave to photographers. He asked them, "what do you want me to say, fiddle sticks" recalling the remarks of his 92-year-old mother as she alighted from a plane on the same spot from Kansas City, Mo., a few weeks ago.

EARLY RISER When the president alighted from his automobile from the White House, General Eisenhower was already on hand to greet him. Walking up to the five star officer, the chief executive said: "I didn't know you could get up this early in the morning, Ike."

"Well, I had to you know," Eisenhower replied.

The president's plane, the same one which brought Eisenhower here yesterday from across the Atlantic,

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PRESIDENT TRUMAN DECORATES VICTORIOUS EISENHOWER—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower (right) receives from President Truman (center) an oak leaf cluster in lieu of his third distinguished service medal in a ceremony at the White House south grounds shortly after the Allied Supreme Commander arrived home from Europe. Mrs. Eisenhower stands at the left.—AP Wirephoto.

Supreme Court Rules Against AP In Suit

Says News Cooperative Must Admit Members Regardless Of Competition Angle

By Edward H. Higgs WASHINGTON, June 19.—(AP)—A federal district court order requiring the Associated Press to relax its by-laws on admission of members bore supreme court approval today.

Over a minority protest that the news gathering cooperative is being treated as a public utility and being put under "court tutelage", the high tribunal late yesterday ruled, 5 to 3, that the by-laws restrain trade and therefore violate the Sherman anti-trust act.

The decision came near the close of a daylong session winding up the court term. The court recessed until October 1.

The action backed up in full the 2 to 1 summary judgment of a special district court in New York that the (AP) membership laws must be amended to prevent (AP) members from considering the competitive ability of an applicant for membership.

The decision, however, as did the lower court ruling, permits the (AP) to place other restrictions on membership and leaves in effect, providing the membership rules are changed, other by-laws attacked by the government.

These cover an exclusive news exchange with the Canadian press; permit the (AP) to limit its news exclusively to (AP) members and to require members to furnish local

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U. S. Submarines Sink 11 More Enemy Ships

WASHINGTON, June 19.—(AP)—United States submarines have sunk 11 more enemy ships, including two light combat vessels, in far eastern waters, the Navy announced today.

The combatant ships were medium patrol vessels. Noncombatant vessels claimed in the latest toll were a medium cargo vessel, two medium tankers, a medium merchant vessel, two small cargo vessels, and three small merchant vessels.

The 11 raised to 1,153 the total Japanese losses inflicted by the United States submarines. The total includes 138 combatant ships and 1,015 noncombatant.

500 Fighting Carolinians Of 86th On Home Stretch

ENROUTE TO FORT BRAGG, June 19.—(AP)—Reaching the home stretch in a journey that has taken them from Austria to Carolina, over 500 fighting Tar Heels and Sandhoppers were moving on this reception station today.

Expected to arrive sometime this afternoon, they hoped to linger long enough only to receive further orders before proceeding to their homes and furloughs of up to 30 days. Clearance was expected to be made within 24 hours after their arrival here.

GANTT KILLED ON OKINAWA

Popular Young Shelbion Killed In Fighting There June 8

Pvt. Derrell B. Gantt, 19, was killed in action in the Okinawa campaign on June 8, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus S. Gantt of 322 E. Sumner street.

Young Gantt finished high school here in 1944 and entered the Marines last June, training at Parris Island, Camp LeJeune and Camp Pendleton, Calif., before shipping to the Pacific.

Surviving in addition to the parents are two brothers, Bill and Ronnie Gantt, and two sisters, Sarah and Elizabeth Gantt, the latter a government employe at Washington.

Archbishop Calls On Churches For New Leadership

LONDON, June 19.—(AP)—The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. G. F. Fisher, called upon the churches of England and Russia today to take the lead in restoring "faith and order" in Europe.

Welcoming a delegation of the Russian Orthodox church at a special service in Westminster Abbey, the Archbishop said "Victory has entrusted to our two peoples great power and great responsibility."

"Peace in our time," he added, "depends upon continuation and strengthening of comradeship which so gloriously sustained us through war."

The men who left this country as the 86th division last February to take part in the final knockout of the German Reich are aware that another Reich assignment awaits them in the Pacific, but for the time being they are thankful for the opportunity of seeing loved ones and friends again, if only for a short time.

The feelings of many were expressed by T-5 Henry D. Little of Charlotte. "V-E day didn't call for any wild celebration in his

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BUCKNER KILLED BY JAP SHELL

Highest Ranking American To Die By Enemy Action In War

By AL DOPKING U. S. TENTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Okinawa, June 19.—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., who had predicted that "with any kind of luck" the fierce Okinawa campaign would end this week, was killed yesterday by a Japanese shell almost at the moment of final victory by his tenth army.

The sturdy, silver-haired Kentuckian, who at 58 had won a reputation for aggressiveness and discipline, was the highest ranking American to die by enemy action in this war and was the 22nd general officer killed or missing in action against Germany and Japan.

Death came at a forward observation post as Buckner watched the Marine eighth regiment combat team—newly-arrived on Okinawa—plunge southward against the retreating Japanese in a climactic assault on the southern tip of the island.

The first Japanese shell to strike the vicinity all day burst directly on a rock where he was seated. A large fragment of steel or coral pierced his left chest at 1:15 p. m.

Several more shells struck the position, so that Marine officers had to carry Buckner to shelter behind a cliff before first aid and plasman could be administered. At 1:25 p. m., ten minutes after he was hit, Gen. Buckner died.

Command of the Tenth army and of the ground forces in the Ryukyus devolved immediately upon Maj. Gen. Roy S. Grier, commander of the Marine Third amphibious corps, a part of the Tenth army. Grier recently was nominated for lieutenant general.

Would Probe Prewar Sales Of Scrap Iron To Japan

WASHINGTON, June 19.—(AP)—Rep. Thomas (R-NJ) today proposed a congressional investigation of pre-war Harbor sales of scrap iron and merchant ships by the United States to Japan.

Thomas introduced a resolution calling for appointment of a 7-member committee to inquire into sales made directly to Japan and those made to domestic and foreign agents for resale to Japan.

Thomas predicted the investigation would "uncover some very startling factors relating to the sordid details which made it possible for Japan to buy our merchant ships and our scrap iron at a time when the best informed military men knew that Japan was preparing for war against our nation."

Marcel Deat Given Death Sentence

The French press agency said Marcel Deat, minister of state in the Vichy cabinet, and an associate of Pierre Laval, was sentenced to death in Absentia in Paris today. The agency's broadcast dispatch was recorded by the federal communications commission.

BOMBS BATTER BALIKPAPAN OIL REFINERY

Enemy Reports U. S. Raids But Foresees No Early Invasion

GAINS IN PHILIPPINES

By Spencer Davis MANILA, June 19.—(AP)—Allied naval and air forces have been bombarding the Balikpapan oil refinery center of western Borneo for days, Japanese broadcasts reported today, but "there are as yet no definite indications that the enemy plans" to invade the area.

Tokyo radio said the naval bombardment began last Friday. There has been no confirmation of any of the Japanese broadcasts which first reported a fleet of more than 20 warships, including three battleships and an aircraft carrier, was moving towards Balikpapan last Thursday.

Today's southwest Pacific communique told of continued air raids on Balikpapan defenses advanced on two accomplished invasions of Borneo, and gains in the Philippines, sometimes by troops meeting practically no Japanese except those coming in to surrender.

Greatest progress was registered in Luzon's Cagayan valley, where Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced that the U. S. 37th Infantry division was pounding rapidly northward down the main highway toward the Cagayan river crossing at Naguilan. The retreating enemy was forced to use ox carts in a frantic effort to save some of his equipment.

Associated Press War Correspondent Hamilton Faron reported that the withdrawing Japanese, harassed constantly by the Fifth Air Force, concentrated artillery fire and tanks nipping at their heels, were virtually whipped.

"All along the highways en route to the front, far up the broad plains of the Cagayan valley, I saw shattered enemy trucks, tanks and other mechanized vehicles," Faron said. "It is compelling evidence of the pounding the enemy troops sports took as they pulled back before the driving 37th."

Other troops of Maj. Gen. Innis P. Swift's first corps pressed the north Luzon cleanup campaign elsewhere. The sixth division gained four miles against stiff resistance and the 33rd division moved east to the road junction of Bokod. Guerrillas operated along the west bank of the Cagayan as far as the strategic north coast port of Aparri, ultimate goal of the Yank troops.

SURRENDER Number of Formosan and Japanese troops surrendered to the Americans.

Dispatches from Mindanao indicated a different story, as 24th and 41st division troops pressed inland from Davao Gulf in a bitter fight north of Galleman.

Australian ninth division troops plunging into Sarawak, reached Tuguing, 35 miles from the original Brunel invasion point and 25 miles north of the vital Seria oil fields, which Japanese demolitionists were methodically firing.

USS Emmons Lost In Action Off Okinawa

WASHINGTON, June 19.—(AP)—The USS Emmons, which helped escort President Roosevelt en route to the Tcheran Big Three conference, has been lost off Okinawa—victim of Japanese suicide planes.

Hit by five kamikazes within a few minutes, the Emmons was so badly damaged she had to be sunk by sister ships 12 hours after the attack last April 6. She suffered 139 casualties, including 59 killed, 78 wounded and two missing.

Formerly a destroyer, the Emmons was converted to a destroyer minesweeper before she joined the Pacific fleet last January. In November, 1943, the Emmons was one of a number of escorts for the Battleship Iowa which carried Mr. Roosevelt across the Atlantic to his first meeting with Marshal Stalin.

Cheering Millions Meet Eisenhower In New York

NEW YORK, June 19.—(AP)—Flag-decked New York, its streets lined with cheering millions, gave a conquering hero's welcome today to general of the army Dwight D. Eisenhower.

A 17-gun salute boomed out at La Guardia field after the supreme Allied commander's silver C-54 transport, bringing him from Washington, swooped out of the overcast sky and taxied to a stop at 10:12 a. m. (EWT).

Smiling broadly, Eisenhower greeted Mayor F. H. La Guardia and high army officers as a service band played four flourishes and "The General's March."

"The admiration of seven and one-half million people is extended to you, Gen. Eisenhower," La Guardia said. Eisenhower leaned over slightly to shake hands and the mayor entered an automobile, flying the general's five-star flag, and left the fog-shrouded field on a 35-mile tour of the city.

The cheers that greeted the general and other members of the party, in automobiles to the rear, mounted as the caravan crossed the triborough bridge, left the Borough of Queens and entered Manhattan.

Coming 15 years to the day after Adm. Richard E. Byrd's triumphal return from the Antarctic,

AT CONFERENCE:

Mexico Would Bar Franco Government

Proposal Raises Issue Of Specific Membership Limitations To Be Written Into Charter

By John M. Hightower Associated Press Diplomatic News Editor SAN FRANCISCO, June 19.—(AP)—Mexico came forward today with a proposal that the United Nations permanently bar the Franco government of Spain from membership in their world league.

Luis Quintanilla, former Mexican ambassador to Moscow, planned to put the proposition formally before a public session of one of the United Nations conference commissions, which are driving toward completion of a world charter this week.

His proposal invited argument as to whether the conference should attempt to write any specific membership limitations when it is assigning to a world assembly the task of admitting outside nations.

Quintanilla said he would ask the commission (meets 3:30 and 8:30 p. m. PWT) to adopt a declaration stating that no government should be admitted which came to power with the aid of military forces of countries which have fought against the United Nations.

The final session of the conference, with President Truman making the closing address, still is scheduled for next Saturday. But it also is still uncertain whether that date can be kept, even with every effort of conference leaders.

Much depends on possible Russian acceptance of a compromise for limiting the field of subjects which the assembly may debate and on which it may make recommendations to member nations and the security council which would be the peace-enforcing agency.

DISCUSSION LIMITED Originally a conference committee approved the right of the assembly to discuss any subject bearing on international relations. Russia ob-

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THE WAR TODAY: Jap Withdrawal In China Indicates Fear Of Russia

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP Writer

Reports from Chungking this morning attribute the Japanese withdrawal northward along the China coast, and particularly their evacuation of Wenchow, to their fears that Russia will enter the war.

At the same time reports recur that Amoy and Swatow are being left to their fate, while the enemy concentrates on holding from Hangchow and Shanghai north, plus a narrow connection with Indo-China and the Malay peninsula island and to the South. Japanese reinforcements have been reported landing at Bias Bay, which lies near Hong Kong, Kowloon and the Apex of an important highway system.

Meanwhile, Chinese newspapers refer repeatedly to what will happen when Americans are able to invade the coast and set up supply routes. They seem to accept it as a foregone conclusion. As a matter of fact, it was more or less in the cards some time ago. Now it appears that if it comes it will be only a sidelight to the main campaign against Japan itself.

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REMAINING JAPS CROWDED INTO SOUTHERN TIP

Few Of 10,000 Survivors Of Garrison Still Fight Savagely

SIX SQUARE MILES

By Robbin Coons GUAM, June 19.—(AP)—The U. S. Tenth Army broke all planned resistance on southern Okinawa and drove today toward imminent, final victory to avenge the death of its commander on the field of battle.

Shortly before he fell mortally wounded from a shell burst yesterday, Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., declared that with two dry days he could "cut them to pieces" and a field dispatch reported that task now was accomplished.

Buckner had held back a surprise, the second Marine division, and those veterans of Tarawa and Saipan roared into the Okinawa battle for the first time, crushing in the enemy's west flank.

Only hours before a Japanese shell fragment struck Buckner, the final assault hit its full momentum and while Adm. Chester W. Nimitz did proclaim the campaign ended he asserted the day of Buckner's death was the day of victory.

The mangled remains of a Japanese

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CHINESE CLOSE IN ON LIUCHOW

CHUNGKING, June 19.—(AP)—Chinese forces, beating off three Japanese counterattacks, are closing in on the former American air base city of Liuchow from two directions, the Chinese high command announced today.

In a new thrust down the Kwelchow-Kwangsi railway, the Chinese captured Sanchai, 28 miles west of Liuchow, and drove on eastward to within 19 miles of the city, which is on the highway from Yungning.

From the southwest, another Chinese force has plunged past Tatang, 21 miles southwest of Liuchow, and is striking toward the city.

Tatang was seized by the Chinese in initial thrusts nearly two weeks ago, but it was regained by the Japanese in a counterdrive. The Chinese subsequently reported that the Japanese were being hurled back.

(Today's announcement did not state specifically that Tatang had been captured by the Chinese. The city may have been bypassed.) Other Chinese forces in Kiangsi province, where the Japanese have been conducting operations designed to strengthen South China's anti-invasion defenses and bolster the east plane of the Hongkong-Hankow corridor, attached the enemy west of Anyuan, an important highway center 165 miles northeast of Canton.

The Japanese retreated in the direction Lungman, 35 miles west of Anyuan, with the Chinese in "hot pursuit."

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WHAT'S DOING TODAY

7:00 p. m.—C. A. P. cadets meet at armory.
7:30 p. m.—Scouters meet with Troop No. 7 at Second Baptist church.
8:00 p. m.—Called meeting of Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. at Masonic Temple for work in third degree.

WEDNESDAY
7:45 p. m.—Prayer meeting 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.
8:15 p. m.—Exhibition game at high school ball park between Chester and Shelby Junior Legion teams.

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