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WEATHER

North Carolina: Continued hot and humid today, tonight and Saturday; a few thundershowers Saturday afternoon.

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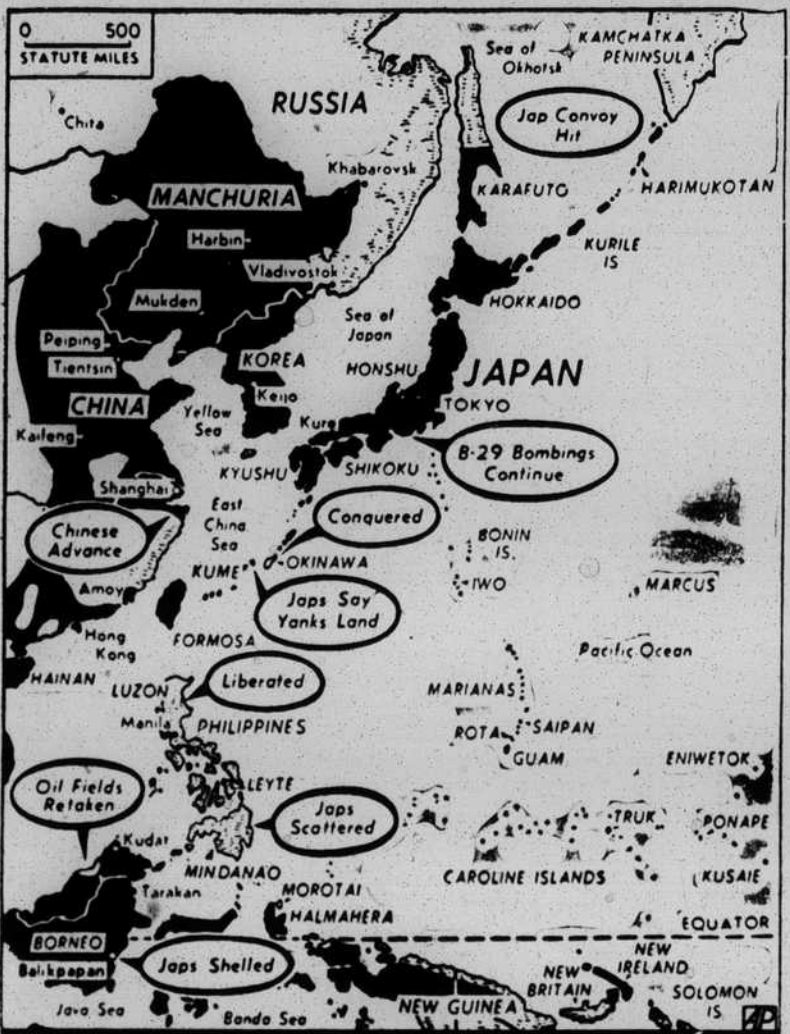
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"Blonde From Brooklyn"  
ROBERT STANTON  
LYNN MERRICK

SUPERFORTS RAIN FIRE ON JAPANESE HOME ISLANDS

Vandenberg Calls Senate To Accept Charter As 'Brave Experiment'



WAR ACTIVITY IN THE PACIFIC—Ringed labels on this map locate war activity in the Pacific where Allied forces continue to score successes against the Japanese. The black areas denote territory still held by the Japs.—(AP Wirephoto Map).

WOULD LIMIT AUTHORITY OF STETTINIUS

Calls Charter World's 'Only Collective Chance' For Peace

HAS GREAT PROMISE

By Jack Bell

WASHINGTON, June 29.—(P)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) told his colleagues today they must accept the United Nations charter as a brave experiment or cheat the world of "its only collective chance" for peace.

In a vigorous endorsement of the San Francisco conference agreement for formation of an international organization, the chairman of the Republican senatorial conference called the pledges hewn out there "a new emancipation proclamation of the world."

Before the tall Michigan senator took the floor, Senator Taft of Ohio, chairman of the Republican steering committee, said he and others are thinking of trying to write into the ratification resolution limitations on the authority Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., will wield as American delegate on the proposed world security council.

Speaking from a prepared manuscript, Vandenberg said he would support the charter "in the deep conviction that the alternative is physical and moral chaos in many weary places of the earth."

"I shall do it because there must be no default in our pledged purpose to outlaw aggression so far as lies within our human power," he declared. "I shall do it because this, regardless of infirmities, holds great promise that the United Nations may collaborate for peace as effectively as they have made common cause of war."

ONLY CHANCE  
"I shall do it because peace must not be cheated out of its only collective chance. x x x I doubt if there could ever be another or better start."

Vandenberg, who helped draft the charter as an American delegate, said the Pacific settlement of disputes, not force, is the real genius of the charter.

Under the organization's formula, there would be no escape

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TWO INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Henry Lucas, Shelby city fireman, and Frank Shytle, of Polkville, operator of a trucking business, received bad sprains, bruises and lacerations when the automobile in which they were riding failed to make the curve on North Lafayette street beyond Washington school this morning at 4 o'clock and turned over several times.

Both were carried to the Shelby hospital and remained there as patients today.

Investigation by city police and by Sgt. W. L. Hatcher of the state highway patrol revealed that Shytle was doing the driving and officers said that indications were that the automobile was proceeding at a rapid rate of speed. A small tree was cut down by the car as it turned turtle.

The automobile in which they were riding, a 1941 Plymouth, was practically demolished.

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Main Airfield In Liuchow Retaken; Lost Last Nov. 7

CHUNGKING, June 29.—(P)—A Chinese army spokesman announced today that Chinese troops had captured the main airfield in the southern suburbs of Liuchow which Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault's 14th Air Force was forced to abandon to the Japanese last Nov. 7.

The spokesman said Chinese forces also had retaken the city's south railway station.

Fierce fighting was reported raging in the western and northwestern suburbs of Liuchow where other Chinese forces were battling their way toward the center of the important Kwangsi province city.

The spokesman said Liuchow had been burning since June 23 and that the core of the city was destroyed. He estimated that less than 1,000 Japanese remained in the city.

Approximately 100 miles northwest of Liuchow Chinese forces were closing in on Kweilin, another former U. S. air base site. Dispatches from this front said one Chinese column was engaging Japanese troops at points 10 to 12 miles north of Kweilin and another was about 18 miles northwest of the city.

Between Liuchow and Kweilin a Japanese force was reported pocketed by two groups of Chinese, one of which had reached a point three miles north of Liuchow while the other was closing in from 15 miles further north.

The Chinese spokesman said all

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Succession Bill Ready For Final Action

By HOWARD FLIEGER

WASHINGTON, June 29.—(P)—In an unusual burst of speed the house called up the Truman-backed presidential succession bill today with proponents determined to send it on to the senate before night-fall.

In three days the measure—making the house speaker next in line for the presidency—has advanced from a rough committee draft to a finished bill, ready for final action.

Despite the hurried house pace, proponents conceded privately that they have little hope of such quick action in the senate, and opponents were confident the measure never would become law. It is subject to two hours of general debate in the house today, after which amendments will be in order.

SPECIFICATIONS  
In its present form the bill follows exactly the specification laid down by President Truman in a message to congress. It provides:

In the event the nation is left without a president or vice president, the office will go to the speaker of the house—now Rep. Sam Rayburn (D-Tex)—instead of through the cabinet line.

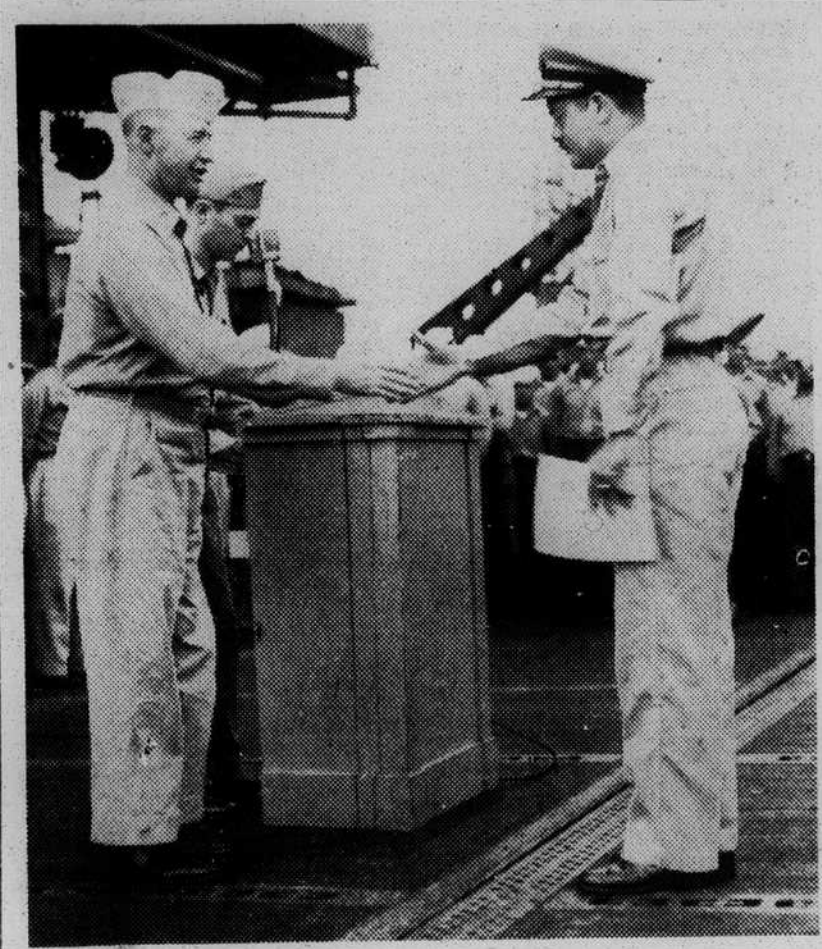
If there isn't a speaker the senate pro tem will serve until a speaker can be chosen. If there isn't a senate president pro tem, then the presidency would go through the cabinet as at present—but only until the house can elect a speaker, automatically accept his resignation and send him off to the White House.

3 Germans Hang For Killing U. S. Flier

REINBACH, Germany, June 29.—(P)—Three German civilians were hanged at dawn today by American army executioners for killing an American aviator after he parachuted to earth from a flaming bomber last Aug. 15.

The hanging was the outcome of the first civilian war crime case brought to trial on German soil since the end of the war.

The three men hanged were Peter Back, Peter Kohn and Matthias Gierken convicted respectively of shooting, clubbing and hammering an unknown flier to death.



ANOTHER DECORATION—Lt. James B. Cain, husband of the former Miss Margaret Walker of route 4, Shelby, here receives the Silver Star from Mrs. Margaret Walker. The award is for gallantry in action while serving as group leader aboard the carrier in the Pacific.

Seek \$100,000 For Community Center

Foundation Launches Intensive Campaign For Summer And Fall, Will Study Similar Projects Elsewhere

A campaign to raise \$100,000 this year for the projected Community Center, together with public swimming pool, was projected yesterday by trustees of the Shelby and Cleveland County Foundation who said they wanted to be in position for the project to be realized as quickly as possible after the war.

The finance committee, to which M. A. Spangler, sr., was added, was directed to visit similar community center projects in this state and gather there information and data looking toward incorporation of every desirable feature in the local project which O. M. Mull, board chairman, said will in all probability become the keystone of a broader community recreational program.

Just how much money will be needed to provide facilities such as wanted, including the large and modern swimming pool, cannot now be determined, pending plans and developments in building costs, but that it will run \$200,000 or more seems to be evident that the Foundation trustees undertook a campaign to add this year at least \$100,000 to the present fund.

Individuals, corporations and civic groups are being urged to contribute to the campaign, such contributions being deductible items for tax purposes.

Mercury Climbs To 102 Degrees

Hottest weather of the year pushed Shelby's thermometer to 102 degrees Wednesday, with little relief today excepting the promise of scattered thundershowers—local folk hoped earnestly some would scatter this way to relieve one of the driest seasons in many years.

Crops and gardens are suffering from drought conditions, while cold drinks, ice cream and those other hot-weather relief items are sold out in many places under the impact of the warmest days yet in 1945.

Bilbo Seeks To Beat FEPC Deadline With Filibuster

WASHINGTON, June 29.—(P)—A 12-hour, 32-minute session that ended early today brought the senate face-to-face with a decision whether to ratify oratory.

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) and 31 colleagues representing both major parties present a rarely-accepted cloture petition to limit senatorial debate.

Most of the free and unlimited conversation which began at noon yesterday centered on a controversial proposal to vote operating funds to the fair employment practice committee, a division of gov-

SHIPBUILDING CENTER, OTHER TARGETS HIT

500 B-29's Take Part In Raid 3,000 Tons Of Bombs Dropped

LITTLE RESISTANCE

GUAM, June 29.—(P)—Huge fires raged in Japan's great shipbuilding center of Sasebo and three other industrial cities today after nearly 500 Superfortresses rained 3,000 tons of fire bombs on the home islands.

The unrelenting war of annihilation from the skies caught the Japanese without a defense. Not a single enemy fighter plane rose to meet the intruders.

The bombardiers singled out targets which never before had felt the full weight of the Superfortresses, designed by the American aerial command to rob Japan of the power to resist.

Returning pilots said large fires broke out in at least two of the centers. They said their raid was challenged only by anti-aircraft fire in the pre-dawn attacks on the principal island of Honshu, on which Tokyo is located, and on the southernmost island of Kyushu.

One bomber of the fleet failed to return.

(Japanese broadcasts said the raiders also attacked the industrial city of Shimomaki, on the southern tip of Honshu, and Kanoya, on southern Kyushu.

The raids were announced by the 21st bomber command, while fleet headquarters was disclosing new successes of search planes against supply shipping in enemy home waters. Eight vessels were sunk and eight more damaged Wednesday and Thursday between Japan and Korea by planes which have accounted for approximately

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ARMY LOYAL TO EXILED POLES

Big Three Recognition Of New Warsaw Government Expected

LONDON, June 29.—(P)—A spokesman for the Polish exile government in London declared today that the Polish army of 200,000 to 250,000 men remained "completely loyal to us" but admitted the future of the regime was unknown.

With "Big Three" recognition of the new Warsaw government expected almost momentarily, the spokesman was asked what the exiled regime intended to do when British and American recognition is withdrawn from it.

"I don't know," he said. "I know is that the Polish government in London desires to remain by the side of the Polish armed forces who have served under its leadership."

He denied, however, a London report that the government was looking for sanctuary either in Eire or Canada.

The spokesman refused to discuss a report in the News Chronicle that the exiled regime had received \$200,000,000 in credits from Britain since its arrival here in 1940 to cover the expenses of the president and government departments.

POLISH FORCES  
The Polish forces are mostly stationed in Italy, Germany and Britain.

A British foreign office commentator said today formal recognition of the Big Three powers of the new Polish provisional government of national unity awaited only assurance that the Yalta conference plan for Poland's future was being carried out by the new administration.

U. S. Fleet Returns To Makassar Straits

Ships Prowl Waters East Of Borneo, Forbidden Since Dark Days Of Early 1942

By Spencer Davis

MANILA, June 29.—(P)—An American fleet has returned to the Makassar Straits east of Borneo for the first time since the forlorn days of January, 1942, Gen. Douglas MacArthur disclosed today. The invasion-conscious Japanese reported a naval bombardment of the Borneo east coast had been in progress for ten days.

A Dutch correspondent who flew over the port of Balikpapan, fronting the straits, reported earlier this week seeing the warships in action, and the Japanese radio has claimed that allied landing attempts there already have been beaten off.

MacArthur gave no confirmation of any of these reports, but his communique on the southwest Pacific today did report the destruction of three Japanese torpedo planes on Monday by American surface ships in the Makassar straits and told of continuing allied air blows throughout the East Indies, particularly a Balikpapan.

TROOPS JOIN  
The Australians last were reported to have taken Beaufort, in a 15-mile advance northeast up the Borneo coast along the narrow-gauge railway toward the Japanese base on Jesselton. Allied planes

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Airmen Stepping Up War On Japan

OKINAWA, June 27.—(Delayed)—(P)—Stepping up the air war on Japan, search and reconnaissance planes of fleet air wing one are reaching to the shores of Kyushu to break the empire's sea lanes to Korea and other islands.

In two days, at least two Japanese convoys have been broken up with six small vessels sunk and two damaged.

New Strikes Muddy The Waters On Labor Front

By The Associated Press

A new crop of disputes broke out on the nation's labor front and others were in the budding stage today, spilling an otherwise improved picture on the troubled labor scene.

More than 60,000 of the 93,000 workers idle yesterday by strikes and work stoppages, prepared to return to their jobs today, their controversies settled, at least temporarily.

Overshadowing the brighter side, however, were additional workouts, boosting the idle up to the 40,000

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY  
8:15 p.m.—Baseball game between Charlotte and Shelby at high school park.