

WEATHER

Partly cloudy, scattered showers and thunderstorms today and in east portion Monday; not so warm north and west portions today and tonight.

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AUSSIES IN THIRD SUCCESSFUL BORNEO INVASION Byrnes Confirmed Unanimously By Senate As Secretary Of State RECORD FLEET OF SUPERFORTS BOMBS JAP CITIES

GREATEST FIRE STRIKE; 4,000 TONS OF BOMBS

Kure, Shimonoseki, Kumamoto And Ube Left In Flames

SOUTHERN HONSHU

By Leif Erickson GUAM, July 2.—(P)—Fierce fires raged through four Japanese cities today, touched off by a record 4,000 tons of incendiary bombs rained down by nearly 600 Superfortresses.

It was the greatest fire strike ever made, bomber crews returning from the early morning raid said some fires were visible 120 miles away. Formations hitting three industrial cities on southern Honshu, main island of Japan, would see the glow from flaming cities raided by other flights.

Officially results were "good to excellent." Jubilant airmen described the raid on Kure Naval base as "wonderful."

Veteran raiders said "the best fire concentration" they've ever seen lighted Ube, Japan's greatest magnesium producing center. The entire waterfront was aflame, with a strong wind fanning the fire.

Brig. Gen. John Davies of the Tinian-based 313th wing said his bombardiers were able to release their incendiaries visually on Ube with excellent results. Overcast forced bombardiers to use instruments over other targets, and prevented detailed observation of the success of the raids.

Other aerial blows by smaller planes harassed the enemy from

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CASAR YOUTH IS DROWNED

Herbert Brittain, 16, youngest son of C. A. Brittain and the late Mrs. Brittain of Casar, drowned Sunday afternoon at the Parker mill pond near Casar when the boat in which he was riding capsized.

The youth had gone to the pond with two other boys and was rowing on the water in a small boat when it capsized and he fell into the pond. Unable to swim, he went under and, though the other boys summoned helpers who dived for him and artificial respiration was administered, he could not be revived.

Funeral rites will be held at the Casar Baptist church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock with the Rev. Ralph Carpenter, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his father, his step-mother, four brothers, Hugh Brittain of Washington, D. C., Marvin of Morganton, Zed of Churchill, Va., and Raymond of the army in the Hawaiian islands; four sisters, Mrs. Arthur Parham, of Greenville, S. C., Mrs. Yates Eaker of Memphis, Tenn., Mrs. Blanche Horton of Morganton, Miss Ruth Brittain of the home; and one half-sister, Essie Marie Brittain of the home.

THE WAR TODAY:

Conquests On Borneo Have Double Importance

By DEWITT MACKENZIE, AP Writer

General MacArthur's grand new victory in Borneo—this time in the amphibious invasion at the great oil port of Balikpapan on the east coast—is a double triumph.

As the general himself points out, by securing domination of Borneo the Allies have split the East Indies and virtually have completed their tactical control of the southwest Pacific. That in itself is notable achievement, but it's far from the whole story.

The oil wells of Borneo produce large quantities of petroleum so pure it can be used for fuel, lubrication and Diesel power without re-



JAP BALLOON IN FLIGHT—This photograph shows a Japanese paper balloon in air over North America. They carry fire and anti-personnel bombs and are designed to destroy themselves when their explosives are dropped.—(AP Wirephoto)

Plans Mapped To Decentralize Reich

Program Calls For Breaking Germany Down Into Groups, Politically, Economically

By The Associated Press PARIS, July 2.—Plans looking toward the complete decentralization of Germany were mapped by the U. S. group of the Allied Control Council today as American occupation troops trekked toward Berlin preliminary to the big three meeting there later this month.

Dispatches from Frankfurt said members of the U. S. control group were moving to Berlin with the American troops and within 10 days would be in a position to place their proposals before representatives of Russia, Britain and France.

The American program for decentralization of Germany—both politically and economically—calls for breaking Germany down into a number of "lander," or militarily important districts.

Work already has begun on breaking up the United States western Reich district—one of two military areas over which the American army will have control—into three "lander." American regional commanders will assume control over all German governmental agencies within their own region.

It was expected here that the movement of American troops to Berlin would be completed by July 4 and that the withdrawal of forces of the western Allies from areas allotted to the Russians would be finished at the same time.

While there was no official announcement concerning the iden-

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BODY SUSPENDS RULES TO SPEED ACTION

Democrats And Republicans Pay Tribute To Former Colleague

FIFTH CABINET SHIFT

WASHINGTON, July 2.—(P)—James F. Byrnes was confirmed today as Secretary of State, succeeding Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.

Action was taken in a matter of minutes after the nomination was received from the White House.

The senate suspended its rules which require hearings on cabinet nominations and a day lawyer before a vote can be taken on such an appointment. This was done as a tribute by both Democrats and Republicans to the man who served with them for years, later was an associate justice of the Supreme court and more recently director of war mobilization.

The senate even telescoped its original plan to wait until after President Truman presented the United Nations charter before



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on the nomination. Confirmation placed Byrnes next in line for the presidency, under present statutes, should Mr. Truman not complete his term.

Majority Leader Barkley moved to suspend the rules almost as soon

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p.m.—Junior Chamber of Commerce meets. 7:30 p.m.—State Guard drill at armory. 7:30 p.m.—City council meets at city hall. 8:00 p.m.—Boy Scout court of honor meets at court house. 8:30 p.m.—Free movie on horses in high school auditorium.

TUESDAY 7:00 p.m.—C. A. P. cadets meet at armory. 7:00 pm.—Lions club directors meet.

OFF FOR OUTING:

Sixty-Eight Boys Leave For Lions-Sponsored Camp

Sixty-eight happy lads, selected for the Lions-sponsored Fresh Air outing of two weeks at Camp Cherokee, left this morning from the square in two well-packed buses while another truck followed carrying their equipment and luggage for the encampment.

Director J. G. Hagaman, who with his staff of 10 counselors, has been getting the camp into readiness and stocked since last week, had everything in readiness. Mrs. Annie Byers, high school cafeteria dietitian, will be dietitian for the camp while two negro cooks and a trained first aider will help look after needs of the boys.

Only \$1,200 of the \$2,000 neces-



HIGH SPOTS IN WEEK OF WAR IN THE PACIFIC—Major allied blows at the Japanese during the last week included: Smashing of a Jap convoy by U. S. warships west of the Kuriles, heavy Superfortress raids on the enemy homeland plus raids by Okinawa-based lighter planes, an American fleet thrust into the Macassar Strait, and a Chinese push into outskirts of Lichow. Black areas are Japanese-held.—(AP Wirephoto Map)

Truman Appears Before Senate In Behalf Of Treaty Ratification

WASHINGTON, July 2.—(P)—President Truman presented the United Nations charter in person to the senate today and urged its "prompt ratification."

"The choice before the senate is now clear," said the chief executive in a brief speech. "The choice is not between this charter and something else. It is between this charter and no charter at all."

Enemy Losses In Philippines Now 419,035

MANILA, July 2.—(P)—With scattered Japanese units cracking before a steady advance of Americans and Filipino guerrillas, enemy losses in the Philippines have risen to 419,035, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said today.

The total includes 9,774 prisoners, some of whom are predicting an early peace.

The enemy retained several strongholds on Luzon in the mountains northeast of the summer capital, Baguio, including Bontoc, Mankayan and Kiangnan. Resistance at Kiangnan was reported weakening, however.

Most American forces were resting after their long campaign. In the Cagayan valley fighting was principally between guerrillas and isolated bands of disorganized Japanese.

A War Department intelligence officer, Col. Albert L. Warner, said American forces have lost 11,715 killed and 1,131 missing in the Philippine campaign—a ratio of 31 Japanese dead for every American dead or missing.

Thermometer Still Pushing 100; Down From Last Week

Although the thermometer registered a blistering 98 degrees Saturday and 99 on Sunday, it was almost cool to Shelby folk who had suffered through temperatures ranging from 102 to 105 the latter part of last week.

A light rain of .15 inches on Friday and another of .34 on Saturday tended to cool things off to some extent and provide some much-needed moisture for victory gardens and other vegetation here.

However, the sun came forth early Sunday and by noonday the thermometer was pushing the 99 mark, with no relief in the afternoon and early evening.

Low reading for Saturday was 68 degrees and for Sunday it was 70 degrees.

MacARTHUR GOES ASHORE WITH TROOPS

Pre-Invasion Shelling Is Most Intensive In Southwest Pacific

MODERATE RESISTANCE

By Spencer Davis MANILA, July 2.—(P)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur braved death unruined as Australian troops under his command stormed ashore at the great oil port of Balikpapan, Borneo, Sunday.

The veteran Australian Seventh smashed ashore after the most intensive pre-invasion bombardment yet unleashed in the southwest Pacific.

Japanese resistance was aggressive to light. It increased as the diggers thrust inland steadily.

A Japanese sniper fired eight shots as General MacArthur and a Brigadier General coolly continued to study a grid map of the large-scale invasion operation.

Others of the general staff ducked automatically.

By the middle of the afternoon they had won the last ridge looking down on the ruins of the town and refinery and its still-blazing oil storage tanks.

Toughest opposition was on this last ridge, which Associated Press Correspondent James Hutcheson said was littered with dead Japanese.

Although commanders had anticipated strong defense of this strongly-gunned enemy base, first losses were declared officially to have been light.

This was due in part to the 3,500-ton month-long pre-invasion bombing by the U. S. 13th and Fifth air forces and to the shell and rocket fire from the U. S. Seventh fleet with Dutch and Australian.

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OPA GOOD FOR ANOTHER YEAR

WASHINGTON, July 2.—(P)—President Truman's signature to a bill dramatically down to him in Kansas City brought OPA safely through a fiscal year-end crisis.

The measure extending price and stabilization controls one year was signed into law shortly before Saturday midnight expiration.

And Mr. Truman in a statement issued after his return to Washington by plane yesterday reiterated that such controls will be needed during reconversion to continue the fight against inflation.

Sped to final house passage Saturday afternoon, the legislation was flown to Mr. Truman to eliminate any possible cloud over OPA's price and rationing powers.

White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said the signing took place shortly before the midnight deadline.

FOOD PRICING

While granting Clinton P. Anderson, new secretary of agriculture, veto authority over food

for instance, will not reach stores until September or October, and then probably as "demonstrator" models.

SEE NEW MACHINES In other words, housewives will be able to see the new machines and enroll their names on dealers' list of buyers. In most cases, however, the customer will be far down the list—many purchasers already have ordered sight unseen.

This is the conclusion from an informal survey of government and trade sources.

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Chinese Retreat Under Attack In Indochina

CHUNGKING, July 2.—(P)—Chinese troops who pushed into Indo-China have withdrawn under Japanese counterattack and a fierce battle now is raging in areas adjacent to Chung Khanh Phu, the Chinese high command announced today.

Troops under Gen. Chang Fah-Kwei captured Chung Khanh Phu (Chungchingtu) June 24, but were driven out that night by Japanese forces counter-attacking with reinforcements from Caobang, 19 miles to the southwest. Chang's troops also had captured Malung-chai, one mile inside Indo-China and 23 miles north of Hagiang, which apparently was still held.

The high command said Chinese forces operating in Kiangsi province recaptured Saturday the highway town of Tankiang, 11 miles west of the former American air base at Kanhshien.

EFECTED JUNCTION In Chekiang province, a Japanese relief column from Fenghsa, the birthplace of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, near Ningpao, effected a junction with Japanese forces withdrawing northward along the coastal highway from

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Reconversion Goes Into High Gear With Release Of Metals

By STELING F. GREEN WASHINGTON, July 2.—(P)—The government slipped its reconversion program into high gear today. Consumers, however, must wait months—at least—before most long-missing household appliances return in quantity to stores.

The War Production Board released a "free" supply of metal for civilian goods, the amount depending on what is left over from war demands. It also began a gradual scrapping, over the next half-year, of its priority system for all but munitions items.

Yet electric and gas refrigerators,

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