

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and cooler today; scattered showers and thunderstorms east portions, fair tonight and Wednesday with moderate temperatures.

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AUSSIES ADVANCE TO SEIZE PART OF BALIKPAPAN

U. S. OCCUPYING FORCES REACH BERLIN TODAY

U. S. Second Armored Division Deployed In Suburban Zehlendorf

BRITISH EXPECTED

NEW YORK, July 3.—(AP)—The U. S. Second Armored division began arriving in Berlin shortly after noon, Berlin time, an American broadcasting correspondent reported today in what he said was the first message carried from the press wireless transmitter in the German capital.

The main force of the division was deployed in suburban Zehlendorf to the south.

(Exchange Telegraph, in a dispatch to London, said the British occupation force of about 15,000, was expected to arrive in the main part of the city tonight, the dispatch said, while the main British force would arrive tomorrow.)

After rounding a shell-scarred victory monument in the Tiergarten, taking a smart salute from a red army woman traffic cop, and starting for the remains of the Kaiser's palace, a lot happened.

Natches in a few minutes. A Berliner on a bicycle asked the American from Utah to look up his brother, Private William Schwellbeck, somewhere with American forces in France.

Margaret Titze, who said she was born in Sheephead Bay, N. Y., pleaded for a ride to Potsdam.

TOOK A BEATING Registering the distance on his speedometer, Natches went eight miles through Berlin without seeing one block of buildings that was intact.

"It took quite a beating," he commented.

He saw girls in freshly ironed frocks working in chain lines removing bricks from mammoth piles of wreckage. He saw women and children and old men queued up by the hundreds in front of bread stores.

He noted a Red flag on a pole outside headquarters of the "German communist party."

Scattered over the city were posters stuck up by the Russians telling Germans of the unity of the United Nations.

SET TAX RATE NEXT MONDAY

Commissioners Studying Request For Additional School Maintenance

County commissioners at their meeting Monday deferred until their special meeting next Monday fixing the county tax rate for the ensuing year after it became evident that some increase for school maintenance purposes will be necessary.

County Auditor Charles G. Dilling was directed to gather the figures and have them in readiness for presentation at next week's meeting when the commissioners will convene for the purpose of setting definitely the rate and for canvassing returns from the special hospital bond election of July 7.

Meanwhile, the county tax collector will continue listing for discount purposes those who tender pre-payment of taxes and payment will be accepted when the rate is fixed and the lists made up.

The commissioners at their session Monday approved the bond of Robert Gidney, who entered upon his duties as tax collector Monday. The First National Bank was depository for funds of the office.

Last Of Shangri-La Adventurers Return

HOLLANDIA, New Guinea, July 1.—(Delayed)—(AP)—The last white man came back from New Guinea's Hidden Valley of Shangri-la today, weird, towering figure with six weeks growth of beard and a flaming bird of paradise headdress. He was handsome Capt. Cecil Walters, leader of the expedition that parachuted into trackless jungles to rescue a pretty WAC and two airman companions who crashed July seven weeks ago.

The great adventure ended as the glider carrying Walters and the last three of his ten Filipino paratroopers rolled to a halt on Hollandia's air strip.



'CHRIST OF THE PASSION PLAY'—Alois Lang, who played the part of Christ in the Passion Play of 1930 and 1934, goes about his everyday profession of carving wooden crucifixes at Oberammergau, Germany. The play has not been presented since 1934, but with the end of the war, the villagers of Oberammergau are making plans for a new production. This picture was made by William C. Allen, Associated Press staff photographer.—(AP Wirephoto).

Hope For Unanimous Charter Ratification

Foreign Relations Committee Opens Hearings On Pact Monday; People For It

By Tom Reedy

WASHINGTON, July 3.—(AP)—Senator Green (D-RI) said today there is more than a faint hope in the minds of some senators that the United Nations charter will be ratified unanimously.

Green is a member of the foreign relations committee which opens hearing next Monday on the history-making pact to preserve peace. He recalled to a reporter that he worked for the League of Nations 25 years ago, appearing at senate hearings then as a private citizen. "There is a different atmosphere now because the people are for it," he asserted. "Events have demonstrated that we can't live alone."

An Associated Press poll already has shown more than the necessary two-thirds majority ready to vote for the charter. No senator interviewed has come out against it.

Before a vote is taken, however, the thick, seven-pound document will be taken apart phrase by phrase and its import fully developed in debate.

First witness before the foreign relations committee will be Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., former Secretary of State and President Truman's choice to represent the United States in the postwar security machinery.

Stettinius and Dr. Leo Pasvolksky. See HOPE Page 2

Postal Receipts Registering Gains

June receipts for the Shelby post office registered a 20 per cent increase while the first half of the calendar year did almost as well. Postmaster Roger M. Laughridge announced today.

Receipts for the six months period totaled \$6,697.05, a gain of \$10,563.9 over the same period in 1944 when the figure was \$56,133.06.

The June figures totaled \$10,717.55, a gain of \$2,117.80 over the \$8,599.75 figure for June 1944.

REFERRED TO DAVIS:

Government Moves Toward Seizure Of Goodyear Plant

By The Associated Press The government moved today toward seizure of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company, Akron, O., where 16,700 CIO workers have been on strike for 17 days. The War Labor Board referred the strike to William H. Davis, economic stabilizer, after exhausting every resource toward ending the dispute. Earlier Davis directed cancellation of occupational deferments for strikes registered for selective service.

Leaders of the striking U. Rubber Workers at both Goodyear and Firestone Tire and Rubber

JAPANESE OIL REFINERY AGAIN BLASTED

50 B-29's Hit Maruzen Oil Center Third Time In A Week

RESISTANCE LIGHT

By Leif Erickson

GUAM, July 3.—(AP)—Superfortresses struck at Japan's dwindling oil resources today for the third time in a week, blasting the Maruzen oil refinery with such precision returning airmen said "we won't have to go back there again."

Fifty precision-bombing B-29s hit the oil center 35 miles from Osaka before dawn today in a quick follow up of yesterday's record 600-plane fire raid on four cities, while other Allied air forces wrecked shipping and military installations from Nippon to Malaya. Two B-29s were lost in yesterday's 600 plane raid, but all but two crew members were rescued.

Black smoke which rose 10,000 feet above the important Maruzen oil plant could be seen for 30 miles in the night sky.

Anti-aircraft fire was light and the few Japanese interceptors that took to the air "just seemed to want to play," said Cpl. W. H. Power of Carrollton, Ga. "They just sat out of range and wiggled their wings and flicked their lights."

"HIT PAY DIRT"

"Our bombs looked like they went into the target areas," said Lt. Chester C. Gibbons of Hayward, Calif., riding in the newly commissioned Superfort named "Fleet Admiral Nimitz." "Somebody right behind us really hit pay dirt. I saw a double flash that lit up the sky for at least five seconds. You know, whom!"

Twenty-first bomber command headquarters announced, meanwhile, that 117 square miles of Japanese urban industrial area had been laid waste by B-29 strikes, not counting yesterday's record raid.

Reconnaissance photographs of firebomb strikes June 29 against Oji, Saesbo, Shimonosaki and Noboka showed approximately two square miles burned out.

THIRD OIL STRIKE

The refinery hit today at Shimotsu, 35 miles southwest of Osaka on Honshu Island, was the third oil center struck within a week. It had produced fuel and lubricating oil and aviation gasoline. It likewise was a storage center with many large fuel tanks in the target area.

Navy search privaters, ranging from Japan to China, sank or damaged eight more enemy vessels as Marine Corsairs swung over the home islands of Kyushu and knocked down eight Japanese fighters.

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Scattered Remnants Of Jap Garrison Caught On Mindanao

MANILA, July 3.—(AP)—Scattered little remnants of a Japanese Philippine garrison, once half a million strong, found themselves isolated and trapped by relentless American and guerrilla thrusts.

The tiny village of Walo, in the wild Agusan river valley of eastern Mindanao, already is circled by a tightening ring of American and Filipino troops. Associated Press Correspondent Richard Bergholz reported from Eighth army headquarters. It was there that the fleeing enemy was believed likely to attempt a final regrouping of his tired, beaten forces.

INDICATIONS ARE LEOPOLD III MAY ABDICATE

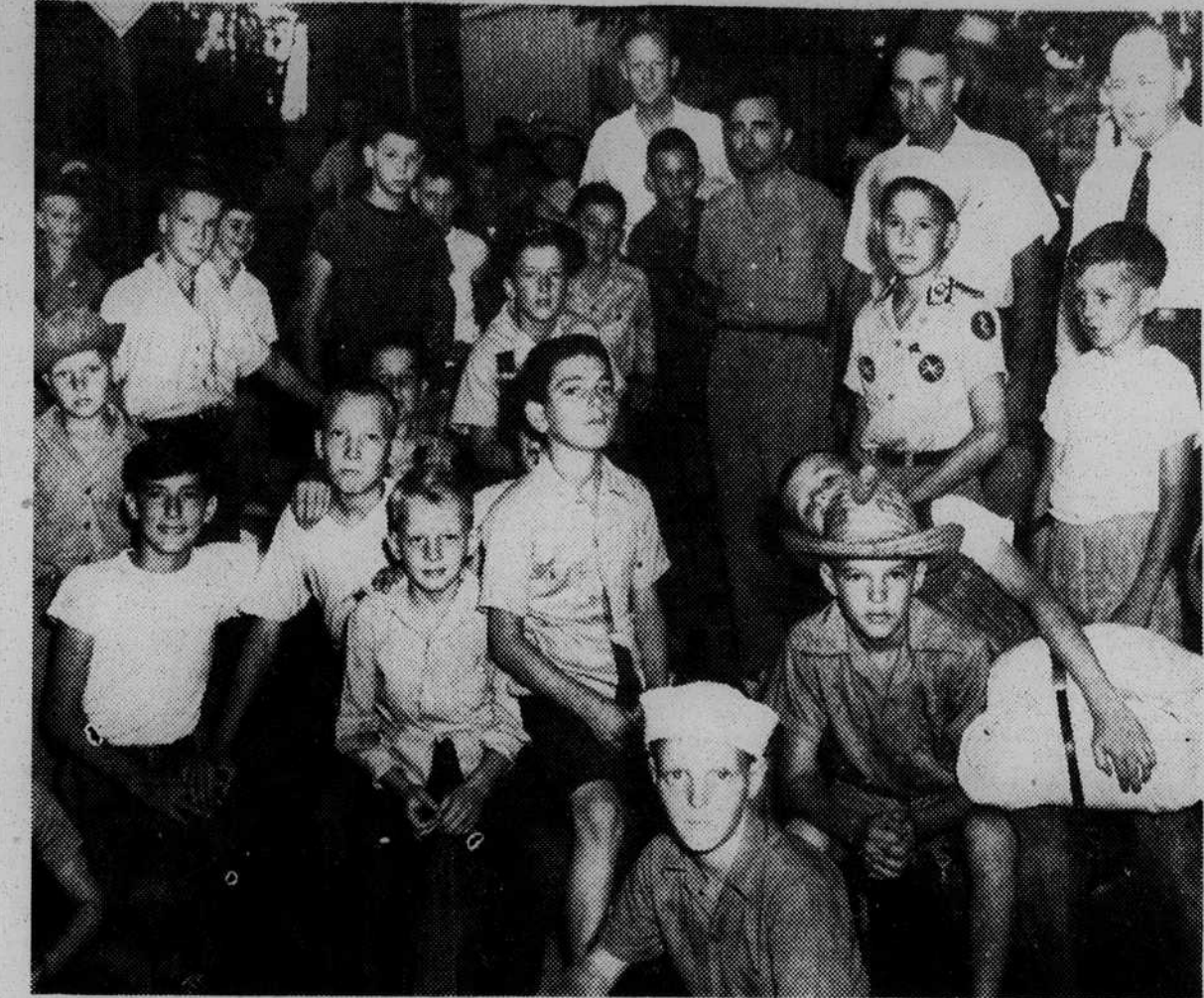
BRUSSELS, July 3.—(AP)—A cryptic statement attributed to the royal palace by the official Belgian news agency was interpreted in some parliamentary circles today as indicating that King Leopold III had decided to abdicate.

The palace statement, according to the agency, said that consultations had come to an end and that Attorney General Cornil had been asked by the king to communicate with regent Prince Charles and former Prime Minister Achille Van Acker, who resigned in protest to Leopold's return as head of the government.

The statement said the king would "hold conversations today" with them.

Supporting the belief that Leopold would abdicate, observers said, was the disclosure that the palace domestic staff has left for St. Wolfgang, where the exiled king has maintained headquarters while holding discussions with his advisers.

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BOYS READY FOR CAMP—Shown here are part of the 68 selected youngsters who left yesterday for the Lions-sponsored Fresh Air Camp at Camp Cherokee. The four adults at right are H. H. Weaver, President Athos Rostan, past President R. J. Rucker and Rev. W. P. Biggerstaff of the camp committee.—(Willis Photo)

CAMPAIGN IN BRITAIN HOT

Churchill And Attlee Marshal Votes For Decision Thursday

By DONALD DOANE

LONDON, July 3.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill and former deputy prime minister Clement Attlee—leaders of Britain's strongest political parties—marshalled their followers today for a last-minute drive for the votes that will decide Thursday's national election.

After crossing swords in a sharp exchange of letters, Churchill, who heads the conservative party, and Attlee, who heads the laborites, planned to mount speaking rostrums to keynote their parties' semifinal round of oratory.

Both parties concentrated their closing fire on London, where a fifth of Britain's estimated 25,000,000 votes are bunched, with Churchill speaking in massive Walthamstow stadium and Attlee and other labor party leaders scheduling a series of speeches elsewhere in the city.

Churchill brought one campaign issue to an explosive head last night with a letter demanding that Attlee explain to the nation just what controls the labor party's executive committee might exercise over the government if the laborites won. Churchill pointed out that the executive committee was not elected by the voters.

CAMPAIGN TARGET

Attlee replied that the executive committee had no control over labor members of parliament and added: "I am sorry you are so distressed, owing to your lack of acquaintance with the ordinary procedure of democratic parties in general and the labor party in particular."

The conservative Daily Mail promptly called Attlee's reply "disowning" of Prof. Harold Laski, chairman of the labor party's executive committee, who has been a popular campaign target.

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SINGAPORE TO HOMELAND:

Frightened Japs Rush To Strengthen Defenses

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Byrnes Takes Cabinet Post Oath Today

WASHINGTON, July 3.—(AP)—James F. Byrnes was sworn in as secretary of state today.

President Truman and the high-level officials of the government looked on as the oath was administered to the man who would succeed to the presidency, should Mr. Truman be unable to complete his term.

After Byrnes was sworn by Chief Justice Richard S. Waley of the Court of Claims, in a brief ceremony on a sunspet White House terrace, he said:

"I enter upon my duties as secretary of state, deeply conscious of the great and grave responsibilities of that office."

"A change in the secretaryship of state at this time involves no change in the basic principles of our foreign policy."

LAUDS HULL

In a formal statement the new secretary said:

"In advising President Truman on foreign policy, I shall seek the constant help and guidance of the senate committee on foreign relations and the house committee on foreign affairs."

"My friend Cordell Hull, with whom I have served in the congress and in the executive branch of the government, and who has done so much to shape our foreign policy during the critical war years has promised to give me the benefit of his wise counsel."

Byrnes told his audience he has asked everyone in the department to "remain at their posts and to

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CHINESE FORCES SEIZE SINGFENG

Highway Center Falls After Repeated Attacks From South

CHUNGKING, July 3.—(AP)—The Chinese high command announced today that Chinese forces have captured the important highway center of Singfeng in Kiangsi province, 185 miles northeast of Canton and 32 south of the former U. S. 14th air force base at Kanchien.

The announcement said the city, a link in the defenses guarding the Japanese Hongkong-Hankow corridor, had fallen after continuous assaults from the south.

At the same time the Chinese announced that their forces in Kwangsi province to the west had entered encircled Liucheng, 11 miles northwest of Liuchow, a recaptured American air base.

Fighting was reported raging in the streets of Liucheng.

SHAPYU RETAKEN

The Chinese also said they had recaptured Shapoyu, six miles east of Liucheng.

In southwestern Honnan province a fresh outbreak of fighting was reported north of the stubbornly-held Japanese bastion of Hsihsiakow, which the invaders have built up to safeguard the approaches to the Hankow railway between Hankow and the Yellow river.

Front dispatches said about 1,000 Japanese troops had attempted to push northward from Hsihsiakow, but had collided with Chinese forces who halted the matter inflicting a number of casualties.

Sunny Skies For Fourth Of July

MIAMI, Fla., July 3.—(AP)—Sunny skies with scattered thunder-showers will feature the weather over most of the nation for the Fourth of July holiday, the United States weather bureau said in a forecast here today.

The forecast:

"Present sunny weather with comfortable temperatures will prevail over all of the eastern United States except in the gulf states where it will be rather warm and humid with scattered thunder-showers."

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TWO AIRFIELDS NEAR CITY ARE SAID CAPTURED

Invaders Hold Ridges That Dominate Both Town And Beach

INVASION IS SUCCESS

By Spencer Davis

MANILA, July 3.—(AP)—Australasian infantry, braving rivers of flaming oil and barges from Japanese 5-inch guns, advanced through face-searing heat today and seized part of the vital southeast Borneo petroleum port of Balikpapan.

Australian radio reports asserted they also had captured both the Sepinggang and Manggar airfields, three and ten miles northeast of Balikpapan, and the Australian commander declared the two-day-old invasion already was a "strategic" success.

Volcanoes of fire and dense black smoke from the blazing heart of the refinery area rolled over Aussie-held ridges that dominate both the town and the beach.

Standing atop the highest of these ridges, Lt. Gen. Sir Leslie J. Morshead, Australian corps commander, declared that quick capture of this commanding ground had "insured success of the campaign."

"In a strategic sense," he explained, "the campaign is won," although Japanese resistance inland was stiffening and the enemy's concealed artillery still was spattering ridges and beachhead.

7,000 TROOPS Tokyo radio said approximately 7,000 Allied troops had been put ashore by last night, spearheaded by two heavy tanks and 50 medium tanks. The Japanese placed air support of this ground operation at 170 planes and noted an "increase of warships, including five cruisers, 50 transports and other types."

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today located the invaders.

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DRUG STORES TO TAKE HOLIDAY

Join Other Retail Businesses In Closing For July Fourth

Drug stores of the city today joined other retail businesses to make tomorrow's Independence Day a total close-out of other than manufacturing business here Wednesday.

The druggists got together yesterday on closing, but said emergency prescription service would be kept available on call to the druggists' homes.

Most offices, retail establishments and the like will take the holiday, Mills, with exception of the Lily which will have its annual Fourth of July fish fry for employees at Ollie Moore's Broad River Park, will operate as usual, but some offices will observe the holiday.

The Star will publish as usual, going to press a bit earlier so the force may enjoy half the day with their families.

Vance C. Weaver Is Succeeding Yates As Manager At Penney's

Vance C. Weaver, for the past five years manager of the J. C. Penney Company store at West Palm Beach, Fla., yesterday assumed his new duties as manager of that company's store here, succeeding Dale R. Yates, who has resigned after 15 years in that post to return to his old home in Vincennes, Ind., where he will join relatives in business interests there.

Mr. Weaver, who once lived in Charlotte, plans to bring Mrs. Weaver, the former Miss Susan Elizabeth Dunn of Kingston, and their two children here as soon as he can locate suitable living quarters for them.

At West Palm Beach he was a leader in civic life and activity, being a director of the Kiwanis club, the Chamber of Commerce, Community Chest, Y. M. C. A., first aid chairman of the Red Cross chapter there, chairman of the tourist and Convention committee of the Resources Development Board, and held rank as corporal in Company E, Florida State Guard. He is a Presbyter and Mrs. Weaver is an Episcopalian.