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WEATHER

North Carolina—Partly cloudy and moderately warm today, tonight and Thursday with widely scattered afternoon and evening thunder-showers.

— State Theatre Today —
"A Song To Remember"
Paul MUNI — Merle OBERON
Cornel WILDE

AMERICAN WARSHIPS SHELL KARAFUTO ISLAND

Invaders Threaten Last Jap-Held Air Base In Balikpapan Area

FALL OF CITY BELIEVED TO BE IMMINENT

Deepest Penetration From Invasion Beaches Only 2 Miles

AREA HEAVILY MINED

By Spencer Davis

MANILA, July 4.—(AP)—The last Japanese air base in the Balikpapan area was menaced today by Australian Seventh Division troops, paced by clattering Matilda tanks, spreading out along the invaded east Borneo coast under a continuous fire screen of warships, planes and artillery.

The tank-led columns were less than six miles from the two-runway Mangar airfield, 12 miles to the northeast of blasted, burning Balikpapan, Borneo's greatest oil port. Melbourne radio said the fall of Balikpapan is but "a matter of hours."

The armored spearheads operated east of Sepinggang airfield, was occupied only Monday night but is already sending up scout planes as "eyes" for the ground batteries. Busy engineers expected to have the cratered 4,600-foot airfield ready for transport planes soon.

From a field near Balikpapan, Associated Press Correspondent Russell Brines gave this overall summary today:

"Enemy forces in this area apparently were topped off balance and ripped into small units, lacking communications, by the intense pre-landing bombardments. They have failed to regain their equilibrium in the face of the swift Aussie advance. Hence, they were unable to take advantage of the intensive fortifications they prepared long ago."

MAZE OF MINES
He reported that the Aussies, after uncovering 500 enemy mines, still were plagued by the most ingenious maze of concealed demolitions and booby traps yet encountered in the southwest Pacific. Brines said the Japanese probably will put up a strong defense along

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Nearly 4,000 Registered For Hospital Vote

Nearly 4,000 Clevelanders registered for Saturday's special election will determine whether the county is to approve a bond issue up to \$400,000 for enlargement of the Shelby hospital which the county would take over and for the building of a hospital at Kings Mountain to serve that section of the county.

An appeal to all who are registered to vote early Saturday for all four questions on the ballot was made today by Lee B. Weathers, chairman of the Hospital Campaign committee, who said that adequate hospital facilities are the number one need of the county both now and for the future.

ALL MUST VOTE

Balloting is against registration so that failure of a registered voter to appear and vote for the proposition counts a vote against it. In order to carry the election and thus provide adequate hospital facilities for all, it is necessary to have a majority of the registered voters in favor of the four proposals indicated on the ballot," Mr. Weathers stated. "Those who fail to vote are counted against the county-wide hospital system. A large majority should help us to sell the bonds at the lowest possible interest rate.

"The tax levy involved will be small. Cleveland county's indebtedness is the lowest in a generation because so many of our road

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BYRNES BECOMES NEW SECRETARY OF STATE—In ceremony at the White House in Washington, James F. Byrnes of Spartanburg, S. C., is sworn in as Secretary of State. Left to right: Chief Justice Richard S. Whaley of the Court of Claims, who administered the oath of office; Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers, Republican of Massachusetts; Mrs. Byrnes, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, former Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.; Byrnes with his hand on the Bible, Secretary of War Stimson, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, Postmaster General Hanegan, and President Truman, holding Byrnes' commission.—(AP Wirephoto)

YANK FORCES 'INVADE' BERLIN

Second Armored Division Takes Over In Occupation Zone

BERLIN, July 4.—(AP)—Ten freshly painted Sherman tanks nosed into Central Berlin today and took over security control for the United States occupation zone in the German capital.

Russian sentries saluted briskly as Americans of the Second Armored division assumed their new duties after a 30-hour, 71-mile trek from Dessau.

Behind this advance armored echelon were some 4,000 other vehicles and over 15,000 men all moving slowly into the Berlin area from the west.

Sgt. Arthur Marino of Port Chester, N. Y., parked his tank in the middle of Innsbrucker Platz on Berlin's Hauptstrasse and politely stifled a yawn.

"We've been on the road since 2 a.m. yesterday without a chance to get out our bed rolls," he explained. A German begged for cigarettes and children cried out for chocolate. The weary tank men who had exhausted any such luxuries a day earlier on the road dug their fists into empty pockets and said "nuts."

HOEY HOME:

Sets Record For Continuous Presiding Over U. S. Senate

Reflecting solid confidence that the United Nations Charter will be readily approved by the United States Senate when it takes it up later this month, Senator Clyde R. Hoey returned to his Shelby home today to spend this week and most of next with homefolks in North Carolina.

Senator Hoey showed little wear from a strenuous week of presiding over the senate through the hectic days of the filibuster over the permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee bill. For nine hours

British Voters Decide Issue Tomorrow

LONDON, July 4.—(AP)—One of the bitterest election campaigns in British history ended today in a crescendo of boos and cheers which all but drowned out discussion of the important issues to be decided by voters tomorrow.

Most boos and cheers were aimed at one man—Winston Churchill whose stubby figure has been the storm center of the campaign. Its outcome will decide whether he remains as prime minister to maintain the conservative party's doctrine of free enterprise or gives way to a laborite successor committed to nationalization of basic industries.

Seldom has any British campaign produced a spectacle like that enacted last night, when the man who headed the government through the victorious European war found himself hardly able to speak above the din of catcalls and cheering from a crowd estimated at 25,000 in a big northeast London stadium.

Churchill was pleading the conservative cause in the heat of one of the biggest and roughest of labor strongholds. The prime minister

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HOPKINS QUILTS GOVERNMENT

Arch New Dealer Returns To Role Of Private Citizen

WASHINGTON, July 4.—(AP)—Harry L. Hopkins, arch new dealer and presidential confidante, returned to an unfamiliar role today—that of private citizen.

The man who came to Washington with the late Franklin D. Roosevelt as a member of the original "brain trust" and rose through the cabinet and political criticism to become one of the most intimate White House advisers resigned yesterday as special assistant to President Truman.

Ill for more than a year — at times critically—Hopkins said "the time has come when I must take a rest."

Mr. Truman promptly and regrettably—accepted the resignation. It came at a time when he was counting on Hopkins to accompany him to his first Big Three conference. Hopkins has attended them all as a confidential aide to the White House.

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Requirements For Stock Market Margin Upped To 75 Per Cent

WASHINGTON, July 4.—(AP)—With the aim of reducing stock market speculation, the Federal Reserve Board has raised the margin requirements from 50 to 75 per cent—the highest ever.

Effective tomorrow, anyone buying stock exchange securities must put up 75 per cent of the price himself—this is his "margin"—and can borrow only 25 per cent from his banker or broker.

The board also ruled that beginning July 16, if a person sells some of the securities in an account and those do not measure up to the 75 per cent requirement, he must use the proceeds to raise the margin to that amount.

Firebombs Rained On 4 Jap Cities In Dawn Attacks

By Leif Erickson

GUAM, July 4.—(AP)—"General conflagrations" spreading from the white-hot blasts of 3,000 tons of B-29 firebombs greeted the Fourth of July dawn over four more of Japan's war-production centers.

Terminating the 500-plane assault "highly successful," Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay's 21st bomber command headquarters said weather was clearer than it has been for three weeks and virtually all planes bombed visually their targets in Tokushima, Takamatsu and Kochi, on Shokoku island, and Himeji on Honshu, 30 miles west of Kobe.

Tokyo radio today conceded 4,900,000 Japanese in Tokyo, Osaka, Yokohama, Nagoya and Kobe were killed, injured or rendered homeless in American aerial strikes up to May 31. A total of 1,135,000 homes were destroyed in the five big cities, the broadcast admitted.

FIGURES CITED
The broadcast cited these figures: Tokyo: 707,000 homes destroyed; 3,100,000 homeless. (Earlier broadcast has indicated only about 200,000 persons expect to remain in Tokyo.)

Osaka: 130,000 homes burned down; 510,000 persons homeless. Yokohama: 132,000 homes destroyed; 650,000 homeless. Nagoya: 96,000 homes demolished; 380,000 people affected. Kobe: 70,000 houses burned; 260,000 people "counted as destroyed or otherwise victimized."

"Tokyo did not say how many of the 'homeless' or 'affected' were dead.

General Lemay said 70 per cent of the 500 plane commanders reported to headquarters by radio after their bombing runs this morning, describing resulting fires as reaching "general conflagration" proportions in all four cities.

ON SHIKOKU
Pilots said flames appeared greatest at Tokushima at the extreme northeast end of Shikoku at the entrance to the inland sea. Destruction was next greatest in Kochi. For all except Himeji it was the first fire raid.

The strike was the 37th fire raid.

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Increase In Polio Cases In 5 Months

NEW YORK, July 4.—(AP)—An increase of nearly 50 percent in the number of poliomyelitis cases for the first five months of this year, compared with the corresponding 1944 period, was reported today by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Dr. Don Wmgudakunst, the foundation's medical director, said there had been 740 cases in the United States through May 26 compared with 499 last year. The greatest increase was in the middle Atlantic states, where the number rose from 443 to 178.

U. S. AIRMEN BATTER JAPS

240 Planes From Okinawa, Iwo Jima Range Over Wide Area

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—(AP)—Nearly 240 American planes from Okinawa and Iwo Jima attacked widely separated targets in Japan today, Tokyo radio reported, in daylight follow-ups of a pre-dawn fire strike by nearly 500 Superforts at four industrial cities.

Three B-29s led 120 Mustang fighters from Iwo Jima over the eastern coast of Honshu in a bombing and strafing attack on air fields and military installations east of Honshu, the broadcasts said.

Tokyo reported an assortment of 120 bombers and fighters from Okinawa, including Lightning, Thunderbolt and Mustang fighters, Mitchell medium bombers, and Navy Martin patrol bombers raided Kyushu, southernmost island of Nippon for two hours.

NOT CONFIRMED
All of the reports, intercepted by the Federal Communications Commission, were without American confirmation.

Heaviest blow at Kyushu was struck by 60 planes which bombed Kagoshima and Miyazaki prefectures at the southern tip of the island.

Twenty others were reported over the Sasebo naval base, Amakusa, Shimabara and Nagasaki, all on northern Kyushu. Other strikes included western and eastern sectors of the island which Tokyo says is marked for the next major American invasion. Japanese broadcasts said 120 planes were involved together in the Kyushu attacks, but detailed movements of only 92.

During the fighting, strike near Tokyo, enemy broadcasts asserted one formation "machined gunned communications facilities, civilian homes and small vessels."

Score Injured As Two Trains Collide

TALBOTTON, GA., July 4.—(AP)—More than a score of persons were injured, most of them slightly, early today when two passenger trains collided head-on here.

The trains were the Dixie Flagler streamliner enroute from Chicago to Miami over tracks of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Coast railway and a local passenger train. Dr. F. C. Stimson said he treated between 20 and 25 persons. Three were hospitalized here and five others were taken to a hospital at Manchester.



TOM LATTIMORE

DEATH CLAIMS TOM LATTIMORE

Well Known Former Merchant Succumbs To Stroke At Age 65

Thomas W. Lattimore, 65, died Tuesday evening at 6:30 at his home on North LaFayette street following a stroke of paralysis suffered in March.

The body has been taken to the home of his brother, Dr. E. B. Lattimore, on North Morgan street where it remains until the funeral which has been set for Thursday morning at eleven o'clock from the First Baptist church with Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the church, in charge, assisted by Rev. John W. Suttle. Interment will follow in Sunset Cemetery.

Mr. Lattimore was the son of the late Judge and Mrs. T. D. Lattimore, a pioneer Shelby family. Most of his life was spent in the mercantile business and as a traveling salesman. At the time he was stricken he was in charge of the Belk-Stevens store. Mr. Lattimore was popular with all classes of people and widely acquainted and related throughout the county, having been known for his affable manner and his sterling qualities.

He was a devoted member of the First Baptist church and a member of the choir there for many years, also a member of a male quartet which sang at funerals.

On Jan. 17th, 1906 he was married to Miss Mabel Porter of Richmond, Va., who survives together with two brothers, Dr. E. B. Lattimore and J. J. Lattimore of Shelby and one sister, Mrs. John Irvin of Shelby.

A section in the church will be reserved for his colored friends at the funeral, and the Belk-Stevens store will be closed in his honor Thursday morning during the funeral hour.

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY

7:45 p.m.—Prayer meeting at Presbyterian church.
8:00 p.m.—Mid-week prayer and praise service at First Baptist church.
8:00 p.m.—Ball game at high school park between Shelby and Cherryville.

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.—Kiwanis club meets.
7:00 p.m.—C. A. P. cadets meet at armory.

IN DEEPEST PENETRATION OF JAP WATERS

Tokyo Says Guns Trained On War Targets Of Shikuka

REPORT UNCONFIRMED

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—(AP)—Five American warships shelled Karafuto island yesterday in their deepest penetration of Japanese waters, Tokyo radio reported today.

Karafuto is the Japanese held half of Sakhalin Island, just off the Asiatic continent north of Japan. The northern half is held by Soviet Russia.

Warships reportedly trained their guns on war installations off Shikuka, a port in the Bay of Tarika near the Soviet-Japanese border.

There was no confirmation of the broadcast which was beamed to America and picked up by the Federal Communications Commission.

Karafuto-Sakhalin divides the sea of Japan from the sea of Okhotsk. Only once have American warships penetrated these waters, when a task force of the U. S. North Pacific fleet recently steamed through the Kurile Islands and knocked out an enemy convoy.

ON EAST COAST
Shikuka is on the east coast of Karafuto, nearly 480 miles north of Hokkaido, northernmost of the

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Brazilian Plane Crash Kills Seven

WASHINGTON, July 4.—(AP)—Two lieutenants of the Brazilian Air Force and five sergeants were killed in a plane crash at Burgaw, N. C., last night, the Brazilian embassy disclosed today.

Lt. Col. Clovis Monteiro Travassos, air attaché of the embassy, said names of the dead would not be made public until after next of kin in Brazil had been notified.

The men were flying from Brazil to Philadelphia to pick up a new navy plane when the accident occurred. They were no survivors.

North Carolina State Highway Patrolman W. M. Whitley reported at Burgaw last night that the plane fell in a small clearing in a wooded area about one mile east of Burgaw. He said the plane, which was completely destroyed, fell during a heavy thunderstorm.

Lack Of Jap Air Force Poses Question

WASHINGTON, July 4.—(AP)—The Japanese air force—or the lack of one—has developed into the biggest question mark of the Pacific war.

Top U. S. air generals are divided over the puzzling question of why B-29s can roam at will without encountering interceptors.

Some, including Gen. George C. Kenney, chief air officer to General MacArthur, think the Japs simply have run out of planes. Others believe the enemy force has been whittled down but that a 2000-sized number are being held back to resist actual invasion.

Celebrate Fourth—At Home, Abroad

Americans observed another wartime independence day today by remaining on the job for the most part, to help defeat a tenacious enemy.

War bond rallies, entertainments for wounded veterans, parades and flag raisings were held in scattered cities and towns. But a majority of working men and women followed the leadership of President Truman who devoted this July fourth strictly to tasks at his desk.

The President issued an independence day statement asking Americans to "honor our nation's creed of liberty" and the fighting men and women who are carrying it with them throughout the world.

"We have pride in the combined might of this nation which has contributed signally to the defeat of the enemy in Europe," he said. "We have confidence that, under providence, we soon may crush the enemy in the Pacific."

STAY ON JOB
Chairman J. A. Krug of the War Production board, earlier appealed

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The Stars and Stripes were hoisted over the Adolf Hitler barracks in a formal Fourth of July observance in Berlin today as American troops in the European theatre celebrated independence day with the assistance of their Allies.

A 48-gun salute to "Old Glory" marked the flag-raising ceremonies in Berlin, carried out by troops of the U. S. Second Armored division which entered the German capital only yesterday to take over their zone of occupation.

An honor guard of 100 Red Army men participated.

Formal observance also conducted in other European capitals. In Paris, the beautiful old Avenue Vittorio Emanuele was officially renamed Avenue de President Roosevelt by French authorities at ceremonies attended by U. S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery, who acknowledged the tribute in behalf of the United States government.

A similar tribute was paid the

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