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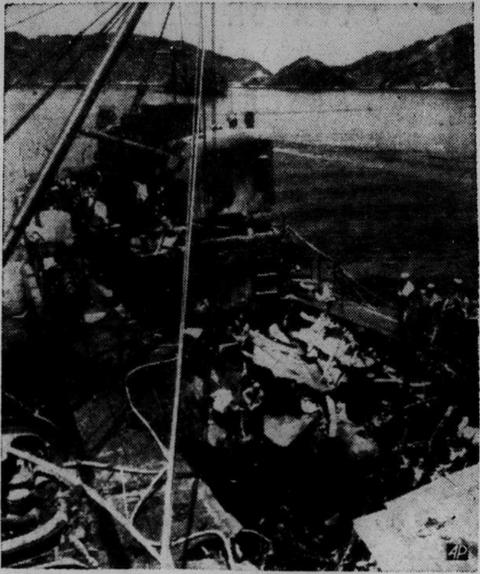
Considerable cloudiness and continued moderately warm with scattered thundershowers today and tonight and along the coast Saturday.

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- State Theatre Today - "I'll Tell The World" LEE TRACY BRENDA JOYCE

AUSTRALIANS PRESS FIGHT FOR BORNEO OIL FIELDS



BATTERED DESTROYER STAYS AFLOAT—Destruction aboard the U. S. Destroyer Newcomb, during a two-hour raid in which four of seven attacking Jap suicide planes scored hits. The hole in the deck was caused by the crash of one of the suicide planes into the after fire room. The Newcomb's crew suffered 91 casualties. She remained afloat, and temporary repairs enabled the vessel to reach an advance base anchorage. She is now being repaired for return to active service.—(AP Wirephoto from U. S. Navy).

U. S. FIFTH AIR FORCE ALREADY HITTING JAPAN

Planes Of Force Moved From Philippines To Okinawa JOINS 20TH GROUP

MANILA, July 6.—(AP)—U. S. Fifth Air Force planes newly moved from the Philippines to Okinawa are striking Japan, it was disclosed today, adding their weight to the army Superfortresses, medium bombers, fighterbombers and marine and navy aircraft already hitting the enemy home islands.

As Gen. Douglas MacArthur and his air chief, Gen. George C. Kenney, announced this new power shift in the air war against the Japanese, dispatches from Guam and Iwo Jima recorded a series of blows by assorted army, navy and marine planes against the main islands of Honshu and Kyushu, the Ryukyus and vital rail transport in Korea.

Forty-eight Mustangs of the 35th fighter group hit six places on Kyushu on Tuesday, within 36 hours of arriving at their new fifth air force bases on Okinawa. Kenney disclosed the strike with this promise:

"This is just the start. We will continue to hammer Japan until she accepts unconditional surrender."

ALREADY ACTIVE Slam-bang entry of the fifth air force found these air units already engaged in the same campaign.

20th air force Superfortresses, based in the Marianas and commanded by Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay, newly-promoted from command of the 21st bomber group; Army Mitchell medium bombers, Thunderbolt fighters and second marine aircraft wing Corsair fighters and Avenger torpedo planes of the tactical air force based on Okinawa; Fleet air wings one and 18, privateers and seaplanes based in the

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TAX PAYMENTS HERE RUN HIGH

Best Record Of Collection In Many Years Is Set

Miss Reeves Forney, city tax collector, reported today that her office has collected 92 percent of the city's 1944 tax levy, a new high for recent years.

The levy for 1944 was designed to raise \$89,376 and that nearly \$84,000 had been paid to date.

Miss Forney said also that back tax collections have been coming in so well that there are fewer tax delinquents on the books than at any time in many years.

Privilege license payments this morning totaled \$1,527.35 and have been coming in at a rapid clip since July 1 when non-payment constituted delinquency.

The privilege tax schedule is designed to contribute \$3,500 to the city's coffers.

Advertising of both city and county taxes, the county likewise has the best record of collections in many years, will start in August for all property on which 1944 taxes have not been paid. It is likely, Robert Gidney, collector, said, that more payments will further reduce the advertising list by publication date August 9.

Superfort Strike Knocked Out 74 Per Cent Of Tokushima

GUAM, July 6.—(AP)—A single Fourth of July Superfort strike knocked out 74 per cent of Tokushima, largest city on Japan's Shikoku island, the 21st bomber command announced today in a report raising the total area destroyed in Japanese industrial cities to 120 square miles.

Maj. Gen. Curtis S. LeMay said 1.7 square miles were burned out of Tokushima and 2.13 square miles razed in Okayama on Honshu island 100 miles west of Osaka.

Newcomb, Hit By Two Jap Planes, Recovers

Destroyer Leutz, Alongside To Give Aid, Also Rammed By One Of Attacking Planes

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—Attacked by seven Japanese suicide pilots, the destroyer Newcomb bagged three but was turned into a scene of wreckage by the others.

The Newcomb suffered 91 casualties while another warship, the destroyer Leutz, counted 84 as the last Japanese fanatic skidded across the Newcomb and into the stern of the Leutz which had pulled alongside to give aid. Both survived.

The navy, recounting another tale of American heroism at sea, said the battle blazed two hours late on April 6 when the Newcomb was supporting heavy fleet units near Ie Shima in the Ryukyus off southern Japan. The suicide planes trickled through a screen of intercepting U. S. fighters which had blocked a very large formation of enemy flyers.

HEROIC CREW Virtually disemboweled, the navy said the Newcomb, "seasoned veteran of Pacific warfare from the Marshalls through Iwo, is afloat today because her heroic crew, many with hair afloat and clothes burned off, refused to give her up even when all power and communication was lost and more than half of the ship was enveloped in flames.

The first kamikaze pilot was cut, down 20 feet from the Newcomb.

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Enemy Hospital Ship Permitted To Take Patients From Wake

GUAM, July 6.—(AP)—The U. S. navy has permitted a Japanese hospital ship to evacuate 974 men from the enemy garrison on Wake island, on which a gallant marine force held out early in the war until overrun by superior Japanese landing forces, Pacific fleet headquarters announced today.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported that 15 percent of the Japanese taken off the long isolated island were tubercular. Fourteen percent were wounded. The remainder were suffering from malnutrition.

Committee Demands Recovery Of Lend-Lease Arms By U. S.

By NORMAN WALKER WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—The senate war investigating committee today demanded prompt recovery of lend-lease arms from European allies for use in the Pacific war.

A report based on an overseas investigation by a subcommittee headed by Senator Kilgore (D-WVa.), said "nothing has been done" along this line nor toward concentrating captured German arms against the Japanese.

"The committee believes that all sources of supply for the Pacific war should be exploited to the maxi-

Morgenthau, Roberts Resign; Rumor Says Stone To Follow

By Max Hall WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—Henry Morgenthau, Jr., will step down as secretary of the treasury when President Truman returns from the big

Treasury Head Tired Of Resignation Rumors

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—The reason for Henry Morgenthau's resignation as secretary of the treasury, it was learned today, was that he became tired of recurring rumors that he was about to be replaced in the cabinet.

A source in a position to know the facts, but who cannot be quoted by name, gave this version: Morgenthau, feeling that he could only work in an atmosphere of confidence, made an appointment with President Truman yesterday, went to the White House and bluntly asked for assurances as to his status. He wanted to get it settled before Mr. Truman leaves for Europe.

Evidently he was not satisfied with Truman's reply, for his sudden resignation followed. His closest associates at the treasury were genuinely surprised.

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By Paul M. Yost WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—Owen J. Roberts' surprise resignation from the Supreme Court spurred speculation today that he may be followed soon by Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone, oldest man on the tribunal.

President Truman announced Roberts' resignation late yesterday, to become effective at the end of this month. He has served on the high court 15 years, becoming its leading dissenter and often caustic critic of his colleagues' views.

Powerfully built and pleasant, Roberts turned in a new high total of 51 dissents in the court term just ended. But close associates said he finished the term "very happy" in his work.

On his 70th birthday anniversary last May 2, friends said he had given no thought to leaving the bench.

With yesterday's sudden resignation, persons close to the court recalled that Stone at 72 has been eligible since 1942 to retire at full pay of \$20,500.

Stone has served on the bench 20 years. He has given no indication that he planned to retire, but recent visits to the White House revived reports that he might have

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BOND ELECTION ON SATURDAY

Polls Open From 6:30 To 6:30; Four Election Questions

A county-wide hospital bond election will be held in the 26 precincts Saturday (tomorrow) when 4,600 registered voters will go to the polls and vote "yes" or "no" on four questions on the official ballot.

County Attorney Henry Edwards says the polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. and only those who registered during the four weeks of registration prior to June 23rd will be entitled to vote.

A well-planned campaign has been conducted by a group of laymen in the hope of providing adequate hospital facilities for the entire county, better and more modern equipment and converting the Shelby hospital into a county institution instead of a township institution.

The county commissioners have announced that unless the four proposals on the official ballot carry by a majority of the registered voters, none of the proposals can be carried out.

Proposal No. 1 authorizes the county to assume the \$48,000 outstanding indebtedness on the No. 6 township hospital in exchange for the transfer of the title to the plant valued at \$300,000 to the county.

Proposal No. 2 authorizes a bond issue of \$240,000 to double the size of the present Shelby Hospital increasing its bed capacity from 100 to 200 and authorizes the purchase of new and modern equipment.

Proposal No. 3 authorizes a bond issue of \$160,000 with which to build a new 50-bed hospital at Kings Mountain. Miss Lottie Goforth, some years ago, left her estate of \$20,000 to go toward the erection of a hospital to serve that section of the county and this gift will provide.

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 8:00 p.m.—Regular communication of Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. and A. M. for work in second degree.

THE WAR TODAY: Russia's Request For Part In Tangier Talks Significant

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP Writer

Russia's request for participation with Britain, France and America in the proposed conference regarding Tangier's international status is one of the important (and highly significant) developments of the day.

In thus reaching the length of the Mediterranean to its western gateway, Moscow has staked its claim of influence right in the heart of preserves long dominated by Britain, France, Spain and Italy.

The United States was invited to take part in the parley and accepted, but Russia wasn't included. The immediate reaction to the Soviet

New Polish Regime Starts To Take Over

What To Do With Exile Government's Army Is Only "Polish Problem" Left

LONDON, July 6.—(AP)—The newly-formed Polish Provisional government of national unity, recognized by the United States and Great Britain, started action today to take over assets of the repudiated exiled administration of Prime Minister Arciszewski.

Polpress, news agency for the Warsaw administration, announced the appointment of a three-member Polish commission "authorized to take over and secure all property of the Polish state in Great Britain."

A number of questions remained to be settled. Among these were:

1. Disposition of the armed forces, including a decision for giving the men a free choice of retaining homes or remaining under the British flag.

2. Control of the Bank of Poland's gold reserve.

3. Determination of whether the new Polish government is at war with Japan.

What to do with the exile government's army of 250,000 was about the only remnant of the "Polish problem" left to plague the Allies.

The British foreign office announced creation of an "interim treasury committee for the Polish questions" to supervise the task of liquidation. Polish forces which have been serving with the Allies, receiving supplies from the British government and pay from military credits provided the London Polish government, will have arrangements for supplies and pay "safeguarded pending further decisions," the announcement added.

PLAN FOR TROOPS The troops will be maintained until a plan is worked out letting them choose whether to accept the Warsaw government's invitation for all "devoted to Democratic principles" to come home, or to remain abroad.

Only such "essential" activities of the London Poles as educational and hospital services for Polish

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SEES APPROVAL FOR CHARTER

Connally Thinks Efforts To Amend Charter Will Be Defeated

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—Senator Tom Connally (D-Tex) predicted today that all attempts to attach reservations to United States ratification of the United Nations charter will be beaten down.

Saying he had been informed that at least two senators plan to present reservations, Connally added to a reporter:

"I'm of the firm conviction that we shall be able to defeat all reservation and ratify the charter without amendment."

At the same time, Connally said hearings before the foreign relations committee he heads will be shortened as much as possible.

"I hope that we can finish them in a week," he said.

The house, meanwhile, arranged an 11 a.m. (EWT) session to hear reports on the charter from Chairman Bloom (D-NY) and Representative Eaton (NJ) ranking Republican member of that chamber's foreign affairs committee. Both were delegates to the San Francisco conference.

LEAD THE WORLD Bloom called on the senate to "lead the world" in ratification.

Connally said there would be few official witnesses before his committee other than former Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., and Leo Pasvoloski, State department expert on international organization.

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Loosen Up On Truck Sales

WASHINGTON, July 6.—(AP)—It soon will be possible to buy a truck without Washington saying it is all right.

Beginning August 1, ODT district managers throughout the country will have authority to issue rationing certificates for new light and medium trucks.

But applications for heavy trucks still must come to Washington for approval.

BALIKPAPAN AND MANGGAR AIRFIELD TAKEN

Important Samarinda Fields 55 Miles North-east Of City

JAPS FIRE REFINERIES

By Spencer Davis MANILA, July 6.—(AP)—

Australian invaders pushed across heavily mined areas today toward the last remaining Japanese-held oil field in southeast Borneo, guided by the towering fires of Koealasambodja, a large refinery and pumping station put to the torch by retreating Nipponese.

The battle-hardened seventh Australian infantry occupied the remaining Japanese-held part of Balikpapan yesterday, overran Manggar airfield in a five mile advance to the northeast, and plunged on toward the great salt-marsh oil fields of the Samarinda district.

The Samarinda fields are approximately 55 air miles northeast of Balikpapan, now a giant junk pile of burned and blasted refinery equipment and oil pipes.

Koealasambodja, on the pipe line approximately halfway between Balikpapan and Samarinda, is on the coast.

(Radio Tokyo said today that the Allies had poured ashore 15,000 men by Wednesday. It claimed the Japanese garrison had inflicted 2,000 casualties up to Tuesday, but Allied sources had reported casualties as light.

DAILY STRAFING

The enemy broadcast reported daily strafing of Japanese positions by an average of 150 fighter and bomber planes, with "persistent" night naval bombardment. Tokyo claimed that despite furious Allied attacks the garrison was fighting spiritedly.

Pitted and cratered roads from littered bombardments, booby traps and land mines left by the retreating enemy constituted most of the hazards encountered by the hard-driving diggers as they doggedly expanded their invasion area.

The capture of Manggar with its two 4,000-foot runways gave the Allies control of the only two worthwhile airbases in the Balikpapan area. Spanggang airstrip, already in use by the Australians, fell early this week.

American minesweepers were busy clearing Balikpapan Bay, where two Yankee-manned army engineer LCM boats earlier steamed through the mines to set up repair shops.

SHELLING DIGGERS Columns of Aussies swept through the main industrial and dock areas of the port, then smashed remaining Japanese in the Pandansari refinery region on the left flank and sloshed through the swampy Pandansari river to the native quarters of the town. A flanking movement from the ridges to the north knocked out Japanese field

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Jap Homeland Hit Third Straight Day

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6.—(AP)—Two hundred and fifty American fighter and bomber planes striking from Iwo Jima and Okinawa bases hit the Japanese home islands in a two-pronged attack today for the third consecutive day, Radio Tokyo reported.

Ninety Two-Jima Mustangs, led by a single Superfort, attacked airfields and military installations in the Tokyo area, said the broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications commission. An hour later 160 Mustang and Thunderbolt fighters from Okinawa were over southern Kyushu but were limited to reconnaissance by bad weather, Tokyo said.

British Conservative Press Says Churchill Sure Winner

LONDON, July 6.—(AP)—The conservative press maintained today that yesterday's general elections had "almost certainly" resulted in a victory for Prime Minister Churchill's government, but labor party organs held the conservatives had lost their absolute majority in Parliament.

Results will not be known until July 26, after the absentee soldier vote is counted.

Observers agreed there was a near record turnout estimated at almost 24,000,000 voters—80 per cent of the eligible electorate of 30,000,000—lured by good weather and a hectic campaign battle between the conservative program of free enterprise and the labor platform of partial nationalization of industry.

The Daily Herald, labor newspaper, claimed "the least optimistic forecast" gave labor 286 seats in the new house of commons as against the 163 members it had in the dissolved parliament. It said "there were confident predictions that the Tory (conservative) vote

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