

# WEATHER

Partly cloudy and continued warm today, tonight and Sunday. Widely scattered thundershowers east portion this afternoon and early tonight.

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# 600 SUPERFORTS HAND NIPS MIGHTIEST PASTING

## AUSSIES JUMP BAY ENTRANCES TO BALIKPAPAN

### Wind Up First Phase Of Lightning-Like Invasion

#### HEAD SOUTHEAST

By Spencer Davis  
MANILA, July 7.—(AP)—Australian troops killing Japanese at the ratio of 13 to 1, struck today for southeastern Borneo richest oil fields after a whirlwind five-day invasion thrust that conquered Balikpapan, its vital harbor, and two supporting air bases.

The invasion's first phase ended Thursday with a rapier-like drive across the bay three miles northwest of Balikpapan which knocked out gun positions that might have harassed free use of Balikpapan's excellent port.

#### JAPS HARD PRESSED

With their backs to Borneo's fearsome jungles, the Japanese falling back toward the big Sambaja and Samarinda oil fields northeast of Balikpapan had the unpleasant prospect of meeting head-hunting Dyaks and venomous snakes whenever they desert the coast for the unexplored interior.

Associated Press Correspondent Russell Brines said the Australians had plowed into some of the strongest Japanese defenses in the southwest Pacific when they stormed ashore just east of Balikpapan. In five days they seized Sepinggang and Mangar air fields, and the port of Balikpapan itself.

#### AMPHIBIOUS TANKS

With the docks secured, the Australians then moved west across the waters of Balikpapan Bay, traveling in amphibious tanks, and landing craft manned by American fighting men.

Brines said that in the Balikpapan operation to date, casualties might well have equalled those on bloody Iwo Jima in view of the stout enemy defenses, but they had been limited to 214 Australian dead, 420 wounded and 22 missing.

The Australians' hop across Balikpapan Bay secured Penadjan Point, site of Japanese coastal batteries, and troops were thrusting inland across swampy ground against light opposition.

## Truman And Byrnes Use Separate Planes

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—If President Truman and Secretary of State James F. Byrnes do any traveling by air on their planned trip to Berlin for the Big Three conference they will ride in separate planes.

Although the date of departure and method of travel is being kept secret, White House press Secretary Eben Ayers made this clear at his news conference today.

Secretary Byrnes would succeed to the presidency, under existing law, should anything untoward happen to the President.

## State Water Supply Not Yet Critical

RALEIGH, July 7.—(AP)—W. H. Riley of the Department of Conservation and Development reported, following a checkup, that the state's water supply is not yet in a critical condition, although stream flow has declined sharply throughout the state.

Riley said that stream flow in the Piedmont and coastal counties had declined almost to last June's record low.

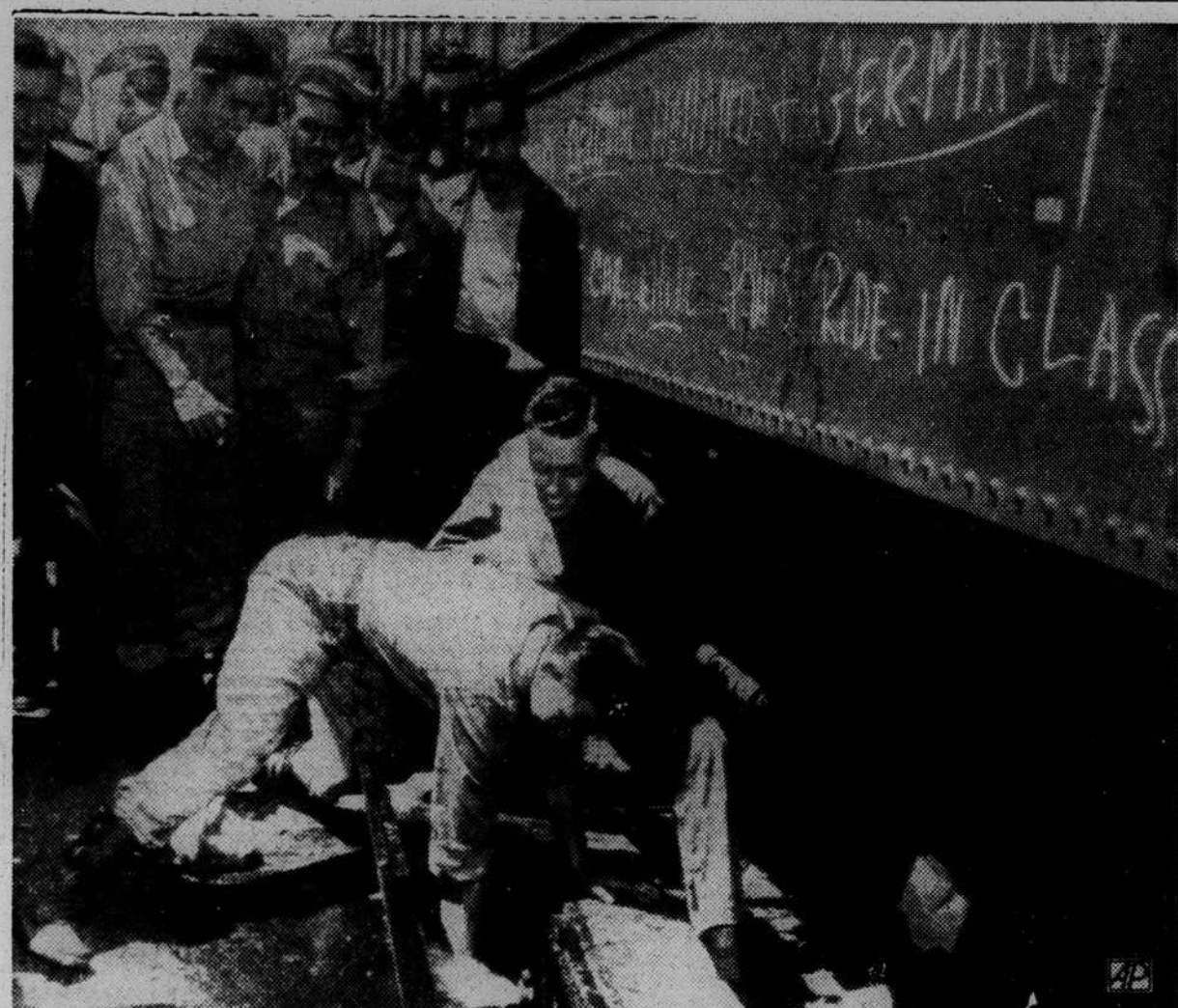
## White House Silent On De Gaulle Plan To Visit President Truman

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—A French announcement that General Charles De Gaulle has accepted an invitation to visit President Truman here was met with silence in official Washington today.

Neither the White House nor the State Department would comment on the announcement that came out of France yesterday—an unusual reception to an exchange of greetings between two government heads.

The French, through an official announcement, said the general has received an invitation to visit President Truman in August, and has accepted.

The announcement produced only a crisp and puzzling "no comment"



WAR VETERANS CROSS CONTINENT IN ANTIQUATED COACHES—While their train of 15 antiquated day coaches, equipped with only two washrooms, stands in the Union station at Denver, Colo., some of the 50 European war veterans en route from Boston to the Pacific coast crowd around a faucet for water to freshen up. At stations en route, the veterans complained bitterly at their transcontinental journey in chair cars so crowded that some had to sleep in the aisles. The writing on the side of the car refers to claims by some that they saw German war prisoners riding in Pullman cars at Omaha, Neb.—(AP Wirephoto).

## O.D.T. CUTTING CIVILIAN RIDES

### Pullman Service On Trips To 450 Miles To Be Discontinued

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—Mounting complaints of redeploying troops riding day coaches on long transcontinental trips may lead to additional drastic restrictions on civilian rail travel.

An office of defense transportation spokesman said further action may be necessary if a new order transferring 895 sleeping cars from civilian to military use proves insufficient.

The sleeping car transfer will result from an ODT order last night withdrawing all sleeping car service for civilians between cities 450 miles or less apart. The order is effective at noon July 15.

A week earlier, ODT has reduced from 30 to 5 days the period in which civilians may make passenger train reservations—another step designed to clear the rails as much as possible for the flood of troops arriving from Europe for discharge or reassignment to the Pacific.

Soldiers complained of being forced to make long journeys on day coaches while German and Italian prisoners rode pullmans. The War Department explained that in one such incident German prisoners involved were all mental patients being transferred to a New York hospital.

#### "Whe-e-e"

GAFFNEY, S. C., July 7.—(AP)—Deputy Sheriff J. S. Vess still shuddered a bit as he told this story today:

Vess and other deputies stopper a big van at Thickety about seven miles from here and arrested the driver on a charge of being drunk.

Vess drove the van to Gaffney through a heavy rainstorm, driving no more nor less carefully than usually.

Upon arriving at the county jail, he took a look at his cargo, then let out a low whistle. "Whe-e-e-e." It was 400 cases of hand grenades.

## Polls Close At 6:30 P. M. For Hospital Election

### Voters Throughout County Passing On Hospitalization Plan To Serve Area

Polls close at 6:30 today for the county-wide hospital bond election instead of seven as previously announced. Voting started this morning at 6:30 in all of the 26 precincts of the county.

## STRIKE PICTURE IS BRIGHTENING

### Carnegie-Illinois' 13,000 Workers Return To Jobs

By The Associated Press

There was red in the skies over the world's second largest steel mill again today, a reflection of a brighter picture on the nation's troubled labor scene.

A 24-hour work stoppage at the huge South Chicago works of the Carnegie-Illinois steel corporation ended late last night, paving the way for 13,000 steelworkers to go back to their war jobs.

Another right spot in the labor picture, also affecting the war-important steel industry, was the ending of a five-day stoppage by 100 CIO-United steelworkers which had closed Republic Steel corporation's continuous strip mill in Cleveland and threatened to halt finishing units for lack of material.

Also on the credit side was the indefinite postponement of a strike of about 30,000 employees of the Western Electric Company's 13 New Jersey and three New York plants.

The return of the 13,000 steelworkers to the Carnegie-Illinois plant reduced the number of idle in the country because of labor disputes to approximately 40,000. This number included 16,500 striking employees of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. in Akron, O., the nation's largest single stoppage.

## Sailor Returning For Re-Marriage

MIAMI, Fla., July 7.—(AP)—Prepared for his second marriage to his childhood sweetheart, Sailor David B. Levi of Asheville, N. C., was reported flying back here today from his base some 2,000 miles away.

The bride, the former Rachel G. Pettit of Pauline, S. C., whom he married by agreement a week ago, received a cable saying he was scheduled to arrive yesterday, but he had not arrived last night.

The couple was married by a notary public without a license when his 48-hour leave would not allow him time to comply with the state's three-day wait law. The two signed a marriage agreement in the presence of a judge and attorneys, but the Dade superior court office refused to record the paper because a license had not been issued. Levi left for his post soon after the ceremony was performed.

## Marines Chief Says Jap Islands Invite Invasion

HONOLULU, July 7.—(AP)—The Japanese home islands are wide open for invasion and the United States can move in any time "with no trouble at all" in the opinion of the new commanding general of Marines in the Pacific.

Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, back from the Okinawa wars where he led the third amphibious corps, asserted that victory could be won only by the invasion, that the Americans would be met by men and women civilian fighters, but all that "won't be any worry to us."

"It's only a question now of wading in and finishing this war," he told a press conference here yesterday upon his arrival to take over as marine commander from Lt. Gen. Holland Smith.

## VINSON NAMED TO TREASURY SECRETARYSHIP

### War Mobilizer Will Succeed Morgenthau On Truman's Return

#### FOURTH HIGH OFFICE

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—Judge Fred M. Vinson will succeed Henry Morgenthau, Jr., as secretary of the treasury, and with that question settled, a new one arose today:

Who will succeed Vinson as director of war mobilization and reconversion.

That one caught official Washington flat-footed. President Truman's decision to appoint the 55-year-old Kentuckian to the cabinet, announced by a White House aide yesterday, leaves wide open a job that is so important its holder has been called "assistant president."

Vinson, the shaggy-browed former congressman and one-time federal judge, will not actually be appointed secretary of the treasury until Mr. Truman returns from the Big Three meeting in Germany, later in the summer.

#### MAY HOLD ON

When he does take office, it will be his fourth lofty executive position in a little more than two years.

Since President Roosevelt called him off the U. S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia, in May, 1943, he has been:

- 1. Director of economic stabilization until March 7 of this year.
- 2. Federal loan administrator, for exactly one month.
- 3. Director of war mobilization and reconversion, since April 7.

An admiring senate approved his various appointments without a murmur.

Some in Washington, puzzled by their impression that moving from "assistant president" to secretary of the treasury is not exactly a promotion, were wondering whether President Truman plans for Vinson to hold both jobs at once. It has been suggested, too, that Truman intends to make only one job out of it by merging the war mobilization office with the treasury.

#### SEN. GEORGE ADVANCED

But officials familiar with the immense scope of the two positions were inclined to think this impractical. They pointed out that despite the importance of Vinson's present assignment, the treasury is a permanent spot in the official family. The war mobilization office eventually will fade in importance.

## STATE GUARD TO TRAIN AT BRAGG

### Officers Will Leave Tuesday, Company 30 Follows Thursday

Company 30 of the North Carolina State Guard, Capt. Hugh Plaster commanding, will go to Fort Bragg next week for its annual summer encampment.

Captain Plaster, together with Major Clyde Wright, commanding the First Battalion, his officers and several non-commissioned officers, will make up an advance detail to leave Tuesday for Fort Bragg, the remaining personnel of the company following Thursday morning.

The local company, which has a complement of 50 men, is the largest unit in the first battalion. It will be encamped and in training at the army post for 10 days.



THE LONG AND SHORT OF IT—Pic. Jimmie Scruggs of Cliffside, N. C., who is 6 feet, 6 inches tall, talks to a tiny Belgian girl between dances at a 15th Army G. I. dance at Bad Ueuenahr, Germany. This photo was made by Peter J. Carroll, Associated Press staff photographer.

## Senate Slows Tax Aid House Votes Business

### Cash Position Would Be Benefited Five Billions For Reconversion Period

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—The burden of work facing the senate today darkened the prospect for speedy enactment of tax law revisions boosting by \$5,500,000,000 the cash position of business and industry in the reconversion period.

The house approved the business-aid bill yesterday by a 245 to 91 vote.

Chairman Connally (D-Tex) of the senate foreign relations committee, and a member of the finance committee, said he did not know when the tax bill will be taken up. He said he was interested in getting the United Nations Charter through the senate "first of all."

#### BENEFITS DELAYED

The house turned down, 220 to 85, a proposal to reduce excess profits taxes by \$255,000,000 this year through a retroactive increase to last January 1 of exemptions under the excess profits tax.

However, the bill provides that the excess profits exemption shall be boosted from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for the tax year beginning next January 1, cutting excess profits payments next year by approximately \$160,000,000.

Other improvements to the cash position of business, intended to be accomplished by speeding-up postwar rebates and refunds on excess profits and other tax provisions already stipulated in present law.

The legislation makes no change in individual or corporation income tax rates. Proponents argued that it alters very little the ultimate tax obligations of any business concern.

Opponents charged that it "cuts a melon" of millions of dollars for some railroads and "benefits those who made excess profits out of the war."

## McKnight & Company Contributes \$500 To Community Fund

A contribution of \$500 from McKnight and company, wholesale grocers, to the Shelby and Cleveland County Foundation for the community center project was announced today by Thad C. Ford, treasurer.

The contribution through J. S. McKnight, head of the firm, was the largest received this year by the fund which is seeking \$100,000 additional money in 1945 for the community center and swimming pool project. J. Hopson Austell is chairman of the finance committee which will make the drive this fall.

## 4,000 TONS OF BOMBS HIT FIVE WAR CENTERS

### Honshu Industrial Targets Blasted Fourth Time In Six Days

#### SCANT OPPOSITION

By Leif Erickson

GUAM, July 7.—(AP)—New fires, touched off by about 600 night-raiding Superforts, blazed through five Japanese cities today, adding major aluminum-producing and oil refinery areas to the 126 square miles of industrial Japan already knocked out.

As jubilant airmen returning from today's pre-dawn strike told of gigantic conflagrations that had lighted, the 21st bomber command announced reconnaissance photographs showed five additional square miles burned out in recent strikes on five other cities. They were Kure, Himeji, Jumamoto, Ube on Honshu Island and Kochi on Shikoku. This makes the 126 square mile total.

Damage terrific. Additionally, an engineering works was wrecked and an oil refinery damaged.

Another major oil refinery hit today in perhaps the largest raid of the war. The greatest blaze lighted by the Superforts' 4,000 tons of incendiaries and high explosives was in Japan's largest aluminum producing center.

The mission was the fourth in six days in which the B-29s have dumped 11,000 tons of bombs on Japan.

#### BEAT UP AIRFIELDS

Meanwhile assorted American tactical planes, notably 100-odd Mustangs from Iwo Jima, beat up airfields around Tokyo and on Kyushu with scant enemy opposition.

Targets in today's big B-29 strike in the dark hours between midnight and dawn were:

Shimizu, 20 miles southwest of Mt. Fuji and site of a plant that produced half of Japan's aluminum.

Shimotsu, 35 miles southwest of Osaka and site of the big Maruzen oil refinery, one of the empire's most vital plants.

Kofu, 70 miles west of Tokyo, city of 100,000 with rail shops, spinning mills and military barracks.

Chiba, 20 miles southeast of Tokyo on Tokyo Bay, railway junction and military depot center; and Akashi, home factory of the Ka-

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## RUSSIANS LOOT U. S. PROPERTY

### Plants Owned By Americans In Germany Reported Stripped

BERLIN, July 7.—(AP)—Arthur E. Dunning of Bath, Me., secretary of the American Chamber of Commerce in Germany, said today that great concerns owned by American interests had been stripped of their machinery during the Russian occupation of the German areas in which the plans were situated.

"National Cash Register, Frigidaire, Ford, Open (owned by General Motors), Hollerith (owned by International Business Machines), Singer, Mix and Genest, and Woodworth all have been raided," Dunn declared in an interview.

"In many cases, delicate precision instruments were involved which are now lying around in Berlin railway stations awaiting shipment. Some of these needed to be kept on a certain even temperature which, of course, was impossible if they lie exposed outdoors."

## Claims Army Pouring Money Of Taxpayers Down Rathole

WASHINGTON, July 7.—(AP)—Representative Engel (R-Mich.), unofficial appropriations committee "watch-dog" of army spending, asserted today the War Department was "throwing hard-earned tax dollars down a rat hole."

Engel, a member of the appropriations sub-committee handling war funds, in a statement in the Congressional Record said that billions of dollars have been spent on projects which the War Department has not justified before any Congressional committee.

He emphasized that his criticism of Army spending was not directed at "anyone in the theaters of operations" but was aimed at "some of these swivel-chair gentlemen" who get on a plane and in a few weeks come back with more ribbons on their chests than Eisenhower, Bradley, Clark or MacArthur ever received.

given the Army more than \$192,000,000,000 and it has spent more than \$150,000,000,000, exclusive of \$21,000,000,000 recently voted for the current fiscal year.

By the middle of 1946, Engel estimated, total army appropriations since 1941 will exceed \$54,000,000,000 the assessed valuation of "every piece of property, real and personal, in the 48 states as it was assessed in 1941."

As a result of many first-hand investigations, Engel said, he has complained often of "the outrageous waste of the taxpayers' money" on various Army projects. He added "the War Department was apparently oblivious and kept on wasting money."

"I wonder what would happen if the powder got a complete resume of the dollars wasted by this and other departments of government, as I hope they will some day," he said.