

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and rather warm today, tonight and Tuesday; scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers.

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STATE THEATRE TODAY "SALOME, WHERE SHE DANCED" Starring YVONNE DeCARLO

JAPANESE FIGHTER PILOTS RETURN TO AERIAL WAR



CELEBRATION ON OKINAWA'S HILL 89—First division Marines and 7th division soldiers on June 27 celebrated the American victory atop Okinawa's Hill 89. Sign reads: "Within this hill is the command post where Lt. Gen. Ushijima, commander of the Japanese army, surrounded by his senior officers, made his final organized stand. This hill was seized by troops of the Seventh Infantry division on June 21, 1945, thus ending the battle of Okinawa."—(AP Wirephoto)

DEADLOCK IN RULE OF BERLIN STILL UNBROKEN

High Diplomats Begin Arriving For Big-Three Meeting

FOOD, FUEL IMPASSE

By Daniel De Luce BERLIN, July 9.—(AP)—The Inter-Allied deadlock over the government of Berlin continued unbroken today as high diplomats began arriving for the impending big three meeting. Averell Harriman, U. S. ambassador to Moscow, is to land at the Tempelhof airdrome this afternoon and take quarters near the "Little White House" prepared for President Truman in the heavily guarded Potsdam area. American army signal experts virtually completed stringing a thick network of cables and wires by which Mr. Truman will be in touch with Washington while he confers with Generalissimo Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill. The Berlin governmental impasse over the issue of supplying food and fuel for the districts occupied by the Americans and British still was unsettled and the possibility increased that the Big Three might have to resolve it. Col. Frank Howley, chief of the military government of the United States occupation zone, declared last night he expected the major powers to decide within a few days on an overall plan of government for Berlin, but he disclaimed personal knowledge of the immediate issues of food and fuel. DEMAND CHANGE Earlier American and British sources asserted that unless they have control over the food and fuel situation in their respective zones there can be no real British and American military governments in the German capital. The issue which may be given the Big Three to decide, was viewed by American and British officials as so serious that withdrawal by the western Allies from Berlin may be considered unless a practical solution is reached. The question to be decided was whether the areas of Berlin taken over by the British and Americans shall receive food from the Russian-held outskirts, where British-American experts say the German capital normally gets most of its edibles. These experts said it would be impractical for the western Allies to truck in supplies from hundreds of miles away. SOVIET ORDERS Col. Howley would not comment on what was discussed at a conference attended by Soviet Marshal Georgi K. Zhukov, who has ordered his commanders to retain control of the entire Berlin municipal administration, Lt. Gen. Lucius D. Clay for the United States, Lt. Gen. Sir Ronald Weeks for Great Britain, and others. The conference ended without having reached any agreement, but Col. Howley optimistically predicted that "when the overall plan for the city is approved, we will get functioning." There are an estimated 750,000 civilians in the American zone in Berlin. See DEADLOCK Page 2

Truman Leaves For Big-Three Meeting

WASHINGTON, July 9.—(AP)—President Truman is enroute today to Europe for the Big Three meeting with Premier Minister Churchill and Prime Minister Stalin. The president left Newport News by ship Saturday. Accompanying him was a staff of advisers including Secretary of State James F. Byrnes. The Big Three meeting will be held in the Potsdam area near Berlin.

WHAT'S DOING

TUESDAY 10:30 a. m.—Members Cleveland county bar meet at court house to fix calendar for civil term of court. 8:00 p. m.—Regular meeting of Eastern Star in lodge room at Masonic Temple. 8:00 p. m.—Legion junior baseball game between Shelby and Gastonia City.

Commissioners Move To Set Plan For Hospital Improvements In Motion

Plans for enlarging and improving the Shelby hospital and constructing a new hospital at Kings Mountain moved apace this morning as the Cleveland county commissioners canvassed the vote from Saturday's election, registering an overwhelming majority in favor of the hospital bonds and proceeded immediately to the naming of the board of trustees as prescribed by the act passed by the 1945 general assembly. Three trustees were named from each of No. 4 and No. 6 townships in which hospitals are located and one each from the other townships. Five trustees are to serve for one year; five for two years and five for three years with no trustee being allowed to succeed himself. The trustees are: No. 1 township—Henry Wood, one year. No. 2 township—Clifford E. Hamrick, three years. No. 3 township—John Crawley, two years. No. 4 township—C. E. Neisler, W. A. Williams and Arnold Kiser, for one, two and three years respectively. No. 5 township—M. C. Whitworth, two years. No. 6 township—Dr. S. S. Royster, one year; J. D. Lineberger, two years, and O. M. Mull, three years. No. 7 township—Tom Lattimore, two years. No. 8 township—Ivey Whisman, three years. No. 9 township—Everett Spurling, three years. No. 10 township—E. L. Propst, one year. No. 11 township—A. E. Elmore, one year. MUST MEET SOON The new board under the act passed by the last legislature must meet within 10 days, organize, name a treasurer for each hospital, and make arrangements as to how it will proceed with the hospital improvements. There will probably be some federal aid or aid from the Duke foundation available, it was indicated today and there is the possibility that the full limit of \$400,000 in bonds may not have to be issued. Of the total bonds authorized \$240,000 has been earmarked for the improvements at the Shelby hospital and \$160,000 for the hospital at Kings Mountain. Kings Mountain already has a trust fund to supplement the bond issue for its hospital.

OVERWHELMING VICTORY FOR BOND ISSUE

\$400,000 Hospital Project Gets 80 Per Cent 'Yes' From Voters

An overwhelming victory for the Cleveland county hospital project, calling for the issuing of up to \$400,000 in bonds for the enlargement and improvement of the Shelby hospital and the erection of a new hospital at Kings Mountain when more than 80 percent of the registered voters went to the polls Saturday and voted "yes" on all four questions on the ballot. The books showed there was a total of 4,293 voters registered. Of this number 3,490 voted in the affirmative. The negative vote including those who stayed away from the polls was only 795. The organization for getting out the vote was working in high gear. Telephones were kept busy in Shelby, Kings Mountain and in other parts of the county calling voters who delayed their voting until late in the day. In one precinct the registrar out of more than 500 registered voters had only 15 who did not show up and this morning she told the elections board where these voters were and what they were doing. Efficiency marked every other step in the conduct of this election. The voting results are shown by precincts as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Precinct Name, Reg. Yes, No and Not, Total. Rows include Holly Springs, Youngs, Bolling Springs, Sharon, Patterson Springs, Earl, E. Kings Mtn., W. Kings Mtn., Grover, Waco, Shelby No. 1, Shelby No. 2, Shelby No. 3, Shelby No. 4, South Shelby, Queens, Double Springs, Lattimore, Mooresboro, Polkville, Delight, Lawndale, Fallston, Double Shoals, Casa, Mulls, and Totals.

Enemy Dead In Philippines Now At 423,245

MANILA, July 9.—(AP)—Counting of 3,824 Japanese dead in the Philippines in the past week and capture of 386 has raised total enemy casualties in the campaign to 423,245. Gen. Douglas MacArthur disclosed today. American casualties for the week were placed at 34 killed and 210 wounded for a campaign total of 54,000. While MacArthur announced formal liberation of the Philippines July 5, the cleanup continued. Associated Press Correspondent Richard Bergholz reported from northern Luzon that rains and landslides of the typhoon season were impeding but not stopping American flamethrowing tanks in the wild mountains east of Baguio. FUGITIVE REMNANTS Igorote tribesmen, who use spears as well as modern carbines, are cooperating with the American regulars in hunting down the fugitive enemy remnants. Air supply is the key to operations in the mountains, Bergholz said, with an average of 60 big flying boxcars delivering supplies daily. On Mindanao, in some of the world's worst fighting terrain, Maj. Gen. Roscoe N. Woodruff's 24th Infantry division continued probing through the forests and jungles in pursuit of the remnants of the once-proud Japanese 100th division in hiding northwest of Davao.

No Sugar To Be Issued After July 14

Applications for home canning sugar will not be received by the Shelby rationing board after July 14, it was stated this morning by J. J. Hartigan, secretary. Most of the applications for sugar have already been processed and coupons issued.

AUSSIES NEAR BALIKPAPAN SCORE GAINS

Japanese Resistance Spotted On All Fronts In Invasion Area

SUPPORT FROM NAVY

By Hamilton W. Farron MANILA, July 9.—(AP)—Closely supported by American warships and aircraft, Australian jungle veterans advanced against sporadic Japanese resistance today on all fronts of the southeast Borneo invasion coast around Balikpapan. The naval units ranged the length of the coast, pounding Japanese gun positions while Mustangs, Spitfires, Kittyhawks and Liberators of the Australian and American Air Forces kept up a steady attack on Japanese positions, smashing guns, warehouses, barracks and small coastwise craft. One column of the Aussie Seventh Division Infantry, driving inland from captured Balikpapan, completed isolation of the Pandanari refinery area in the northwest tip of the town where the Japanese death-stand rear guard has put up its stiffest fight. Across Balikpapan Bay, where Nipponese firepieces harassed the Australians in the early days of the invasion, another column of Seventh Division advanced inland from one to two miles without opposition. Northeast of the rich oil port, forces which overran Sepinggan and Manggar airfields pushed ahead toward the great oil producing regions of Sambodja and Samarinda, which extend 55 miles up the coast from Balikpapan in an area of salt marshes and swamps.

Dauntless Dottie And Ten Of Crew Lost In Pacific

SAIPAN, July 9.—(AP)—"Dauntless Dottie," the Superfortress that led the first B-29 strike against Tokyo and for 53 missions carried without faltering the high spirit of her name, has been lost in the Pacific, carrying to their deaths 10 of the 13 men aboard. Like "Dauntless Dottie," those who lost their lives had completed their combat missions and were returning to the United States. One of those killed was Pfc. Lowell B. Spivey of Windsor, N. C., who was being returned to "non-hazardous duty" because his two brothers had been killed in action. The plane crashed shortly after taking off from Kwajalein for Hawaii, the announcement yesterday said. Date of the accident was not revealed. RAID ON TOKYO Brig. Gen. Emmett (Rosy) O'Donnell, commander of the 73rd bombardment wing, flew in the "Dottie" on her first mission, leading the first strike of the 21st bomber command against Tokyo last Nov. 24. Lt. Col. Robert K. Morgan of Asheville, N. C., the plane's first commander, (then a major), named her for his wife. Since then Lt. Andrew G. Mayse of Tulsa, Okla., has been "Dottie's" skipper, but the regular crew stayed behind to complete their combat tours when the plane started home-loaded with men who had completed 30 missions or more against the Japanese. "Dauntless Dottie," after her first mission, flew 43 other bombing assignments and made nine reconnaissance flights over the Nipponese islands.

REPORT SUBS IN JAP WATERS

SAN FRANCISCO, July 9.—Tokyo radio reported a "considerable number" of American submarines and mine-laying Superforts attempted to blockade Japanese harbors while raiding planes swept widely over the home islands today in their daily strikes. The Domei news agency claimed that "at least seven" submarines have been sunk in Japanese waters since the beginning of June and Nipponese planes were "conducting their assaults on enemy submarines." This was the first report of the sinking of subs without American confirmation. Air raiders from Iwo Jima hunted new targets, Tokyo said, in their daily attacks on Honshu and Kyushu islands. Fifty Okinawa-based Liberators, escorted by 40 Thunderbolts and Lightnings, reportedly raided the vicinity of Omura, naval air station guarding the Saesbo naval base on northwestern Kyushu.

THE WAR TODAY: Nomura Obviously Fishing In International Peace Pool

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP Writer information—says that the Allies' policy of unconditional surrender is only costing them higher casualties. He admits there's no sign that they are suffering from war-weariness, but declared: "As long as the enemy asks for Japan's unconditional surrender she will have to shed blood proportionate to the time and intensity of each battle." WANTS INFORMATION Nomura has been about a bit and isn't silly enough to think that any such statement would affect the information. The admiral—casting a long line in the hope of hooking a bit of

Mustangs From Iwo Jima Ravage Tokyo Airfields Fourth Time In 5 Days

By Al Dopping GUAM, July 9.—(AP)—Flying new "Jack" fighter planes, Japan's recently-idle combat pilots, jumped into the aerial warfare over the homeland again Sunday, trying vainly to stem the assault of long-range American Mustangs from Iwo Jima, which ravaged Tokyo airfields for the fourth time in five days.

The Iwo-based Mustangs, Okinawa-based Marine Corsairs and Army search planes destroyed or damaged 50 Nipponese planes—many on the ground—sank eight small coastal ships and damaged six others. Seven Mustangs were the other American planes reported missing from the day's far-reaching forays which struck nearly every section of Japan's shrinking empire. Fifth Air Force Mustangs from Okinawa swept Kyushu for the fourth straight day after Gen. George C. Kenney told them: "You are on Japan's doorstep and no holds are barred now, for everybody's an enemy up there." Until now, he said, fighting has been over Japanese-subjugated territory where caution was necessary to avoid injury friendly populations—but now "the bars are down—go and get them!" Marine Maj. Gen. Louis Woods, tactical air force commander, complained: "Good targets are growing scarce even in the heart of the Japanese empire. Our pilots really have to search for targets now but we will do anything to kill more Japs because that's our job." Filers of Woods' force hit Kyushu island and nearby waters destroying four vessels and damaging 19 craft. Seven grounded planes were riddled and airfields were bombed, rocketed and strafed. FAST PLANES "Jack" fighter planes encountered by Mustang pilots from Iwo Jima's Seventh fighter command have been described as navy interceptors capable of more than 400 miles per hour. While his Fifth Air Force fighters were hammering Kyushu, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported from Manila, Far East Air Force fighters and bombers pummeled other See MUSTANGS Page 2

Stettinius Has High Praise For Charter

Agreement Starts On Way Through Senate; May Be Ratified Without Amendment

By Jack Bell WASHINGTON, July 9.—(AP)—Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., told the senate foreign relations committee today that the United Nations charter offers "a truly effective instrument for lasting peace."

COUNTY TAX RATES FIXED

County - Wide Levy 36 Cents For General And 32 Cents For Schools

County tax rates were fixed for the county as whole townships and special school taxing districts by the Cleveland county commissioners sitting in special session this morning. Chairman Glee A. Bridges presided with Max Washburn and D. D. Lattimore, the other two members attending. The county-wide rate is 36 cents for general purposes and 32 cents for schools. The general purpose rate is the same as last year while the school rate has been increased by seven cents. However, in Shelby the special school tax has been reduced by three cents to 22 cents and the hospital tax of five cents has been eliminated making the rate to apply in Shelby 90 cents instead of 91 cents as last year. ROAD TAXES Road taxes were levied in the various townships as follows: No. 1 four cents; No. 1 24 cents; No. 3 eliminated; No. 5, 15 cents; No. 7, 25 cents; No. 8, 36 cents; No. 9, 15 cents; No. 10, six cents; No. 11, 30 cents. Special school taxes were levied as follows: No. 1, two cents; No. 2, 10 cents; No. 3, three cents; Bolling Springs, 40 cents; Grover, five cents; Bethware, 15 cents; Waco, 15 cents; Lattimore, 3 cents; Fallston, 10 cents; Belwood, 10 cents; Piedmont, eliminated; Casa, 10 cents; Polkville, 10 cents; Park Grace, 5 cents; Mooresboro, 3 cents; Shelby, 22 cents; Kings Mountain, 23 cents.

Race Trouble Threatens In Ala.

EUFULA, Ala., July 9.—(AP)—With tension subsided, city police conducted an investigation today into a racial disturbance which flared here Saturday night and resulted in the injury of a negro man. Police Chief H. L. McCullohs said no further trouble was anticipated. No arrests have been made. The officer said fighting between whites and negroes broke out as an aftermath of the arrest of a negro earlier in the week on a charge of raping and drowning a young white girl. A negro identified by McCullohs as Peter Paul Hall, 22, was arrested here last Thursday on charges of raping and drowning a young cotton mill worker. McCullohs said Hall had confessed and had been moved to another town for safekeeping.

Cotton Acreage Off Two Million Acres

Total Scheduled For Harvest Would Be Smallest In U. S. Since 1885

WASHINGTON, July 9.—(AP)—The acreage of cotton in cultivation July 1 was estimated by the agriculture department today at 18,355,000 acres. This was two million acres, or 9.8 per cent, less than last year—and 30 per cent less than the ten year (1934-43) average.

CHINESE TAKE CHENNAKWAN

High Command Reports Japanese Retreating South Of Frontier

By SPENCER MOOSA CHUNGKING, July 9.—(AP)—The Chinese high command announced today that Chinese forces had captured South Guard Pass (Chennakwan) on the border between China and French Indo-China and said the Japanese were retreating in confusion toward Dong Dang, south of the frontier. Substantial decreases are also indicated for the Mississippi river delta areas of Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana, where excessive and continued rainfall during the spring interfered with planting. N. C., GEORGIA, AND FLORIDA North Carolina, Georgia and Florida also show sharp reductions, with smaller reductions indicated for Mississippi, Alabama and South Carolina. The total acreage planted to American-Egyptian cotton is estimated at 6,400 acres, compared with 14,700 last year and the 10-year average of 75,300. In addition to unfavorable planting weather difficulties in securing adequate labor was given as one of the reasons for the reduction in planting. The acreage in cultivation July 1 for Missouri was 270,000, or 66 per cent of last year's acreage, Virginia 27,000 or 87 per cent; North Carolina 595,000 or 78; South Carolina, 1,020,000 or 94; Georgia 1,250,000 or 91; Florida 25,000 or 74; Tennessee See COTTON Page 2

Guard At German PW Camp Kills 8, Injures 20 Others

SALINA, Utah, July 9.—(AP)—Machinegun bullets fired by an American soldier killed eight Germans and injured 20 others asleep in a prisoner of war camp. Why the soldier turned loose the barrage was a question still publicly unanswered today. The shooting occurred early yesterday, a half hour after Pfc. Clarence Bertucci of New Orleans, La., had gone on duty as a guard at the camp housing prisoners working in central Utah farm fields. Col. Arthur Ericsson, commander of the prisoner of war camp at Og-

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