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North Carolina—Considerable cloudiness and moderate temperatures with a few widely scattered light showers today, tonight and Saturday.

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# U. S. BOMBER FLEETS ATTACK JAPAN UNOPPOSED

## Adm. Halsey's Third Fleet Battered By Raging Typhoon On June 5

### PITTSBURGH LOST HER BOW; MANY DAMAGED

Practically Every Damaged Vessel Now Back In Action

NO SHIPS WERE SUNK

By Leif Erickson  
GUAM, July 13.—(P)—A raging typhoon lashed Adm. William F. (Bull) Halsey's third fleet with 138 mile an hour winds last June 5, tore the bow off the cruiser Pittsburgh and damaged at least 20 other warships, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today after virtually every damaged ship was back in action.

At least four of the damaged ships—the battleships Massachusetts and Indiana, the carrier San Jacinto and the destroyer John Rodgers—participated in last Tuesday's 1,000-plane carrier strike at Tokyo.

The typhoon damaged more ships than the Japanese navy has been able to do in action in any single battle. But Nimitz made no mention of anyone being killed or seriously injured. He said no ships were sunk.

He listed 20 damaged ships as repaired and back in action, including the three fast new battleships and two Essex class carriers.

The cruiser Pittsburgh, which miraculously stayed afloat, is being refitted for action. Presumably some additional ships, not identified, were damaged and have not returned to sea.

Many of the ships were badly hurt by towering 100 foot high seas. None was heavily hit than the last, new heavy cruiser Pittsburgh, which was caught near the center of the storm off the Ryukyu islands.

**THUNDEROUS SEA**  
A thunderous sea ripped off 104 feet of her bow "and tossed it aside as though it were a match box to wallow in the storm off the ship's port side," reported Associated Press Correspondent Robin Coons.

Capt. John E. Gingrich ordered the engines reversed and swung the 665 foot ship precariously around in a circle to escape a collision with her own bow. She came out in the dead calm of the storm's center.

Sealed bulkheads kept the Pittsburgh afloat and the cruiser, normally capable of 33 knots, lumbered back to Guam at nine knots for temporary repairs. The bow was

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### ROYSER NAMED NCRR DIRECTOR

Shelby Returns To Board He Served On For 14 Years

D. W. Royster, for 14 years a member of the board of directors of the North Carolina railroad until his retirement from that office two years ago, has been called back to that directorate by Governor R. Gregg Cherry.

Appointment of the six-member board of directors to handle the state-owned property, under lease to the Southern Railroad, was made yesterday in a meeting at Greensboro. Henry A. Dennis, Henderson publisher, was elected president, with Stewart Atkins, of Gastonia, secretary-treasurer; Frank H. Gibbs of Warrenton, attorney; and W. A. Brame, of Wendell, expert.

The other directors nominated were Amos R. Kearns of High Point, E. C. Greene of Asheville, D. P. Stowe of Belmont, Walter Carter of Salisbury, Dr. Claire C. Henderson of Mt. Olive and Carl Cline of Hickory.

### Enemy Says U. S. Sub Admitted Sinking Relief Ship Awa Maru

SAN FRANCISCO, July 13.—(P)—Japanese broadcasts said today the United States government has acknowledged that an American submarine sank the Japanese relief ship Awa Maru, apologized and agreed to pay compensation.

The ship was sunk July 1 while traveling under safe conduct granted by the United States for an expedition to carry relief supplies to American prisoners of war.



THESE FOUR ALLIED GENERALS RULE BATTERED BERLIN — Here are the four Allied generals—Berlin's Kommandantur—who took over control of the government in the war-shattered capital of Germany July 12. Left to right, Maj. Gen. Floyd L. Parks of the United States; Col. Gen. Alexander V. Gorbachev of Russia; Maj. Gen. L. O. Lyne of Great Britain, and Maj. Gen. Geoffrey de Beauchamp of France. The four will rotate as head of the group, each serving a 15-day term in that capacity. The picture was made by Henry L. Griffin, Associated Press staff photographer.—(AP Wirephoto via radio from Paris)

### TRUMAN KEEPS UP WITH WAR

Divides Time Between Talk Of Big-Three Meet And Pacific War

ABOARD CRUISER AUGUSTA WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN, July 13.—(P)—Six days out of Newport News, President Truman divided his attention today between opposite sides of the globe.

His own approaching talks with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin in the outskirts of Berlin shared shipboard interest with the quickening pace of the Pacific war.

Hence Mr. Truman interspersed his talks with diplomatic advisers with those of military men keeping him posted on news of the daring third fleet strikes against Japan.

Comds. John A. Tyree, assistant naval aide, made hourly revisions in Pacific charts brought along for the purpose.

**MONDAY OR TUESDAY**  
Meanwhile, it was disclosed aboard ship that the Big Three talks in Potsdam will begin either Monday or Tuesday of next week. And Mr. Truman reportedly is convinced they will last

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### Further Civilian Travel Restrictions Are Forthcoming

WASHINGTON, July 13.—(P)—ODT Director J. Monroe Johnson says further civilian travel restrictions are forthcoming "in all categories, not aimed particularly at sports."

Johnson's comment to reporters followed the ban against shipping race horses or show animals by rail or other public carriers.

Other Office of Defense Transportation officials, reiterating hope that actual travel rationing can be avoided, said other steps, possibly a shifting of additional day coaches to the military pool, may satisfy the mounting troop deployment demand on accommodations.

Last week, in announcing withdrawal of sleeping car service between points 450 miles or less apart, Johnson said still more sleeping cars might have to be taken over to carry troops across the country.

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### THE WAR TODAY: Cleansing Of Spain Likely To Be Talked By Big Three

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP Writer

One of the critical and delicate cases likely to be considered at the coming clinic of doctors Truman, Stalin and Churchill—physicians extraordinary to the world—is that of Spain, the problem being what measures are necessary to purge this proud and important country of the Axis plague.

The way things stand now, it looks very much as though the cure of Spain's ills lies in a change of government. Support for that idea is seen in the action of a commission at the San Francisco security conference—the commission

### Men Of Four 'Faiths' Support Charter

See Need For Action To Establish U. S. Responsibility In International Peace Keeping

WASHINGTON, July 13.—(P)—Four leaders of different political views declared today that the senate ought to ratify the United Nations charter speedily to establish American responsibility in international peace-keeping.

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor; John Foster Dulles, foreign affairs advisor to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey in the 1944 presidential campaign; Norman Thomas, former Socialist candidate for president; and Philip Murray, president of the CIO, all endorsed the charter.

They appeared as witnesses in the senate foreign relations committee's final day of hearings on the 50-nation agreement signed at San Francisco.

Green, first on the stand, told committee members the charter will make possible "collective bargaining" between the nations that ought to go a long way toward preventing war.

"The document itself is evidence of the will to peace dominating so many nations," he declared. "No one nation would draft the charter as it now stands, but all in the spirit of tolerance are willing to accept a document which represents the high point of mutual agreement."

**PARTING OF WAYS**  
Dulles, who served as chief advisor to the American delegation at San Francisco, said in a statement prepared for delivery before the committee that "the United States is at the parting of the ways."

"Either we must act to continue the association of the United Nations or we must let that association lapse and go it alone," he declared in urging approval of the charter.

Thomas, in a prepared statement, said he thought the senate should ratify the charter "not because I believe it an adequate basis for lasting peace, but because I believe that the United States will be in a better position to lead in the establishment of such a basis if it should ratify the charter and its good faith use its constructive provisions for an increase in world cooperation."

CIO President Philip Murray, in a statement submitted to the committee, called for "the early and

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### Restrictions On Draftees Are Relaxed

WASHINGTON, July 13.—(P)—Men 26 or over who do not meet the army's regular physical standards are free today to change jobs without draft board permission.

At the request of the army, Selective Service last night relaxed its regulations to exclude these men from the possibility of induction as job-jumpers.

Heretofore these registrants who switched employment without approval of their board could be drafted for limited army service.

The job-jumper penalties, invoked six months ago to nip a trend away from war work, remain in effect for all physically fit men, as well as for registrants under 26 who fall shy of regular requirements.

**WILL BE INDUCTED**  
Men in the latter group who fail to clear job changes will continue to be inducted under relaxed physical standards.

Older men freed of clearance responsibility are those classified in 4-F, 2-A (P), 2-A (L), 2-B (P) and 2-B (L). All of these are classes for men who do not meet regular physical standards.

The army was understood to have requested the change because it opposes any substantial increase in the number of its men not qualified for combat duty. In the first five months of this year about 52,000 job-jumpers were inducted under relaxed physical standards.

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### AUSSIES PIERCE JAP DEFENSES

Heavy Fighting For Possession Of Smashed Stone Ridge

MANILA, July 13.—(P)—Aussie Seventh division troops, paced by flame throwers and tanks, have thrust deep into Japanese defenses of smashed stone ridge north of captured Balikpapan on Southeast Borneo in heavy fighting.

At the same time, headquarters reported today, Dutch units joined the Australians in a left flank march up Kariang Peninsula to execute a brilliant encircling maneuver against the entrenched Japanese who are pocketed some six miles north of Balikpapan town.

The Borneo campaign is being fought in steaming, rain-drenched forests and deceptive bogs overgrown with mangrove under a blazing tropical sun.

The main assault, northeast of Balikpapan in the Sepinggang Ketil river sector, the Australians are advancing over a scrubby, rilling terrain permitting use of their famed medium "Matilda" tanks.

**SURPRISE LANDING**  
In British northeast Borneo, the Aussie Ninth division made a surprise landing near Andus, 26 miles northeast of Beaufort, while another column made a 10-mile advance along Beaufort to the Jesselton narrow-gauge railway with opposition to occupy Kimanis village, five miles south of Andus.

This brought the leading elements within 30 miles of Jesselton, which has been under daily harassing attack from Australian airforce Spitfires based on Labuan and the Seventh fleet PT boats.

On Mindanao, Southern Philippines, where Japanese scattered through the Agusan river valley and the Davao Gulf area being mopped up, a prisoner told 24th division officers that 40 Japanese women and children had been found in the Tamogan sector with their throats cut.

**British Fleet Units Shell Nicobar Isles**  
CALCUTTA, July 13.—(P)—British fleet units have bombarded the strategic Nicobar islands while carrier planes attacked airfields in northwest Sumatra, southeast Asia command headquarters announced tonight in a special communique.

British minesweepers swept the approaches to Malacca Strait, which lies between Sumatra and the great naval base of Singapore, from July 5 to 10 without sighting a Japanese vessel.

While fleet units attacked the Nicobars, planes also laid their explosives on the islands. The Nicobars lie 280 miles northwest of Sumatra, rich Dutch oil producing island, and about 900 miles off Singapore. They are 400 miles west of the Kra peninsula of Malaya, linking Singapore to the mainland of Asia.

**WHAT'S DOING**  
TODAY  
8:00 pm.—Baseball game at high school park between Shelby and Forest City.

### KENNEY GIVEN AIR FORCES' TOP COMMAND

Promises To Bomb Enemy Homeland 24 Hours A Day

OKINAWA HOME BASE

By Spencer Davis

MANILA, July 13.—(P)—Gen. George C. Kenney was handed the army air forces' top tactical command against Japan today and promptly promised that his far eastern air forces with advanced headquarters now on Okinawa would bomb the enemy homeland 24 hours a day at all altitudes from 10 to 10,000 feet.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who has had Kenney as his right-hand man for air since the early days on the defensive in Australia and New Guinea, announced that the army Seventh Air force, veteran of the Central Pacific, had been transferred to Kenney's command. All army air operations from Okinawa now are under MacArthur's over-all command as chief of army forces in the Pacific.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz disclosed two days ago that the Seventh air force was reverting to army control.

MacArthur said this force was "in the process of deployment to forward bases to participate in the air saturation of Japan." This force includes Liberator heavy bombers and Mitchell mediums.

A dispatch from Guam today told of a blow against a naval station in Japan by more than 100 Liberators and Mitchells which it did not identify otherwise but which may have been part of the Seventh air force.

Status of the Seventh fighter command, based on Iwo Jima, was not made clear. Much of its work in the past has involved escorting Superfortresses of the strategic air forces over Japan.

Kenney's far eastern air forces already included the Fifth and 13th air forces. Elements of the

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### SILVER STAR TO SGT. WHITE

Is Decorated For Gallantry In Action On Two Occasions

Sgt. Frank M. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. White of 115 Cline street, has been awarded the Silver Star medal for gallantry in action in France, Belgium and Luxembourg from August of 1944 until January of 1945, it was learned here today.

Sgt. White was cited for his bravery in battle on two occasions when the medal was presented him. "On August 8 in France when his battalion was caught under enemy fire, he continued to fire a protective screen until the entire battalion had safely withdrawn. He then voluntarily searched the shell area for wounded comrades or abandoned equipment."

"On January 4 in Belgium he held his position in spite of small arms fire and threats to his flank until the enemy canalized area just 700 yards away and then he broke up the vicious attack with accurate mortar concentrations."

Sgt. White has been overseas 17 months and he is still in Germany. His wife, the former Miss Grace Ledford, makes her home in Kings Mountain.

**Pilot Brings Crippled Air Liner Down After Collision**  
COLUMBIA, S. C., July 13.—(P)—While the passengers prayed, the pilot of a crippled Eastern Airlines Transport brought the ship to an emergency landing in a Carolina cornfield yesterday after it collided with an army plane 3,000 feet up, killing two army fliers and a two-year-old boy.

The child was one of 17 passengers aboard the Boston-Miami Airliner, which went down 80 miles east of here. Four others, including the boy's mother, Mrs. A. E. Williams of Miami, Fla., were reported seriously injured, and several were shaken up.

Col. Dexter C. Martin, director of the South Carolina Aeronautics commission, said today that Fred Powell of the Federal Civil Aeronautics board safety division was conducting an investigation in Florence.

In the meantime the Florence army air base authorities also were investigating the accident.

**SAW IT COMING**  
Martin said he would return to Florence probably tomorrow. One of the passengers, Mrs. Annie Lee Moore Walker, 26, of Columbia, was shaken up.

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### 500 American Planes Blast War Targets Over Far-Flung Tokyo Area

GUAM, July 13.—(P)—Virtually unopposed air blows by around 500 B-29s, heavy and medium bombers, fighters and long range search planes across a 770-mile arc of Japan, extending north and south of Tokyo, were announced today. Promptly a U. S. air general on Okinawa declared "the Japs, in my opinion, don't intend to engage us in the air."

As enemy homeland factories and railroads were wrecked and even the smallest shipping sunk off shore, Eric Gen. David F. Hatcher of the Far East Air Force told Associated Press Correspondent Richard Cushing at Okinawa that Japan obviously was hoarding planes to use in suicide tactics when Yank Infantrymen storm Nippon's invasion beaches.

Rear Adm. D. C. Ramsey, new chief of staff of the Fifth fleet, estimated Japan might have 9,000 planes available and probably could throw about 4,000 into the battle over Japan.

Only weak fighter opposition was encountered over Tokyo Bay and a city to the north as Superforts dumped 3,000 tons of fire and demolition bombs on five homeland centers before dawn today, returning pilots reported.

No enemy fighters could be found aloft yesterday as more than 120 Liberator and Mitchell bombers and escorting fighters from Okinawa ripped into factories and railroads, the Port of Aburatsubo and the naval air station at Kanoya on Kyushu.

The enemy air force relinquished homeland skies so completely that fleet search planes flew nearly 200 miles north of Tokyo to hit small shipping off Sendai, then returned to Iwo—a roundtrip flight of nearly 2,000 miles.

It is approximately 770 miles from Sendai to the southernmost target hit on Kyushu.

Superfort bombers, building up the number of Japanese cities they have hit to 38, had to bomb by instrument through cloud banks but crews brought back these reports:

Island in Tokyo Bay—seven big fires started, visible even through overcast; very slight enemy attempt at interception.

Tsuruga, 55 miles northwest of Nagoya—a steady red glow started at that embarkation port for troops bound for Korea and Manchuria.

Utsunomiya—Weak air opposition brushed aside at that trade and transport center 60 miles north of Tokyo; raiders fought 60-mile-an-hour wind.

Ichinomiya—Incendiaries spilled through clouds on the war industry city nine miles northwest of Nagoya.

Uwajima—Flashes of the fire bombs vied with "St. Elmo's fire" (static electricity) over that port

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### CHINESE FORCES GET TANGKIANG

Five Former U. S. Air Bases Regained, Sixth Is Threatened

CHUNGKING, July 13.—(P)—The Chinese high command said today that Chinese troops pressing toward the former American air base city of Kanchien in Kiangsi province, had captured the highway town of Tangkiang, 11 miles west of their goal, and Fengkang, only seven and a half miles away.

Kanchien, if retaken, would be the sixth former U. S. base regained in the current Chinese drive.

Japanese troops, however, were reported driving along the highway leading to Suichuan, one of the five air bases recovered. Fighting was in progress 15 1-2 miles southwest of Suichuan and the same distance north of Kanchien, the high command said.

Other Chinese forces were intercepting Japanese troops in maritime Fukien province advancing toward Changpu, an important highway center 35 miles southwest of the Port of Amoy, the high command added.

The Japanese were driving toward Changpu from Chihhu, one of the points they occupied on the Chinese coast in establishing beachheads, south of Amoy last June 30.

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