

# WEATHER

Mostly cloudy with showers and scattered thunderstorms today, tonight and Sunday; little change in temperature except not quite so warm this afternoon.

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# THIRD FLEET BOMBARDS STEEL CITY OF KAMAISHI

## CHARTER GETS ROUSING VOTE OF COMMITTEE

Senate Will Begin Debates On Peace Document Monday

20 TO 0 APPROVAL

WASHINGTON, July 14.—(P)—Approved by a thumping 20 to 0 vote of the Foreign Relations committee, the United Nations charter took its place on the senate calendar today for its most critical world test.

Without a move to dot an "I" the 23-member committee endorsed the 50-nation peace-keeping agreement and handed it over to the senate. There debate will begin on the document July 23 amid signs pointing to its overwhelming approval.

If this approval is given without reservations or amendments, as leaders confidently expect, supporters feel other nations which have been waiting for this country to act will hurry to attach their official ratifications.

The committee's endorsement came at the end of a half hour closed session yesterday which wound up five days of public hearings. Three members who were absent will have an opportunity to get their names on the rolls later.

**OPPOSED LEAGUE**  
Senator Johnson (R-Cal), who had a dental appointment at the time of the meeting, may register his vote today. Although he opposed American entry into the League of Nations, he has indicated he might go along this time. Senator Shipstead (R-Minn.), who has not said how he will vote, and Senator Murray (D-Mont.), a charter supporter, were out of town.

The charter still may face proposed reservations in the senate. Senator Bushfield (R-SD) says he has four in mind.

**USE OF TROOPS**  
Briefly, he wants to deny the new organization power to order use of U. S. troops without approval of Congress, refuse it authority to limit American armaments, bar the proposed world security council from interference with the Monroe doctrine and provide for congressional definition of the powers of American representatives to the league.

Dulles told the committee the authority of the American delegate to order the use of U. S. troops ought to be defined when this nation makes a treaty agreement later on the forces it expects to make available toward policing the peace.

## Sharp Drop In Civilian Sugar Quotas Coming

WASHINGTON, July 14.—(P)—An eight-point cut in butter ration values and sharp reduction in civilian sugar supplies during the last three months of the year appeared to be possibilities today.

The chief of OPA's dairy products branch, Eugene Brockenbrough, disclosed last night that a trade proposal to lower butter ration values to 16 points a pound is being given "very careful consideration."

The butter committee of the New York Mercantile exchange recommended the eight-point reduction to prevent spoilage during peak butter production months. OPA previously has said a "slight" cut in butter ration values will be made July 29.

**LESS SUGAR**  
Meanwhile, agriculture department officers reported that the civilian supply of sugar during the final quarter of the year may be pared 25 percent under the July-September quarter allotment. The civilian supply for the year is estimated at 5,100,000 tons—about 3,000,000 tons short of potential demand. Approximately 2,800,000 tons were purchased in the first six months and 1,300,000 tons have been allocated for the current quarter.



**PITTSBURGH RIDES OUT TYPHOON**—A booming gale whips up Pacific waters around the American heavy cruiser, the USS Pittsburgh, after she had her bow torn off in a typhoon southeast of the Ryukyus June 5. In the picture of the bow end of the vessel, 100 feet of the bow has already been snapped off.—(AP Wirephoto from U. S. Navy.)

## Chennault To Quit Army, Leave China

Announcement Comes Two Days After Appointment Lt. Lt. Gen. Stratemeyer As Overall Commander

KUNMING, China, July 14.—(P)—Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault is leaving China and retiring from the U. S. army. He made this announcement today, two days after the appointment of Lt. Gen. George L. Stratemeyer as commander of all U. S. air forces in China.

## ROYSER QUILTS WELFARE POST

Board Chairman For 21 Years Resigns To Take Hospital Trusteeship

Dr. S. S. Royster, for 21 years chairman of the Cleveland County Welfare board, today tendered his resignation of that office in order that he might qualify for the county hospital trusteeship without violating the state's double-office holding statute. Dr. Royster, who has headed the Shelby Hospital board from its inception, was appointed by commissioners Monday to membership on the new county hospital board.

He directed his letter of resignation today to Chairman Glee A. Bridges. The welfare board post will likely be filled at the commission's meeting next Monday. Mrs. Mary Burns Parker, county welfare officer, today paid tribute to the "devoted, unselfish service" rendered by Dr. Royster during her association with him as head of that board. "No man could have given more to the work than he has done and it has been a pleasure and inspiration to work with a man of such splendid civic spirit," Mrs. Burns added.

## WHAT'S DOING

**SUNDAY**  
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.—U.S. center open to service folk visiting in the city.

**MONDAY**  
7:30 p.m.—City council meets at city hall.

## THE WAR TODAY:

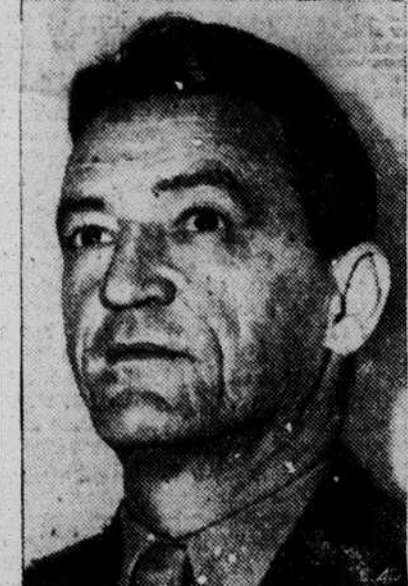
## Invasion Of Japan May Dwarf D-Day In Normandy

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP Writer

The greatest amphibious invasion the world has seen was D-day for Normandy, when the Allied armada of 4,000 ships swept across the English channel against the French coast, under a canopy of air power.

That represented the utmost which man had even envisaged in the way of such an operation. Yet we now are headed for another D-day—perhaps still months away—which may exceed anything we saw in Normandy, and that's the invasion of Japan.

Of course any effort to forecast what will happen



MAJ. GEN. CHENNAULT

the Chinese theater, announced acceptance of Chennault's resignation.

**TELLS NEWSMEN**  
Chennault called in correspondents to disclose his decision. He said he would not continue as commander of the 14th air force although Wedemeyer, in announcing Stratemeyer's appointment Thursday, had said that Chennault would retain his command.

Chennault once before retired from the U. S. army, in 1936 because of disability. He came to China in 1937 and started working for the Chiang Kai-shek government. He

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## BRITISH MEN OF WAR ESCORT TRUMAN'S SHIP

President Will Go To Antwerp, Fly From Brussels To Potsdam

PREPARES FOR TALKS

By Ernest B. Vaccaro  
ABOARD CRUISER AUGUSTA WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN, July 14.—(P)—Seven British men of war loomed up out of the mist-shrouded English channel today to escort President Truman's cruiser-borne party to Antwerp. From there the President will fly to Potsdam for his first "big three" meeting with Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin.

Mr. Truman was on the Augusta's bridge when the Rendezvous was joined with the British cruiser Birmingham and six of his majesty's destroyers.

At 7 a.m., Greenwich meantime, the Birmingham and her accompanying destroyers were sighted on calm but misty waters.

The destroyers took their places, three on each side of the Augusta, and her companion ship, the Philadelphia, turning about with a precision comparable to parade ground maneuvers of smart cadets. The Birmingham, with Rear Admiral Cunningham-Graham aboard, encircled the president's ship, all of her men standing at attention along her rails.

**LEADS PROCESSION**  
After this formal greeting, she raced quickly ahead to take her place in front of the Philadelphia to lead the procession past lands' end and the historic cliffs of Dover.

One of the destroyers put out a small boat which bounced over to the Augusta with a mail pouch from the White House.

Two floating mines which had broken from their moorings were sighted near the formation. Upon arrival at Antwerp, President Truman will motor to Brussels and there take off in his big C-54 plane for Potsdam and his first meeting with Prime Minister Churchill and Generalissimo Stalin Monday or Tuesday.

**PROPOSALS**  
The President completed today the examination of the proposals he will present to Stalin and Churchill and of the data these two have submitted as subjects for discussion.

Mr. Truman is firmly opposed to any secret agreements, his associates say, and will report to Congress immediately upon his return to the United States from the conference.

A side trip to France already has been ruled out and a reported visit to London is not more than a possibility. The length of the conference may determine the feasibility of such a trip.

## NEW LANDING ON MINDANAO

Aussies Push Through Jap Defenses Of Sambodja Oil Fields

MANILA, July 14.—(P)—An Australian surge through collapsing Japanese resistance to within nine miles of the Sambodja oil fields on east Borneo and a fleet-covered American amphibious landing in southern Mindanao of the Philippines were reported today.

The hitherto fiercely fighting enemy was routed at a point more than 20 miles north of the conquered oil port of Balikpapan as the Aussie Seventh division scored a gain of four and a half miles.

Tokyo radio, meanwhile, made the unconfirmed claim that Japanese planes have sunk "at least one enemy destroyer" in an attack on shipping outside Balikpapan harbor.

**ON MINDANAO**  
To speed up the cleanup of invaded Mindanao, elements of the U. S. 24th division were landed Thursday under bombardment guns of the Seventh Fleet in Sarangani Bay. The infantrymen, also covered by Marine aircraft, were unopposed as they moved inland in pursuit of enemy forces retreating in that sector.

In northern Luzon, Sixth division infantrymen have captured the mountain province stronghold of Kiangwan where the Japanese had held out in caves and bamboo thickets for weeks. Northeast of Baguio, the last provincial capital of Bontoc fell to guerrilla forces.



**THE ADMIRAL BREAKFASTS WITH MOM**—Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, naval hero of the Pacific, has breakfast with his mother, Mrs. Myrta Mitscher, 82, in her home at Hillsboro, Wis., just before their first meeting in 11 years.—(AP Wirephoto)

## SHAEF Is Dissolved; Eisenhower Praised

Supreme Commander Hopes Unity Among Allies Achieved In SHAEF Will Point Way To Peace

PARIS, July 14.—(P)—The greatest unified military command of all time—Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force—was dissolved at 12:01 A. M. today.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the supreme commander, said it was his "hope and prayer" that the "unparalleled unity which has been achieved" would "point the way to a permanent and lasting peace."

Ending 17 months and one day after it was launched to bring Germany to her knees in defeat, SHAEF was disbanded virtually on the eve of the "Big Three" Potsdam conference for inter-allied agreement on the first steps of rehabilitation under the peace.

British newspapers paid tribute to the supreme command and Eisenhower's leadership and the army newspaper Stars and Stripes hailed it as a "conclusive demonstration of the effectiveness of international cooperation."

**NATIONAL CONTROL**  
As SHAEF was dissolved, the Allied armies reverted to their own national control and Gen. Eisenhower became strictly an American commander for the first time in nearly three years. Eisenhower stepped into his new job as commander of U. S. Forces in Europe and the European Theater and as American representative on the European control council at Berlin.

Gen. Eisenhower, who returned to his Frankfurt, Germany, headquarters from the United States on Wednesday, bade farewell to the troops who had served under his command in an order of the day which said "no praise is too high for the manner in which you have surmounted every obstacle."

**AT FRANKFURT**  
Under the new set-up, U. S. headquarters, at least for the time being, will be at Frankfurt. Under USFET will be two major groups, or functions: the communications zone and occupation and control. The former is commanded by Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, and will devote itself to the major task of getting men out of the European theater.

Occupation and control covers all American troops in Germany, whether there to stay or not. It may be well toward the end of 1945 before the number of troops left in Germany is down near the size to be designated ultimately as the army of occupation.

## Russia And China Reach Understanding

MOSCOW, July 14.—(P)—A joint Soviet-Chinese communique announced today that Russia and China had reached a broad mutual understanding on important questions involving relations between the two countries in discussions here the past two weeks.

## U. S. Comes Close To Apology To Japs For Sinking Awa Maru

WASHINGTON, July 14.—(P)—American officials fervently hoped today that Japan will permit additional relief shipments to Allied prisoners now that this country has accepted full responsibility for sinking a Japanese relief ship.

## Iron, Steel Works Wiped Out; Carrier Planes Blast Other Mainland Targets

By Leif Erickson

GUAM, July 14.—(P)—The U. S. Third Fleet, bombarding Japan for the first time, set great fires raging through a steel city on northern Honshu today as 1,000 of its carrier planes blasted nearby targets of the northern home islands in co-ordinated blows.

## NEWSMAN TELLS OF SHELLING

U. S. Battle Squadron Swaggers Along Japanese Coast 3 Hours

By JAMES LINDSLEY

ABOARD BATTLESHIP SOUTH DAKOTA IN SIGHT OF JAPAN, July 14.—(P)—High explosives, bearing made in America stamp, whistled for two hours from flaming muzzles of big naval guns into the great Japanese iron works at Kamaishi in northern Honshu today.

It was my privilege to watch this bombardment of Japan for the first time in this war—a bombardment which caused sky-reaching explosions and started roaring fires which blanketed the area with smoke.

A battle squadron of three battleships, two heavy cruisers and numerous destroyers, was in plain sight of Japan for three hours before the bombardment started and for sometime afterward.

For two hours the squadron swagged back and forth within rifle shot of Honshu, drawing only the most meager and apparently timid opposition.

**DO NOTHING POLICY**  
It was as if you strutted back and forth on some enemy's front porch, peeped in his front door, messed up his parlor and asked him what he proposed to do about it.

The Japanese chose to do very little about it.

"As this is written there is no report of damage to American vessels in this action, one of the most spectacular of the Pacific war."

Kamaishi is 275 miles north of Tokyo. It has a pre-war population of about 42,000, but an influx of workers to the steel mills is believed to have swelled it to nearly twice that.

The Imperial Iron and Steel Works, prime target of the bombardment warships, is one of the most important in the whole Japanese empire.

## Harrison Appeals 30-Year Sentence In Higham Death

RALEIGH, July 14.—(P)—Harry C. Harrison, 19-year-old ex-marine, has appealed to the state Supreme court a sentence of 30 years passed yesterday by Judge Clawson L. Williams after a Wake county jury found the youth guilty of second degree murder in the slaying of Mrs. May Davis Higham last Easter Monday.

Judge Williams ordered Harrison held without bond pending the high court decision. Harrison faced a first degree murder charge in which the state sought to show he struck Mrs. Higham, a 71-year-old widow and distant relative, a fatal blow on the head when she surprised him robbing her home. The state alleged the youth then set fire to Mrs. Higham's home to cover his crime.

A charge of arson is pending against Harrison in connection with the fire. Solicitor William Y. Bickett said he had not decided what action he would take regarding the arson indictment.

## Nazi-Seized Treasure Piled Ceiling High

By GEORGE TUCKER  
FRANKFURT, Germany, July 14.—(P)—The pillaged wealth of Nazi occupied Europe, taken from the teeth of murdered Jews and the coffers of seized governments alike, was piled ceiling high today in the Reichsmark bank of Frankfurt.

In addition to gold and silver there were hogsheds of pearls, rubies and sapphires. Wooden cases held gold and silver fillings from the teeth of concentration camp victims.

Currency experts from the United States treasury and the Bank of England were identifying making an inventory of the Nazi loot.

"An accurate estimate of the total value can never be made," said Col. Bernard Bernstein, director of the finance division of the U. S. group control council.

He said the collection included 53 separate deposits hidden by the Nazis and unearthed by U. S. troops during the final days of the war. These included the gold bullion discovered by the U. S. third army in the Merkers salt mines and special hidden hoards of Heinrich Himmler's SS organization which were buried under chicken coops on a German farm.

**WEDDING KINGS**  
In one cache thousands of wedding rings stripped from the fingers of women victims of the Nazis in Germany, Greece, Poland and other occupied countries were strung on ropes like country sausages.

"We have found barrels of silver and gold wrist watches, cigarette cases, wedding rings, bracelets and jewelry of every description," Bernstein added. "This was taken from Nazi concentration camp victims."

The bullion was stacked like cordwood and one large room held nothing but securities from almost every country in the world. The loot includes millions of Russian rubles and \$34,000,000 in U. S. gold coins.

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