



CUBS WEAR NEW INSIGNIA DENOTING VETERANS—Members of the Chicago Cubs wore new insignia on their left sleeves denoting veterans honorably discharged from the armed services, in July 12th's twin bill with the Boston Braves. Left to right: Mickey Livingston, catcher, Army; Paul Gillespie, catcher, Coast Guard; and Harry Lowrey, leftfielder, Army. The bandage on Livingston's upper lip covers a recent injury. (Wirephoto)

PGA King Nelson May Retire From Golf For A Needed Rest

TURF UPSETS DIME A DOZEN

DAYTON, O., July 16.—(AP)—Byron Nelson of Toledo, the one-day-old PGA championship crown perched jauntily on his sunburned brow, will decide this week whether to retire from golf for a while.

The transplanted Texan, who yesterday defeated Sam Byrd of Redford, Mich., 4 and 3, to take the title over Moraine Country club's hilly, wind-swept course, said he would enter the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minn., Wednesday for a checkup.

"My back has been bothering me," Nelson explained. "I want to find out just what the trouble is, and if the doctors say I need a rest I'll just put away my clubs until they tell me I can play again."

Nelson has exhibitions scheduled today and tomorrow in Iowa, and one in Rochester, Wednesday. He will play all of them, he said, before going to the clinic.

Nelson's back was injured about two weeks ago in a driving contest preceding the victory open in Chicago. He went on to win that event, and \$5,000 in war bonds in the PGA concluded here yesterday.

Each night during the tourney Nelson underwent heat, massage and osteopath treatments to prepare for the next day's round, and despite the injury he scored 48 birdies and two eagles, went over par only 15 times and finished 37 under par for 204 holes.

KEEN COMPETITION
The 38-year-old Byrd, in the PGA finals for the first time, appeared ready to sweep Nelson out of the way as he wound up the morning round with four straight birdies to take a two-up lead.

Byrd toured the first 18 in 67 strokes, five under par, while Nelson was using up 69, but Nelson, appearing in the finals for the fifth time in the last six PGA classics, didn't appear perturbed.

Byrd hiked his lead to three on the 21st as Nelson muffed a four foot putt, but then Byrd's game began to fall apart. He lost to Nelson's birdie on the 22nd, and skidded over par on both the 25th and 26th to hit the final turn all even.

With Byrd's putter cooled off, Nelson romped to win the 29th, 30th, 31st and 32nd in a row, and halved the next in par three—despite a tee shot which soared over the green into the gallery—to close out the match.

The victory was Nelson's ninth tourney win in a row, a winning streak never before attained by any golfer.

The Scoreboard

| CLUB STANDING NATIONAL LEAGUE | | W. L. | |
|-------------------------------|----|-------|----|
| Chicago | 47 | 29 | 18 |
| St. Louis | 44 | 34 | 10 |
| Brooklyn | 44 | 35 | 9 |
| Pittsburgh | 41 | 37 | 4 |
| New York | 42 | 40 | 2 |
| Boston | 39 | 39 | 0 |
| Cincinnati | 37 | 38 | 1 |
| Philadelphia | 21 | 63 | 0 |

| AMERICAN LEAGUE | | W. L. | |
|-----------------|----|-------|----|
| Detroit | 43 | 32 | 11 |
| Washington | 40 | 32 | 10 |
| New York | 41 | 35 | 6 |
| Boston | 41 | 35 | 6 |
| St. Louis | 39 | 38 | 1 |
| Cleveland | 35 | 39 | 6 |
| Philadelphia | 25 | 50 | 25 |

| GAME RESULTS NATIONAL LEAGUE | |
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| Chicago 5-7, New York 3-2 | |
| Pittsburgh 9-15, Brooklyn 1-3 | |
| Cincinnati 6-3, Philadelphia 1-1 | |
| Boston 3-5, St. Louis 1-3 | |

| AMERICAN LEAGUE | |
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| New York 5, Detroit 4 (Second as rain.) | |
| Boston 6, Cleveland 4 (Second as rain.) | |
| Other games postponed, rained. | |

| TODAY'S BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE | |
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| Detroit at New York 2:30 p.m. | |
| Cleveland at Boston 2:30 p.m. | |
| Chicago at Philadelphia (2) 7:15 p.m. | |
| St. Louis at Washington (night) 8:30 p.m. | |

| NATIONAL LEAGUE | |
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| New York at Chicago 2:30 p.m. | |
| Brooklyn at Pittsburgh 3:15 p.m. | |
| Boston at St. Louis (night) 8:30 p.m. | |

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STATE COLLEGE, Pa., July 16.—(AP)—Anna M. Stephens, physical education instructor at the College of Health Service, Pennsylvania State College, has resigned to become a golf instructor at Carolina College, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, N. C.

SEER BODY IN CATAWBA
CHARLOTTE, (AP)—(AP)—Mount Holly and Mecklenburg county were early this morning dragging the Catawba river for the body of a man who was drowned Sunday night.

HALSEY SENDS TASK FORCE TO TOKYO'S DOOR

Battleship Iowa Heads Force Roaming Homeland Waters 80 MILES OF TOKYO

By Hamilton Maron
GUAM, July 17.—(AP)—A daring American naval task force steamed to within 80 miles of Tokyo tonight (Japan time) and bombarded industrial targets around Hitachi on the heels of an eight hour raid by 1,500 planes from American and British carrier planes in the area of the Japanese capital.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced the bombardment while it was still underway only a few hours after he reported carrier planes had knocked out 347 Japanese vessels and 129 locomotives in their week-end sweep over northern Japan.

The new battleship Iowa with her blazing 16-inch guns led the bombardment group in the closest approach of any U. S. Naval Task Force to the Japanese capital.

SUCCESSIVE RAIDS
A curtain of steel from the Iowa and supporting cruisers and destroyers hammered at Hitachi's vital copper smelter and aircraft plants, previous target of Marianas-based Superforts which sent nearly 500 planes lashing at four other Nipponese cities today.

It was the third naval bombardment of Japan's vulnerable coastal industries within four days. The Iowa presumably led the bombardment ships in close to shore for the night attack against the industrial plants which lie about a mile off the coast.

In a week's Admiral William F. (Bull) Halsey's Third fleet has ranged from Tokyo to the northern end of Japan and back again, smashing with bombs and shells virtually important steel, munitions, and oil plants, shipping and rail transportation and airdromes.

Japan has taken it all helplessly without offering more than token resistance.

Today's unprecedented assault on the Tokyo area was part of a pre-invasion attack involving 2,000 or more Allied planes ranging from stubby little fighters to giant Superforts. Fighters and bombers from the world's greatest naval armada swept the Tokyo area for at least eight hours, and there was no word that the attack by Adm.

STRIKES MAKE 39,123 IDLE

Further Work Stoppages Mar The Labor Picture

By the Associated Press
Fresh labor disputes spoiled an otherwise promising picture of the national labor scene today.

Ending of work stoppages in a dozen industries during the last 24 hours enabled more than 32,000 men and women to go back to their jobs. But as the 32,417 returned to the 12 war factories and mines, New York stoppages were reported in five industries, adding 12,464 to the idle ranks, and putting the total at 39,123.

This number, however, was one of the lowest in the last several days.

The walkouts and strikes were in more than a score of cities and hit a varied line of industries, including coal mines, newspapers, ship yards, bus lines, a telephone company, distilleries and a dozen or more war plants. Many of the strikes and walkouts have been in progress for more than two weeks.

The largest of the new stoppages reported was a walkout of 8,000 employees of the Pennsylvania ship yards in Beaumont, Tex. They quit work as negotiations continued between the company and the metal trades council (AFL) over a contract which expired July 2.

A labor dispute in San Francisco which has tied up repair work on nine ships since last Friday continued.



TRUMAN CHATS WITH YANK SERGEANT IN BRUSSELS—En route to the Big Three conference at Potsdam, President Truman (left) pauses at an airfield in Brussels, Belgium, to chat with S/Sgt. Frank P. Galis (right) of Racine, Wis., a member of the 137th regiment in the U. S. 35th division. Others were not identified. (AP Wirephoto from Signal Corps Radiophoto)

SCHOOLS WILL OPEN SEPT. 3

Board Elects Several New Teachers, Accepts Resignations

At a meeting of the city school board held last night the date for opening of the 1945-46 school session was set for Monday morning, September 3, at 8:30 o'clock, with regular holidays to be observed during the school year.

The calendar, as set by the board, lists Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23, to be observed as Thanksgiving holidays; December 15 through 30 inclusive to be observed as Christmas holidays; and Good Friday and Easter Monday to be observed as Easter holidays in the spring.

The board, which was administered the oath of office for the new term which begins on July 1, last night accepted the resignation of Mrs. Henry Mills, first grade teacher in the Jefferson school, and of Agnes S. Mitchell, home economics teacher in the Cleveland training school. The resignations of two teachers, elected to begin teaching here during the coming year, J. G. Ayers and Miss Carson Overcash, were also accepted.

Mr. Ayers was to be principal of Jefferson school and Miss Overcash was to teach Spanish and English in the high school.

NEW TEACHERS
The following teachers were elected to teach in the city schools during the coming year: Miss Gwendolyn Pierce, graduate of Woman's college in Greensboro, social science; Miss Betty Modlin, graduate of Appalachian State Teachers college and for the past four years a teacher in Glen Alpine, first grade at Jefferson school; Miss Gwendolyn Doggett of Lattimore, for the past six years a teacher in the Polkville school, primary teacher to be assigned; Elsie Enloe, Shelby, home economics teacher at Cleveland training school.

The board authorized Superintendent Walter Abernethy to offer a contract to a principal for the Jefferson school and an announcement of the new principal is expected at an early date.

Carl S. Thompson Offers Give Land For City Park

City Studying Proposed Development To Include Lake And Swimming Pool

Plans for a large municipal park, lake and swimming pool within the city's limits were under consideration today by the City of Shelby following a formal tender of acreage for the project by Carl S. Thompson, owner of the old King property in the valley east of Gilliat's greenhouses which city officials recognize as peculiarly adaptable to park purposes.

CHINESE SLASH FLEEING JAPS

CHUNGKING, July 17.—(AP)—Forward elements of Chinese forces closing in on Kweilin have infiltrated into the outskirts of the former American air base city, 90 miles northeast of recently recaptured Luichow, the Chinese high command announced.

Other troops pushing up the Huan-Kwangsi railroad from Luichow have advanced to within 40 1-2 miles of Kweilin, triple-airfield base abandoned last October by the U. S. 14th air force. This advance placed the Chinese moving along the railroad at a point within nine and one-half miles of Yungu, which is 31 miles southwest of Kweilin.

Other Chinese forces drove a wedge into the Huan-Kwangsi railroad between Kweilin and Chuanhsien, 67 miles northeast of Kweilin, thus cutting off enemy retreat from the former air base along the rail line which runs through Hengyang. The rail line was cut eight miles northeast of Hsinganhsien, which is 33 miles northeast of Kweilin.

The high command also announced the recapture of Tinpak, a coastal highway town on the South China sea, 175 miles southwest of Canton. Capture of this town severed Japanese communications with Luichow peninsula and Hainan Island to the south, the Chinese said.

Must Brand Meat With OPA License Number

Beginning July 15, every slaughterer, before selling or transferring any meat must mark on each accessible wholesale cut the number of his OPA license, it was stated by local rationing officials today. The marking must be clear and conspicuous and the numerals and letters must be at least one-fourth inch in height and width.

WHAT'S DOING

7:00 p.m.—Scouters club at Cleveland Cloth Mills club.
WEDNESDAY
7:45 p.m.—Presbyterian prayer meeting.
8 p.m.—Midweek prayer service at First Baptist church.

Nimitz Terms Blasting Of Japan 'Pre-Invasion' Stage

GUAM, July 17.—(AP)—Current fleet bombardment of the Japanese homeland is the "pre-invasion stage" of the war, fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz stated today while in Washington. Vice Admiral Daniel Barbey warned bluntly that invasion of either Japan or China may not wait until the end of the typhoon season.

Radio Tokyo, not to be outdone in the broadcasting of invasion warnings, predicted early landings on Japan and declared: "The homeland decisive battle is the decisive battle of all decisive battles."
Nimitz, broadcasting to the United States just 45 minutes after flashing the announcement

LUNCHEON IS PRELUDE TO CONFERENCE

Soviet Leaders Have Been In Potsdam For Past Two Days

BYRNES PRESENT

POTSDAM, July 17.—(AP)—Premier Stalin conferred with President Truman at the little white house today in company with their ranking foreign affairs officials a few hours before the world-shaping big three conference was scheduled to start.

The Generalissimo, attired as a marshal of the Soviet Union, was accompanied by Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov. They were guests at luncheon of the President and Secretary of State James F. Byrnes. The party lasted for an hour.

The atmosphere of secrecy surrounding the delayed start of the conference with Prime Minister Churchill was heightened during the murky, cloudy morning by three mysterious explosions in the Russian zone of Berlin.

DELAY UNEXPLAINED
The two Soviet leaders arrived in Potsdam two days ago, it was disclosed. There was no explanation, however, why the opening of the conference had been delayed yesterday.

The Russians appeared at Mr. Truman's residence at 11:50 a. m. with their official interpreter, V. N. Pavlov, and were greeted by the President's military and naval aides and then by Mr. Truman and his secretary of state in their offices on the second floor.

Charles E. Bohlen of the State department was the American interpreter. Pavlov has accompanied Stalin to all the previous Big Three meetings. The six were together for an hour before going to lunch.

Mr. Truman wore a brown dress suit and sat at the head of the table. The Generalissimo's uniform was fawn-colored with silver-edged stars on the epaulets. He sat on the President's right.

Pavlov and Molotov sat to Stalin's right in that order, while Byrnes, Bohlen and Admiral William D. Leahy, Mr. Truman's personal chief of staff, were at the President's left in that order.

Mr. Truman had seen Prime Minister Churchill informally yesterday when the British leader called to pay his respects.

DEMOCRATIC AFFAIR
It was the kind of easy-going meeting without frills, which delights the Democratic Missourian making his debut in the world's biggest political circle.

For Stalin-whose pleasures also have been simple except when the Russian tradition of gorgeous formalities requires herculean fetes—it was an opportunity to size up at leisure the successor of President Roosevelt.

Mr. Truman is just getting used to the sometimes cumbersome business of interpreters, but this was a smooth beginning.

What they talked about remained secret.
Stalin met Byrnes at the Yalta conference. Bohlen went to Moscow after that meeting in the Crimea as State department trouble shooter, assisting Ambassador W. Averill Harriman in tripartite effort.

First Yanks Direct From Europe Receive Welcome To Manila

MANILA, July 17.—(AP)—The first American service troops shipped directly into the Pacific war zone from Europe without a trip home arrived here today to a wet, sloshy welcome after a month's journey from Italy.

The 4,275 veterans of Africa, Sicily and Italy landed on a muddy Manila dock in the damp dawn. Two bands played as the men moved from LCMs to freight cars which carried them to their new camp 35 miles south of here.

They came from nearly every service branch of the Fifth army, ranging from railway construction to bridge repair and ordnance. There were four companies of white troops, but the remainder were negroes. None are considered combat men but all have been through considerable action.

Good Taste!
after the swim...

ATLANTIC ALE AND BEER
"FULL OF GOOD CHEER"

Atlantic Company—Breweries in Atlanta, Charlotte, Chattanooga, Norfolk, Orlando