

WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness and little change in temperature, showers over coastal section this afternoon, tonight and Thursday.

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Big Three Moving Quickly Under Truman's Chairmanship

REPORT STALIN CARRYING JAP BID FOR PEACE

U. S. Leader Goes Calling Separately On Stalin, Churchill

CLOUDS CLEARING

By Ernest B. Vaccaro and Kenneth L. Dixon POTSDAM, July 18.—(P)—President Truman, grasping the reins as presiding officer of his first big three conference, went calling today to talk things over separately with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin.

Potsdam skies were cloudy, but the parley atmosphere appeared considerably cleared. The president first conferred and ate luncheon with the prime minister and then visited the Soviet generalissimo for a similar personal session later in the afternoon.

TRUMAN IN STRIDE Mr. Truman was selected yesterday as conference chairman. With him on at least the latter visit was secretary of state James F. Byrnes, the president's erstwhile capitol hill partner in many a compromise mission to smooth the congressional pathway for wartime commitments which the late President Roosevelt made at just such international sessions as this.

It was a new and far more spectacular setting to an old story for both of them—on an international basis now. Truman's swift step to get down to cases individually with both Churchill and Stalin indicated the Missouriian has taken the Potsdam program right in his stride.

There was no definite information as to whether another formal conference was scheduled for later this afternoon. However, it would be true to Truman form promptly to call an official meeting to clinch any informal agreement which might be reached during his personal visits.

Mr. Truman's visits to the other two members of the big three followed the order in which they had visited him—Churchill on Monday and Stalin on Tuesday—thus conforming to diplomatic protocol.

Announcement of the president's

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BEAMS TO OPEN SUBDIVISIONS

Building Lake And Opening Streets For Two Developments

Two real estate developments for suburban homesites are being readied by D. A. Beam Co. for sale at public auction in September. Both acreages front on the old Kings Mountain highway, known to many as Horseshoe Bend and are within the corporate limits of the city.

One development, a part of the Bob Roberts lands, lies east of Horseshoe Bend and embraces 24 acres. A lake to cover three and a half acres is being built on the property to the rear by Lavender Brothers, which firm is also grading streets and sidewalks in accordance with surveys made by Surveyor Beaumonde.

ADJOIN BEAUMONDE

The H. M. Loy property, also belonging to the Beam company, embracing 38 acres and adjoining the Beaumonde Terraces, a subdivision promoted successfully earlier by the Beams, is being prepared for sale at the same time the Lakeview property is offered.

Lavender Brothers are grading streets and sidewalks in this property, which has not been named as yet, and it will probably be made a part of the Beaumonde Terrace development.

"Churchill Drive" will be the name of the principal street through the Loy property, named in honor of the Prime Minister of England who has been so prominent in leading the Allied nations to victory and is now in conference with President Truman and Joseph Stalin concerning the future peace of the world.

John A. Beam, a member of the Beam company, is supervising the laying out of the development and says that all of the residential lots will be offered for sale in both tracts sometime in September.



STALIN, TRUMAN AND CHURCHILL MEET IN POTSDAM—Generalissimo Stalin (left), President Truman (center), and Prime Minister Churchill stand together before the opening session of their victory conference at the Kaiser Wilhelm palace at Potsdam, Germany, at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.—(AP Wirephoto from Signal Corps radiophoto from Paris.)

MINERS TO GET EXTRA POINTS

Strike For Extra Rations Finds OPA Agreeable To Demand

By The Associated Press The OPA's promise to grant extra rations to the nation's coal miners heralded the end today of the "no-meat, no-work" strike of some 10,000 coal miners and foundry workers in southern Illinois.

Leaders of the AFL Progressive Mine Workers and the United Mine Workers said they had ordered the strikers back to their jobs after they had been advised of the OPA's program which it hopes to make effective early in August.

LABOR DISPUTES Elsewhere across the country some 35,000 other workers stayed away from their jobs in more than a score of cities. But, unlike the coal miners and foundry workers, their walkouts and strikes stemmed from labor disputes, and not in protest over meat shortages.

The expected return to work by the miners and

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Navy Reveals Loss Of Two Minesweepers

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(P)—The navy announced today the loss of two motor minesweepers in the Borneo area as a result of enemy action.

The ships, the YMS 50 and the YMS 365, had a normal complement of about 35 each.

There were none killed or missing, the navy said, but no information was available on the number of wounded.

There was no casualty status reported for either of the ships' skippers.

The YMS 365 was under command of Lt. (jg) Fred C. Huff, Jr., New Orleans, La.

The YMS 50 was commanded by Lt. (jg) Blake G. Stern, Logan, Iowa.

Loss of the two craft raised to 324 the total naval vessels of all types lost in the war.

Swellenbach Seeking A Strong Labor Department

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(P)—Lewis B. Swellenbach appeared today to be charting a course which with congressional sanction, would make him the most powerful secretary of labor since the department was created in 1913.

The new cabinet officer told a news conference yesterday that 30 leaders of organized labor had advised him his department should have control over all federal labor agencies except the long-standing national mediation board which handles rail labor disputes.

And Swellenbach strongly indicated he agreed with them. He said, however, he had not made up his mind which agencies should be united with his department but

Russia's Old Claim For Trade Outlets Revived

Big Three May Be Called Upon To Settle Subject Vital To East Asia's Future

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(P)—Russia's age-old quest for her own trade outlets to the open ocean may come close to fulfillment at the Berlin big three conference.

Diplomatic authorities here believe the question of ocean traffic bottleneck which allow other countries to control all the best passages to the Soviet union may occupy a prominent position at the Potsdam discussions.

These bottlenecks include the Yellow sea approaches to Russia's Siberian back door. The prospect is that regardless of talk or lack of talk about Soviet participation in the war against Japan, there will be a fairly full exploration of Russia's political intentions in eastern Asia.

These intentions are believed to be dominated to a considerable extent by Russia's commercial aspirations in the Pacific. Involved directly is the question of Port Arthur. Russia once took a 99-year lease on that North China port, and Premier Stalin generally is expected to demand its use again.

But neither Port Arthur nor any other outlet that far south is likely to have any security unless the Russians control approaches to it. For that reason, and several others, President Truman is anxious to find out Stalin's general ideas on the future of east Asia regardless of what Russia does about the war.

The great key to Russian trade in the west is the Dardanelles, Turkish controlled under the

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Hancock Boosted By Hoyey For RFC Loan Administrator

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(P)—Frank W. Hancock of Oxford, N. C., has been suggested by Senator Hoyey (D-NC) for the post of RFC loan administrator.

Hoyey said he understood President Truman may make the appointment before he returns from the Big Three conference.

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Hitler Reported Now In Antarctic

By The Associated Press Adolf Hitler, variously reported dead or escaped to one place or another, was brought back in the news again today by a report that he had taken up residence on an island in the Antarctic.

Following a statement by Cesar Ameghino, Argentine foreign minister, that there was no truth in a published rumor that Hitler and his alleged bride had reached Argentina by the German submarine U-530 and were living in Patagonia, the French Brazzaville radio relayed a report that the pair were in the Antarctic.

The broadcast, heard last night by NBC, quoted "the South American newspaper, La Critica," as saying that Hitler and Eva Braun had taken refuge on Queen Mary island, a former base for German Antarctic explorers, after being landed by the U-530, which surrendered last week to Argentine authorities.

Mal A. Spangler, sr., has accepted the campaign chairmanship and will direct the campaign to raise \$100,000 this year for the Shelby and Cleveland County Foundation.

Appointments and acceptance of the post was announced today by J. Hopson Austell, chairman of the special finance committee, who said the drive will be conducted on an intensive community-wide basis in September.

The Foundation is seeking to provide funds for the provision of a Community Center which was conceived as Shelby's own memorial to its men and women who served in World War II. No site has been selected for the center and plans will not be drawn until money is in hand to see it through on a scale the trustees regard adequate for the community—but money is being raised and held in trust against the time when actual construction may proceed.

The finance committee plans to visit similar establishments in other North Carolina cities prior to the campaign in which Mr. Spangler said he hopes every individual citizen and business will contribute generously to provide a living memorial for the city's sons and daughters who have served in World War II.

MAL SPANGLER TO HEAD DRIVE

Named Campaign Chairman To Raise \$100,000 Toward Center

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The project will not in any way conflict with the community center project which the Foundation has as its principal immediate aim, Mr. Carroll said. The parks and playgrounds are but an extension beyond the year-round program which the center will provide through its facilities and personnel and for which Shelbyans are being asked to contribute \$100,000 this year.

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8:00 p. m. — Mid-week prayer service at First Baptist church.

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British Sending Heavy Bombers Into Pacific

GUAM, July 18.—(P)—British heavy bombers may join American fliers in the Pacific, increasing to ten the Allied air groups coordinating their devastating raids on the Japanese homeland.

Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles, deputy commander of U. S. army strategic air forces (USASTAF) has completed a series of conferences with British Air Marshal Sir Hugh Lloyd involving "the possible assignment of a British heavy bomber force to work under USASTAF," Giles' office reported today.

Already engaged in daily assaults on the Japanese homeland with fire, fragmentation and high explosive bombs, rockets and strafing are the 20th air force's B-29s; fleet air wings 1 and 18 with their Privateers, Liberators and Mariners; the 5th and 7th AAFFS with their Thunderbolt fighters and Liberators and Mitchells; the army's 7th fighter command with its Mustangs, and the Second and Fourth Marine aircraft wings with their Corsairs, Avengers and Mitchells.

Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle's 8th AAF, adding B-29s and possibly B-17 flying forts to the assault, is scheduled to begin operations from Okinawa about mid-August.

All of these aerial commands except the 20th operate from the Ryukyus. At least four other air forces also are attacking the Japanese empire, but not the homeland.

On Sunday, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced in today's communique, 7th fleet marine patrol planes wrecked more than 100 river ships in attacks at Amoy, Swatow and the Hongkong area of China.

Okinawa-based strikes, ranging from Japan to China, sank or damaged 30 small vessels. Other Ryukyus-based aircraft damaged a barge and other installations on Kyushu and hit the Sakishima group.

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ALLIED FLEETS UNMOLESTED IN BLOWS AT CITIES

Tokyo Admits Destruction Of War Plants By Naval Guns

PLANES RETURNING

By Leif Erickson GUAM, July 18.—(P)—Through smoke that spiraled from shattered war plants north of Tokyo, Japan watched today for the next blows to be loosed against the home islands by the combined might of American and British warships.

Tokyo made no effort to conceal its fear of new bombardment by Adm. William F. Halsey's Third fleet and its companion British ships. Radio silence has concealed their course since they broke off shelling Honshu's east coast at 12:05 a.m. today.

In the sky the Nipponese watched for return of carrier-based planes sent out by Vice Adm. John S. McCain's prowling task force 38.

NEW ATTACKS The Japanese radio said new attacks already had come. London reported hearing a broadcast that the Honshu east coast was bombarded for an hour at noon today by 16 allied warships.

(Tokyo said American and British carriers sent 500 planes back over the Tokyo area today, following up yesterday's raid by 1,500 carrier aircraft.)

(The enemy admitted Japanese helplessness by stating that the allied fleet is "able to attack us at any chosen time and place.")

More than 2,000 tons of explosives were showered on targets for 20 miles along the Honshu coast in the midnight bombardment.

NO OPPOSITION Targets were picked carefully from Mito, 55 miles northeast of Tokyo and 10 miles from the seacoast, to Mitachi and Sukegawa, about 80 miles northeast of the capital. With no opposition, the results were devastating.

Associated Press Correspondent James Lindsay, with the U. S. Third fleet, reported that an engineering works, a steel plant, a copper refinery and an arm factory along the coast were destroyed.

NO PLANES GO UP He said the fleet was within range of enemy fighter planes for many hours but that they failed to appear.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz in announcing the British battle-

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SHELBY GUARD SPENDS BUSY DAYS IN CAMP

Officers and men of Company 30, North Carolina State Guard, who left Shelby last Friday for encampment at Fort Bragg, have settled down to steady training, it was learned this morning in a communication received from Ft. Bragg.

The area in which their operations are carried on comprise the Yadin section of Fort Bragg. Across from their quarters is located a large prisoner-of-war camp in which many prisoners taken from General Rommel's Afrika Korps are kept. The Shelby men are intensely interested in the activities of these prisoners and although they are prevented by regulations from crossing a certain line in front of the prison camp, they get as near as possible to the enclosure to watch the prisoners play soccer and other games.

Last Sunday, Chaplain C. C. Hamilton preached to the guardsmen on "Building a Better World" and the service was also featured by the playing of the brigade band.

An exacting and strenuous schedule followed on Monday and Tuesday. The men are looking forward to amateur night and are practicing their skills which they will present. Pfc. Bynum E. Weathers will do an imitation of Senator Clyde R. Hoey.

The following are the personnel of the 1st Bn. 2nd Regt. N.C.S.G.: Clyde T. Wright, major; Robert S. Greene, 1st Lt.; Max Hamrick, 2nd Lt.; Shannon H. Blanton, S-Sgt.

The following are officers of the 30th Co., Shelby N. C.: Hugh S. Plaster, Capt.; Casey Morris, 1st Lt.; J. B. Brackett, 2nd Lt.; and Pfc. Bynum E. Weathers is doing his bit as messenger at the 1st Bn. 2nd Regt. headquarters.

Ickes Seeks Showdown With Truman On Cabinet Status

WASHINGTON, July 18.—(P)—Harold L. Ickes, the many-titled 71-year-old cabinet dean, will be the next member of President Truman's official family to ask for clarification of his status.

This was learned definitely today, together with the fact that if a satisfactory reply is not forthcoming there is little chance that Ickes will remain as secretary of the interior.

There is only slightly more likelihood that he will go to London on an Anglo-American oil treaty mission.

Despite Mr. Truman's recent announcement that Ickes would make the trip to work out the final draft of a new oil agreement, the cabinet officer is known to have made no plans yet for a London

visit. It is possible, however, that he will accept the assignment in any event because he also is petroleum administrator for war.

Ickes, last remaining member of the late President Roosevelt's original cabinet, would be the seventh cabinet officer to leave under Mr. Truman if the latter accepts the resignation that has been on his desk for three months. The chief executive said at his last news conference before leaving for Berlin, however, that he had no plans to replace Ickes.

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau was the latest to quit—after asking for clarification of his status. The senate yesterday unanimously confirmed War Mobilizer Fred M. Vinson as his successor.