

WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness, and not much change in temperature. Scattered showers over east portion, most prevalent near the coast this afternoon, tonight and Friday.

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Truman Seeks To Speed Pacific Victory Ahead Of Europe's Reconstruction

Big Three Conferences At Berlin Enter Third Day With News Blackout Continuing

By Daniel De Luce and Ernest B. Vaccaro POTSDAM, July 19.—(AP)—President Truman was believed emphasizing to his Russian and British allies today the necessity of winning a quick victory in the Pacific in order to speed the reconstruction of Europe and allow the world economy to benefit of global peace.

The third meeting of the Big Three presumably was scheduled for this afternoon. The President will give a state dinner tonight at the little White House for Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill and five other representatives of each government.

An official announcement said the Big Three were meeting regularly with an agenda prepared each morning at 11 o'clock by the three foreign secretaries. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes presided at the first foreign secretaries' meeting Monday, with Anthony Eden and V. M. Molotov rotating the chairmanship on succeeding days. The agenda they prepared was a top secret.

Russian and British proposals at Potsdam were believed to be much more numerous than those offered by the United States, in view of the more detailed policies of the two countries regarding Europe.

President Truman summoned Gen. Omar N. Bradley for a conference tomorrow regarding his new deputies as head of the veterans administration. Soviet-controlled Berlin newspapers gave front page prominence to a dispatch in Red Star of Moscow on the urgency of clinching postwar inter-allied cooperation at the Potsdam conference.

"It is easy to think how complicated are not only the European, but the world problems that must be discussed and solved," the Red Star dispatch reprinted in Berlin said. "All depends on goodwill, understanding and a realistic view on all sides of the deep changes which have occurred in Europe and other continents as a consequence of the historic victory over the dark forces of Fascism."

(The Moscow government newspaper Izvestia said the Big Three were seeking the quickest liquidation of the terrible consequences of the war and the establishment of close cooperation among peace-loving nations.)

HARMONY PREVAILS The momentous conference swung into its third day with appearances on a note of harmony. Chief American interest centered in what steps the three statesmen might take to expedite the unconditional surrender of Japan, and if

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PLAN \$50,000 G-W BUILDING

Planning Committee's Proposals Go To Executive Group

A projected \$50,000 of new construction to relieve current overcrowding, including a 48-student dormitory, at Gardner-Webb Junior College at Boiling Springs has been recommended by the planning committee which is transmitting its proposals to the executive committee for formal action.

The planning committee, headed by President Elliott, canvassed the situation in a meeting last night and concluded that a dormitory and workshop are the most pressing immediate needs of the school. It was the consensus of the group that their construction should proceed early in January despite recognized higher building costs than contemplated at the time plans were drawn for them in 1942. Further delay, it was pointed out, might impede development of the institution, but no definite plans for construction beyond those two structures were shaped at last night's session.

Jack Dover is chairman of the building committee which would direct the program if given the "go ahead" by the executive committee which is expected to meet in special session within a few days. The plans shaped last night call for a dormitory to accommodate 48 students and thus relieve the present dormitory space shortage. The workshop will be 50 feet wide and 150 feet long to house a heavy machine shop, woodworking, radio and electric shop for which equipment has been secured from government surplus property.

The planning committee will meet again Tuesday with engineers to further study the building plans.

BRETTON WOODS NEAR APPROVAL WATCH BERLIN

Lawmakers Look For Big Three Talks To Have Impact On Europe

WASHINGTON, July 19.—(AP)—American participation in a world monetary compact neared congressional approval today, but many legislators looked to big three agreements at Potsdam for far greater impact on Europe's postwar economy.

The senate may approve by nightfall legislation dealing this country in with a \$2,750,000,000 contribution to an \$8,800,000,000 fund to stabilize world currencies and a \$3,175,000,000 capital subscription to a \$9,100,000,000 bank to make loans for reconstruction and development.

AGREEMENT ASSURED The measure then will go back to the house for expected routine agreement on two minor amendments and then to President Truman for his signature.

Because it will be 18 months before the fund and bank projected by 44 nations at Bretton Woods, N. H., can swing into full operation, leaders sought speedy senate passage also of a house-approved bill to boost Export-Import Bank capital from \$700,000,000 to \$3,500,000,000. This would provide funds to stimulate immediate trading between Europe and this country.

While some supporters called this a comprehensive program for ministering to Europe's ills, others made it plain they believe Mr. Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin must reach basic agreements if the war-devastated continent is to revive its trade.

For instance, Senator Russell (D-Ga.) told a reporter he holds the "devout hope" that the three leaders can agree on an overall economic program. Russell supports the Bretton Woods bill.

Three New Duplexes At College Be Ready For Use This Fall

Clearing of ground has started for immediate erection of three duplex houses, to house families of six married students, at Gardner-Webb Junior college is underway and construction will start this week for their use this fall.

President Phil Elliott, in announcing the development, said there are 15 applications already on file for the six living units. The houses will be located on the northern edge of the Hamrick tract recently given the college and which is located on the Lattimore highway.

OPA Effort To Push Down Clothing Price Boomerangs

WASHINGTON, July 19.—(AP)—The government's efforts to increase the supply of inexpensive clothing took a boomerang twist today. It hit the consumer in the pocketbook.

A program to boost output of moderately priced cotton garments has expanded to such an extent that retailers are going to have to charge more for them, the OPA announced last night.

The agency explained it this way: When retailers' mark-ups were fixed last February, only 15 per cent of the civilian cotton fabric supply was earmarked for the expensive garment program. Now 80 per cent of the supply is so tagged.



JAKE LINDSEY BACK TO CIVVIES—T/Sgt. Jake Lindsey (right), war hero from Lucedale, Miss., who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, prepares to return to civilian life as an unidentified clerk helps him select a double-breasted suit in a store at Providence, R. I. Since receiving his discharge from the Army at Camp Meade, Md., recently, he has been living at the Cape Cod home of his bride, the former Beverly Hargreaves.—(AP Wirephoto).

Blasts Rock Halifax Naval Armament Depot

Whole Civilian Population Of Dartmouth Evacuated On Officials Orders

HALIFAX, N. S., July 19.—(AP)—Canadian navy munitions set off by a jetty fire rocked the Halifax area overnight with four huge explosions and a series of lesser discharges which ended only after dawn today.

Damaging and crippling blasts, persisted for more than 13 hours at the depot, in nearby Dartmouth. One was felt in Saint John, N. B., 126 miles away.

Fear had been expressed that the main magazine, containing 50,000 depth charges, would go up but the explosions dwindled and the flames died down this morning. A dull thud about 8 a. m. (Eastern War Time) appeared to be the last of the series.

13 CASUALTIES There were 13 known casualties, 12 persons were injured and one was missing.

The whole civilian population of Dartmouth, approximately 17,000 persons, and others living in the north end of Halifax were evacuated on official orders.

Fireworks dotted the sky. Window glass was shattered. Buildings were rocked on their foundations. A veteran naval officer said the intensity of the explosion was worse than anything he had ever seen in battle.

The first of the major explosions occurred at 5:35 p. m., eastern war time (6:35 p. m. Atlantic daylight time). Others followed at 11:20 p. m., 2:55 a. m. and 3:02 a. m. (EWT).

TERRIFIC BLAZE The great blaze, sending awesome pillars of fire 150 feet into the air and spraying rockets and brilliant flares over the Bedford basin area, threatened momentarily to touch off the main magazine in the naval armament depot.

The fire raged beyond control as the blasts strewed wreckage over Halifax and Dartmouth and shook buildings miles away.

as government fabric controls reduced supplies to more profitable expensive garments.

OPA agreed that beginning August 17 retailers may add a 34 per cent mark-up for some cotton garments and 36 per cent for others, depending on the quality of the yarn used.

As a result, women's seersucker dresses that retail now for \$5.10 will cost \$5.40. This compares with a range of from \$5.98 to \$6.50 before the current mark-up was set. Men's broadcloth shirts that had a retail ceiling of 69 cents late last year will sell for 60 cents, five cents more than at present. OPA said the price increase would not prevent achievement of a six to seven per cent reduction of clothing costs, the goal set when the inexpensive clothing program was launched several weeks ago.

PACIFIC SKIES BEING SWEEP BY U. S. AIRPOWER

Reinforced From Europe, Ranges From Borneo To Paramushiro

YAP TO CHINA

MANILA, July 19.—(AP)—American airpower, reinforced by units from Europe, is sweeping Pacific skies from Paramushiro to Borneo and from Yap in the Carolines to the China coast.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today that on Monday the first airman from the European theatre joined far eastern air forces in attacking the Japanese homeland.

Monday's sweep crisscrossed the important southern island of Kyushu as more than 350 planes attacked without encountering any interception or losing a single plane to anti-aircraft fire.

VARIED TARGETS Airstrips, warehouses, locomotives, power plants, factories, bridges and coastal shipping were among the targets of 5th and 7th AAF units which roared in to strike the west coast cities of Mizasaki and Nabeoka; Fukushima and Tomitaki on the west, and the Kagoshima Bay area on the south.

Among the 7th AAF planes in the Kyushu strike was a unit manned by veterans of the Mediterranean theatre and led by Col. Joseph R. Holzapple of Peoria, Ill. They flew new Douglas-built A-26 attack bombers in the first introduction of this plane into major action in this theatre.

Holzapple predicted that the A-26, which he said has the best features of the A-20, B-25 and B-26, would be "one of the most effective airplanes of the war if properly employed, and we are working on that little problem."

(Adm. Chester W. Nimitz) communique today from Guam reported that planes of the Second Marine aircraft wing struck targets at Tokuno and Okino Yerabu islands in the Amami group north of Okinawa on Tuesday. The next day Corsairs and Hellcats of the 4th Marine aircraft wing worked over enemy installations in the Palauas, Heligolanders ranged far eastward to strike Yap in the Carolines and Mitchells of the 11th air force struck installations and damaged two small coastal cargo boats near Paramushiro island in the Kuriles.

Meanwhile other American planes kept up the steady pounding of Formosa and the nearby Pescadores. They hit ammunition dumps at Mako and factories near Tainan.

MANILA, July 19.—(AP)—Australian Infantry advances on both sides of the vital oil island of Borneo were reported today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters.

In western Borneo the Aussies occupied Markdi south of the Miri oil center without opposition. Gains around Balikpapan bay on the east coast tightened their grip on that important refinery and oil shipping harbor.

While one group extended control six miles along the south coast of Balikpapan bay another advanced seven miles up the Riko river across the bay from Balikpapan town. Monday night the Aussies caught a 50-foot Japanese launch towing five small craft on the river and destroyed the launch with an unknown number of enemy casualties.

U. S. 7th Fleet units, whose return to the battle of eastern Borneo was announced this morning, swung into action with destroyers and smaller units shelling Tempadoeng Point a dozen miles up the narrow twisting bay from Balikpapan port. They destroyed three gun positions and three barges.

In a pre-dawn strike against north Borneo on Monday P-T boats strafed Telur island northeast of Jesselton after lighting up the area with flares. Other P-T boats operating around the Halmahera islands far to the east reported the destruction of 21 beached native-type craft which the Japanese had been using.

Government Takes Over Strike-Torn Plant At Houston

HOUSTON, Tex., July 19.—(AP)—The government took over operation of the Sinclair Rubber plant here at 7 a. m. (CWT) today under an order issued by President Truman.

President Truman's order for seizure of the plant, which is threatened with a possible strike by members of the Oil Workers International, Local 227, a C. I. O. affiliate, was delivered to the management of the company by D. H. Barnes, representative of the Petroleum Administration for War.



YANK AND PUP HEAD FOR PACIFIC—Second Lt. Bill Reese of Atlanta, Ga., takes along his pup, "Butch," as a mascot and boards a river boat at Camp Stoneman, Calif., for the trip to his troop ship en route to the Pacific war area. Reese is among new troops headed for the Pacific war.—(AP Wirephoto).

Jap Morale Shaken By Blasting Of Homeland

Broadcasters Rave In Effort To Alleviate "General Feeling Of Insecurity"

SAN FRANCISCO, July 19.—(AP)—Tokyo radio admitted today that air and sea bombardments have shaken Japanese morale, and unofficial spokesmen debated whether the allied fleet was readying for quick invasion or merely making "spasmodic" attacks unworthy of being met.

One analyst said in the fleet action merely an "insane" effort to pep up the American home front. Domei agency speculated that the warships might be feeling out coast defenses for an invasion that might come sooner than expected.

Other evidence of Japanese fear came in these broadcasts, monitored by the Federal Communications Commission: TAKEO Irumano, managing director of the imperial bank, bemoaned the "general feeling of insecurity" that is causing the Japanese people to hoard their funds instead of banking them. He pleaded for immediate deposits.

The Tokyo newspaper Asahi exhorted the government to forget cliques and conventions in the nation's crisis and take a "world shaking" step to give the people a greater role.

Even small towns are feeling the effects of Allied fire raids.

Brighter words came from Lt. Gen. Saburo Endo, director of aircraft ordnance. He boasted that plane production had made remarkable progress despite frequent raids and soon would be "numerically superior" to that of the Allies. An hour later this was reduced to "numerically equivalent."

Apparently Endo and his right hand man, Vice Adm. Mimetaka Sakamaki, got their signals crossed, because Sakami wrote a newspaper article declaring there was an aircraft production "bottleneck" He said the tense situation was making it worse and called on all workers to show a fighting spirit.

The Tokyo commentator who termed the fleet attacks on the Honshu coast "insane and spasmodic" contended the results were so trifling that they could better

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Military Planning Against War To End Of Next Year

WASHINGTON, July 19.—(AP)—Army and Navy leaders are planning for the war against Japan to run at least until the last months of 1946.

This is the blunt truth, as of today, despite a flood of rumors in Washington that some significant development is imminent in the Pacific conflict.

Military leaders, assuming the Japanese will fight to the bitter end, also are planning clean-up campaigns in China, although what happens there specifically depends on Russia.

RECORD FORCE OF SUPERFORTS STRIKE HONSHU

Core Of Nip War Machine Being Burned Out And Blasted

CHOSHI FLAMING

GUAM, FRIDAY, July 20.—(AP)—A force of more than 600 B-29s, the greatest Superfort fleet ever sent out against Japan, put the torch to four Nipponese cities early today.

The targets included Hitachi shelled recently by American and British warships, and an oil refinery, the latter blasted with demolition bombs.

DROP 4,000 TONS Striking in the morning darkness, the giant bombers carried a load of nearly 4,000 tons of explosives in the 57th of their incendiary attacks, which have charred 46 cities to date on the Japanese mainland.

Most of the Marianas-based planes pounced on the Honshu island cities of Choshi, a primary source of protein for Tokyo, Yokohama and other large population centers; Fukui, one of the most important industrial cities on the west side of Honshu; Okazaki which took the industrial overflow from nearby Nagoya, and Hitachi. A smaller force hit the Amagasaki branch of the Nippon Oil company, just north of Osaka. It was the tenth oil target singled out for destruction by the 20th Air Force.

RECORD STRIKE Once before more than 600 Superforts were assigned a single mission but more B-29s began today's 3,000-plane-trip to the target areas than for any other previous strike. How many reached their goals with their clusters of incendiary bombs and demolition explosives was not known immediately.

The strike continued the program to burn out and blast out the core of Japan's war machine and slant at its ability to feed factory employes working on armaments for the nation's defense against invasion.

Flames licked Choshi, second largest city in the China prefecture and most important fishing harbor on the east coast of Honshu, and undoubtedly affects its output of food for the great cities.

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PLAN BOOKLET FOR SHELBY

A new booklet on Shelby, the first issued in several years, will be off the press within the next 90 days. If the chamber of commerce directors ratify a plan formulated by Clyde A. Short, president of the chamber of commerce, at their meeting Monday night, this approval is considered a foregone conclusion.

As now contemplated, the new book will contain 25 or 30 pages and will carry new pictures illustrating life and industry in the city. It will be illustrative of Shelby's past and present and will also take a peek into the future with a section on post-war planning.

The theme of the book will be "See Shelby Grow". Collection of material will get underway as soon as the directors put their approval on the project.

New literature on Shelby has been an urgent need of the chamber of commerce for some time. The present plan call for furnishing copies of the booklet to business men and manufacturers at cost price and use them for one of the largest mediums of distribution.

Storm Brewing In Mexican Gulf

NEW ORLEANS, July 19.—(AP)—The U. S. Weather bureau advised today that a tropical storm was forming in the northwest area of the Gulf of Mexico. It is expected to reach the coast between Freeport, Texas and Lake Charles, La., early Friday with winds up to 55 miles an hour.

The weather bureau said the disturbance was apparently about 280 miles east of Brownsville, Texas, toward northwestern or north-northwestward at 10 to 12 miles per hour.

The storm was attended by winds estimated at 35 to 45 miles per hour over a small area near the center, but the advisory said strong winds and squalls extended 150 to 200 miles to the north and east of center.

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p.m.—Kiwanis club dinner session.

FRIDAY 12:30 p.m.—Rotary club luncheon.