

WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness with scattered showers and thunderstorms this afternoon, tonight and Saturday. No change in temperature.

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TRUMAN SAYS U. S. SEEKS ONLY PEACE, PROSPERITY

Superforts Seal Off Kagoshima

RECORD B-29 ASSAULT FIRES FOUR JAP CITIES

Cascades 4,000 Tons Of Fire And Explosive Bombs

ONE PLANE LOST

By Al Dopkin GUAM, July 20.—(P)—More than 600 Superfortresses in record strength set conflagrations in five Japanese industrial centers with 4,000 tons of incendiary bombs today as Okinawa-based tactical air forces made the war's heaviest raid on Shanghai and Thunderbolt fighter-bombers sealed off rail transport to the Japanese city of Kagoshima.

The Superfortresses set Fukui, Hitachi, Choshi and Okazaki aflame and struck the Nippon oil refinery at Amagasaki a heavy blow in raids before dawn.

WEATHER ADVERSE The weather forced instrument bombing at all targets except Fukui, but all results were declared to be good to excellent. Two B-29's were lost; five crewmen from one ship were rescued.

Meanwhile Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced from Manila that more than 300 tactical medium, heavy and attack bombers with fighter escort, all from Okinawa, crossed the east China sea and hurled more than 290 tons of bombs on Kiangwan airbase just north of Shanghai.

KAGOSHIMA HIT Coincident with these Tuesday raids, others of MacArthur's Okinawa-based Far East air forces heavily hit Kagoshima on the main Japanese southern island of Kyushu, blocking three important railway tunnels and damaging a fourth. Kagoshima, a city of 180,000, site of ammunition works and a submarine shipyard, was thus cut off from rail communications with rest of Japan.

Kagoshima's docks also were hit along with oil storage facilities. Another force of MacArthur's tactical Thunderbolts put twelve 500-pound bombs into a 10,000-ton

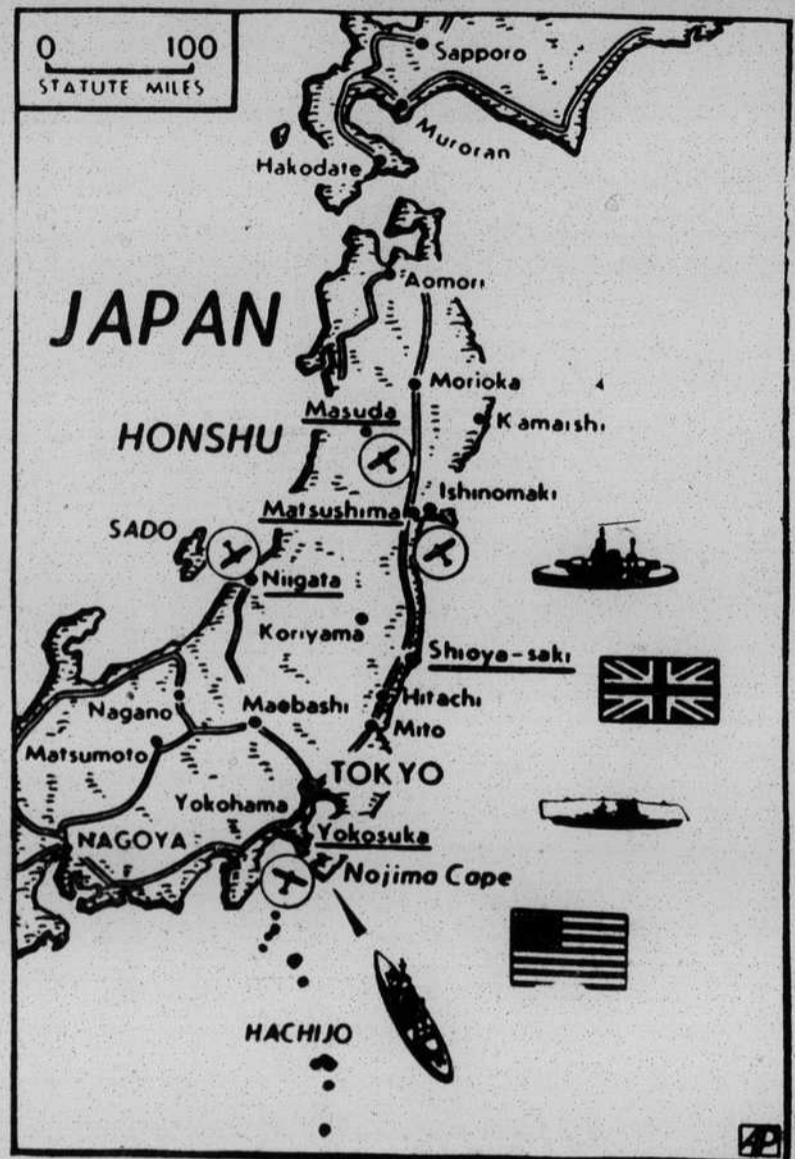
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Graham Pleads For Educational Balance

AUBURN, Ala., July 20.—(P)—Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, says that "The federal government is the only agency which can bring about 'balance' in educational opportunity for all children."

Army Releasing Men At Rate 4,000 Day

WASHINGTON, July 20.—(P)—The Army is releasing men at the rate of 4,000 a day, with nearly 200,000 already discharged under the point system.



RAIDS ON JAPAN CONTINUE—British and American forces are continuing raids on the Jap home island of Honshu, with latest strikes reported by American carrier planes on the Jap Naval base of Yokosuka and at Shioya-Saki and by British carrier planes on Niigata, Matsushima and Masuda. American warships shelled Nojima Cape. (A Wirephoto Map)

City Tax Rate Held At 90 Cents Despite Budget Boost

Aldermen Approve \$481,277 Budget Carrying 10 Per Cent Pay Raise For Employees

Municipal expenditures for the year 1945-46 approved in a budget adopted at a special meeting of the board of aldermen last night were increased \$36,848 over the 1944-45 outlay to a total of \$481,277.54, but the same tax rate of 90 cents in effect last year was approved for the current fiscal year.

ADVANCE UNITS REACHING U. S.

By The Associated Press (NY)—Most of the 13th armored division embarked yesterday (Thursday) at Le Havre for the United States. Advance units sailed June 30.

Army units arriving in the United States today: At New York—The entire 44th infantry division; 23rd and 38th regiments of the Second division, and the 11th regiment of the Fifth division, the 12th, 37th and 38th field artillery battalions of the 2nd infantry division.

The following arrived yesterday: At New York—Units of the Eighth air force, as follows: HQS 92nd, 93rd, 95th combat bomb wings; HQ and HQ squadron 46th air depot group, 46th depot replacement squadron, 46th depot supply squadron, 46th medical supply platoon; 913th signal depot company; 987th MP company; 862nd, 882nd chemical companies air operations, 2214th QM truck company aviation; 763rd chemical depot company aviation; 479th QM platoon air depot wing; 1947th, 2065th, 2056th, 2091st and 2103rd QM companies aviation; 1912 ordnance ammunition company aviation, 1131st, 1132nd and 874th army postal units; 137th, 155th, 157th, 61st, 110th and 125th general hos-

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G-2 REVEALS:

Plot On Hitler Was Wehrmacht's Hope

By GEORGE TUCKER FRANKFURT ON THE MAIN, July 20.—(P)—Officers of the G-2 (intelligence) division of the United States forces in the European theater (USFEET) are convinced that one primary purpose of the July 20 bomb attempt on Adolf Hitler's life was to end the war in such a way as to leave the German general staff intact.

In their judgment the plotters, who made their bid for power just a year ago today, hoped after removing the fuser to negotiate a peace with the Allies that would perpetuate the general staff, at least leave it to prepare for the next war.

Members of G-2 who have examined hundreds of official interrogation reports have fitted together the fantastic details of one of the significant plots of history — which backfired into wholesale executions of Wehrmacht officers, altered the Army's entire command and accelerated the rush of the Reich toward its final defeat.

By any comparison this plot was one of the sizzlers of the Nazi regime. "It was a perfect plan—seemingly foolproof," said Lt. Ernest Miller of Astoria, L. I., N. Y. "It failed because of three trivial little incidents."

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SENATE BOOSTS EXPORT-IMPORT LOAN LIMITS

Congress Approves Bretton Woods International Monetary Program HELP FOR RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, July 20.—(P)—The senate completed congressional approval today of legislation boosting the lending authority of the export-import bank by \$2,800,000,000.

By an unanimous vote, the senate sent to President Truman a measure increasing the bank's loan limit from \$700,000,000 to \$3,500,000,000.

This rounds out an administration monetary program which included authority, approved by the chamber yesterday, for American participation in a \$9,100,000,000 international bank for reconstruction and development and an \$8,800,000,000 fund to support world currencies.

The increase in export-import funds will provide loans to finance American shipments of goods to war-devastated Europe. Leo Crowley, foreign economic administrator, said about \$1,000,000,000 would be earmarked for Russia.

FULLY APPROVED The United States Congress today became the first big power parliamentary body to approve the 44-nation Bretton Woods international monetary program.

Final approval was by unanimous vote in the house after that body had accepted minor senate amendments to the measure originally passed by the house. The action sends the legislation to President Truman for his signature.

Earlier congressional leaders had expressed hope that Mr. Truman would receive the legislation while attending the Big Three conference at Potsdam.

Meanwhile, Senator Murdock (D-Utah) told the senate today that America's immediate postwar problem will not be to find international trade but to take care of that which comes voluntarily.

Senator Langer (R-ND) had suggested amending the export-import bank legislation to provide for stationing representatives of the bank in major trade centers throughout the world. The legislation expands the bank's lending power from \$700,000,000 to \$3,500,000,000. The bank finances exports and imports.

Senator Says Men Unable Get Shorts Wear Ladies Pants

WASHINGTON, July 20.—(P)—The textile shortage has reduced Detroit men to "buying ladies' panties for their own use" according to word received by Senator Ferguson (R-Mich).

Without naming the author, Ferguson quoted to the senate yesterday from a letter from a Detroit firm of wholesale dry-goods dealers: "The scarcity of essential textile items becomes steadily more acute. At present, it is only a laughing matter that men in Detroit are buying ladies' panties for their own use because of the shortage of men's shorts."

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FIRE, EXPLOSIONS SHROUD HALIFAX IN SMOKE—From across the narrows of Halifax harbor, this was the view of the dock area where huge explosions, following fire, rocked this section of Nova Scotia. The fire set explosions at the Royal Canadian Navy Munitions depot took the lives of at least 13 persons and injured many. The whole civilian population of Dartmouth, approximately 17,000 persons, were evacuated on official orders.—(AP Wirephoto)

BETTER RATES BOOMING DIXIE

Southern Governors Say Equalization Already Having Effect

MOBILE, ALA., July 20.—(P)—Six southern governors said here today, the recent interstate commerce commission freight rate equalization order already was beginning to have its effect on industrial development in this area.

Govs. Chauncey Sparks of Alabama and Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, said they had "very definite indications" that an expansion of northern and eastern industry southward was in prospect.

Four other chief executives attending the southern governors conference said they had noted a pickup in interest in industrial activity which they attributed in part to the ICC decision.

For years southern governors have been contending their area could not expand industrially and compete with the industrial east without a revision in class freight rates.

NAVY CROSS FOR HERO OF SAIPAN

In an impressive ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Lewis of Falkton Tuesday afternoon, the navy cross for heroism in action was presented to Mrs. Lewis for her son, Lt. Wray C. Lewis, United States Marines, who was killed in action at Saipan on July 8, 1944. The presentation was made by Capt. George L. McConnell of Camp LeJeune.

Lt. Lewis was awarded the navy cross posthumously for evacuating 12 wounded marines of his company under heavy enemy fire. When his company was forced to withdraw leaving the men in an open area, Lt. Lewis, with a group of volunteers, succeeded in carrying them to safety behind the American lines in spite of intense enemy fire.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina, Lt. Lewis entered the marines at Parris Island, S. C. and was commissioned after completing officer candidate school. He also received the Presidential citation for his company.

WHAT'S DOING TODAY 7:00 p.m.—Masonic Fellowship club dinner.

Chinese Open 50-Mile Coastal Strip For Allied Invasion

Japs Routed From Spot Where They Feared Landing; Chiang Feels Invasion Unnecessary

CHUNGKING, July 20.—(P)—A 50-mile stretch of the South China coast is firmly in Chinese hands and open for a sea-borne invasion of the continent, the Chinese high command announced today.

Chinese forces, striking eastward along the Kwangtung province coastal highway from the town of Tinpak, which they recently took and thereby severed Japanese communications between Canton and Hainan island, reached the vicinity of the road junction city of Yeung-kong, 50 miles from Tinpak and 125 miles southwest of Canton.

JAPS HIDING IN MOUNTAINS The Army Estimates There Are Still 10,000 Of Enemy In Okinawa

OKINAWA, July 20.—(P)—An estimated 10,000 Japanese troops are hiding in northern Okinawa's rugged mountains, the army estimated today, a month after the island was captured.

The Nipponese are being hunted down and killed at an average of 50 daily, it was announced at headquarters of Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge, commander of the 24th army corps. The announcement followed by a few hours the first Japanese aerial attack on the island in nearly a month. Three enemy planes were downed by marine night fighters.

While the 82-day battle raged for Okinawa, vital as an air and naval base to prosecution of the war against Japan, Nipponese aerial attacks on shipping were frequent. The enemy sank 32 U. S. vessels and damaged some 60 in the entire Ryukyus campaign, including U. S. fleet attacks on the Japanese mainland.

Hodge's headquarters said new information indicates there were 90,000 Japanese garrison troops on Okinawa when the Americans landed April 1 and that the Nipponese drafted 50,000 Okinawans for military service. This total of 140,000 defenders was nearly double the preinvasion U. S. estimates.

STORM HOVERING NEW ORLEANS, July 20.—(P)—A gulf storm, hovering below southwest Louisiana, showed very little movement the past six hours, the United States Weather bureau reported today.

The bureau said the storm was still centered about 180 miles south of Lake Charles, La.

Ickes Says 6,000,000 Tons Coal Must Be Sent To Europe

WASHINGTON, July 20.—(P)—Secretary of the Interior Ickes today announced that if possible, about 6,000,000 tons of American coal will be shipped to Europe for civilian use, between now and January 1.

He said he wanted the American people "to know that this decision involves the risk that we may have to suffer a shortage of coal in this country next winter more acute than heretofore predicted."

BERLIN SPEECH EMPHASIS ON NO CONQUEST

President Holds Peace Of Average Men More Important Than Boundaries

TALKS RESUMED

By Daniel De Luce POTSDAM, July 20.—(P)—President Truman, speaking at a symbolic flag-raising over conquered Berlin, said today the United States wanted not one piece of territory, but "peace and prosperity for the world as a whole."

The speech had great significance against its background of the big three conference, where the President is joining Britain and Russia in helping to settle European boundary and other problems.

"We are raising this flag in the name of the people of the United States, who are looking forward to a better world, a peaceful world."

TRUMAN PLAYS PIANO POTSDAM, July 20.—(P)—President Truman played Beethoven's Minuet in G on the piano at the joint request of Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill as a musical climax to his state dinner last night.

The President sat down at the keyboard after an American sergeant, pianist Eugene List, and scored one of the strangest triumphs in musical history in winning two toasts from Stalin and a warm handshake from Churchill for his virtuosity.

Stalin was so delighted he sprang up from his chair, walked over to the beaming pianist, shook his hands, drank a toast to his health and asked him to play more.

in which all the people will have an opportunity of enjoying peace and opportunity."

FIGHT FOR PEACE The stars and stripes raised over the United States group council headquarters—in the former headquarters of Germany's air defense—was the flag that flew over the capitol in Washington the day the United States entered the war against the axis. It flew over Algiers when that city was Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters and over

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AUSSIES SEIZE SAMBODJA OIL

Jap Defenders Flee Before Onrushing Australian Troops

MANILA, July 20.—(P)—Australian troops on Borneo thrust five miles to overrun the rich Sambodja oil fields and refinery without a fight.

The field found only two Japanese defenders the great field. Gen. Douglas MacArthur said today. The field formerly produced 7,000,000 barrels of ready-to-use crude oil a year.

The Sambodja field is one of the three major pools in eastern Borneo feeding the ruined refinery district around Balikpapan. The attacking Australian 7th division found great fires roaring through the field, indicating that the Japanese had followed the Dutch example of 1942 and scorched the oil-soaked earth as they left.

Japanese resistance apparently collapsed or withdrew after a bitter defense had been put up at the field's approaches.

Sambodja village, normally inhabited by about 1,500 people, is 28 miles northeast of Balikpapan and is situated on one pipeline that used to feed Balikpapan.

Shoe Shortage Will Be Eased

WASHINGTON, July 20.—(P)—Twenty percent more shoes will be produced for civilians in October, November and December but there is no assurance that shoe rationing will be liberalized.

Reduced demands for military footwear will permit the hike in civilian shoe production, the War Production board and OPA announced last night.