

WEATHER

North Carolina: Partly cloudy, hot and humid today, tonight and Tuesday; scattered thundershowers today

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TELEMAT PICTURES

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U. S. Fleet Probs Tokyo Bay To Wreck Four-Ship Japanese Convoy

80,000 GERMANS ARRESTED IN GIANT U. S. RAID

Doolittle Says Eighth Air Force Ready For Attack By August 1

CARRIER PLANE PILOTS SINK 21 ENEMY VESSELS

Top Blown Off Important Nip Battleship In Wednesday Raid PROWLERS UNOPPOSED

By Murlin Spencer GUAM, July 23.—(AP)—America's mighty Pacific fleet thrust boldly inside the mouth of Tokyo's outer bay today to wreck a four-ship convoy, and Admiral Nimitz said carrier planes sweeping over the same waters Wednesday blew the top off one of Japan's last two seaworthy battleships. In all the carrier pilots sank or damaged 21 enemy vessels.

It was the 14th consecutive day the fleet prowled unopposed off Japan—14 historic days in which the fleet and far-ranging land-based air power of Admiral Nimitz and General MacArthur had sunk or damaged 791 vessels and small craft and destroyed or damaged 596 airplanes.

Significant of the total lack of opposition, the fleet today was operating in at least two widely separated units. While one light force ventured farther into Tokyo's outer bay than ever before in this war, another light force of warships bombarded Chichi Jima 550 miles southeast.

Seventy-five to 100 Superforts added to the clouds of flying debris today with a 450-ton demolition strike on the Ube synthetic oil refinery on southwestern Honshu. Crewmen observed "excellent results," and all planes returned.

Movements of the combined fleet's heavy units remained hidden by radio silence.

The enemy radio today placed the China coast high on America's in-

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TAX RELIEF NOT IN SIGHT

War Spending Expected To Fall Off But Taxes Continue High

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(AP)—Congressional leaders today saw the end of huge government spending, but failed to sight any quick relief in taxes.

Reviewing the appropriation record of the first session of the 79th congress, which ended its spending activities last Saturday with house adjournment until October 8, Chairman Cannon (D-Mo) of the house appropriations committee made this observation:

"While the prosecution of the Japanese war will continue to impose heavy demands, it is reasonable to expect a falling off of appropriations for the armed services, and we may expect to see lessening in the war program."

Regardless of the progress of the Pacific war, Cannon added in a statement, his committee "plans to review appropriations for war purposes in mid-fiscal year with the view of recapturing any amounts which then may appear to be unnecessary."

SPENDING PSYCHOLOGY The \$59,000,000,000 appropriation this year, Cannon said, boosted to \$416,628,032,989 the amount provided for the war activities program since July 1, 1940.

"A spending psychology has grown up in government," he said, adding that it must be changed. Cannon estimated that the post-war budget, exclusive of interest of the national budget, will be not less than \$25,000,000,000 annually, or more than twice the average annual appropriations for the few years preceding the start of the war program. He added:

"To meet the bill means taxes far beyond any levies made prior to the war, magnified to the extent occasioned by a fixed debt-retirement program."

Meanwhile, the United States Chamber of Commerce announced that its membership had approved by a 2,695 to 4 vote a policy declaration calling for reduction of federal taxes as soon as the war permits.



CHINESE DRIVING ON KWEILIN—Arrows locate Chinese drives against the Japs in China where Kweilin, former American air base city, is being reared. Liangtung, south of Kweilin, is in Chinese hands, probably taken by forces operating behind Jap lines. In the south 50 miles of the coast has been cleared east of Tinpak. Fighting is proceeding near Wanan as the Japs continue retreat north from Kanshien. (AP Wirephoto map.)

CHINESE PUSH IN ON KWEILIN

Eight Miles From City, Site Of 3 Former U. S. Air Fields

CHUNGKING, July 23.—(AP)—Chinese troops tightening the pressure on the former American air base city of Kweilin have severed the main Japanese communication route between Kwangsi and Hunan Provinces by recapturing the rail town of Chiehshou, the high command announced today.

Chinese troops closed within eight miles of Kweilin from the southwest. Chiehshou is 41 miles northeast of Kweilin and its three former American airfields. The Chinese also overran the road town of Liangfeng, 15 miles south of Kweilin in a drive that threatened to cut off Japanese forces deployed to the south. American Mustang fighters supported the attacks.

Palshou, once an important Japanese stronghold 25 miles west of Kweilin, and the highway town of Tsin, 11 miles west-northwest of the city, were among the places reported captured.

NEAR YANGSA The high command said Chinese moving northward along a subsidiary highway from Liuchow to Kweilin were approaching Yangsa, described as another former

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:30 p.m.—State guard drill at armory. 8:00 p.m.—Baseball game at high school park, Shelby against Charlotte.

TUESDAY 7:00 p.m.—CAP cadets meet at armory. 8:00 p.m.—Eastern Star meets at Masonic Temple.

Truman Seeks Agreement On Free Access To News

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(AP)—President Truman reportedly is seeking a big three agreement at Potsdam on a policy that would allow American correspondents to work freely in Europe.

It was learned today that this matter of access to news is one of the important points Mr. Truman has decided to take up with Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill.

Specifically, the president hopes to obtain approval for American correspondents to go to central and southeastern Europe—areas occupied

Trial Of Petain Is Begun Today

Aged Marshal Is Calm; His Lawyer Attacks Competence Of High Court

By Louis Nevin PARIS, July 23.—(AP)—Old Marshal Petain, proudly wearing the medals France bestowed upon him, told a special court trying him for his life today that, "while Gen. De Gaulle continued the struggle abroad, I prepared the road to liberation."

DR. WALL'S BOOK IS REPRINTED

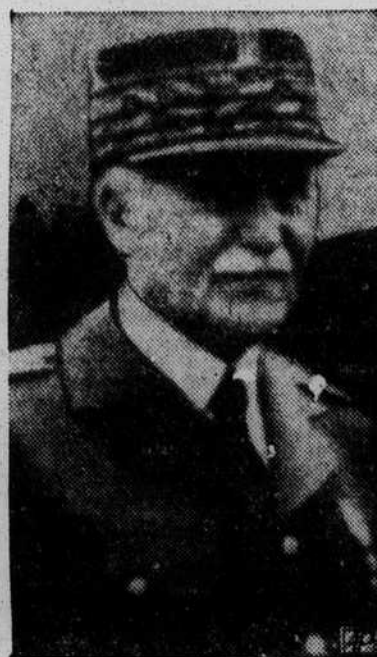
Second Edition Of "Heartening Messages" After First Sells Quickly

A second edition printing of Dr. Zeno Wall's new book, "Heartening Messages," has been published by the Broadman Press, of Nashville, after the first edition sold out in the first three weeks after its appearance.

The book found immediate favor throughout the country, resulting in a rapid sell-out. It has enjoyed special favor here and wherever Dr. Wall is known and has preached, the volume itself being primarily a series of lectures he delivered originally at Mississippi college and publication of which was sought by church leaders who heard him there.

HIGHLY PRAISED Dr. H. H. Hargrove, pastor of Columbia Avenue Baptist church at Wado, Texas, writing in the current issues of "Revelation," pays high tribute to the Wall volume to say: "The title of this volume is a true description of the 14 sermons it contains. These messages were delivered from the great heart of the author for the purpose

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MARSHAL PETAIN

which Petain had unsuccessfully challenged as competent to try him, the 89-year-old "hero of Verdun" said:

"Through the National assembly at Vichy the French people gave me power to direct the nation. I have come to answer to them alone. This is the only declaration I will make. The present accusations are only meant to soil me." He said he had devoted his life to the service of France, adding: "Let the French people remember I led their armies to victory in 1918."

André Mormet, the prosecutor, has announced that he will ask the death penalty for the 89-year-old marshal.

The historic hearing got underway when three judges headed by the grizzled Paul Mongibeaux, in scarlet and ermine robes, filed in to the packed courtroom of the

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OKINAWA TO BE BASE FOR SUPERFORTS

First Targets Will Be On Japan Proper; Later China, Manchuria HALF ARE DEPLOYED

By Murlin Spencer GUAM, July 23.—(AP)—Lt. James H. Doolittle, who led the first bombing raid on Tokyo, promised today that his eighth army air force would be attacking Japan within eight days.

Newly arrived in the Pacific, Doolittle said his airmen who helped flatten Germany would be taking off from Okinawa by August 1 in Superforts to join Marianas-based B-29s and other air forces in softening up Nippon.

Asked if he expected to knock out the Japanese by bombing alone, Doolittle said "there always is the possibility of Japan folding, but we make no claims that we will do so."

Doolittle, veteran of the first bombing of Tokyo—with B-29s from the carrier Hornet on April 18, 1942—said the 8th air force would be comprised of Superforts and whatever P-47s are necessary to protect them against Japanese resistance. He said the first targets would be on Japan proper.

It is possible however, he added, that targets in China, Manchuria and even Mongolia may be attacked by his Superforts if necessary.

HALF DEPLOYED Doolittle disclosed that about half of his 8th air force veterans of the European theatre, had been deployed. Some remained in Europe and others went to the United States for training preparatory to coming to the Pacific.

Asked when the 8th would reach its maximum strength in the Pacific, he said that was contingent upon acquisition of airfields, establishment of logistical support and establishment of communications.

He termed Okinawa an excellent site for a powerful airbase with

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SCHOOLS IN COUNTY OPEN

About 9,700 school students throughout Cleveland county went back to their books this morning as the county schools opened for the short summer session.

Classes are beginning at 8:30 each morning and students will be out at 1:30 each afternoon, Superintendent J. H. Grigg announced. No lunch periods will be given in order that the early recess hour in the afternoon may be maintained.

Schools annually hold a summer session of about two months in order that county boys and girls may be free for the harvest season in the fall when they are needed on county farms. All schools in the county opened today with the exception of the Dover elementary school at Dover mill and the Park Grace school at Kings Mountain. These two schools run on the same schedule as Shelby and Kings Mountain city schools.

City schools are scheduled to open this year on Monday morning, September 3.

BEN PALMER, JR., SERIOUSLY HURT

Ben Palmer, Jr., aged 4, is in a critical condition at the Shelby hospital from injuries received when he was struck by an automobile driven by L. Y. Putnam, Shelby R-2, in front of the Waldensian Bakery shortly before noon today.

Investigation by Shelby police officers revealed that the child, who had been with his mother, ran in front of the Putnam car and the accident is classed as unavoidable. The child's father works for the State Highway and Public Works commission.

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Surrender Ultimatum Seen As Warning Of Soviet Entry Into War

By Ernest B. Vaccaro POTSDAM, July 23.—(AP)—A broadcast U. S. surrender ultimatum to Japan was viewed by many competent observers here today as a thinly veiled warning to the enemy that Soviet participation—at least to some extent—in the Pacific is imminent.

It was known here that the Saturday night short-wave broadcast from Washington was authorized by President Truman and was cleared in Potsdam at the little White House. Significance was attached to the warning to Japanese leaders that they would not be able to deal with the United States alone unless they surrendered promptly.

President Truman's position now was squarely before the Pacific area indicated that satisfactory progress was being made toward settlement of many issues such as the feeding of Germany, reparations, boundaries and other problems.

SUNDAY SESSION The big three held a Sunday session yesterday, their sixth meeting since the opening of the conference, and it was devoted to work on problems of peace, the American delegation announced.

Whether the conference could be concluded this week was anybody's guess. The president is anxious to return to the United States promptly to report to congress and Churchill is anxious to be in London by Thursday for a report on the national British elections.

(In London it was expected that Churchill, leader of the Conservative party, and Clement Attlee, Labor

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More Meat Forecast For Fall Months

Point Values Expected To Be Reduced For August; Livestock Marketing At Higher Level

By Ovid A. Martin Associated Press Farm Writer WASHINGTON, July 23.—(AP)—Lower point values on some cuts of beef, lamb and mutton may be possible for the August rationing period beginning July 29.

Despite an improved meat supply situation, however, the reduction could not be great—possibly one or two points a pound on beef and perhaps more on lamb and mutton. There can be no reduction in pork due to a low level of hog marketing.

Reports from various parts of the country tell of increasing meat supplies in civilian distribution channels and prospects of further increases in the weeks ahead. In some areas consumers are said to be complaining of a shortage of red points in relation to the meat available.

Three factors are reflected in the improved meat supply:

(1) A slightly larger level of livestock marketing and slaughtering than had been anticipated by rationing officials.

(2) A reduction in military purchases due to the re-deployment program and a gradual release of some prisoners of war.

(3) Better distribution of civilian supplies between surplus and deficit meat producing areas.

CONTROL PROGRAM A new slaughter control program inaugurated several weeks ago is having the effect of channeling a larger portion of meat animals to federally-inspected slaughterers. It is upon such slaughterers that deficit meat-producing areas, such as the east, the south and far west, must depend largely for supplies.

The control program is cutting down on the value of

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YAMASHITA IN TRAP?

MANILA, July 23.—(AP)—American sixth infantry division troops, driving eight miles along a highway lined with enemy dead, have captured the Japanese mountain retreat of Banue in northern Luzon and are within two and one-half miles of a junction with Philippine army forces pushing down from the northwest.

When the two join, Japanese remnants on the island will be divided into three segments, in one of which, according to persistent native reports, is Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita,

once commander of all the Philippines.

A headquarters spokesman disclosed these new gains in the grinding cleanup campaign as a communique announced that during the past week 3,629 Japanese dead had been counted and 403 of the enemy had surrendered, raising their casualties for the entire Philippines to 432,764, including 11,171 captured. American casualties for the week were 12 killed, two missing and 48 wounded.

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EVERY HOUSE IN OCCUPATION ZONE SEARCHED

Americans Rounded Up Weapons, Ammunition, Loot, Prisoners COMPLETE SURPRISE

FRANKFURT ON THE MAIN, July 23.—(AP)—Half a million American troops arrested upwards of 80,000 persons and searched every single house in the American occupation zone of Germany over the weekend, it was disclosed today.

It was perhaps the greatest mass raid in history.

The Americans were seeking weapons, ammunition and loot. Many of those taken into custody were members of the S. S., hunted as war criminals.

The 15,000,000 Germans in the American zone were caught completely by surprise and were bewildered and scared, but offered not the slightest opposition.

Brig. Gen. Edwin L. Sibert of Vineyard Haven, Mass., head of the G-2 division of U. S. forces in the European theater, lifted censorship on the raid today. He said that although orders for the raid were issued three weeks ago, perfect security was maintained and not a word leaked out.

Only two Germans tried to escape the search, he said, and at least one was shot to death.

LOOT UNCOVERED Sibert said a considerable number of guns, ammunition and loot such as American uniforms, K-rations, gasoline and vehicles were uncovered, but there was no sign of an organized German underground.

A lot of S. S. men—many posing as discharged Wehrmacht prisoners of war—were rounded up, he said. Details as to the exact number and identification of any leaders among them were not immediately revealed.

The general said some of the persons arrested were in American uniforms. These declared that they had no other clothing. Most of those taken into custody, however,

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NEW CABINET POST TALKED

Administration Discusses Department Of Welfare, Security

WASHINGTON, July 23.—(AP)—Creation of a new department of welfare and security whose secretary would become the eleventh cabinet member is under study by administration officials seeking to simplify the government's structure.

Officials familiar with consolidation plans now being weighed revealed this proposal today.

The proposed new department would take over the several offices now bundled loosely together under the federal security administration headed by Paul V. McNutt.

It probably also would take over some other existing agencies and any additional functions that become necessary if congress carries out administration plans for a broadened postwar social security program.

UNDER FSA Now under FSA are the social security board, office of vocational rehabilitation, public health service, food and drug administration, office of education, and lesser units.

The proposal for a full-fledged cabinet position emphasizes the scope of current efforts to carry out President Truman's expressed desire to "consolidate agencies, transfer and redistribute functions and generally reorganize the executive branch of the government."

It also is in line with Mr. Truman's evident preference for concentrating authority in the cabinet, naming strong appointees and holding them responsible for performance.

GAINED IMPETUS The movement toward consolidation gained notable impetus last week with appointment of John W. Snyder as director of the office of

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