

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and not much change in temperature today and tonight. Scattered thunderstorms tonight. Partly cloudy Friday; not quite so warm.

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CHURCHILL GOVERNMENT THROWN OUT IN ELECTION Third Fleet Prowls Off Japanese Coast, Deploying For Next Blows 7,000,000 TO BE MASSED FOR ATTACK ON JAPAN

PLAN SINGLE CRUSHING BLOW AGAINST JAPS

Force Will Be Approximately Total Of Army After Redeployment

NOT ALL TOGETHER

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—Gen. Jacob L. Devers, new chief of army ground forces, said today the plan is to mass a force for a single crushing blow against Japan, adding "there's no use doing it piecemeal."

Appearing at a news conference with Acting Secretary of War Patterson, Devers said that "we hope to get these 7,000,000 (the approximate total of the army after partial demobilization) redeployed against the Japs in a single blow."

The general was commander of the 6th Army group in the European fighting. The big job now, he said, is to get the men who have been on furloughs back to camp and put them in re-training for the Pacific war. Along with them must be trained men who are coming into the army for the first time and who will go into the reorganized outfits bound for the Pacific. The men will be given a minimum of eight weeks' re-training, he said.

BETTER MEAT SUPPLY SEEN

OPA Announces Reduction Of Red Point Values For August Period

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—OPA, reporting "definite improvement" in meat supply and distribution, today announced reductions in red point values for almost all cuts of beef, lamb and veal beginning Sunday.

The agency estimated that for the August rationing period about 9.5 percent more meat will be available for sale over retail counters than in July. Compared with June, when civilian supplies were at their lowest level, the increase will be about 11 percent.

August Tire Quota Same As For July

WASHINGTON, July 26.—(AP)—The OPA has allotted 2,500,000 passenger car tires for rationing in August—the same as in July—but no new tires are yet in sight for "A" motorists.

Chinese Take Namyung, Seventh Former U. S. Air Base City Recaptured

CHUNGKING, July 26.—(AP)—The Chinese high command announced today that Chinese troops had captured the city of Namyung, 155 miles northeast of Canton and site of the seventh former American air base to be regained from the Japanese in recent months.

The announcement said the Japanese garrison was retreating westward toward Kukong, on the Canton-Hankow railway 125 miles north of Canton.

Namyung was abandoned by the U. S. 14th air force last Jan. 2. Its recovery means that shipments of wolfram can be resumed, since Tayu, less than 20 miles to the northeast, in the heart of the wolfram mining district, was recently recaptured by Chinese troops.

143 Square Miles Of Jap Cities Wiped Out

Results "Good To Excellent" In Raid On Oil Targets Near Tokyo Last Night

GUAM, July 26.—(AP)—B-29 devastation in Japan's urban industrial areas today reached 143 square miles in 39 cities as the latest wave of nearly 100 Superforts reported "good to excellent" results in last midnight's strike at oil targets near Tokyo.

The weather was clear as the Superforts hit three oil plants at Kawasaki, 10 miles south of the enemy capital. They met intense anti-aircraft fire, but lost only one plane. There was no aerial interception.

Tokyo claimed in a belated acknowledgment of the attack that three Superforts were shot down and five "heavily damaged" by our interception. Later, it said the rail also hit Nagano prefecture northwest of Tokyo and Tsurumi ward in Yokohama.

The attack followed less than 36 hours after a record force of 625 B-29s dumped 4,000 tons of demolition bombs on the Osaka-Nagoya area.

The Kawasaki strike hit the Mitsubishi plant, believed to be Japan's biggest aviation fuel refinery, and the nearby Hayama refinery and Asaishi tank farm, all on reclaimed land close to Tokyo Bay.

It was the 12th time the big bombers had struck concentrated blows at Japan's homeland oil resources.

Twentieth Airforce headquarters, reporting that cumulative damage to urban industrial targets now totals

Jap Broadcast Seen As Peace Overture

(Editors' Note: James D. White has been studying the Japanese military mind since he covered the beginning of the war in China eight years ago. He was a technical prisoner in Shanghai after Pearl Harbor until repatriated in August, 1942. After three years in the Washington bureau of The Associated Press he is on San Francisco's Pacific cable desk, and next week he takes over Kirke L. Simpson's column, "Interpreting the War News.")

SAN FRANCISCO, July 26.—(AP)—Japan, backed against the ropes in a fight she started some time back, today spoke of quitting the war as a definite possibility.

NO INDICATION HALSEY MEANS TO LET UP

Tokyo Reports B-29's Sowing Mines In Waters Off Islands

LITTLE RESISTANCE

By Hamilton W. Faron GUAM, July 26.—(AP)—The taunting U. S. Third Fleet which smashed 24 Japanese warships in the 17 days it has made the home waters of Nippon its own, moved menacingly off the Mikado's islands today, deploying for its next blows at the enemy's stunned cities and shattered ships.

As Admiral Halsey pulled back to sea for a breather, there was no indication that he intended to let up in his steady pounding of war plants, coastal defenses, airfields and the remnants of the Japanese fleet.

Japan still was harassed constantly. Five B-29s mined Osaka Bay, off the southeastern coast of the main home island on Honshu and ten others sowed Wakasa Bay on the west, radio Tokyo said in a broadcast heard by the Federal Communications Commission.

SLIGHT EARTH TREMOR HERE

Shelbians Awakened Early By Slight But Definite Earthquake

A slight but well-defined earth tremor shook Shelby along with a considerable section of the Carolinas into an early awakening today but caused no damage of consequence.

Dishes danced on shelves, the windows of buildings rattled, and a few chimneys were reported cracked in other sections as the earth swayed to the accompaniment of a rumbling sound for nearly a minute shortly after 6:30 a. m.

The Star office was deluged with calls from persons startled and wondering what had jarred them from their slumbers.

Seismographists at Fordham university in New York and at the University of South Carolina re-

PERMISSION GRANTED FOR 25 NEW HOUSES

War Housing Program Of Chamber Of Commerce Gets NHA Sanction With Ceilings

TRUMAN IN FRANKFURT TO REVIEW TROOPS

A new war housing program for immediate construction of 25 new houses in Shelby has been approved by the National Housing Agency under an H-2 program inaugurated by the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association several weeks ago, President Clyde A. Short announced today.

Included in the H-2 program for Shelby are 20 sales units for white occupancy and five for negro occupancy. The sales ceiling on the white units is \$7,000 and on the negro units \$3,500. These units may be produced for rental with a ceiling of \$53 for the white and \$30 a month for the negro units.

APPROVES SIX CITIES Shelby's H-2 provision is part of programs providing 195 dwelling units in six North Carolina cities approved by John B. Blandford, jr., administrator of the National Housing Agency and announced from Atlanta by NHA Regional representative, Robert K. Creighton. It is authorized under what has been designated as the H-2 program and calls for construction of all the units by private enterprise.

VACCINATIONS GIVEN FREE

Health Department Announces Series Of Clinics For County

Vaccinations for typhoid, diphtheria, whooping cough and smallpox will be given at free clinics to be held in various parts of the county beginning July 30, it was announced this morning by Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, Cleveland health officer.

A state law requires all babies between the ages of six months and one year to be vaccinated against diphtheria and whooping cough. Also, all children are required to be vaccinated against these diseases as well as against smallpox before entering school.

The health department urges all persons to go either to their family doctor or to the nearest health clinic and secure protection against these contagious diseases.

WHAT'S DOING TODAY

7:00 p.m.—CAP cadets meet at armory. 7:00 p.m.—Kiwanis club meets.



THE OLD AND THE NEW—Clement R. Attlee (right) heads the British labor party which won a rousing victory over conservative forces in the July 5 British election, results of which were announced today. He is expected to succeed Winston Churchill (left), head of the conservative party as prime minister of Great Britain.

Attlee Slated To Follow Churchill As Premier; Rousing Labor Victory

LONDON, July 26.—Britain, surging strongly to the left, threw out the Churchill government in election returns counted today and called the labor party, headed by Clement R. Attlee, to lead the nation against Japan and through reconstruction.

The labor party's victory was smashing. It led in commons nearly 2 to 1, in compilations at mid-afternoon, with labor holding 376 seats in parliament and the conservatives 181 seats.

Churchill himself and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden escaped the tidal wave and were returned to their seats in commons, but a dozen of their most prominent colleagues were defeated.

The returns were from the July 5 election, the nation's first general poll in 10 years.

The Labor party campaigned on a platform calling for nationalization of basic industries. King George VI likely will call on Attlee, the party's mild-mannered and Oxford-educated leader, to form the new government on reconvening of Parliament Aug. 8.

Attlee, who was deputy prime minister in the Churchill government after the defeat of Germany, presumably will return to Potsdam to take up the Big Three deliberations which were interrupted yesterday to allow Churchill and his colleagues to return to receive the election returns.

A compilation from official returns said labor had won 376 of the 640 Commons seats, Conservatives 181, Liberals 10, Liberal Nationals 13, Communists 2, scattered votes for other minor parties and still doubtful 58.

It appeared certain that the Labor party alone had won a good working majority, releasing it from the necessity of depending on other opposition parties to form a government.

Latest popular vote figures gave: Labor 10,843,228. Conservative 8,004,615. The Labor party last formed the See PRIME MINISTER Page 2

PETAIN, LAVAL HAND-IN-GLOVE

Jeanneney Says Laval Made Petain Dictator In 1940

PARIS, July 26.—(AP)—Jules Jeanneney, former president of the French senate, told a high court of justice today that the machinations of Pierre Laval made Marshal Petain dictator when France collapsed in 1940 and that the two men "made common cause together."

The white-haired witness appeared at his fourth day of Petain's trial on charges of betraying France.

Jeanneney, president of the senate in 1940, described an extraordinary session of parliament in which Laval, Vichy chief of government, suppressed debate and rammed through three "constitutional acts" abrogating the constitution and giving the marshal virtually unlimited powers.

He said Petain showed "deplorable weakness" when he succeeded Paul Reynaud as premier at Bordeaux in June, 1940.

"Let us admit that we had no other choice," Jeanneney said. "As the witness left the courtroom the 89-year-old marshal, who had been maintaining an aloof air, made the extraordinary gesture of bowing to the witness. Jeanneney bowed in return."

Louis Marin, former minister of state, then testified.

The first three days of the trial of the 89-year-old former chief of the Vichy French state, who is charged with intelligence with the enemy and of plotting against the security of France, progressed so slowly that on several occasions members of the special 24-man jury exclaimed "let's get on with it."

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Authorized are 50 units for Rocky Mount, 25 for Plymouth, 50 for Hickory, 20 for Greenville, and Shelby's 25. In each of the areas listed units for owner occupancy may be produced under the sales quota, the Chamber of Commerce was advised.

Applications for priorities covering not more than 50 percent of the individual quotas may be approved prior to October 1; furthermore, Mr. Creighton said, at least 30 percent of the priorities granted during any quarterly period are to be issued to individuals for homes for their own use.

It is not expected that all dwelling units authorized by these programs will be produced to sell or rent at maximum prices. It is anticipated that the demand which materializes during the administration of these programs will establish the price levels at which the housing will be produced.

"This new housing was authorized for these areas," Creighton said, "after a study of the housing shortage in these areas and the hardships now resulting from lack of adequate housing accommodations. Housing needs have arisen in these areas by reason of wartime economic restrictions, new family formations and immigration of war workers, veterans, and families of military personnel. Many families have been unable to find suitable living quarters. It is believed that present housing conditions are hampering war activities and it is hoped that these new programs will provide adequate relief for persons requiring housing accommodations."

H-2 PROGRAM This new housing is authorized under the H-2 program which is distinguished from the H-1 program under which most war housing has heretofore been authorized in war housing areas, in that no occupancy restrictions will be imposed, however, builders will be asked to give preference to re-

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ATTLEE CALLED CAUTIOUS, DRY, COLORLESS BUT SOUND

LONDON, July 26.—(AP)—Cautious, colorless Clement R. Attlee, who as leader of the Labor party emerged today as perhaps the next prime minister of Great Britain, smiled when he learned he had been re-elected to parliament from his bomb-battered Limehouse district.

Attlee is 62, eight years younger than Winston Churchill.

Attlee, his wife and 18-year-old daughter, listened to returns in the London east end where he defeated his Conservative opponent, Lt. Alfred Woodward, 8,396 to 1,618.

When he went to Labor party headquarters, he was greeted by strains of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

"Thank you very much," he told party workers, "but I don't know what the good news is—I only know about five results as well as my own—but I gather it is pretty good news anyway."

ELECTION NEWS SENSATION AT BIG 3 MEET

Question: How Soon Will Attlee And Party Be Able To Return?

POTSDAM, July 26.—(AP)—News of the British Labor party's election triumph produced the political sensation of the year among delegations of the three great Allied powers in Potsdam today.

Defeat of Prime Minister Churchill's government apparently marks the second break in the original "Big Three" and leaves Premier Stalin as the only member of that triumvirate.

The first break was the death April 12 of President Roosevelt, whose place was filled by President Truman.

Clement R. Attlee has been attending the Potsdam conference with Churchill and thus is fully informed on the discussions.

The fact that Attlee's party received a parliamentary majority with which to form a Socialist type government for the first time since the 1920s raised these questions here.

Who will share with Attlee the responsibility for directing Britain's foreign affairs?

How soon can the chiefs of the new government return to Potsdam to conclude the deliberations on which the Big Three have already spent nine days of heavy labor?

How many of Britain's commitments made by Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden from Tehran through Yalta to Potsdam will be shouldered by the shrewd, bald laborite who sat in here as an "observer?"

The first impression here this afternoon was that Attlee would extend Churchill the courtesy of an invitation to return to Potsdam as a member of his delegation. But it was only a guess and few appeared to believe that Churchill would return.

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Labor party officials told him of the tremendous gains and he seemed moved as he scanned new returns.

"No, I am not surprised," he said. "I have ceased to be surprised at anything these days."

OVERSHADOWED Attlee has been overshadowed throughout the war by Prime Minister Churchill, whom he served as deputy prime minister in the coalition government that carried Britain from the darkest days of defeat to triumph over Germany.

So dry are his speeches that his secretary once remarked that he "wouldn't walk five yards to hear him."

Friends and foes alike describe Attlee as "sane, solid but not brilliant." He is a middle-of-the-road politician, steering on an even keel.

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