

WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness west and partly cloudy east portion today and tonight. Scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers mostly in west portion this afternoon.

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THIRD FLEET SHELLS BIG JAP INDUSTRIAL CITY

Jackson Asks Agreement This Week On War Trials

LONDON, July 30.—(P)—An authoritative American source said today Justice Robert H. Jackson had told British, Russian and French representatives that an agreement must be reached this week on plans for trial of war criminals.

Jackson is special U. S. prosecutor for the war crimes trial. The source said Jackson took the position that unless talk stops and action starts, the United States will move alone toward bringing the major war criminals to action. The American supreme court justice holds a strong hand since a majority of the Germans likely to stand trial as war criminals are in U. S. hands. These include Hermann Goering, Joachim Von Ribbentrop, Julius Streicher, Robert Ley and high-ranking generals in Adolf Hitler's army.

Suzuki Says Japan Will Continue War

Japan Will Ignore Surrender Ultimatum; Statement Beamed To U. S. By Tokyo Radio

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—(P)—Japan will ignore the Allied surrender ultimatum, and even as the land of the Mikado rocked from the latest shower of shell and bombs, Premier Suzuki declared:

"There is no change whatsoever in the fundamental policy of our government to continue the prosecution of the war."

DEGAULLE GETS SHARP REBUFF

Smashing Defeat For His Constitutional Referendum Plans

PARIS, July 30.—(P)—Political observers speculated today whether Gen De Gaulle would resign as head of the French Provisional government as the result of a sharp rebuff administered to him last night by the consultative assembly, which rejected overwhelmingly his plans for a constitutional referendum.

After a long and acrimonious debate, the assembly turned down by a vote of 210 to 19 the government's proposal to hold a referendum during the October national elections to determine whether the electorate favored a return to the third republic's constitution.

COUNTER PROPOSAL The assembly then adopted, 186 to 45, a left-wing counterproposal, already condemned publicly by De Gaulle, proposing election of a sovereign unicameral legislature with representatives of France's colonies participating.

During the afternoon session De Gaulle had told delegates he would stick by his guns, as many construed this as a threat either to resign or to force the dismissal of some members of his cabinet. The assembly also voted, unanimously, a motion providing that the government be responsible to the constituent assembly to be elected in October.

The assembly actions, however, unlike those of the third republic's chamber of deputies, are not binding on the government, since the assembly is purely a consultative body.

49 Massacre Suspects Seized

ROME, July 30.—(P)—Forty-nine persons suspected of complicity in a machinegun massacre of political prisoners in Schio jail on July 6 were seized yesterday in a dawn raid on that town by units of the American 34th infantry division.

The raid was led by Lt. Col. Richard L. Loller, 1618 Alaca Place, Tuscaloosa, Ala., senior civil affairs officer of Vincenza province. The suspects were captured without a shot and rushed to Vincenza for questioning. Forty-seven persons were killed, 13 of them women, and 26 others were wounded in the jail massacre.

Henderson To Be Sworn In Tuesday

CHARLOTTE, July 30.—(P)—D. E. Henderson, Charlotte lawyer, today was given the interim appointment as United States attorney for the Western district of North Carolina.

Judge E. Yates Webb, who made the appointment, will administer the oath of office to Henderson tomorrow.



BOMBER WHEEL LODGED IN ELEVATOR SHAFT—A wheel of the Army bomber which crashed into the upper part of the Empire State Building in New York Saturday is lodged in the elevator shaft. This view is made from the 79th floor, looking through the shaft down to the floor below, where a fireman looks through debris.

BIG-3 MEET ON HOME STRETCH

Truman, Attlee, Stalin Put Finishing Touches On Agreements

POTSDAM, July 30.—(P)—President Truman, Prime Minister Attlee and Premier Stalin worked on the final language of tentative agreement reached in 11 days of topflight deliberations as the big three conference entered the home stretch today on a keynote of harmony.

Observers here believed the harmonious resumption of the conference following the defeat of Winston Churchill's government by the British Labor party augured well for a successful conclusion. There has been no noticeable break in the continuity of the discussions and prospects were for an early conclusion, perhaps within the next two or three days.

The conference was described officially as making progress on the final communique which will reveal plans for the future of Europe.

EARLY END TO WAR While President Truman's continuing international interest is an early end to the war with Japan, there was no authoritative information whether the Pacific would be mentioned specifically in the final statement.

The U. S. senate's ratification of the United States charter with only two opposition votes affirmed the president with a trump card as the deliberations entered the final stage. He now is able to tell Russia.

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY

7:00 p.m.—C. of C. directors meet at Hotel Charles.

7:30 p.m.—State Guard drill at armory.

8:00 p.m.—Shelby plays Laurinburg in junior Legion baseball state finals series.

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m.—Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. meets at lodge room for work in the first degree.

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THE WAR TODAY:

British Election Turn-Over Epochal, Will Affect World

By DEWITT MacKENZIE, AP Writer

The London Times (known both as the thunder and as the Englishman's Bible) remarks of British labor's great victory that there's no reason "why the world should look for any revolutionary change in foreign—or indeed—in domestic policy."

Having lived in England many years your columnist accepts that as a fair appraisal. The land of Cedric the Saxon—aristocracy, middle-class and labor—rarely has leaped without taking a good look. However, we shall make a mistake if we don't recognize this political turn-over as epochal, not only for Britain but for the world. What might be regarded as a passing storm in one of the more inflammable countries of the continent, cannot be dismissed lightly in staid England.

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Yamashita With Trapped Jap Unit On Luzon

By RUSSELL BRINES

WITH U. S. 14TH ARMY CORPS, Northern Luzon, July 30.—(P)—A personal war between Japanese Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, and American and Filipino forces, fought in an area so high that clouds often interrupt combat, dominates the final three pronged campaign to eliminate 24,000 Japanese on Luzon.

A total of 12,228 counted enemy dead in the first 27 days of July testifies to bitterness of this conflict. It is characterized by the terrain, which Lt. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold, commander of the 14th corps, termed the most rugged he ever encountered. Stubborn enemy resistance is colored by the fact an unusually high total of 1,543, including 982 Japanese soldiers and 56 Japanese civilians, have surrendered this month.

"It won't be over for us," Griswold said, "until the Japanese surrender, are killed, or driven so far into the hills that they no longer are a military factor."

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Eight of the 13 crash victims had been identified yesterday, including the three aboard the B-25 two-engine "Billy Mitchell" bomber bound for the Newark, N. J., airport.

The three men were Lt. Col. William F. Smith, Jr., 27, Watertown, Mass., the B-25 pilot; T. Sgt. Christopher S. Domitrovich, 31, Granite City, Ill., plane engineer, and Aviation Machinist Mate Albert G. Berna, 19, Brooklyn, who had hitched a ride on the plane.

WOMEN STENOGRAPHERS Most of the remaining victims were women stenographers employed in the 79th floor offices of the National Catholic Welfare conference, caught beneath falling office partitions when the heavy wreckage of the plane hurtled through the building. Flaming gasoline flooded the 79th and adjoining floors, burning the victims and making identification difficult.

The pilot had been in radio communication with La Guardia a few minutes before the crash, and was told by the control tower that it could not "see the top of the Empire State building."

The B-25 continued southward along Fifth avenue, hitting the huge building squarely just before 10 a.m. Saturday.

MRS. CROWDER FALLS AND BREAKS A HIP Mrs. W. Yan Crowder fell last Thursday down the steps on her front porch on North Morgan street and sustained a broken left hip. She had gone to the porch to bring in the milk when she lost her balance and tumbled down the steps. She is in a Charlotte hospital under the care of Dr. Miller, bone specialist.

French To Control Section Of Berlin BERLIN, July 30.—(P)—The Allied Control Council for Germany, at a historic first meeting here today, disclosed that a sector of Berlin had been allocated to French control.

EMPIRE STATE OPEN TODAY

Observation Tower Remains Closed; Official Count Of Dead 13

NEW YORK, July 30.—(P)—The Empire State building re-opens for business today, despite the shattering impact of an eight-ton army bomber which struck it Saturday morning, killing 13 persons and smashing an 18-foot wide gap in its north wall.

Announcement of the re-opening came from Lt. Gen. Hugh A. Drum, president of Empire State, Inc., who added that only the observation tower of the 1,250 foot structure would remain closed. He said a thorough inspection had found no structural damage.

An army board of inquiry checked the wreckage on the 79th floor of the building—913 feet above Fifth avenue—for causes of the spectacular crash.

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U. S. Leaders Warn Japs Of Destruction, Invasion

GUAM, July 30.—(P)—Three high American military leaders today promised Japan an unprecedented dosage of destruction to be climaxed by invasion in overwhelming force.

Rear Adm. D. C. Ramsey, chief of staff of the U. S. Fifth fleet, declared in a broadcast to the United States that the invasion already had begun in effect, with the ever-tightening blockade and ever-increasing bombing and shelling of the enemy's home islands.

Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, commander of the 20th air force, said in another broadcast that his remarkable advance-notice pamphlets on Japanese cities marked for erasure by Superfortresses were intended "so that all the Japanese people must realize that further resistance is senseless and will only lead to the complete destruction of their industries and their urban and industrial areas."

Ramsey spoke on the Mutual network; LeMay on American Broadcasting company facilities.

Gen. Spaatz, commander of the U. S. strategic air forces, said in a press conference that fleets of more than 1,000 B-29s soon would be sent against the enemy with

twice the tonnage the American strategic air forces in Europe ever dropped on the Germans in one mission.

Ramsey declared that "the most overwhelming forces ever concentrated in military history" would invade Japan.

Noting that the Japanese had rejected the Allied ultimatum to surrender, he said, "it is a harsh rate which the enemy has chosen. In all world history there is no more glaring example of a nation imposing disaster upon itself. For these people, the language of bombs and guns apparently is the only convincing language."

LeMay, discussing his advance-notice system, referred to "inaugurating this program," implying that it would be used again.

Spaatz, in his brief discussion of the B-29 program, said, "the greater the force you can throw against them (the Japanese) the quicker they are liable to call it quits."

1,500 ALLIED PLANES BATTER 60 AIRFIELDS

Japanese Navy Written Off As "Dead" By American Officers

ROAM UNMOLESTED

By Morrie Landsberg

GUAM, July 30.—(P)—Man-made destruction hit the heart of the Japanese empire again today as the U. S. navy sent its bold Third Fleet in to shell one big industrial city and 1,500 American and British carrier planes ripped up 60 airfields and other military installations from Kyushu to Tokyo itself.

American war power, parading from one momentous week into another, piled up triumph after triumph in a message of steel and fire that the allied surrender ultimatum meant what it said—quit or be destroyed.

With action continuing, events recorded were:

Staff officers wrote off the groggy Japanese navy as dead following the knockout punch at the Kure naval base Saturday.

Task force 38 stood close inshore and poured 1,000 tons of shells into the important industrial and rail city of Hamamatsu, 120 miles south of Tokyo and three miles inland, leaving targets "burning fiercely" after a one hour assault today.

Carrier aircraft, loaded with rockets and heavy caliber machinegun shells, rampaged virtually unmolested over the home island of Honshu from Kobe north to Tokyo, hunting Japanese airplanes and air fields, railroad locomotives and anything else of military value.

One returning fighter group roamed at will over a "deserted" Tokyo before hammering a huge war plant in the southeast section of the capital. It didn't draw a single round of anti-aircraft fire.

EXCELLENT RESULTS The mighty Superfortress command announced "excellent results" in the bombing yesterday of six of the 11 forewarned Japanese industrial target towns, a mission accomplished without the loss of a single plane, and promised to continue its pre-announced campaign of devastation.

The Japanese radio acknowledged the surface and air attacks, and said "some 700" carrier planes participated in attacks in the Tokyo

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DIANA STORE TO OPEN HERE

Old Farmers Hardware Store On S. LaFayette Being Remodeled

Diano Shops will be the name of a new retail outlet catering solely to moderate-priced women's apparel and accessories, which will open here in the old Farmers Hardware Company store on South LaFayette street.

This three-story building with a front of 28 feet and a depth of 90 feet will be remodeled and modernized by Sydney H. Morris, Associates of Chicago, and plans call for a beautiful front and show windows such as the Diana Shops have in nearly 50 stores in the eastern part of America.

The front will be of polished cream and pink Georgia marble, with a deep foyer and spacious show windows. An air conditioning system will be installed when this equipment comes on the market. John Ellis, here representing the general contractors, is making sub-contracts with local firms which involve modernization of the building and its extension ten feet longer.

The Diana Shops some months ago acquired the Peggy Halle organization of about thirty-five stores, making about seventy stores in the Diana organization of which Harry Greenburg of New York is president.

A fifteen-year lease has been executed on the building with Mrs. H. Dixon Smith, formerly Miss Pearl Weathers of Shelby, now living in Columbus, Ga., who is sole owner.

FIRE DAMAGES BRIDGE GEORGETOWN, S. C., July 30.—(P)—A fire of unknown origin destroyed 800 feet of the Santee river bridge yesterday.

The two and one-fourth mile span is part of the coastal highway between Georgetown and Charleston.

Battleship Haruna Finally Destroyed

Damage Inflicted On Aircraft Carrier, Escort Carrier, Cruiser Of Japanese Fleet

MANILA, July 30.—(P)—U. S. army planes blew apart the midships section of the battleship Haruna, damaged an aircraft carrier and probably destroyed an escort carrier and a cruiser in heavy strikes Saturday at the Japanese naval bases of Kure and Sasebo, General MacArthur announced today.

The raids by the Okinawa-based far east air forces, which are under MacArthur's overall command, were on the same day that American carrier-based naval planes also were heavily striking Kure.

The naval planes also hit the Haruna and their reconnaissance reports today said she was beached and burned out.

Sixty Liberators of the Seventh Army Air Force attacked Kure at 3 p. m., Japanese time, and hit the Haruna four times with one-ton bombs.

Army and Navy fliers agreed that the Haruna at last was disposed of after having been reported sunk on Dec. 10, 1941, by a Flying Fortress commanded by the late Capt. Collin Kelly.

It was explained at Admiral Nimitz' Guam headquarters that the Army planes struck from high altitude and that their attack was coordinated with that of the carrier fliers at low and medium altitudes. Perhaps "mortally hit," the old ghost ship finally was beached by the Japanese late Saturday afternoon.

Fifth air force heavy bombers, which like the seventh are part of the far east air forces, struck the unidentified aircraft carrier at Kure. Fighter pilots who raided Sasebo navy yard, on the west coast of Honshu island, reported the probable destruction of the escort carrier and a light cruiser, both of which they said were shaken by great explosions.

Altogether, the far east air forces

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Two Lose Lives In Charleston Fire

CHARLESTON, S. C., July 30.—(P)—M-Sgt. Harry A. Talbert, 38, of the Charleston army air base, and his stepson, John Marke Lee, 11, died in a fire which gutted an apartment at Liberty Homes yesterday.

The soldier's wife, Mrs. Agnes M. Talbert, formerly of Florence, was badly burned. Sgt. Talbert's home was in Charlotte, N. C.

CITY WATER-LOGGED:

Six Inches Of Rainfall Recorded Here In July

One of the most lighthearted July's heretofore today sloped toward its finish tomorrow with six inches of rainfall already recorded and a sou'wester pouring on more today. It's dog days.

Everything that will soak up humidity is stickily water-logged. Even the ground, which became famished when the weather man went on vacation to make June the driest ever, had drunk its fill and mudily oozed water from every pore.

The heavy rainfall is not without blessing, despite attendant discomfort. Cotton that was the scrawniest ever a month ago has blossomed forth into the richest foliage of years. Prospects for another bumper crop are bright indeed, if ole' Jupe Pluvius relents and cuts off his faucets before he encourages Mr. Boll Weevil to undertake an amphibious landing in Cleveland's cotton fields.

WOODEN ABSORBED Wooden furniture, doors, drawers, cabinets and even piano keys have swollen under the almost con-

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HERRIOT SPEAKS AGAINST PETAIN

Says Marshal Prevented Government's Leaving France In 1940

By RELMAN MORIN PARIS, July 30.—(P)—Rotund Edouard Herriot, premier of France three times before wars, testified at the trial of Marshal Petain today that President Roosevelt "placed at our disposal material which we needed" in the days before Germany crushed the nation.

The mysterious Maj. Jean Lostanau-Lacau, who was scheduled to testify, did not appear and police announced their search for him was not successful.

Herriot, recovered from an illness, told of events leading to the armistice and the assumption of dictatorial powers by the aged Petain, accused of intelligence with the enemy and plotting against the security of France.

"France had two staunch friends in Churchill and Roosevelt," Herriot said, "we knew Britain would fight to the end. Roosevelt had placed at our disposal material which we needed and I felt sure that the day would come when he would lead the United States into the war."

CONFIDENCE BETRAYED "We had no right to betray such confidence."

Herriot, who was in German detention after being arrested in Lyon in 1940, said former Premier Paul Reynaud asked his opinion as to whether the government should leave France after the Germans took Paris and shattered the French armies. He said he told Reynaud: "I prefer to be shot by the Germans than hated by the French."

The court announced that sessions would be curtailed because the 89-year-old marshal was suffering from a throat ailment.

Before Herriot took the stand,

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