

WEATHER

North Carolina: Partly cloudy, rather humid today and Wednesday. Few widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers.

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207 JAPANESE VESSELS, 430 PLANES DESTROYED OR DAMAGED IN TWO DAYS OF ALLIED ATTACKS

24 SHIPS SUNK, 75 DAMAGED IN BLOW SATURDAY

Attack Practically Finished Job Of Knocking Out Fleet

292 PLANES BAGGED

GUAM, July 31.—(AP)—American carrier planes sank 24 Japanese vessels and damaged 75 others in last Saturday's strike at the Kure naval base and along the inland sea, Admiral Nimitz announced today in revising the damage upward.

Two new aircraft carriers, whose flight decks were partially ripped up, were added to the warships damaged in the strike which virtually finished the job of knocking out the imperial fleet. Both were still afloat.

The heavy cruiser Tone was beached. Admiral Nimitz added no other major warships to the toll but reported extensive destruction and damage to land targets, including nine factories. Among them were the Kawasaki airport factory at Kagamihara and a gunpowder factory which was set afire.

American raiders destroyed or damaged 292 Japanese planes, including 21 shot down.

The cost of the attack was 27 American carrier aircraft shot down and eight British. Attacking American pilots destroyed 14 locomotives and damaged eight. They destroyed or damaged 14 airplane hangars, many oil storage tanks, railway and radio stations and two copper smelters.

The British added more hangars, radio stations, a train and several shipyards.

The British pilots operating with the third fleet destroyed 13 Japanese ships and small aircraft and damaged 20 more.

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ROOSEVELT TO GET DISCHARGE

Release Arranged Before Recent Headline Flurry About Loans

WASHINGTON, July 31.—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt will return to civilian life August 15. His release from the Army Air Forces was arranged, however, the army insisted last night, before the recent headline flurry that led to a congressional inquiry into reported loans made to the late president's second son.

It follows Roosevelt's own request for retirement, completion of two assignments growing of his European war experiences and the fact, the army said, that "there was no requirement for his services in the Pacific which could not be filled by another available and qualified officer."

STORM CENTER

The youthful general became a new storm center early in June with published reports that he had borrowed \$200,000 to finance a Texas radio enterprise in 1939 and that the loan later was settled for \$4,000. The reports said John Hartford, president of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company listed the remaining \$196,000 as a bad debt in his 1942 income tax return.

The statement said Roosevelt asked for his release on May 11 "if there was no need for his services in the Pacific."

Chairman Doughton (D-NC) of the house ways and means committee which began an inquiry into the reported Hartford loan last month announced later that the scope of the investigation was being expanded. He and other committee members insisted the committee's only interest was to see that the government's interests are protected in connection with any bad debt claims.

Senator Suffers Cerebral Hemorrhage

HURON, U. D., July 31.—(AP)—Senator Harlan J. Bushfield suffered a massive cerebral hemorrhage on a train enroute to his home at Miller today and doctors in a Huron hospital described his condition as very critical.



ATTLEE JOINS 'BIG THREE' MEETING AT POTSDAM—Britain's new Prime Minister Clement E. Attlee (left) joins President Harry S. Truman (center) and Russian Premier Joseph Stalin (right) as the new "Big Three" meets at the Potsdam conference July 28.—(AP Wirephoto via Signal Corps Radio from Berlin.)

Planning, Zoning Of City Urged By C Of C

Protection Of Residential Properties From Commercial Misuse Wanted By Owners

The City of Shelby is being called upon to activate its previously authorized Planning and Zoning Board by the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association whose directors are inviting community service committees of other civic groups to join them in appearing before the Board of Aldermen next Monday night to press the matter.

The directors, in their monthly session last night, discussed the need for immediate consideration of the city's zoning needs to the end of creating a better planned and more attractive community in which residential values might be protected insofar as feasible against industrial and commercial encroachments.

The action followed the reading of a letter from V. W. Breeze, local architect and engineer, who said it had come to his attention that several commercial and industrial projects are being planned for construction in residential areas in the city.

"To me," Mr. Breeze wrote, "this is very disturbing. We have a beautiful town with nice residential sections which have not as yet been badly marred by undesirable industrial or commercial buildings. I am deeply interested in seeing Shelby's beauty and development."

Sen. Hoey Heaps High Praise On Congress

WASHINGTON, July 31.—(AP)—By adopting five major pieces of legislation within 30 days, Congress has given the United States world leadership, says Sen. Hoey of North Carolina.

Legislation adopted includes (1) Renewal of the reciprocal trade treaties act; (2) Adoption of the Bretton Woods proposals; (3) Increasing the capital of the export-import bank; (4) Acceptance of membership in the United Nations agricultural council and (5) Adoption of the United Nations charter.

"No other Congress, in so short a time, has ever adopted such a far reaching program, and the passage of this legislation means that the United States assumes the leadership of the world," Hoey said.

Senate Differs On Powers Of Security Council Delegate

WASHINGTON, July 31.—(AP)—Senatorial unity on the United Nations charter broke wide open today over a proposal that President Truman appoint a security council delegate without letting congress define his authority.

Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) of the foreign relations committee stirred the storm with an announcement that he had asked the state department to determine if any legislation is needed to cover the appointment of Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., to the post. The reaction to Connally's personal view that there is no need

YANKS SEEKING GEN. YAMASHITA

Infantry Division Within Six Miles Of Last-Known Hideout

WITH U. S. 6TH DIVISION, NORTHERN LUZON, July 31.—(AP)—Cruel, wily Japanese Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita escaped two weeks of the heaviest artillery and aerial assaults this infantry division ever launched, but the Yanks today were within six miles of his last known hideout.

Yamashita's headquarters are known to have been at Hungduan recently. Yesterday, elements of this division captured bloody Itugao ridge after two weeks in which they assaulted the hill with 6,000 gallons of jellied gasoline; 5,000 rounds of .50 calibre air strafing; 4,000 rounds from aerial cannon, and 11,000 rounds of mortar shells.

Hungduan is only about six miles from the ridge and about seven miles northwest of Kiangnan. It is accessible only by a narrow, winding trail along with elements of Maj. Gen. Charles E. Hurd's division are making slow progress.

COUNTERATTACK Some Japanese lived through the terrific blasting, which was greater than the division loosed on the bitterly contested Shimbu line east of Manila.

Capt. James M. Garrison, Columbia, S. C. commanded a company and two companies of Filipinos which stormed Itugao ridge and held it against a two-hour counterattack. They killed 30 Japanese fighting their way up the hill. They killed 38 more during the counterattack, which drove both Filipino units from their positions. The commanding ridge had been held by at least two Japanese companies.

These engagements were on one of the three prongs which Hurd's division and attached Filipino units are driving against the eastern edge of Japanese positions between highways 4 and 11.

COLUMNS ADVANCE Another column, proceeding southward along difficult trails, was stopped by at least a battalion of Japanese in well prepared positions two miles north of Hungduan. A third column, proceeding southward of Kiangnan, is approaching.

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Several Houses Are Sold Here

Dale R. Yates, former J. C. Penney Co. manager, who is moving with his family to Indiana, has sold his residence at 709 West Marion street to "Buddy" Ledford who will take early occupancy. Gus Kendrick has purchased the Ledford home at 605 East Warren street for his married daughter.

Sheriff J. R. Cline has purchased the Gidney home at 315 East Marion street, adjoining the Marion street school property and having a frontage of 105 feet. Cleoro Lutz has purchased the Charlie Mintz house on Thompson street.

STALIN HAS BEEN ILL, TALKS ARE DELAYED

Russian Premier Expected To Attend Session This Afternoon

SLIGHT INDISPOSITION

By Ernest B. Vaccaro

POTSDAM, July 31.—(AP)—Premier Stalin has been slightly indisposed for the past two days, it was disclosed today, but is expected to attend a meeting of the Big Three this afternoon. The disclosure apparently explained a two-day lapse in his talks with president Truman and Prime Minister Attlee.

Soviet Foreign Secretary Vyacheslav Molotov sat in with Truman and Attlee on Sunday, but there was no attempt to continue the talks, yesterday pending Stalin's complete recovery. Stalin's indisposition was believed nothing more than a slight cold, but the 66-year-old premier's physician took every precaution to safeguard his health and ordered him not to leave the house.

His condition was reported improved today and it was stated specifically that a meeting of the Big Three was scheduled for the afternoon. If the Russian leader is fit enough to resume the arduous three-hour discussions which have been typical of the conference to date, it is believed the parley may be completed by Thursday or Friday.

CHINESE SETUP SHIFTS SLATED

Soong Keeps Post As Premier, Resigns As Foreign Minister

CHUNGKING, July 31.—(AP)—Additional changes in the Chinese government are expected to be announced before Premier T. V. Soong returns to Moscow to resume his talks with Premier Stalin.

Soong announced yesterday that he had relinquished his post as minister of foreign affairs, which he had held since Dec. 23, 1941, and had turned it over to Dr. Wang Shih-Chieh in a cabinet reshuffle designed to speed the war against Japan.

Soong's action had been expected for some time.

Wang, one of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's intimates, has a national reputation as a liberal. Since last May he has been one of two government delegates conducting negotiations with the Chinese Communists in an attempt to reconcile their differences with the national government.

2,000 Japs Killed In Sittang Sector

CALCUTTA, July 31.—(AP)—An additional 2,000 Japanese troops have been reported killed by British troops in the lower Sittang river bend area of Burma, southeast Asia command headquarters said today, bringing the total enemy dead in nine days of fighting to more than 6,000.

This figure does not include those killed by Allied guerrilla forces. The British announced. More than 600 have been captured. Bitter fighting has been raging in the area, generally 80 to 150 miles northeast of Rangoon, between the Rangoon-Mandalay railroad and the Sittang river.

THE WAR TODAY: Hitler And His Leaders Showed Paranoia Symptoms

By DeWitt MacKENZIE, AP Writer

Those psychiatrists who long ago took the position that Hitler and his leaders were paranoid, or had a tendency towards paranoia, would seem to be getting support from this theory from the American interment camp at Mandorf, Luxembourg, where some of the Fuehrer's chief henchmen are held.

The Nazi leaders in that camp, and others who have been accounted for elsewhere, have in most cases displayed mental abnormality. That's highly interesting, for the experts tell us that paranoids flock together. Our gang-



CHINESE MINISTER—Wang Shih-Chieh (above) has been named Chinese minister of foreign affairs taking the post left vacant by the elevation of T. V. Soong to the premiership.—(AP Wirephoto).

U. S. Destroyers Enter Suruga Gulf And Shell Giant Aluminum Plant

By Morrie Landsberg

GUAM, July 31.—(AP)—Raiding allied carrier planes destroyed or damaged 207 Japanese vessels and 430 planes in two days, Admiral Nimitz announced today as daring U. S. destroyers knifed deep into Suruga gulf to bombard the enemy's largest aluminum plant.

The bombardment, 80 miles southwest of Tokyo, was the seventh against Japan and carried the combined American-British sea-air attacks into the 22nd consecutive day. Preliminary reports on yesterday's aerial sweeps over 400 miles of Honshu island and revised totals on last Saturday's devastating attack which wrote the end to the imperial navy showed a total of 62 enemy warships sunk or damaged.

Most of them were crippled or sent to the bottom at the two naval bases—Kure and Maizuru. Revised figures on last Saturday's American raid on Kure added two aircraft carriers—the Amagi and the Katsuragi—and the cruiser Tone to the list of wrecked first line warships. Both carriers are afloat, but their flight decks have been ripped into uselessness. Two battleships and two cruisers were previously reported sent to the bottom of the harbor Saturday.

Lesser warships, ranging from destroyers downward, were caught by British airmen at the Maizuru base yesterday. Maizuru, on the west coast of Japan's main island of Honshu, was the most distant point of the 400 mile arc raked by allied pilots who hit more than 60 airfields, destroyed or damaged sixty ships and small craft and 138 planes.

A special communication from Admiral Nimitz revised damage inflicted last Saturday along the inland sea to 292 enemy aircraft and 147 ships and small craft sunk or damaged. This is an increase of eight planes and a downward revision of 41 ships, but the new total did not include 600 luggers and small craft credited to British Saturday.

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Laval Surrenders To U. S. Authorities

Ordered To Leave Spain After 90-Day Stay; Lands At Linz, Austria, In American Zone

By George Tucker

FRANKFURT ON THE MAIN, July 31.—(AP)—Ordered out of Spain after a 90-day stay, Pierre Laval flew to Linz, Austria, today and surrendered to U. S. authorities in the American zone of occupation.

His plane landed before noon, after a flight from a spokesman for United States forces said, in making the announcement, that no additional details were available. The former chief of the Vichy government had left Barcelona in a German-manned Junkers 188.

It was believed his presence in the American zone would offer a tough problem in French-American relations which could be solved only by prompt delivery of Laval to French authorities.

France already has condemned Laval to death in his absence.

Paul Says Vichy Police Hard On French People

By LOUIS NEVIN

PARIS, July 31.—(AP)—Marcel Paul, member of the consultative assembly, testified at the treason trial of Marshal Petain today that the French people "feared the Vichy police ten times more than the German Gestapo."

Paul said he was a member of the underground during the occupation. However, he had to wait while Paul and another witness—both summoned by the court—testified.

Gen. Maxime Weygand, wearing civilian clothes, was brought into court as the defense phase of the trial opened. The French commander at the time of the armistice, however, had to wait while Paul and another witness—both summoned by the court—testified.

Paul said six French generals died in the Buchenwald prison camp in Germany in "the most atrocious circumstances" and that three of them had been arrested on orders from Vichy. He added:

"These dead demand justice. We feel the Vichy government was responsible and that the responsibility of its chief is total and complete. If the Vichy police acted in such a terrible manner, it was surely because they were persuaded by the accused that they were acting in the best interests of the French government."

A surprise witness, Maj. Jean Lestanau-Lacau denied that Petain, accused of intelligence with the enemy and plotting against the security of France, was ever a member of "La Cagoule," a French-Fascist-inclined secret society.

The major was followed on the stand by former premier Edouard Herriot, who told the court that a coup d'etat occurred in Vichy between July 10, 1940, when the national assembly gave the "government of the Republic under the authority of Petain" full powers to draw up a new constitution, and July 11, 1940, when the marshal appointed himself "chief of the

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