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HISTORIC BIG THREE CONFERENCE COMES TO

1,546 Jap Ships, 1,300 Warplanes Destroyed Or Damaged In July



POLICE KILL HOLINESS SECT'S SNAKES-A snake which was being used by members of the Holiness sect, hill-country snake-handling cults, in a demonstration at St. Charles, Va., is shown being killed by clubwielding Virginia state police, under orders to halt handling of poisonous

Pierre Laval Is **Returned To France**

Taken Immediately To Fresnes Prison; Airfields, Prison Surrounded By Guards

PARIS, Aug. 1.—(A)—Pierre Laval arrived by plane at JUST BEGINNING PARIS, Aug. 1.—(P)—Pierre Laval arrived by plane at July was a pre-invasion begin-Le Bourget airfield from the Austrian city of Innsbruck late ning of the devastation to be Harold J. Laski, chairman of the the killing of six captured Ameri-

spokesman said.

be landed.

Mobile guards surrounded four

Laval was handed over to French

officers last night by Americans of the 65th division. Landing yesterday

in Austria in the same German plane and with the same German crew that flew him to Barcelona

on May 2 to seek refuge. Laval said

he had "left Spain at the request

"Laval gave me the impression he

of government authorities there."

they had been assured before leav-

ing that the Americans would per-

WHAT'S DOING

8:00 p.m.—Mid-week prayer and praise service at First Bap-

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.-CAP cadets meet

700 p.m.—Regular meeting

mit them to return to Spain.

Gen. Roosevelt Hotly Defends Late Father

WASHINGHTON, Aug. 1.-(AP)-Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt says anyone who claims the late President Roosevelt "promoted or assistdent Roosevelt "promoted or assisted" his son's business affairs is ly-

And, young Roosevelt said in sharply - worded statement last night, he is leaving the air force simply because he does not wish to be an arm-chair general.

He made the decision a month before published reports about his business transactions which led to a congressional investigation, Roose-

velt said, adding of the reports:
"I conducted my own business affairs. The responsibility was and still is mine and mine

Asserting he had nothing to conceal, the general said he was cooperating with a treasury investigation of his affairs and had ask-

ed the department to "make pub-lic all of the facts, without reser-vation, at the earliest possible mo-

"I am entitled to a full public statement of those facts for the sake of my family," Roosevelt said. His statement was made public by his attorney, Randolph Paul, former general counsel of the treas-

ury.
INVESTIGATION

The treasury began its investi-gation on orders of the house ways and means and senate finance

It stemmed from a story early in June by Columnist Westbrook Pegler that young Roosevelt had borrowed \$200,000 in 1939 from John Hartford, president of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company, that the debt was set-tled three years later for \$4,000 by

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Fritz Reinhardt Said Captured

BBC broadcast heard today by NBC said American forces in Bavaria had rounded up several more former high ranking Nazis including Fritz Reinhardt, secretary of state in the German finance ministry, and Emil Von Rintelen, who ing Fritz Reinhardt, secretary of state in the German finance ministry, and Emil Von Rintelen, who held the rank of ambassador.

In the latter of month across the country by air.

2. It is speeding up the discharge of high-point soldiers with railroad experience "to the maximum extent"

ASSAULTS

Numbers Given Are Official Count, Many More Probables

JUST A BEGINNING

By Morrie Landsberg

home waters in July and more than 1,300 of her warplanes than 1,300 of her warplanes Leahy's letter, dated July 22, was destroyed or wrecked—but in reply to Petain's request that that is just a beginning.

rier planes, including some 290 had heard Petain express a desire British aircraft, alone destroyed or to see the Nazis overwhelmed. damaged 1,035 Japanese ships and small craft in 21 days of almost ceaseless assaults with torpedoes, Judge Paul Mongibeau ombs, rockets and 50 caliber bullets. They accounted for 1,278 aircraft, most of which were caught

Halsey's forces reduced rem-

Halsey's forces reduced remnants of the Japanese fleet to a shamble—99 warships sunk or heavily damaged, including three disclosed today.

Land-based aircraft in Adm. Nimitz' command sank another 85 vessels, mostly freighters and cargo ships, and damaged 176 and destroyed or damaged 53 Japanese planes, an Associated Press tabulation of his communiques showed.

The Far East air forces immobilized 250 Japanese ships or small craft totaling 250,000 tons after they began operating from Okinawa bases early in July, Gen. MacArthur's communique said today.

today and was taken immediately to Fresnes prison, it was announced at the trial of Marshal Petain.

The former chief of the Vichy government, who surrendered to American authorities in Austria lenged by sea or air. after he was ousted from refuge in bor's sweeping victory in the gen-eral election held as much econo-mic and social significance as the

lenged by sea or air.

Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles, deputy commander of the U. S. army Spain yesterday, was accompanied Secrecy had been maintained as

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to Laval's movement to France be-cause of fears that Frenchmen liberated from Nazi horror camps HOSPITALS GET might seek to attack him, a French

Confers With Architects And Will Make Recommendation Next Week

A building committee named at the Cleveland County Hospital board's session Tuesday afternoon said they were shabbily dressed and camera shy as Amercian signal corps photographers surrounded them. Laval carried \$10,000 in American bills.

The two Luftwaffe men who piloted them were jalled over protests they had been assured before leaving that the said the program and the policy ing that the said the said the program and the policy in the the said today the war deportance of the board in our interdependent world, and we do not think democracy is comparable with absolute mondarchies."

In a statement made public by the white House, Snyder said the impression there has been a break-low in the transportation system of government them is "erroneous."

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operation.

E. G. Spurling of Fallston, Clifford Hamrick of Boiling Springs, J. D. Lineberger of Shelby, C. E. Neisler and Arnold Kiser of Kings Mountain comprise the committee which will interview and employ an architect, subject to approval of the board. The group is charged with planning, launching and carrying through the construction of the Kings Mountain Hospital and the expansion of the Shelby unit in accordance with the program approvcounty in voting a \$400,000 bond is-

Army Under Fire For Plans To Keep 7,000,000 In Uniform

today to avert a transportation ment."

crisis but came under renewed fire for its plans to keep 7,000,000 men tended NEW YORK, Aug. 1—(P)—A
BBC broadcast heard today by
NBC said American forces in Ba1. It is turning over to commerTo ease the pressure on railroads resulting from troop movements, the war department said:
1. It is turning over to commermay see a postwar "dumping" of

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(P)— consistent with military needs and The army moved in two directions the orderly process of redeploy-

Senator Johnson (D-Colo) contended that the army is keeping too many soldiers in uniform above

Leahy Expresses Faith In Motives Truman Will Fly To Of Petain In Letter Read At Trial England Tomorrow To

liam D. Leahy, chief of staff to to the Allied cause."

President Truman, expressed the "On every instance when you yesterday's session when Weygand, belief that Marshal Petain always failed to accept my recommenda- Petain and former Premier Paul acted in the best interests of tions to expose the Axis powers Reynaud engaged in bitter recri-France in a letter read today at by refusing their demands, you minations. the treason trial of the old sol- stated the reason was that such

By Morrie Landsberg Three conference at Potsdam, exadmiral continued.

GUAM, Aug. 1—(AP)—Com- pressed "high regard" for Petain "I had then, as I have now, the bined carrier and land-based and said he was unable to appear conviction that your principal con- impossible without it. His treason at least 1,546 ships and small shal Petain until the Germans took to believe that you had any other violated his responsibilities to the craft sunk or damaged in her over the unoccupied portions of concern. France in November, 1942, when forth Africa was invaded.

he return to France as a witness. The admiral stated that he re-Adm. Halsey's Third fleet car- called that on many occasions he

After the letter was read, Chief Judge Paul Mongibeaux asserted: "There is one sentence against Petain in that letter."

gibeaux did not explain the sen- be summoned as a witness. tence to which he referred. Leahy's letter said that while he was ambassador to France "you turned for further cross examinadid, on occasion at my request, tion, bearded Prosecutor Andre

Chairman Of British La-

bor Party's Committee

Sees New Day

committee, proclaimed today "the

era of the common man" in Bri-

He said in an interview that la-

emergence of the middle class in England in the 1830's.

"This is the arrival of the peo-ple in power," Laski stated. "We

are now prepared to give the little

man-within the framework of the

British constitution-all the pro-

A general meeting of the mem-bership of the Cleveland County Red Cross was called today by

Chapter Chairman Dale R. Yates for 7:15 p.m. Friday at the Charles

hotel when officers and directors for the ensuing year will be elect-

In calling the meeting, Mr. Yates, who leaves shortly for a new business association at his old

home in Vincennes, Ind., said that

he would not be available for re-

election and he expressed "sincere

appreciation to each of you for the fine cooperation you have given."

Everyone who contributed as much as a dollar membership is

eligible to attend and participate

in the nomination and election of

the officers and directors, Mr.

Yates said.

IN SPAIN

positive action by you would re-

"However, I must in all honesty depeat my opinion, as expressed to you at the time, that positive refusal to make any concessions to Axis demands, while it might have brought immediate increased hardship to your people, would in the long view have advantageous to France."

(It was to this last passage that the judge apparently alluded). The old soldier's counsel said also that Pierre Laval, described yester-The defense protested and Mon- day as Petain's "evil genius," would

WEYGAND QUESTIONED As. Gen. Maxime Weygand retake action in opposition to the Mornet demanded that "we return

PARIS, Aug. 1—(A)—Adm. Wil- desires of the Axis and favorable to the essential facts of the Petain liam D. Leahy, chief of staff to to the Allied cause."

tice," said the prosecutor who sent As read in court the letter of sult in additional oppression of Mata Hari before a firing squad in Leahy, who is attending the Big your people by the invaders," the the first World war. "The armistice is only a preface to the accusation Petain's treason would have been plane attacks cost Japan by as a witness because of his posi-cern was the welfare and protection. He had been U. S. ambassation of the helpless people of conservative, official accounts dor to the Vichy regime of Mar-France. It was impossible for me that moment Petain outrageously

Once again, he promised that

Judge Paul Mongibeaux and It was announced to Allied cor- the presidential party Mornet both attempted to prevent a respondents that no press repre- Completion of the drafting in ficontinuance of the running debate sentatives would be permitted to nal phraseology of the involved between Weygand and Reynaud, but see the ceremonious conclusion of Big Three agreements in two lanit broke again after Armand de the parley. A negative reply was guages, English and Russian, was Chayla, minister to Luxembourg, given to correspondents' letters to believed to be the main task retestified briefly. He was counsellor each of the Big Three asking press maining. Principles of these agreeof the French embassy in Madrid conferences with them or the heads while Petain was ambassador and of their foreign ministers. he denied the old soldier had plotted with Generalissimo Franco. As he finished, Weygand and Reynaud both rose. The little general, who commanded French forces

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7 Germans Who Killed Airmen To Be Hanged

LONDON, Aug. 1 -(P)- Prof. wollen, will be hanged the for others face long prison terms for labor party's national executive ran airmen last August.

The verdicts were returned late last night after a six-day trial which military court attaches said would serve as a model of procedure against hundreds of other Nazis

charged with similar crimes. One of 11 defendants in the case, largest group yet brought to trial in Germany for a war crime, was acquitted. Each of the group denied any serious connection with a mob which beat the airmen to death.

Two of those sentenced to die are sisters, Margarete Witzler, 50, and

British constitution—all the progressive change that he requires." Laski spoke with authority, for he heads the policymaking body of the labor party. On foreign policy, he said: "Our first great task is the utter defeat of the Japanese. Before the most pressing of our domestic sisters, Margarete Witzler, 50, See 7 GERMANS Page 2 War Department To Furlough 4,000 To War Department To problems we intend to fulfill our maximum obligations in the far Railroad Industry

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.-(P)-With particular reference to John W. Snyder, war mobilization director, said today the war de-

he has been assured "very real point value of butter is anticipatprogress" in their recruiting is be-ing made. ed. Recently this was cut from 24 to 16 points a pound.

UNDER ATTACKS

Nipponese Propaganda Reports Reveal Horror Of Bombings

of life in a land writhing and burn- fought across France, the ing beneath the greatest bom- countries, Luxembourg and deep bardment of all times is reflected fully in Japanese propaganda square miles—almost one-third of the nucleus of the greater reich tense as B-29 and navy attacks mount in fury.

"We are enduring the impossible," with grinding teeth and clenched fist, when we see enemy planes penetrating our homeland proudly flying over our heads," cry the Nipponese propa-

The horror that there must be today in once-proud Tokyo is apparent in another broadcast which described matter-of-factly how the great majority of remaining ground, "desire to be provided with the minimum amount of goods and services necessary for subsistence."

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More Butter Coming Up For August

Talk With King George

By Daniel De Luce

POTSDAM, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The Big Three came to the end early tonight of their historic sessions upon which the future peace of the world may possibly hinge. President Truman is due to fly

George VI after his last meeting munique would be issued on Friwith Prime Minister Attlee and day, one day after all the dele-Premier Stalin. He will sail from gations had departed from Pots-Plymouth to the United States. dam, with a simultaneous release sion at 5:30 p.m. (10:30 a.m., east- and Moscow

written documents—unknown to ern war time), but it was believed PACKY TO LEAVE most people—would be presented, the major decisions had been White House corres leave Potsdam tomorrow.

to England tomorrow to meet King It was indicated the final com-

The Big Three were still in ses- scheduled in Washington, London White House correspondents who constituting "the true basis for this reached and that they and other accompanied Mr. Truman to Eutop officials were preparing to rope were packed and ready to

leave at a moment's notice with

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Twelfth U.S. Army Dissolved Tonight

Greatest War Machine In History Of American Arms; Fought Across France, Germany

By James F. King

WIESBADEN, GERMANY, Aug. 1.—(P)—The Twelfth U. S. Army Group-greatest war machine in the history of American arms—will be dissolved tonight.

Under Command of Gen. Omar N. Bradley the twelfth number-GUAM, Aug. 1—(P)—The terror ing 1,233,000 men in the field, into Germany, occupying 55,000

> when the Germans surrendered. During a year of fighting, the twelfth suffered 416,406 battle casualties-74,237 dead, 297,-509 wounded and 44,660 listed as missing or captured.

Bradley's troops during the same period captured 2,500,000 German troops and killed or wounded an estimated half million. The American forces fought the

first two months in France under the direction of the first U. S. army until formation of the 12th Tokyo residents, living under- army group just a year ago, when two armies—the first and the third -were placed under Bradley. In the fall the ninth army joined

TRAPPED NAZIS

back a German counterattack in a pound, gross weight. the Mortain region and then, closing with Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British 16ths inch middling cotton will forces at Falaise, trapped and destroyed the German seventh army. It was the twelfth, too, that

bore the brunt of the fighting when German Field Marshal von Rundstedt launched his desperate gamble in the abortive Ardennes battle last December. Then Bradley's troops swept to the Rhine to seize the Remagen bridgehead.

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"The Cleveland county chapter of the Red Cross," Mr. Yates said in his letter to members of the board, "has done a good job of serving not only this community but also a good job in every ca- WOMEN WORKERS OPERATE COMBINE IN RUSSIA'S PEACE-TIME HARVEST-Operated mostly by but also a good job in every ca- WOMEN WORKERS OPERATE COMBINE IN RUSSIA'S PEACE-TIME HARVEST—Operated mostly by king's uncle, Lord Athlone, 71, pacity and in every community in women workers, a combine works on the "Krasny Partisan" collective farm in the Kuban region of the North whose normal term as governor-which its services are needed." | Caucasus at the start of Russia's first peace-time harvest since 1941.—(A Wirephoto via radio from Moscow) general expired last June.

1945 Loan Rate 92.5 Per Cent Of Parity Price On Staple

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 -(P)-The average loan rate for 7-8ths inch middling cotton from the 1945 crop will be 19.84 cents a pound compared with 20.03 cents last year, the Commodity Credit corporation announced today. This year's loan rate is 92.5 per cent of the parity price of cotton,

which is 21.45 cents a pound. The average loan rate for 15-16ths inch middling cotton will be 125 pounds (1.25 cents a pound) Breaking out from the Cotentin above the average rate for 7-8ths peninsula, units of the 12th beat inch middling cotton, or 21.09 cents The loan rates will vary accord-

ing to location. The rate for 15vary from a high of 21.63 cents a pound in the concentrated mill area of the Carolinas to 20.42 cents a pound in Arizona and Califor-

LOCATION DIFFERENTIALS Location differentials for each warehouse point will be based on the freight rate to the mill area of the Carolinas, except in eastern Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama where a zone

system will be in effect. Loans will be made on cotton represented by warehouse receipts issued by warehouses approved by the CCC and on farm-stored cotton secured by chattel mortgages. Cotton to be eligible for the loan must be classed by a board of cotton examiners of the agricul-

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Marshal Alexander Appointed Canada's Governor-General

LONDON, Aug. 1 —(P)— Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, who extricated Britain's overwhelmed forces from Dunkerque and Burma and led the epic comeback from El Alamein, has been appointed Canada's 17th governor-

The 54-year-old Allied com-mander-in-chief of the Mediterranean theatre was chosen by King George VI, Buckingham palace announced last night, to succeed the