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Japan Hit By 'Greatest Air Raid

'RED JULY' **BEGINNING OF END FOR JAPAN**

No Country Ever Lost So Much Of Fleet, Air Force, Production

THIRD FLEET SILENT

By Morrie Landsberg GUAM, Aug. 2.—(AP)—The 31 days of "red July" will go down in history as the beginning of the knockout of the once great empire of Japan.

Months of American planning, storing up of tremendous supplies, building new bases on Okinawa and Luzon, constant sea and air pressure erupted into the most destructive period in Japan's his-

No country ever lost so much of its fleet, air force and war production capacity as Nippon did in "red July.

And Japan tasted a sample today of even more devastating days to come in a 6,632 ton assault by 820 Superforts, while wondering when the fast carrier task force planes would sweep in from the sea again. silence of Admiral Halsey's third fleet since the ex-tensive Honshu aerial strike July 30 could mean his mighty assemblage of American and British warships is replenishing its strength for more trou-

July was red in flames spurting from more than 36,000 tons of bombs - most incendiary-dropped on 36 cities and eight oil refinery centers by B-29s gradually building up to the promised 1,000-plus plane raids on the homeland. 13 B-29 RAIDS

days of the month. Seven of the missions were carried out by 500 or more Superforts, each transporting at least seven tons of bombs for strategic targets. Japan was red in flames spurt-

ing from cornered remnants of her navy. By July 28, after carrier planes had repeatedly roamed Japan's inland sea, Admiral Halsey could say every major ship of Nip-

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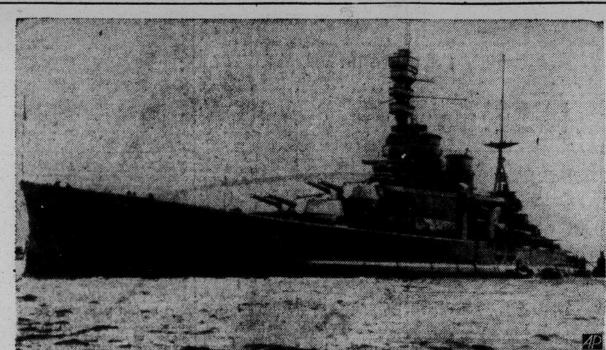
STUDY CENTER AT KANNAPOLIS

Foundation Sends Delegation To View Plant Similar To One Planned Here

Kannapolis' great recreational center, considered a model plant for community activities, is being studied this afternoon by a delegation of Shelbians representing the Shelby and Cleveland County Foundation. Further studies of similar operations at Valdese, Elkin and elsewhere will be made incipient to the planning of Shelby's own community center which is the Number One project of the

Jack and Charles Dover, Mal A Spangler, Dick LeGrand and Lee Weathers are making the trip Kannapolis, arrangements having been made by former Governor Max Gardner through the office of Charles A. Cannon who is head of the Cannon industries.

It is the purpose of the Foundation to study such programs incident to planning Shelby's own project for which \$100,000 is being raised this year with the hope that it can be carried to realization next year if building conditions warrant. The Kannapolis building is said to be one of the best planned in the southeast.



Petain Trial Friday

shal As Anti-German, And A Patriot

flitted frequently through ten days of testimony, will be called as a witness tomorrow in the treason trial of Marshal Petain, the court announced today.

The old marshal fell sound asleep, as did three of the Johnson (D-Colo) that the army the new laborite government, and jurors, as a procession of defense witnesses portrayed him as anti-german and as a patriot who gave up French artillery in North Africa to prevent the Germans from marching through Spain to attack Gibraltar.

Charles Trochu, president of the Paris municipal council, was telling how Petain really was never in control of the Vichy government when the 89-year-old defend ant dozed off. Trochu raised his voice to a shout, saying Vichy ministers ruled their departments and the marshal never knew what they were doing. Petain awakened and

recess was called. Laval, Petain's chief of government, is in Fresnes prison. too, faces treason charges, but his trial may be two months off.

It was Gen. Bernard Serigny, long a friend of Petain, who told how Hitler early in 1941 demanded from Generalissimo Franco the right to send troops across Spain to attack the British bastion guarding the western entrance of the Mediterranean terranean.

The general, who described himself as an intimate friend of the marshal, said Franco had disclosed the demand to Petain along with the information that he had

UNEASY ABOUT SPAIN Petain, himself, was uneasy about Spain, the witness testified,

but he quoted the marshal as say-"Franco can count on me in resisting the Germans' demand for

permission to cross Spain." As the trial started its tenth day, defense counsel read a cable signed by John Alexander Schaeffer, director of the National Republican Vigilance committee, 7 E. 42nd St., New York, which said:

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p.m.-Kiwanis club members and wives go to Ollie Moore's place on Broad river for fish fry.

7:00 p.m.-CAP cadets meet at armory.

FRIDAY 12:30 p.m.—Regular meeting of Rotary club.

8:00 p.m.—Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. meets at lodge room for work in third

One In Five Of Air **Broad Liberalization Of** Force Returned From ETO To Go To Pacific Welfare Program Predicted

| Carolina's third woman commis By CORA STEGALL RALEIGH, Aug. 2.—(P)— A sioner of public welfare, is a petite broad liberalization of the public and attractive woman with a welfare program to take care of all sparkling enthusiasm for her work needy people was forecast today by and a chain of ideas for the post-Dr. Ellen Winston, state commis- war days of public welfare. sioner of public welfare. "North Carolina's program de-

Such program would bridge the pends to a great extent on the fedgap between children and the aged eral program," Dr. Winston said. and bring all needy people under "There are before congress now bills the public assistance program, said which will provide increased feder-Dr. Winston, who is the only wo- al aid to states falling below the average per-capita income."

She said that North Carolina man to head a state department. Dr. Winston, a native of Bryson
City, who left the position as head
of the sociology department at
Meredith College to become North

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PRESIDENT AND KING TO MEET ABOARD WARSHIP—The British battle cruiser H. M. S. Renown (above) will serve as the meeting place of President Truman and King George VI, after the former flies to England from Germany.—(AP Wirephoto). ARMY COLD TO Laval To Testify In Procession Of Defense Witnesses Portrays Old Mar- Sen. Johnson Wants Army Reduced From 8 Million To 3 Million By Louis Nevin PARIS, Aug. 2.—(A)—Pierre Laval, whose name has

poser Of Cavalleria Rus-

ticana, Is Dead

ROME, Aug. 2-(P)-Pietro Mas-

cagni, 82, famous composer of Cav-alleria Rusticana and other operas,

died at 7:15 a.m., today of bron-

his fortune had vanished.

ploited his name.

Allied entry.

the Pacific.

000 against Japan.

Although he had conducted op-

eras during Mussolini's regime a

few years before the war, he said

he had no interest in politics and

declared the fascists simply ex-

He lost one of his sons in Mus

solini's Ethiopian war. Th other, Domenico, he said, "got tangled up with the fascists," and left Rome for Northern Italy before the

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(P)—Only one man in five of air force personnel from the European and Mediterranean theaters will go to

The other 80 per cent will be as-

signed to jobs in the United States, said Maj. Gen. Frederick L. Ander-

son, assistant chief of air staff per-sonnel, in a broadcast last night.

Emmy, and the latter's son.

The War department and selective ed forward to a meeting with King George VI during the afternoon. service met with tight-lipped sibe scaled down from 8,000,000 to 3,000,000 men.

said the general staff had recom-ADJOURNED WEDNESDAY mended a force of 6,968,000 to crush Japan "in the shortest pos- of the conference was made at sible time and with the smallest; 2:15 a.m., Moscow time. The mocost in American lives."

Pietro Mascagni, Com-Although Johnson told his coleagues that an army of such size never could be used against Japan,

he added to reporters later:
"There's nothing I can do
about it. The army simply won't cooperate."

The senate's recess until October chial pneumonia and hardening of 8 is compelling reason why nothing can be done, the Coloradoan Mascagni died at the Plaza hotel observed, adding "the best way where he had made his home re- would be through the army's apcently. He leaves an 28-year-old propriation. 3 MILLION MEN

The composer had a long and "The maximum number of men brilliant career, and had reaped a that we can transport, supply and large fortune in royalties from his use on the Japanese front by the operas, particularly "Cavalleria end of 1946 cannot be more than Rusticana," which of shore all the others in populari. His most recent opera was "Nerone," which had its premiere in 1935.

He had been hit hard by the war with the property of the cannot be more than 3,000,000 men," he told the chamber.

"Then why in the name of common sense must we maintain any army of 8,000,000?"

war, however. His home was seized by the socialists after the Ger-mans were driven from Rome. He vice, "let the cat out of the bag" said the socialists had accused him in a statement that 100,000 men of having been a fascist. When would be drafted monthly even afthe end of the war came for Italy, ter V-J day.

Meanwhile, Chairman May (D-Ky) of the house military committee said a group of conmen has been trying for several weeks "to convince the War department that extreme hardships on the home front are facing the American people and will result in the worst crisis in the coming winter because of the shortage of coal and perchance the lack of

At Mascagni's bedside when he died were his wife and daughter, thousands of uniformed men qual- division within a short time. ified to operate trains, dig coal and

BIG 3 MEET ENDS IN AURA OF CORDIALITY

Final Session Spent On Phrasing Communique On Conference

HOMEWARD BOUND

By Daniel De Luce POTSDAM, Aug. 2.—(P)— The Big Three began their homeward journeys to their respective capitals today after formally ending the historic Potsdam conference by which will be released to the world tomorrow.

President Truman, Prime Minister Attlee and Premier Stalin planned for the immediate future of Europe, but the full import of what they accomplished since the sessions opened July 7 may not be realized for some time insofar as decisions may affect the Pacific war.

Truman left in a C-54 plane, WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 —(P)— bound for Washington by way of Plymouth. At Plymouth he look-Attlee left from an airfield near lence today a demand of Senator Potsdam to take up the reins of it was believed possible Premier Stalin had left for Moscow.

The strict secrecy imposed Targets of Johnson's caustic the deliberations from the outse criticism in the senate yesterday, was maintained until the close of both branches declined comment the conference. A joint communi-Army public relations officers, press tonight for study and will be however, pointed to a War depart- released simultaneously in the ment statement of May 5 which three capitals tomorrow, a public

> The announcement of the end mentous deliberations ended 12:30 a.m. (5:30 p.m., Wednesday, when President Truman, EWT) announced the sessions adjourned. The final meeting was held in a luxurious chamber of the Cecilienof fermer Crown Prince Friedrich

An eye-witness said the final two-hour session was marked by an "atmosphere of great cordiality." Forty persons were in the conference room, 15 of them seated around the round table, for the after-dinner meeting which was devoted to the phrasing of the joint com-

munique. When that task was completed, the eye-witness said, Prime Minister Attlee proposed a vote of thanks to Premier Stalin for the accommotaries for their work. The other two statesmen, in similar vein, also be- eral Charles De Gaulle. stowed high praise on the work of the three foreign offices.
CORRESONDENTS DENIED

Correspondents had been excluded from the final session, and their rethe big three or their foreign sec-

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To Fill Highway Post At Early Date

nor Cherry has expressed his in- val would have charged British ag- BOMB DAMAGE tentions to fill the post of major of the state highway patrol and di-The Kentuckian contended that rector of the state highway safety er his conversation with the went to he U S. naval base and The job was recently declined by

Mascagni achieved fame at the till the soil could be spared with- Chief Walter Anderson of Charage of 26, when "Cavalleria Rus-ticana" won a prize competition. "if the army will just let them "Amico Fritz" and "Iris" are the go."

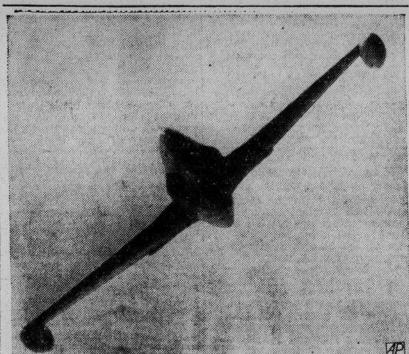
best known of his other operas, most of which have been virtually TAKE IT EASY:

Telephone System Swamped By Calls For Ball Scores

An appeal to slow down calling thousand calls an hour. TRAFFIC JAM today by telephone officials who reported that Wednesday's overload furnishing scores as rapi in their own way.

s 3,000 an hour over-taxed the exchange facilities so that some calls handle a maximum of around a too, they can last through it.

The Star is handling the calls and furnishing scores as rapidly as faciso swamped the local telephone exchange that the service was im- are unable to get their calls through peded needlessly by people getting because of the traffic jam of other callers. The operators here have Calls at a rate that ran as high never before handled a number as busy as was 'The Star's yesterday, and they hope an appeal for conof an emergency nature got side- sideration will be heeded so that



writing a joint communique P-80 'SHOOTING STAR' IN ACTION—This picture of the jet-propelled P-80 "Shooting Star" in flight shows the two droppable auxiliary gasoline tanks, one at each wing tip, which provide range enough to carry out missions now assigned to long range conventional bombers. Twin air tory. The conference ended in an atmosphere of cordiality. The world was expected to know soon what

Truman Visits King; **Heading Back Home**

First American President To Visit Britain Since Wilson; Augusta Steams Out To Sea

By The Associated Press
WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN, Aug. 2.—President Truman headed back to the United States today, stopping at Plymouth for a 20-minute talk with King George VI, as the Big Three's Berlin declaration was drawn up for release to the world tonight.

stood

the west

Mr. Truman had lunch with the

British monarch aboard H. M. S.

The British monarch and the

first American president to visit Britain since President

Wilson's visit after World war

1 met aboard the British bat-

tle cruiser Renown at 12:40 p.

m. (7:40 a. m., eastern war

"Welcome to my country," the

The president and the monarch

chatting while clasping

shook hands with cordiality and

Mr. Truman wore a light grey

president on his arrival by plane

from Potsdam, but a last minute

them of the opportunity. Because

the bomb damage at the port, then

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waiting for !.im at the dock.

Report He Plotted To Involve Britain In War out to sea With Vichy

LONDON, Aug. 2.-(AP)-Pierre dressed in a gray business suit, Laval, under arrest in Paris on charges of colaborating with the Germans, was confronted today hof, which once was the residence with an official British statement accusing him of plotting to involve Britain in war with the Vichy king said. government in the fall of 1940.

The allegation against the for-mer Vichy chief of government was made in a British white paper is-sued last night while Laval was Mr. awaiting interrogation by French lounge suit with a red overcheck, lied carrier planes and warships The paper said Sir Samuel Hoare, CRUISER AUGUSTA

the British ambassador to Madrid, had cabled the foreign office on nown after boarding the U.S. day, him Laval was planning to use conference at Potsdam. the French fleet and military units dations, and to the foreign secre-in efforts to recover French col-taries for their work. The other two onies which had railed to Gen-port on the chance of seeing the Sir Samuel, now Lord Temple-

wood, was quoted as saying in his change of landing plans robbed cable: gards the plan as not only very man and his party landed at an quest for a press conference with mean, but very clever. He agreed RAF field about eight miles north with me that if it was carried out of Plymouth at 9:40 a. m. (4:40 a. it undoubtedly would mean war m., EWT). They had been sched-

between Great Britain and Vichy." uled to land at a field 40 miles to PROMISED SUPPORT Britain had promised to support U.S. army automobiles waiting De Gaulle, the white paper said, at the latter field scurried to the and if the royal navy and French Harrowbeer airdrome, where the RALEIGH, Aug. 2.—(P)—Gover- fleets had come into conflict La- President's plane came in.

> gression. Sir Samuel said that the day aft-French ambassador, the British embarked on a barge for the Aued to sound out the French naval attache on the matter.

The latter was quoted as asking, through the Straits (of Gibraltar) you would not allow them to pass?' He was told that was correct. Principal free French colony at

the time was French Equatorial Africa. The bulk of the Vichy fleet was stationed at Oran and Toulon and would have had to pass Gibraltar to reach the colony.

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Off Puerto Rico

(EWT) today:

Continue with caution. Small craft by the effectiveness of reconvershould await next advisory before sion plans. leaving port this morning.

820 B-29'S **DROP 6.632** TONS OF BOMBS

Sheets Of Flame Blanket Four Nip Cities, Big Oil Refinery

MINING OPERATIONS

By Morrie Landsberg GUAM, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Solid sheets of flame visible more than 180 miles blanketed four Japanese cities and a huge oil refinery center today as a great fleet of 820 B-29s smashed Japan with 6.632 tons of bombs and mines in the greatest air raid in his-

"The sight was incrediblebeyond description," declared Sgt. Lester L. Sharpe of Kansas City, Kas., as jubilant crews returned to their Marianas bases.

Fast little fighter planes carried on the attack as the Superforts winged home. Simultaneously, reports from Admiral Nimitz and Tokyo radio told of submarine and warship bombardments on etiher side of Tokyo, the shelling of Wake island and a daring rescue on a Japanese - held Marshall island

ing but they didn't do anything about it," said Maj. William C. Wilson of Springfield, O. "We buzzed in and bombed, then barreled out with practically no opposition. General LeMay was right—the Japs are flat on their backs."

Renown, lying off the war-battered port of Plymouth. The king ar-Of the attack on the four inranged to visit the president later dustrial cities-three rail and one aboard the U.S. S. Augusta, the aluminum centers-the pilots cruiser which brought him to Eu-"Bombing was good to excellent." It was the same against the Ka-Late in the day the Augusta, wasaki petroleum area near Tok-

with Mr. Truman aboard, steamed yo Some of the Superforts carried out the deepest mining operation of the Pacific war, reaching almost to the Russian border. MUSTANG FIGHTERS

Sixty Mustang fighter planes lashed Osaka, Japan's second city, and nearby Kobe, its principal seaport and shipbuilding center, at noon, radio Tokyo reported. Sixty more Mustangs hit factories and transportation in another area, but poor reception of the enemy broadcast garbled the name of the district.

Radio Tokyo reported that Albrown shoes and a light grey hat. bombed and shelled O island seventy miles south of Tokyo He made the visit to the Rethe Sagami sea, in indicating . Adm. Nov. 4, 1940 that the French am-bassador to Spain had informed him to Europe for the big three tacks on the homeland after more than two days of official silence Hundreds of persons gathered at on its activities.

B-29 pilots reported general conport on the chance of seeing the flagrations were raging in all of today's targets. Both fighter opposition and anti-aircraft fire were "none to moderate."

Seven hundred seventy-eight of "The (French) ambassador re- of flying conditions, President Tru- the B-29s attacked the five targets and the other 42 dropped Their total bomb and mine load

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Tokyo Says 20,000 Allied Planes Hit Mr. Truman inspected some of Japan During July

LONDON, Aug. 2.- (AP) -The naval attaches in Madrid attempt- gista. He missed the Lord May- Tokyo radio estimated today that or of Ply out and other officials 20,000 allied planes had raided Japan during the month of July. The King had arrived in Ply- The broadcast, as recorded here, Do I understand that if the mouth by special royal train at said the estimate included 8,000 (French) naval ships tried to come 10:30 a.m., and was welcomed by carrier-based planes, 4.000 Super-through the Straits (of Gibraltar)

20-Billion-Dollar Slash In National Income Seen In '45

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 .- (P) - revised budget for the fiscal year The budget bureau says business 1946, which started a month ago profits and incomes of war workers will be reduced in the new fiscal year by a 20-billion-dollar slash in government war spend-

And if the war were to end be-ATLANTA, Aug. 2. -(P)- The fore next summer, there would be weather bureau here issued the fol- an even greater cutback in spend- ing at lowing storm warning at 4:45 a.m. ing, with heavier effects on eco- with \$100,000,000,000 in fiscal 1945. nomic life in America.

San Juan, P. R.: Disturbance The extent of unemployment in southeast of south of Barbadoes, such a case would be determined

These forecasts were made in a

On the assumption the war will continue through the fiscal year, the bureau estimated war spending at \$70,000,000,000,

compared with \$90,000,000,00 in the last fiscal year. It estimated total federal spend-\$85,000,000,000 compared

PLAN FOR WAR But Budget Director Harold D. Smith was not content with the

assumption the war would go on See 20-BILLION Page