

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and not much change in temperature today, tonight and Friday; few widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers.

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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, pouring 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 history.

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. The silence of Admiral Halsey's third fleet since the extensive Honshu aerial strike July 30 could mean his mighty assemblage of American and British warships is replenishing its strength for more trouble.

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

The B-29s struck Japan on 13 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 spurring from the carrier 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 Nippon.

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STUDY CENTER AT KANNAPOLIS

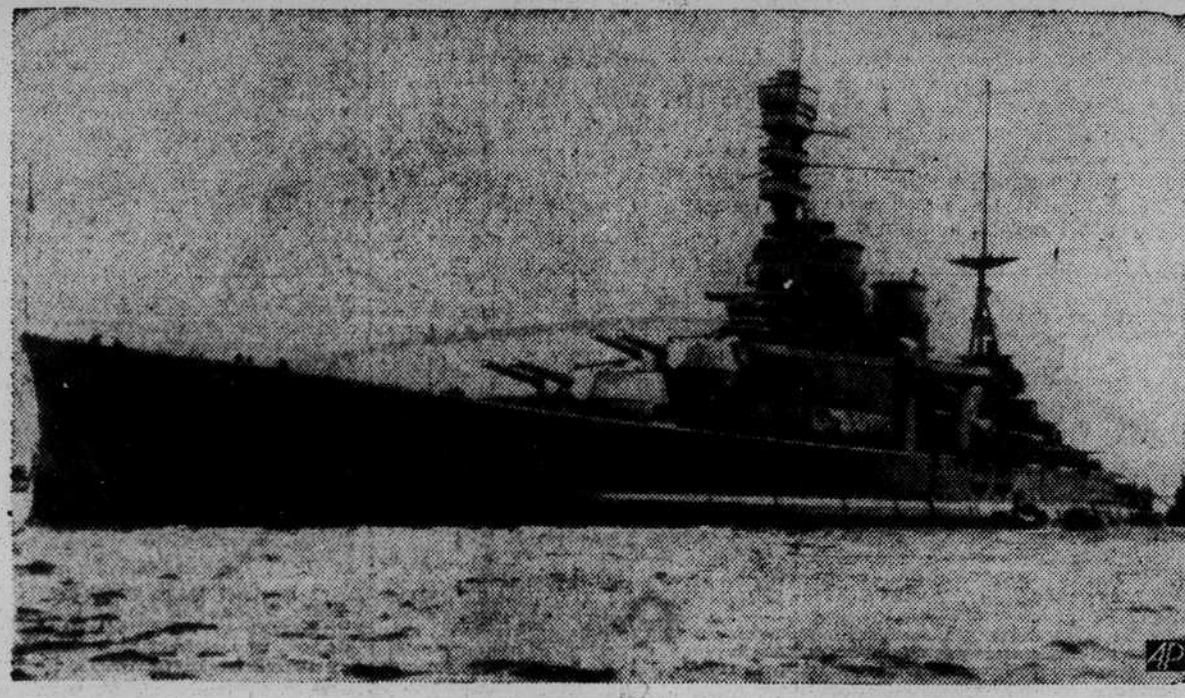
Foundation Sends Delegation To View Plant Similar To One Planned Here

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 incidental to the planning of Shelby's own community center which is the Number One project of the foundation.

Jack and Charles Dover, Mal A. Spangler, Dick LeGrand and Lee B. Weathers are making the trip to Kannapolis, arrangements having been made by former Governor O. 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 incidental 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.

Broad Liberalization Of Welfare Program Predicted

By CORA STEGALL RALEIGH, Aug. 2.—(AP)—A broad liberalization of the public welfare program to take care of all needy people was forecast today by Dr. Ellen Winston, state commissioner of public welfare. Such program would bridge the gap between children and the aged and bring all needy people under the public assistance program, said Dr. Winston, who is the only woman 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



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).

Laval To Testify In Petain Trial Friday

Procession Of Defense Witnesses Portrays Old Marshal As Anti-German, And A Patriot

By Louis Nevin PARIS, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Pierre Laval, whose name has 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 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 defendant 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. He, 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.

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 refused.

UNEASY ABOUT SPAIN Petain, himself, was uneasy about Spain, the witness testified, but he quoted the marshal as saying: "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 Schaefer, director of the National Republican Vigilance committee, 7 E. 42nd St., New York, which said:

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 degree.

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ARMY COLD TO DECREASE IDEA

Sen. Johnson Wants Army Reduced From 8 Million To 3 Million

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—The War department and selective service met with tight-lipped silence today a demand of Senator Johnson (D-Colo.) that the army be scaled down from 8,000,000 to 3,000,000 men.

Targets of Johnson's caustic criticism in the senate yesterday, both branches declined comment. Army public relations officers, however, pointed to a War department statement of May 5 which said the general staff had recommended a force of 6,968,000 to crush Japan "in the shortest possible time and with the smallest cost in American lives."

Although Johnson told his colleagues 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 8 is compelling reason why nothing can be done, the Coloradoan observed, adding "the best way would be through the army's appropriation."

3 MILLION MEN "The maximum number of men that we can transport, supply and use on the Japanese front by the end of 1946 cannot be more than 3,000,000 men," he told the chamber. "Then why in the name of common sense must we maintain an army of 8,000,000?" He said Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service, "let the cat out of the bag" in a statement that 100,000 men would be drafted monthly even after V-J day.

Meanwhile, Chairman May (D-Ky.) of the house military committee said a group of congressmen 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 food."

One In Five Of Air Force Returned From ETO To Go To Pacific

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Only one man in five of air force personnel from the European and Mediterranean theaters will go to the Pacific. The other 80 per cent will be assigned to jobs in the United States, said Maj. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, assistant chief of air staff personnel, in a broadcast last night. Most of those who go to the Pacific have not been in combat, Anderson said. The air force had 2,300,000 men on V-E day and plans to use 2,130,000 against Japan.

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.—(AP)—The Big Three began their homeward journeys to their respective capitals today after formally ending the historic Potsdam conference by writing a joint communique which will be released to the world tomorrow.

The conference ended in an atmosphere of cordiality. The world was expected to know soon what 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, bound for Washington by way of Plymouth. At Plymouth he looked forward to a meeting with King George VI during the afternoon. Attlee left from an airfield near Potsdam to take up the reins of the new laborite government, and it was believed possible Premier Stalin had left for Moscow.

The strict secrecy imposed on the deliberations from the outset was maintained until the close of the conference. A joint communique will be issued to the world's press tonight for study and will be released simultaneously in the three capitals tomorrow, a public relations officer said.

ADJOURNED WEDNESDAY The announcement of the end of the conference was made at 2:15 a.m., Moscow time. The momentous deliberations ended at 12:30 a.m. (5:30 p.m., Wednesday, EWT) when President Truman, dressed in a gray business suit, announced the sessions adjourned. The final meeting was held in a luxurious chamber of the Cecilienhof, which once was the residence of former Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm.

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 communique.

When that task was completed, the eye-witness said, Prime Minister Attlee proposed a vote of thanks to Premier Stalin for the accommodations, and to the foreign secretaries for their work. The other two statesmen, in similar vein, also bestowed high praise on the work of the three foreign offices.

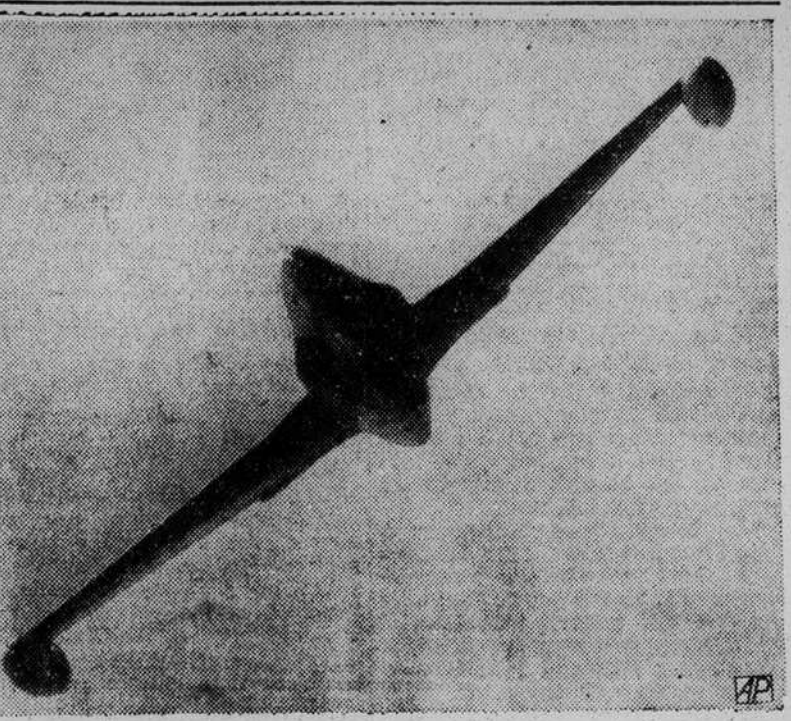
CORRESPONDENTS DENIED Correspondents had been excluded from the final session, and their request for a press conference with the big three or their foreign secretaries was refused.

To Fill Highway Post At Early Date

RALEIGH, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Governor Cherry has expressed his intentions to fill the post of mayor of the state highway patrol and director of the state highway safety division within a short time. The job was recently declined by Chief Walter Anderson of Charlotte. Mentioned for the assignment is H. J. Hatcher, of Burke county.

Telephone System Swamped By Calls For Ball Scores

An appeal to slow down calling of 1100 for baseball scores was made today by telephone officials who reported that Wednesday's overload swamped the local telephone exchange that the service was impeded needlessly by people getting in their own way. Calls at a rate that ran as high as 3,000 an hour over-taxed the exchange facilities so that some calls of an emergency nature got sidetracked as over-worked operators sought to keep their boards serviced on calls that poured into the 1100 number—the dozen phones at The Star served by three trunk lines can handle a maximum of around a thousand calls an hour.



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 ducts are visible on each side of the fuselage in this head on view.—(AP Wirephoto)

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.

BRITISH ALSO ACCUSE LAVAL

Report He Plotted To Involve Britain In War With Vichy

LONDON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—Pierre Laval, under arrest in Paris on charges of collaborating with the Germans, was confronted today with an official British statement accusing him of plotting to involve Britain in war with the Vichy government in the fall of 1940.

The allegation against the former Vichy chief of government was made in a British white paper issued last night while Laval was awaiting interrogation by French authorities. The paper said Sir Samuel Hoare, the British ambassador to Madrid, had cabled the foreign office on Nov. 4, 1940 that the French ambassador to Spain had informed him Laval was planning to use the French fleet and military units in efforts to recover French colonies which had rallied to General Charles De Gaulle.

Sir Samuel, now Lord Templewood, was quoted as saying in his cable: "The (French) ambassador regards the plan as not only very mean, but very clever. He agreed with me that if it was carried out it undoubtedly would mean war between Great Britain and Vichy."

Storm Warnings Off Puerto Rico

ATLANTA, Aug. 2.—(AP)—The weather bureau here issued the following storm warning at 4:45 a.m. (EWT) today: San Juan, P. R.: Disturbance southeast of south of Barbados. Continue with caution. Small craft should await next advisory before leaving port this morning. These forecasts were made in a

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 history.

"The sight was incredible—beyond 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 either side of Tokyo, the shelling of Wake Island and a daring rescue on a Japanese-held Marshall island atoll.

"They knew we were coming 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."

Of the attack on the four industrial cities—three rail and one aluminum centers—the pilots said: "Bombing was good to excellent." It was the same against the Kawasaki petroleum area near Tokyo.

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 Allied carrier planes and warships bombed and shelled O island seventy miles south of Tokyo in the Sagami sea, yesterday, indicating Adm. Halsey's Third fleet had resumed its attacks on the homeland after more than two days of official silence on its activities.

B-29 pilots reported general conflagrations 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 B-29s attacked the five targets and the other 42 dropped mines. Their total bomb and mine load

Tokyo Says 20,000 Allied Planes Hit Japan During July

LONDON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—The Tokyo radio estimated today that 20,000 allied planes had raided Japan during the month of July. The broadcast, as recorded here, said the estimate included 8,000 carrier-based planes, 4,000 Superfortresses and 8,000 other land-based craft.

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

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—(AP)—The budget bureau says business profits and incomes of war workers will be reduced in the new fiscal year by a 20-billion-dollar slash in government war spending. And if the war were to end before next summer, there would be an even greater cutback in spending, with heavier effects on economic life in America. The extent of unemployment in such a case would be determined by the effectiveness of reconversion plans. These forecasts were made in a