

WEATHER
Partly cloudy today, tonight and Sunday. Scattered thundershowers occurring mostly in afternoon and early evening. Continued warm in south. Not so warm in north.

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"You Can't Do Without Love"
Starring VERA LYNN

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RYUKYUS TO BE USED AS INVASION FORCES BASE

Germany Will Lose Thousands Of Square Miles More Of Territory

WEST BORDERS ARE STILL TO BE DETERMINED

French Want Rhineland Internationalized Under French Control
NETHERLANDS CLAIMS

By John M. Hightower
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Germany will lose still more thousands of square miles of territory, diplomatic authorities analyzing the Potsdam communique predicted today.



DO THEY KNOW SECRET OF HITLER'S WHEREABOUTS?—Rumored to have put Adolf Hitler and his mistress Eva Braun ashore before surrendering to Argentine authorities, five officers of the German U-boat U-530 are shown in high spirits in a Miami, Fla., prisoner-of-war camp. They are being held incommunicado. The rumor that they spirited Hitler across the Atlantic was denied by Admiral Eberhard Gott, operations chief of the Nazi pigboat fleet—and the prisoners themselves are not talking. At right, hand outstretched, is the U-boat's youthful commander, Oberleutnant O. Wermuth. (AP Wirephoto)

They noted that the decisions reached by President Truman, Generalissimo Stalin and Prime Minister Attlee on territorial changes concerned only those in Eastern Europe which were most urgent by reason of Russian and Polish demands.

Since President Truman has assured newsmen that no secret agreements were made at Berlin, this means the western borders of the new and shrunken Germany are still to be determined. The task appears to be one for the council of Big Five foreign ministers meeting in London by September 1.

Principal proposals made for fixing Germany's western borders come from the Netherlands and France. Indications here are that something along the lines they suggest will be approved eventually.

The French would deprive Germany of its richest industrial area, the Rhineland. The De Gaulle government has disavowed any desire to add this territory to France. Indications here are that the Rhineland, with its great sources of power, raw materials and productive cities, be internationalized under control mechanism predominantly French.

OLDENBURG AREA
Netherlands officials have talked of the possibility of gaining a large section of Oldenburg, which is the northwest corner of Germany opening on to the North Sea.

MORE SHOES COMING SOON
WPB Official Predicts Shoe Rationing To End Early In 1946
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—(AP)—A generous supply of inexpensive shoes is slated for ration-free tags soon in a move probably heralding the end of all footwear rationing early next year.

Laval, Petain Forced To Obey Germans

Laval Says They Were Ordered To Speak Out Against Allies; Collaboration On Hope

By Louis Nevin
PARIS, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Pierre Laval testified today that the Germans ordered both him and Marshal Petain to speak out against the Allies' 1942 landings in North Africa, and contended they were forced to obey.

Reminded by the judge in Petain's treason trial that the old marshal "sent certain messages which he ought not to have sent," Laval said:

"Petain was not free. He was ordered by the Germans to send these messages. I also was instructed to speak publicly on the subject. The Germans x x told me it was no real protest."

Petain's defense contends he made every effort to see that French commanders in North Africa did not oppose the landings. Giving a preview of part of the defense at his own forthcoming trial, Laval said:

"It would have been impossible for France to survive without collaboration."

France, he contended, fared better under occupation than Belgium, and obtained the release of 50,000 prisoners in return for 150,000 French workers sent to Germany.

At the start of today's trial session Laval resumed his story of the 1942 broadcast in which he expressed hope for German victory. He said he had given his reasons for making this talk when Admiral William D. Leahy demanded an explanation, but did not detail the conversation with Leahy, then U. S. ambassador to Vichy.

EXPLAINED STATEMENT
Testifying in the trial of Marshal Petain, Laval said:

"A few days after that broadcast Admiral Leahy and Mr. S. Pinkney Tuck (counselor to the U. S. embassy at Vichy) came to see me. I explained the reason for my statement."

JAPAN SEEING HER RAILROADS DESTROYED

97 Mustangs From Iwo Battered Locomotives, Cars Near Tokyo
TEN INTERCEPTORS

GUAM, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Shipping-paralyzed Japan, her ports mined, 2,846,932 tons of her ships sunk or damaged this year by the Far East air forces alone, now is seeing her railroad system torn up by American planes, latest official reports disclosed today.

Only 10 enemy interceptors showed up against 97 Mustangs from Iwo yesterday over the Tokyo area where the raiders destroyed 14 locomotives, damaged six more and 50 railroad cars.

General Spaatz' U. S. army strategic air forces headquarters, reporting the action today, said the Mustangs shot down two, hit a third and destroyed or damaged 14 grounded enemy planes at a cost of six raiders.

Reports for the first three days of August both by Spaatz and by Gen. George C. Kenney for the Far East air forces have listed effective blows on railroad yards and trains both on Kyushu and Honshu.

LIGHT UNIT SUNK
Japan did send a few planes down to Okinawa and succeeded July 29 in sinking an American light unit as well as damaging a second, Admiral Nimitz disclosed today in his fleet communique. It

Plans Drawn Up For Conquest Of Japan

American-British Chiefs Of Staff Perfected Blue Print In Course Of Potsdam Talks

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Blueprints drawn by the combined American-British chiefs of staffs for conquest of Japan were carried homeward today by President Truman, aboard the USS Augusta.

The announcement from the ship and in London yesterday that army and navy leaders had perfected their plans for chopping up and destroying the Japanese military machine gave no details.

The military talks took place during the big three meeting in Berlin and the staff proposals were approved by President Truman and Prime Minister Attlee, the announcement said.

The joint disclosure said in brief: It was agreed that the British will direct against Japan all naval, land and air forces which can be used to advantage.

Reallocation of operational areas and command was discussed and consideration given to use of forces furnished by other allied nations at war with the Japanese.

COORDINATION DETAILS
Details of coordinating British and American army and navy might were talked over at length.

It was considered probable here that Lord Mountbatten, British commander in southeast Asia, will be placed in charge of an area extending from the Solomon Islands to a line just south of the Philippines.

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The decision to establish a council of foreign ministers of the United States, Russia, Great Britain, China and France was based on the agenda. Mr. Truman wanted to provide a means for continuing preparatory work for the peace settlements and to seek solutions of problems on which the Big Three may not be able to find themselves in immediate agreement.

He did much to keep his conferees in good humor throughout the nine meetings in which former Prime Minister Churchill participated and the remaining four in-



WORLD WAR 3 TERRITORY CHANGES—Black areas on map are those parts of Germany which the Big Three propose will come under Polish rule. Shaded area is that which Russia has taken control over since the start of hostilities on the continent. Northern East Prussia, proposed as Russian by the Big Three, is newest addition to Soviet territory. There still remains some question as to final disposition of the Port of Stettin. (AP Wirephoto Map)

Truman Played Important Role At Conference

By ERNEST B. VACCARO
WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN ABOARD U. S. AUGUSTA, Aug. 4.—(AP)—President Truman's oft-expressed view that a solution can be found for every legitimate controversy emerged today as one of his major contributions to the Berlin conference.

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Jap Hospital Ship Seized Carrying Contraband Arms
MANILA, Aug. 4.—(AP)—A Japanese hospital ship carrying contraband arms and apparently fake patients has been seized in the Banda sea north of Dutch-Portuguese Timor and is being brought into an allied port today for investigation, General MacArthur's headquarters announced.

A boarding party from the allied seventh fleet found machine guns, 75 millimeter shells and other ammunition packed in boxes marked "medical supplies," MacArthur said.

The accosted vessel was clearly marked with safe-conduct red crosses on its side and upright on the superstructure.

There were approximately 1,500 men aboard listed as patients. When bandages were removed from some of them no wounds were found, the announcement said.

Alleged Assassin Of Dollfus Arrested
MUNICH, Austria, Aug. 4.—(AP)—U. S. 11th Armored division headquarters announced today the arrest of Victor Von Karolyi, accused of assassinating Austrian Chancellor Engelbert Dollfus in 1934.

Von Karolyi also was described as the right-hand man of Balduv von Schirach, Nazi commandant of Vienna.

WHAT'S DOING
SUNDAY
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.—U. S. O. center open to service folk visiting in the city.
MONDAY
10:00 a.m.—County commissioners meet at court house.
7:30 p.m.—City council meets at city hall.
8:00 p.m.—Piedmont Boy Scout court of honor meets at court house.
8:00 p.m.—Board of deacons of First Baptist church meets at the church.

MacARTHUR IN COMMAND OF ISLANDS

Daily Air Raids Staged On Kyushu From Bases On Island Chain
EIGHT AIR FORCES

By James Hutcheson
MANILA, Aug. 4.—(AP)—General MacArthur announced today that he had taken command of all American-occupied islands in the Ryukyu chain south of Japan—including Okinawa—as bases "from which a mighty invasion force is being forged" for the subjugation of the enemy.

Okinawa and about a dozen islands to the west were conquered by combined forces under Admiral Nimitz, but recently MacArthur's Far East air forces have moved in to air bases there and have staged daily raids on the southernmost "fortress island" of Kyushu.

The Japanese still hold those portions of the Ryukyu chain known as the Sakishima group between Okinawa and Formosa, and the Amami, Tokara and Osumi groups between Okinawa and Kyushu.

His statement emphasized the increasing importance of Okinawa as a base for the climactic assaults against the Japanese home islands.

Okinawa is less than 350 miles south of Kyushu, and Liberators, medium Mitchells and fighter ranging up to 500 in number have been battering systematically at the island's transport and shipping.

MacArthur announced that the change in command had become effective as of midnight Tuesday.

MacArthur disclosed for the first time that the 13th air force, which

ROMMEL TOOK HIS OWN LIFE
Son Says He Was Given Choice Of Suicide Or Death Sentence
By HOWARD COWAN
BAD TOLZ, Germany, Aug. 4.—(AP)—A son of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel declared in a sworn statement today that his father committed suicide as an alternative to a death sentence passed by a people's court "because he was suspected of complicity in the July 20, 1944, bomb plot on Hitler's life."

The statement, released by U. S. third army headquarters, was made by Manfred Rommel, 17-year-old son of the German "Desert Fox."

(Allied officers at Wiesbaden said on June 25 that they had been told by Lt. Gen. Fritz Bayerlein, Rommel's former chief of staff, that the field marshal had committed suicide in order to avoid the death penalty for allegedly participating in the plot on Hitler's life. The Germans announced Oct. 15, 1944, that Rommel had "died of wounds.")

WOUNDED IN JULY
Young Rommel confirmed that his father was wounded on July 17, 1944, at Livarot, France, during an American air raid, but said he was recovering after treatment in a Paris hospital for a skull fracture and shell splinters in his face.

Young Rommel said that on Oct. 14, Gen. Meisel and Gen. Burgdorf, visited his father.

"Three quarters of an hour later he came from mother's room and told me he had just said goodbye to her—that Hitler had given him a choice of poisoning himself or being imprisoned and later condemned by a people's court" the statement said.

FAMILY SAFE
"Hitler informed him that in case of suicide nothing would happen to the family. On the contrary, he would take care of the family. My father left the house dressed in his uniform, with his marshal's staff. We accompanied him to a car where the two generals greeted him with hell Hitler!"

"Fifteen minutes later we were called by telephone and informed my father had been brought to a military hospital in Ulm by two generals having died of a brain-stroke."

SERVE PATIENT, HOSPITALS' AIM

Rotarians Honor Trustees, Doctors And Legion Champs

The level of medical care in any community is established by its hospitals rather than by individual medical practitioners, Dr. James O'Neill, of the staff of Bowman Gray School of Medicine and Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem, told the Rotary club Friday in a program at which local doctors and trustees of the new county hospitals were guests.

Dr. O'Neill's address featured a session in which the Rotarians honored also Shelby's state championship Junior Legion club and coaches Pop Simmons and Lloyd Little, all members of the team being guests of the Rotarians for the occasion. Willis McMurry, commander of the local Legion post, presented the laud.

PRaises RAY BROWN
Ray E. Brown, administrator of Baptist hospital, flew to Shelby with Dr. O'Neill to present in him to the local audience, and Dr. O'Neill in his opening remarks paid glowing tribute to the accomplishment of the native Shelbians as administrator of Baptist hospital.

Asserting that good service for sake of the patient must be the goal of a successful community hospital, Dr. O'Neill said that a hospital which provides the scope and service for patients it should will necessarily incur deficits.

He added, a good hospital never stands still, it either goes forward or backward. Some private hospitals, he pointed out, make money by counting professional fees in receipts, but the community hospital needs to look to some underwriting—he suggested endowment—for its deficits in the case of the Cleveland county problem.

THE WAR TODAY:
No Solace For Japan In Declarations From Potsdam
By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP Writer
By J. M. ROBERTS, JR.
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst
There is no solace for Japan in the silence surrounding Pacific war discussions at Potsdam. No Russian declaration of war is necessary to emphasize what the Allies intend to do with the aggressors. If the Japanese can take any heart from the blueprint for conquered Germany, they are welcome to it.

For anyone who may be disappointed over absence of word regarding Russia's entry into the war, a prior look which might have prevented the raising of immediate hopes would have revealed this situation:

There was no anti-Japanese propaganda campaign in Russia, such as almost certainly would precede any break. If Russia should enter it would be more valuable just before our invasion of Japan, which is still some time away. Russia's armies still are largely deployed in Europe.

Japan's position is much the same as Germany's was a year or so ago—fighting, hoping, looking for a "break." Adding another log right now to the fire which they have built under themselves couldn't mean

President Signs Three Major Bills

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—(AP)—Presidential signature of three major measures providing for American participation in international economic and monetary operations was announced today.

The measures are the Bretton Woods bill providing for a huge monetary fund to stabilize postwar exchange rates; the measure increasing the lending authority of the export-import bank from \$7,000,000,000 to \$3,500,000,000 to aid in postwar reconstruction and that providing for American membership in the food and agriculture organization of the United Nations.

The White House made the announcement that President Truman had approved the three pieces of legislation.

Tropical Storm In West Indies

ATLANTA, Aug. 4.—(AP)—The U. S. weather bureau issued the following storm advisory from Miami, Fla., at 5 a.m. EWT this morning.

"A tropical storm of slight to moderate intensity is now located near Lat. 16 degrees, 30 minutes north and 89 degrees, 30 minutes west, or about 140 miles south of Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic.

"The storm is moving westward about 16 miles per hour and is attended by winds 40 to 50 miles per hour near center. It is expected to continue its westward movement for the next 24 hours passing south of Dominican Republic and Haiti today.

"Small craft should exercise caution in path of storm."

War Trials To Be Held At Nuernberg

NUERNBERG, Germany, Aug. 4.—(AP)—The former German palace of justice at Nuernberg, one-time Nazi shrine city, has been chosen for the trials of arch war criminals which will begin Sept. 1, a spokesman for Robert H. Jackson, chief U. S. counsel on the allied war crimes commission, announced yesterday.

Major defendants such as Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering and Joachim von Ribbentrop will be held in the Nuernberg municipal jail during the trials, which are expected to last several weeks.