

WEATHER

Fair with mild temperatures today followed by increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer tonight and Thursday; scattered thunder-showers over west portion.

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- State Theatre Today -
"A THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS"
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ROUNDUP OF JAPANESE WAR LEADERS IS PUSHED

FRENCH INSIST ON REPARATION FROM ITALY

Idea Opposed As Stumbling Block To Italian Rehabilitation

RED VIEWS UNKNOWN

By Flora Lewis

LONDON, Sept. 12.—(P)—France presented to the conference of foreign ministers today her views on a proposed peace treaty for Italy, insisting at least on the principle of reparations.

Outlines of American and British views indicate both governments have opposed collection of reparations from Italy because they were eager to get the Italian economy back on a sound basis. The French views, it was learned, were these:

1. France wants a small rectification of her border with Italy, mainly on the Alpine frontier around the towns of Labriège and Tante and would like complete control over the Roya valley, on the frontier just north of the Mediterranean.

2. France disclaims any desire to annex the valley of Aosta in northern Italy, but wants guarantees either in the treaty or by joint international pledge that the French population in the area will be given home rule by Rome.

3. The French are inclined to side with the British and Americans on Trieste—to leave the city in Italian hands, but establish an international authority to assure Austria, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia free use of the port.

4. The French are prepared to accept the British and American plan to place the bulk of the Italian colonies under Italian trusteeship. This would remove Rome's sovereignty, but retain Rome's rule.

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RADIOACTIVITY IS DISCLAIMED

Scientists Found Destruction Much Greater Than Expected

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—(P)—American experts returning from atom-bomb Hiroshima reported today the destruction was "much greater" than they had expected, but that there was no dangerous radioactivity lingering in the area, radio dispatches said.

American broadcasters quoted Col. Stafford Warren, chief medical officer of the atom-bomb project for three years, as saying that 70,000 to 100,000 Japanese casualties at Hiroshima would be "the best guess." Most, he added, were from blast, missiles and fire; and the casualties from radioactivity resulted from exposure at the instant of the explosion—rather than afterward.

AREA TESTED

He said the American investigators had tested the area but found nothing to support Japanese claims that radioactive matter remained in the area.

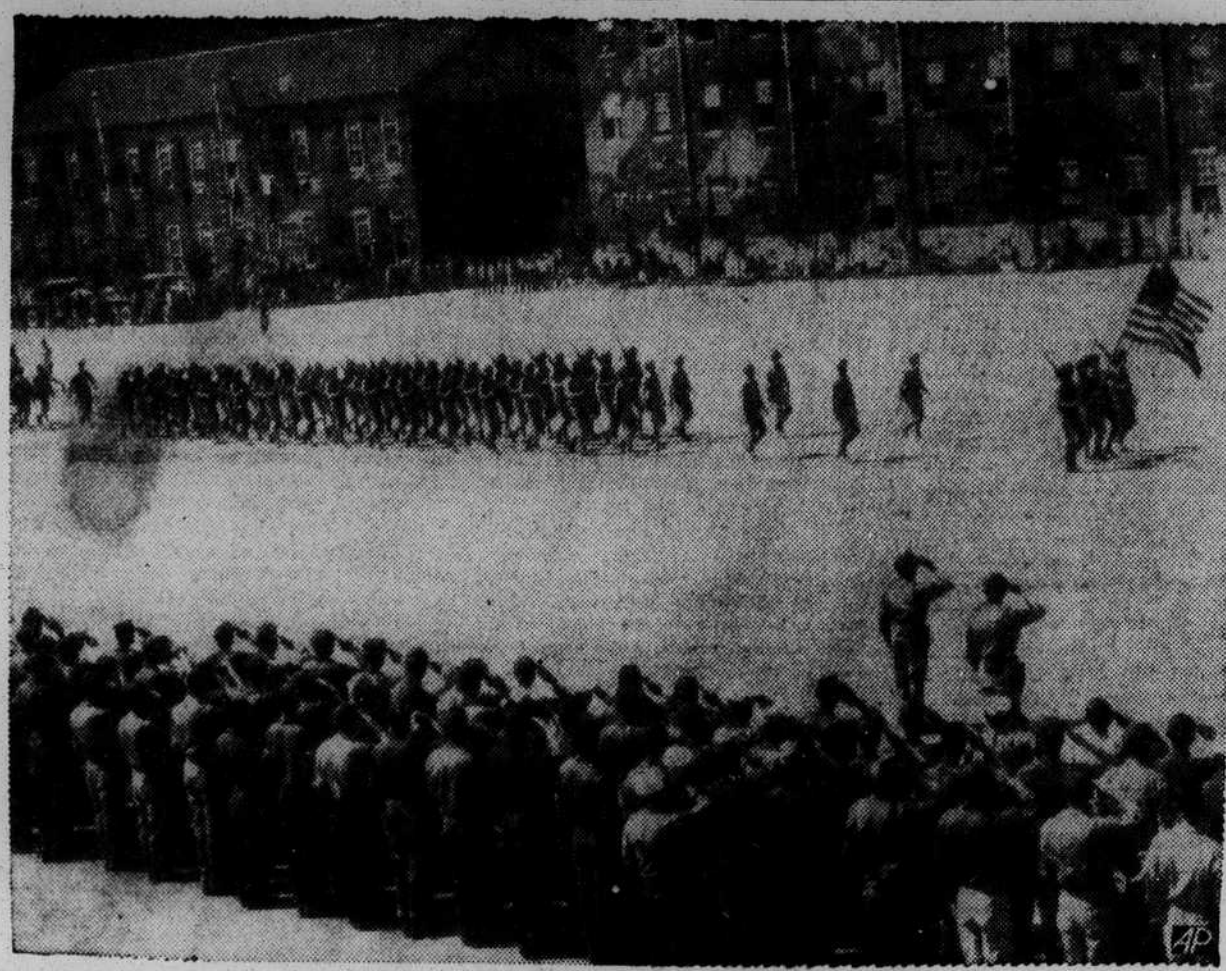
The bomb was designed as a blast weapon and radioactivity was confined to the point of detonation, he added; and he also disclosed Japanese reports that gases had been released by the bomb. He reported 68,000 buildings destroyed or damaged—80 to 90 per cent of the city, with the area completely devastated for a radius of a mile and one quarter. Buildings three miles distant were half destroyed, he said.

TOLERANCE DOSE:

Visit To Bomb Site In N. M. Explodes Radioactivity Idea

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE Associated Press Science Editor ALABAMA, N. M., Sept. 12.—(P)—Secret details of Japanese scientific investigations released here today refute enemy radio reports that the atomic bomb area of Hiroshima had become unfit for human habitation.

Disclosed by Maj. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, head of the atomic bomb project, these reports declared that 11 days after the bomb fell Hiroshima apparently was safe from dangerous rays. The reports said that at any point beneath the



4TH REGIMENT MARINES SALUTE THEIR SUCCESSORS—Members of the old Marine Fourth Regiment (foreground), veterans of Bataan and Corregidor who were taken prisoners by the Japs, salute the colors of the new Marine Fourth Regiment as it passes in review at Japan's Yokosuka naval base shortly after it liberated the captives. This picture was made by Max DesFor, Associated Press photographer on assignment with the wartime still picture pool.—(AP Wirephoto).

WHEN WILL IT END?

Decision Expected On Meat Rationing

By Marvin L. Arrowsmith

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(P)—The question of how soon meat rationing will end moved nearer a showdown today.

As housewives began buying all varieties of cheese without stamps, government food officials predicted an early decision on whether meat can go off the ration list:

1. Before month's end.
2. By October 1, or
3. At some later date.

Due back in the capital shortly from a vacation at his home in Albuquerque, N. M., Secretary of Agriculture Anderson will be asked for something definite on meat—quickly.

Among the most pressing requests for a speedy decision is one from OPA Administrator Chester Bowles. Bowles' agency soon must start printing October point value charts if rationing is to be continued next month.

QUICK DECISION
Bowles conferred yesterday with acting Secretary of Agriculture J. B. Hutton, telling him that a quick decision would be a good thing.

If the decision is to terminate meat rationing by October 1 or sooner, there probably will be no announcement before the eve of the effective date.

On the other hand, a decision to terminate the program at an unspecified later date probably would be announced immediately so that housewives and butchers

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Tropical Storm East Of Antigua

MIAMI, FLA., Sept. 12.—(P)—The weather bureau here said it had been advised by the weather station at San Juan, Puerto Rico, that indications pointed to the development of a tropical storm 200 to 300 miles east of Antigua.

An advisory from the San Juan station early today said the intensity and exact location of the disturbance were as yet unknown. The area from the Leeward Islands and Guadeloupe northward to St. Martin was placed under a preliminary hurricane alert, the weather bureau said.

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Allied Prisoners From Bibai Brought To Tokyo By Air

ABOARD THE U. S. S. PANAMINT, OMINATO ANCHORAGE, Sept. 12.—(P)—Approximately 1,500 allied prisoners of war from Bibai area prison camps were being evacuated to Tokyo by air today, reports from Hokkaido island disclosed.

It was believed here that Lt. Col. James P. Devereux, marines commander on Wake island who has been commander of the number three prison camp in the Bibai area would be on the flight.

COUNTY PLANS TRUMAN VISIT

165th Anniversary May Be Memorial To World War II Soldiers

When President Truman comes to the Kings Mountain battleground on November 2, as he told Senator Clyde E. Hoey yesterday he plans to do following his appearance before the North Carolina Senate in Statesville that morning, his entertainment will be on a county-wide basis, Chairman Glee A. Bridges of the county commissioners said today.

A suggestion has been made that the 165th anniversary of that battle, turning point in the American Revolution, be made a tribute to the thousands of descendants of the heroes there who have served in World War II, especially those from Cleveland county who are in service or have been returned to civilian life. Tonight county officials will confer at Mr. Bridges' home in Kings Mountain to consider plans for the celebration which is being deferred from October 7 to November 2 to suit the President's convenience.

President Clyde A. Short of the

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Bootlegging Feud Gunplay Lands Four Negroes In Jail

Gunplay which police said grew out of a feud among local negro bootleggers broke out this morning to result in the jailing of four men on assault and counter-assault charges.

Leo Hector, negro, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon, a shotgun, upon Esau Hunter also colored, who said that a part of the load from the gun struck him but inflicted no serious injury. Hillman was arrested on a charge of profanity and assaulting Hector with a rock, while J. C. Hillman had like charges of assaulting Hillman lodged against him.

George Gardner, colored, who said he was arrested last night on a drunken driving charge got into the brawl and was likewise charged with assaulting Hector, who came out the worse from the encounter. Police were told had started last night and was climaxed with the shooting at Hunter this morning.

The quartet will face trial in Recorder's court Friday morning.

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Early Action On Wartime Taxes Expected Of Congress

By FRANCIS M. LE MAY WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(P)—Congressional machinery went into gear today to grind down wartime taxes.

Reductions in federal assessments against individuals' pocket-books and corporate tills were regarded certain as the house ways and means committee voted unanimously to start work at once on its first postwar revenue bill.

Views on the size and manner of the cuts quickly clashed. It appeared congress would have about as big a battle on how to reduce taxes in peacetime as it did over

FINANCIAL AID TO BRITAIN NOT SOCIALIZATION

President Openly Decries Charges Made By GOP Congressmen

OUTRIGHT GRANT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—

(P)—President Truman said today he thought it "perfectly silly" to suggest that American financial assistance to Great Britain was intended to finance socialization of that country.

Authorizing direct quotation, the President told reporters:

"I think that's a perfectly silly conclusion. Great Britain is entitled to the type of government that Great Britain wants."

The question arose as a result of criticism by some members of Congress of administration plans to give Britain a multi-billion dollar postwar loan.

1. Some Republican members of Congress already are voicing sharp criticism of the project even before it takes definite shape. They contend that American dollars would be used to underwrite the labor government's "socialization" of Britain.

2. British negotiations are cool to the idea of a loan. The present word is that they want an outright grant.

Negotiations are underway between an American delegation headed by Assistant Secretary of State William Clayton and Britain's veteran ambassador here.

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Is Administration Left Or Right? Truman Won't Tell

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(P)—President Truman today laughed off attempts of reporters to persuade him to specify whether his administration is heading either to the left or the right.

He told questioners at his news conference that they would have to judge the direction in which he was heading by his acts.

Restrictions On Conventions Lifted

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(P)—Conventions, group meetings and trade shows go off, the restricted list October 1.

The Office of Defense Transportation banned such gatherings last February 1 to reduce travel and ease hotel crowding. Since then it had loosened the rules to permit state meetings of any size and out-of-state attendance up to 150.

The new order announced yesterday lifts all restrictions.

ODT Director J. Monroe Johnson asked, however, that the public still stifle that urge to travel until after peak troop movements have been accomplished early next year.

He suggested that in the meantime big gatherings be deferred when possible.

Retail Gas Ceilings To Be Lowered

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(P)—Consumers in the eastern Seaboard area will begin paying less for gasoline and fuel oil Sept. 17.

The OPA today fixed this date for reductions at retail. Reductions at refinery and wholesale ceilings went into effect Sept. 1.

Retail gasoline ceilings will be reduced 12 cents.

The states affected include: North Carolina and South Carolina.

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Biddle Put On Allied Military Tribunal; Parker Is Alternate

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(P)—President Truman announced the appointment of Francis Biddle, former U. S. attorney general, as American member of the Allied Military Tribunal to try Axis war criminals. Judge John J. Parker of North Carolina was named as alternate.

At a news conference in which he cleared his desk of a long series of appointments, the President disclosed the resignation of Elmer Davis as director of the Office of War Information and the assignment of Neil Dalton of Louisville to succeed him for the purpose of liquidating that agency.

The President announced the appointment of former Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri to be an associate justice of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, succeeding Thurman Arnold.

He appointed E. Barrett Prettyman of Washington and Wilbur K. Miller of Owensboro, Ky., to the two other vacancies on the appellate court in Washington. Prettyman succeeds Justin Miller and Clark replaces Fred M. Vinson, now secretary of the treasury.

Supreme Court Post
The President said he had not yet decided on a successor to Justice Owen J. Roberts, who retired from the Supreme court.

Other appointments announced by the President were those of Alexander Holtzoff of Washington as associate justice of the District of Columbia District court and John J. O'Connell of Pittsburgh as a member of the U. S. Third circuit court of appeals.

He named Harrington Wimberville of Altus, Okla., as a member of the federal power commission, succeeding Basil Manley, whose resignation he said would take effect October 1. He added that Richard Sachs of Sacramento, Calif., has been named to the power commission also, succeeding John W. Scott.

Gale E. Sullivan of Chicago was appointed second assistant postmaster general, succeeding Smith Purdum.

The President said that former

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Fourteen Killed In Flaming Plane Crash

Big 4-Engined Privateer Catches Fire Shortly After Leaving Miami Field

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 12.—(P)—Fourteen navy men died today in the crash of a big, four-engined Privateer which, with one engine afire, was being guided to cleared runways by radio. One man escaped by leaping with his parachute.

The man who jumped was W. J. De Roche (address unavailable immediately), aviation ordnance man, who attempted to rescue his comrades but was driven away by flames and exploding ammunition.

Naval authorities gave this description of the tragedy: The big plane with 15 men aboard took off from the naval air station on a regular training flight and as it gained the air observers in the control tower saw that its No. 3 engine was afire.

"Your engine is afire," the pilot was told by radio. "You will land immediately on any runway. All runways are being cleared for you."

Every plane in the vicinity was ordered out of the way of the distressed craft as the pilot acknowledged the message and began to turn back toward the field.

"The aircraft circled and made a normal, three-engine approach. At about 500 feet with some smoke getting into the cabin, one man was observed to parachute to safety. No one else left the plane," the navy reported.

The aircraft suddenly dived, crashed and exploded. There were no other survivors.

Red Arrow Train Derailed, 10 Injured

TIRO, O., Sept. 12.—(P)—The second section of the Red Arrow, Pennsylvania passenger train, from Washington to Detroit was derailed here today after it struck a stalled automobile. At least 10 persons were injured.

The locomotive and seven cars—baggage car, diner and five coaches and pullmans—left the tracks.

The train, west bound, was wrecked at 6:50 a.m. (Central War Time.)

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY
6:30 p.m.—Monthly Sunday school business supper at First Baptist church. Mid-week prayer and praise service will be merged with it.

7:30 p.m.—Central Methodist senior board of stewards meets at church.

7:45 p.m.—Prayer meeting at Presbyterian church.

8:00 p.m.—Fellowship hour at Central Methodist church, to be followed by fourth quarterly conference.

THURSDAY
6:30 p.m.—Training Union Business supper at First Baptist church.

7:00 p.m.—Kiwanis club meets at Hotel Charles.

7:30 p.m.—CAP cadets meet at armory.

TOJO NOW HAS BETTER THAN EVEN CHANCE

Gen. Homma Flees To His Islet Home Off North-west Coast

STAHMER IS CAUGHT

By The Associated Press

TOKYO, Sept. 12.—(P)—

American occupation authorities tonight pressed the roundup of 46 Japanese war leaders and renegade occidentals as a gift of blood from a Pennsylvania sergeant probably saved the life of Hideki Tojo, principal architect of the Pearl Harbor assault.

General MacArthur, extending his list of "wanted" men to include seven of the notorious Black Dragon society's top terrorists, ordered dissolution of that jingoistic secret organization, which the Japanese claimed had disbanded more than a month ago.

While the roundup bag increased, one of the most badly wanted, Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, who sanctioned the murderous

death march of Bataan, fled to his islet home off the northwest coast.

One of those caught, however, was Heinrich Georg Stahmer, German ambassador held chiefly responsible for bringing Japan into the Rome-Berlin axis.

Stahmer came to Tokyo in 1940 as a special envoy on the Axis deal, was rewarded by being named Hitler's envoy to the Nanking puppet government, and then became ambassador to Tokyo. He was a per-

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House Votes To Go Back To Standard Time September 30

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(P)—The house today passed without opposition a resolution to return the nation to standard time September 30.

The measure would abolish daylight saving, or wartime. It would mean that clocks would be turned back one hour at 2 a.m. on Sept. 30.

The legislation now goes to the senate, where speedy adoption is expected. Action by the president is not required.

Japanese People Now Realize Their Idol Has Feet Of Clay

By DeWITT MacKENZIE
One would search long and hard to find anything good about General Tojo, but we must give him credit for making a valuable contribution to the welfare of mankind when he shot himself yesterday in Tokyo.

Tojo was helped in militarism. He grew in strength until he became the mainspring of the mighty war-machine which tried to establish a greater east Asia under the rule of Japan. His was the hand which held the dagger that stabbed Uncle Sam in the back, for the general was premier when the sneak

attack was made on Pearl Harbor. Through the long years succeeding Pearl Harbor the Japanese people came to look upon Tojo as the arch militarist who would lead them to victory and make them overlords of their fellow men.

Might was right. Militarism was the pass-word to imperial greatness, and Tojo symbolized militarism.

Now suddenly the public is stunned with the disclosure that its god had feet of clay. Tojo, the chief of all the militarists, shoots himself because he failed, that is, be-

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