

WEATHER

Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms today and tonight; moderate temperatures today; Friday, clearing and cooler preceded by showers in east portion.

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JAP GOVERNMENT WILL ROUND UP 'WANTED' LIST

JAPAN BEATEN TO HER KNEES BY AIR BLOWS

Industry Paralyzed By Blockade Effected By Air-Sown Mines

MILLIONS STARVING

By Russell Brines TOKYO, Thursday, Sept. 13.—(P)—Japan was beaten to her knees before surrender by the American "aerial invasion" which virtually paralyzed industry and so completely blockaded the islands that 7,000,000 Japanese probably would have starved to death if the war had continued another year.

This was reported by seven prominent industrialists at a press conference yesterday.

They said that American air raids decided the outcome of the war and that Japan was defeated before the first atomic bomb was dropped. Only the militarists and industrialists, however knew they had been beaten. The former wouldn't admit it and "we industrialists were too cowardly to speak out."

The industrialists participating in the conference were Ryozo Asano, president of the Japan Steel Tube Co., Ltd., and director of Asano Portland Cement Co.; Aichiro Fujiyama, president of the chambers of commerce and industry; Ichiro Hattori, managing director of Mitsubishi Trading Co.; T. Komatsu, managing director, Japan Steel Tube; Kiyoshi Miyasaka, president of Mitsui & Co., and Hisanobu Terai, president of Nippon Yusen Kaisha (steamship lines).

Asano, with nods of agreement from the others, disclosed that mines strewn by Superforts were highly successful in the blockade. He said ship losses in June and July, 1945, proportionately were one vessel sunk by submarines to six by bombing and 12 by mines.

Resultant shortages of coal, oil, salt and food contributed to paralysis of industry and completely informed the militarists shortly before the surrender that industry could not continue.

The industrialists estimated that 10 per cent of the population would have starved if the war continued another year. They said official rationing had been half of normal diet since July, 1945, and that food still was a major problem.

NBC, ABC BACK ON AIR TODAY

Broadcasts Resumed Minus Engineers Who Walked Out Wednesday

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—(P)—The American National Broadcasting companies returned to the air at 8 a. m. (EWT) today, their regular opening time, but engineers who walked out yesterday remained away from their jobs.

Engineering executives and some radio announcers and producers turned technicians to put the networks on the air—managing control panels, pulling switches and turning dials.

The engineers walked out at 6 a. m. (EWT) yesterday, disrupting nationwide service and causing cancellation of some programs.

A. T. Powley, president of the Independent Engineers' union, the National Association of Broadcast Engineers and Technicians, said last night the men would be asked to return to work today.

He was not available immediately for comment this morning as the networks went on the air.

Both NBC and ABC said they expected their broadcasts to be "as normal as possible," and NBC said it expected "probably not too much interruption of regular programs."

NO CANCELLATIONS Neither reported any program cancellations, but NBC said its world-wide news round-up going on at 8 a. m. (EWT) was forced to omit Washington and the Pacific from the points usually reporting.

That left only London and New York, NBC said. Officials of both networks termed the walkout unauthorized and said it began without warning. The union said it resulted from a breakdown in contract negotiations.

After the walkout yesterday, the

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YANK DOCTOR TREATS TOJO AFTER SUICIDE ATTEMPT—Capt. James Johnson, U. S. Army doctor from Newark, Ohio, takes the pulse of ex-Jap Premier Hideki Tojo during a blood transfusion after the instigator of the Pearl Harbor attack shot himself in a suicide attempt at his home near Tokyo. A Japanese nurse (right) assists. In the background is the Japanese doctor who attended Tojo immediately after the shooting but gave him up to die. This picture was made by Charles Gorry, Associated Press photographer with the war time still picture pool, who was at Tojo's when he shot himself.—(AP Wirephoto via Navy radio from U. S. S. Iowa in Tokyo Bay).

MAP PLAN FOR JAPS' TRIALS

U. S. Hopes Measures May Be Similar To Those Against Nazis

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—(P)—The United States hopes for quick and vigorous action against Japanese war criminals paralleling measures taken against German war criminals, it was learned today.

A high government authority made it clear that Washington hopes to apply to Japan the theory evolved by Robert Jackson, U. S. prosecutor in Germany, that persons responsible for starting an aggressive war should be adjudged guilty of war crimes.

It also made evident that the same procedures for trying local war criminals at the scenes of their misdeeds and for joint allied trial of the top men is contemplated in respect to the Japanese problem.

IN KOREA It was said that the immediate purpose of the American military in Korea should be to remove the Japanese conquerors of that long-occupied land from power but no evidence was offered here that a comprehensive policy on Korea has been drawn up.

Likewise from top official sources no comment was forthcoming on the action of Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge, American military governor of Korea, in retaining Japanese administration in power for the time being.

Gen. Eisenhower Is Received By Pope

ROME, Sept. 13.—(P)—Pope Pius XII received Gen. Eisenhower, his son, Lt. John Eisenhower, and Gen. Mark W. Clark, U. S. commander in Austria, in a private audience today.

Following the audience Gen. Eisenhower visited St. Peter's cathedral. The Allied commander was expected to return to his headquarters in Germany tomorrow.

800,000 Discharges Monthly By Dec. 1 Promised By Army

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—(P)—The Army told senators it expects to be discharging 800,000 men a month by December 1.

The Navy asked Congress again—please—not to reveal part of the Pearl Harbor story, the part about the Japanese code.

Congress listened to the Army and Navy—with mixed feelings. That was the situation on Capitol Hill today, along with congressional news about surplus property . . . standard time . . . government corporations . . . airports . . . unemployment pay . . . and the Jap-

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Rumor Insists Shoe Rationing To End Oct. 1

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—(P)—Shoe rationing may end October 1.

It will if top officials of the War Production board follow recommendations of the agency's leather bureau. It's the job of that bureau to know the shoe situation thoroughly.

A decision will be made in the next week or so, after conferences between WPB Chairman J. A. Krug and OPA Administrator Chester Bowles.

OPA shoe officials are not expected to voice any strenuous objections to the WPB proposal, although October 15 and November 1 have been mentioned more frequently within OPA as likely dates for ending the program.

There is not complete agreement in WPB on the October 1 date. The agency's Office of Civilian Requirements reportedly wants to make sure before committing itself that stocks and the production outlook are adequate to permit unrestricted buying.

Both OPA and WPB have indicated that when shoe output reaches the rate of 30,000,000 pairs a month, rationing can be ended. The recommendation of WPB's leather bureau is said to be based on strong indications that such a rate will be achieved next month. If it is it will be only about 3,000,000 pairs short of the 1939 monthly rate.

Hurricane May Pass North Of Puerto Rico

MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 13.—(P)—A tropical hurricane located about 80 miles northeast of St. Thomas is expected to pass about 70 miles north of Puerto Rico today, the weather station at San Juan, Puerto Rico, reported.

The hurricane was accompanied by winds up to 75 miles an hour and was moving westward at about 16 miles per hour, San Juan reported.

Fifty-mile gales were reported over areas up to 150 miles north of the hurricane.

Storm warnings continued along the north coast of Puerto Rico to the Virgin Islands.

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 6:30 p.m.—First Baptist Training Union business supper at the church. 7:00 p.m.—Regular meeting of Kiwanis club. 7:30 p.m.—CAP cadets meet at armory. FRIDAY 12:30 p.m.—Regular meeting of Rotary club. 8:00 p.m.—Called meeting of Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. for work in Master Masons degree, at lodge room.

WEATHERS HEAD OF CELEBRATION

Plan Three-County Celebration At Battleground When Truman Visits

A purpose to make the Kings Mountain battleground 165th anniversary celebration a three-county affair, in which Gaston and York counties would join with Cleveland because of their natural association and interest, is being voiced by Lee B. Weathers, who last night was designated by county officials to serve as general chairman of the event.

Senator Weathers plans to talk with officials of the two other counties to enlist them in making the celebration a broad community affair upon the November 2 visit of President to that historic spot, turning point of the American Revolution.

Commission Chairman Glee A. Bridges said that enlistment of Senator Weathers in directing the celebration assures its success and he pledged the county government to support the event wholeheartedly.

Consideration of the celebration was the principal item of business as Chairman Bridges played host to county officials and employees at his home in Kings Mountain where a delicious ham supper was served.

Nazis And Fascists In Shanghai To Be Segregated

SHANGHAI, Sept. 12.—(Delayed)—Nazis and fascists in Shanghai will be segregated—probably in the infamous Ghetto that the Japanese established here for European refugees—to await return to their own countries, Gen. Tan En Po declared today.

Tan, military commander of the Shanghai-Nanking area, said he favored treating the Nazis, fascists and all collaborators the same as Japanese.

Responsible for disarming about 250,000 Japanese in this area, he said those actually within Shanghai would be disarmed and quartered outside the city to await transportation to Japan within five days.

Both Chinese and American officials are busy meanwhile collecting information on collaborators.

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Maynard Barnes, minister to Bulgaria, arrived in Paris this morning and was expected here soon. Burton C. Berry, American representative on the Allied control commission for Romania, was expected today or tomorrow.

Robert Gray, American minister to Elre, also will arrive here tomorrow for consultations with Byrnes.

Some diplomats said they believed King Peter was trying to gain American support for his view that Marshal Tito's regime in Yugoslavia was dictatorial, and that the situation demanded a reshuffle of authority.

The young monarch was in Paris last week conferring with Dr. Vladimir Macek, Croat peasant leader, and was believed attempting to persuade Macek to come to London and set up a government in opposition to Tito.

Byrnes' talk with the Greek regent was believed linked both with a proposed peace treaty for Italy and Balkan politics.

Byrnes took advantage of a day recess in the conference of five leading allied foreign ministers. Staff representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Russia,

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Cloth Mill Sets Safety Record

A record of 1,733,000 man hours without a loss of time accident was achieved at 11 p. m. last night by the Cleveland Cloth Mills, it was announced by Doris Bolt, safety director for the plant.

It is the longest by more than three times such period free of accident and is the result of an intensive safety educational program put on among workers in the plant, Bolt stated.

A safety award will be presented the mill by the State Industrial Commission and the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company which cooperated in developing the safety program.

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FIRST INTERVIEW:

Tojo Says He Planned Suicide For Long Time Before Final Action

By Duane Hennessy

YOKOHAMA, Sept. 13.—(P)—Hideki Tojo, in the first interview since he shot himself two days ago, said today he had planned to kill himself for a long time but that when he saw American officers standing outside his house he "knew the time had come."

The deposed Japanese dictator then shot and wounded himself near the heart with a .32 caliber pistol, but prompt blood transfusions and other treatment by American army doctors saved his life and he was declared today to be in "satisfactory" condition.

In talking today Tojo brushed aside many questions relating to war and politics, but when asked if Saburo Kurusu had known about Pearl Harbor plans when he talked to Cordell Hull about peace, Tojo replied that he could not answer without documentary evidence.

Tojo was registered as patient No. 10,694 and was the 100th patient admitted Tuesday at the Army's 98th Evacuation hospital.

He looked little like a dictator as he was interviewed. He was propped up on his bed with a

folding chair and pillows behind his back. He was covered by a clean white sheet, but his feet were sticking out. He was dressed in G. I. pajamas many sizes too large.

Tojo said he felt much better but suffered a little pain "inside," pointing to his left side. Maj. Elbert Elliott of Houston, Tex., said Tojo's condition was considered "quite satisfactory," but later the former war lord's eyes appeared to become slightly glassy and he complained of being tired.

Asked why he decided to shoot himself instead of performing the traditional ceremony of hara kiri, he replied:

"While hara kiri is the traditional manner of ending your life, I feared I might miss."

He explained that the tradi-

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Konoye Tried To Avert War In 1941

Was Unsuccessful In Efforts To Get Conference With Roosevelt In Summer, 1941

By Russell Brines

TOKYO, Sept. 13.—(P)—Prince Fumimaro Konoye, Japanese vice premier, declared today that he had tried in the summer of 1941 to meet President Roosevelt and avert the war but his proposal failed partly through militarist opposition and partly because the Japanese government was regarded internationally as a liar.

DR. THACKER OF NORFOLK DIES

Was Married To Former Miss Addie May Dixon Of Shelby

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"The Japanese government long has had a reputation abroad as liars," he explained, "because they were unable to control Japanese militarists in the field, or often didn't know what the militarists were doing."

"It was that way when I was trying to see Roosevelt. The government was considered a liar, because no matter what we promised regarding China, final decision on the removal of our troops from China depended upon the military. That was one reason why the meeting was never held."

SUCCEEDED BY TOJO Konoye, premier in that fateful summer and fall, said that an argument with the then war minister Hideki Tojo over continuing peace negotiations led to his own resignation and Tojo's climb to the premiership.

"I feel confident that if I had been able to see Mr. Roosevelt I could have established a basis for intervention of the imperial Japan in the rising war tide within Japan at that time," Konoye said in an interview.

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GIVEN 2 DAYS TO SHOW SOME PROGRESS

Officials Asked Permission To Handle Further Arrests

MANY SUICIDE CASES

TOKYO, Sept. 13.—(P)—Eighth Army headquarters empowered the Japanese government today to round up the remaining Japanese on General MacArthur's "wanted" list.

No time limit was set but it was indicated that the government would have to show some progress within two days or the privilege would be withdrawn.

The government had asked permission to handle further arrests after Hideki Tojo, deposed wartime dictator, shot himself two days ago while American officers hammered at his door. Now in "satisfactory" condition and able to talk with correspondents today, Tojo had headed MacArthur's list of those sought for questioning about war crimes.

Japan today reported formally that its imperial headquarters had been abolished in compliance with MacArthur's orders, and MacArthur announced that Gen. Walter Krueger of the Sixth Army and Vice Adm. Harry Hill of the Fifth Amphibious Force would enter Saigo, Kyushu, Sept. 20 to prepare for its occupation two days later.

Tojo offered no defense of his militarist government which launched the Pearl Harbor attack, while Prince Fumimaro Konoye, present vice premier, blamed militarists like Tojo for his own failure to avert war.

ROUNDED UP As Tojo, raised to a semi-sitting position, ate his first food since his attempted suicide Tuesday, others who had played major roles with him since the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor either were being rounded up or were doing a more effective job of self-elimination.

The navy minister in Tojo's infamous "Pearl Harbor cabinet," Adm. Shigetaro Shimada, surrendered quietly at his home to an American officer, saying he had contemplated suicide but changed his mind. Like Tojo, he faces questioning and possible court martial as a war criminal.

But the man whom the Japanese war machine had planned to

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DEATH CLAIMS A. B. HUMPHRIES

Rites Friday Afternoon For Well-Known Beaver Dam Farmer

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at three o'clock at Beaver Dam Baptist church for A. B. (Bob) Humphries, who died in the Shelby hospital at eight o'clock Wednesday evening. Mr. Humphries had been in ill health for some time and confined to his bed for the past six weeks.

Services will be conducted by Rev. John W. Suttle and the body will lie in state at the church which served as a deacon for 35 years. Interment will be beside his wife, the former Effie Jenkins, who preceded him to the grave twelve years ago.

LEADING FARMER Mr. Humphries was one of the leading farmers of the county and lived on Highway 74, near the Beaver Dam church. He was a member of the Masonic brotherhood, active in the religious and civic affairs of his community.

Surviving are the following children: Cleus Humphries, Edwards Humphries, Frank Humphries, Mrs. Morris Hamrick, Mrs. Haywood Poate and Miss Ethel Humphries, all of this county. Two brothers, Jack and Joe Humphries, of this county, also survive, together with two sisters, Mrs. A. D. Callahan of this county, and Mrs. Bill Wells of Charlotte.

PERSHING 85 TODAY WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—(P)—John Joseph Pershing, general of the armies, is 85 years old today. The man who led the American Expeditionary Force to victory in World War I is "in good condition for his age," said Maj. Gen. Shelley U. Marietta, commanding of Walter Reed hospital.



CRASH OF BURNING PLANE KILLS 14 AT MIAMI—This is the smoking wreckage of a four-engine Navy private plane which crashed near the Naval Air Station in Miami, Fla., Sept. 12 and killed 14 Navy men. No. 3 engine on fire, the plane was being guided to cleared runways by radio when the crash came. One crewman, W. J. De Roche of Somerville, Mass., parachuted to safety and tried to rescue his comrades from the wreckage, but was driven back by flames and exploding ammunition.—(AP Wirephoto).