

WEATHER

Cloudy and warmer today, tonight and Friday; scattered thunder-showers Friday afternoon and in west and central portions and in the mountains tonight.

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MARSHALL SAYS DEMOBILIZATION TO BE SPEEDED

THOUSANDS OF U. S. NAVY MEN HEADING HOME

Occupation Forces Will Rise To 400,000 Before Decreasing

"EASY OCCUPATION"

TOKYO, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Several thousand American navy men headed for home aboard 17 Third Fleet warships today, while General MacArthur's headquarters reported army occupation forces would increase to 400,000 before dropping to his predicted 200,000 "duration" total—and Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger said he wouldn't have asked for an easier occupation.

Handling occupation problems through the Japanese government has made the allied move into this conquered nation "surprisingly successful and extremely easy," said Eichelberger, commander of the Eighth army, which occupies central and northern Honshu.

If the Japanese government had been dissolved, many more allied troops and much more time would have been required, Eichelberger told Associated Press correspondent Hamilton W. Farn.

"We've had a minimum of friction with the Japanese authorities and with the Japanese people," he added.

The Eighth army commander also announced that Japan's wartime Premier Hideki Tojo soon will be moved "into the local calaboose (at Yokohama) to join the rest of his Pearl Harbor gang."

The ex-premier is recovering from his self-inflicted bullet wound and should be ready to move in a week, Eichelberger reported. The Yokohama prefectural jail—with its small but clean cells and simple cots—already houses some 32 war-criminal suspects, and Eichelberger said he thought it was "the most interesting jail in the world today."

JAPS DISARMING The Japanese already have disarmed and demobilized three-fourths of their homeland army although there are only 150,000 allied troops in Japan, thus far, to oversee the process, MacArthur's headquarters reported.

State department expressions of surprise and concern at MacArthur's prediction of three days ago on the size of the occupation forces drew another terse "no comment" from MacArthur himself today. His staff officers pointed out, however, that his announcement of future reductions had clearly specified a probable force of 200,000 six months hence. Troops will continue to pour into Japan through September, October, November and December until about 400,000 have arrived.

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Would Lessen Routine Duties Of Presidency

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Rep. Ervin (D-NC) talked with President Truman today about legislation to lessen the routine duties of the presidency.

Ervin said he told Mr. Truman about his bill to authorize the president to delegate many duties now imposed upon him by law.

"On the day that former President Roosevelt died he was signing appointments of postmasters, a task that might very well be performed by the postmaster general," Ervin told White House newsmen.

"The duties now imposed upon the president include the fixing of fees of fortune tellers in the Panama Canal Zone and the signing of commissions for all officers."

LIFT BURDENS Ervin said that he told the president he favors legislation lifting some of these burdens as one means of preserving the health and efficiency of the president.

He said he also discussed another bill to create a foreign service institution for the training of foreign diplomats.

The representatives said that he did not discuss his previous recommendation of Mrs. Charles W. Tillet of Charlotte, N. C., for membership in the American delegation to the United States general assembly. He said he had already made clear his position in favor of her appointment.



ROUTE OF JAPAN-WASHINGTON NON-STOP FLIGHT—This map locates the route of the non-stop flight of three B-29 Superfortresses from Japan to Washington, D. C. At the bottom are the three Army Air Forces generals in command of the planes. Left to right: Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles, and Brig. Gen. Emmett (Rosy) O'Donnell.—(AP Wirephoto).



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Ministers Discuss Treaty For Finland

U. S. May Again Protest Unilateral Soviet Action In The Balkans

LONDON, Sept. 20.—(AP)—The Big Five foreign ministers conference discussed the non-controversial issue of a treaty with Finland today before plunging into the complex

John Foster Dulles, an advisor on the American delegation and specialist on foreign affairs in Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's presidential campaign last year, meanwhile was considering a request from Secretary of State Byrnes to make a tour of the continent to gather an independent report for use of the State Department in shaping policies.

A renewed United States protest against unilateral Soviet action in the Balkans may be presented when the foreign ministers take up the problem of peace treaties with the former Nazi satellite states.

Dulles said whether he would make the trip for Byrnes depended on how long the Big Five meeting lasted. He would visit Germany, Italy, Poland, Austria and France, but not Moscow or the Balkan satellites if he should decide to go, he said.

MAIN BURDEN Britain and Russia, signatories of the "armistice with Finland, carried the main burden in today's discussions on that country.

Since questions relating to territory and reparations already were defined in the armistice, the drafting of a treaty is primarily a question of procedure.

The council, after deciding last night to refer the problems of the Italian peace draft to deputies for further study, turned its attention to treaties with Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary.

The Balkan problem may be tougher even than the Italian. Both the United States and Britain are on record as determined not to recognize the existing predominantly communist governments.

Nevertheless, there is official uncertainty here over two points:

1. Whether Britain and the United States can agree on measures for continued joint enforcement of the controls, and

2. Whether such measures are practical when applied to American trade alone.

TRUMAN VISIT SLATED LATER

Senator Hoey Says President Hopes To Visit Battleground

President Truman looks forward to visiting the Kings Mountain Battleground on some more auspicious occasion in the future where he could give it more time instead of reaching here late in the afternoon for a brief visit, Senator Clyde R. Hoey said today in a letter concerning the change of plans for the President's visit to North Carolina November 2.

Plans for the celebration have been cancelled but will be pressed next year if the President finds it possible to make the visit then.

Senator Hoey said that President Truman found his engagements to speak at Statesville and Raleigh precluded more than a mere visit to the battleground. It was thought better to wait until he could come for a longer stay, Senator Hoey said after conferring with local leaders interested in arranging the celebration.

Buenos Aires Folk Demonstrate Against Military Government

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Argentina's capital city returned to work today after virtual suspension of commercial and industrial activities yesterday while a throng estimated unofficially at almost a half million, marched through the streets in a demonstration arranged by opponents of the military government.

The only incident reported was a brush between a group of demonstrators and mounted police as sabre-brandishing officers sought to disperse the group.

Billed as a "march for liberty and the constitution," the parade was marked by frequent shouts of "down with peron," "down with despotism" and "death to dictatorship" as the crowd roared its defiance of Col. Juan Peron, vice-president and strong man of the government.

WHAT'S DOING TODAY 7:00 p.m.—Regular meeting of Kiwanis club.

7:30 p.m.—CAP cadets meet at armory.

FRIDAY 12:30 p.m.—Rotary club meets at Hotel Charles.

8:00 p.m.—Called meeting of Cleveland Lodge 202 A.F.&A.M. for work in Master Masons degree.

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MANY ROADS IN EASTERN N. C. STILL FLOODED

Situation Serious Throughout East, Worse Than Yesterday

CONTINUE TO RISE

By The Associated Press Four turbulent North Carolina rivers fed by overflowing tributaries continued on the rampage today making many highways in the eastern part of the state impassable and destroying thousands of dollars worth of property.

Latest reports to the highway patrol were that 15-A was open from Raleigh to Creedmoor; 87 and 15-1 were open from Manchester to Fayetteville and Rutherford to Fayetteville, respectively; 1 was open all the way, waters having subsided at Moncure; 64 was open from Apex to Pittsboro. No. 258 over the Roanoke river near Scotland Neck was expected to be closed this afternoon.

The situation throughout the east was serious, more so than yesterday, said Capt. Charles Farmer of the patrol. He said that the Neuse might rise higher at Smithfield and the Cape Fear likewise at Fayetteville.

The Cape Fear and the Neuse continued to rise. At Fayetteville, where the Cape Fear was slowly rising, the weather bureau observer was not allowed on the bridge. Last night's reading reported the river had reached a stage of 65.7 feet.

TRAFFIC HALTED All traffic into Fayetteville on the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line was blocked by the high waters.

The Neuse had crested at Neuse and Smithfield, but the crest has not yet been reached below Smithfield. At Smithfield the river was standing at 26 feet, where flood stage is 13 feet. At Goldsboro the Neuse continued to rise, with the latest reading at 17.1 feet. Weather officials predicted the river would reach 23-24 at Goldsboro.

At Moncure, the Haw river had fallen this morning to 30.8 feet as compared with last night's reading of 35 feet.

ROANOKE RISING The Roanoke, which was receding in its upper regions had reached 45.1 feet at Weldon and was continuing to rise slowly. The flood stage at Weldon is 31 feet. Danville, however, the river had

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REV. W. W. LAWTON

PLAN RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK

Rev. W. W. Lawton To Preach At Calvary Baptist Sept. 30-Oct. 7

In connection with Religious Emphasis week to be observed by local churches September 30-October 7, Rev. W. W. Lawton, jr., pastor of Charlotte's Oakhurst Baptist church, will come to Shelby for a series of services at Calvary Baptist church. It is announced by Rev. H. E. Waldrop, pastor.

Other churches are planning their own observance of the week with special services and speakers to be announced.

Mr. Lawton was born in China, the son of a distinguished missionary and he lived there until war conditions made it necessary for him to come to America.



BURTON NOMINATED — Senator Harold H. Burton (above) Republican of Ohio has been nominated by President Truman for the Supreme court seat left vacant by the retirement of Justice Owen J. Roberts. Burton's home is in Cleveland.—(AP Wirephoto)

LITTLE NEW IN EPES CASE

Doctor Calls Second "Poison, Given Only By Prescription"

By JOANNE EDSON

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 20.—(AP)—Trial of Lt. Samuel C. Epes of Richmond, Va., for the murder of his pretty, Auburn-haired wife was thrown into confusion today as one of his former college friends keeled over in court.

A 10-minute halt in the proceedings came when a young-appearing friend of the 27-year-old lieutenant collapsed near Epes as a prosecution witness said Epes had made only an "alleged attempt at suicide."

Identified by court officers as John E. Griggs, of about Epes' age, the tall blond man, dressed in brown, fell from the chair in which he was seated immediately behind Epes and the defense table.

The lieutenant jumped to his feet in the first display of emotion he has shown during the four-day trial, but quickly was restrained by Leith Brenner, Epes family attorney from Richmond who has been assisting in the defense.

Court attendants brought Griggs to consciousness with ammonia and helped him from the courtroom.

DOCTOR TESTIFIES

Maj. Frank Milligan, Fort Jackson doctor who attended Epes for throat and wrist slashes at the nearby post hospital last February shortly before he led officers to Mary Lee Williams Epes' grave, was on the stand.

Milligan said the slashes on Epes' wrists and throat were "not deep."

"The main vessels in the neck were not damaged in this alleged attempt at suicide," Milligan said.

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Taylor Resigns As WLB Chairman

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Dr. George W. Taylor today offered his resignation as chairman of the War Labor Board as Labor Secretary Schwelbenbach sought to hold the board together by continuing it as a virtually independent agency.

Schwelbenbach prepared a declaration of policy following a conference with the board enlivened by heated exchanges over WLB's future status under his direction.

The Labor Board, War Manpower Commission and U. S. Employment Service were shifted to the labor department by President Truman last Tuesday.

Japan To America Non-Stop Flight Just Short Of Mark

By JAMES J. STREBIG Associated Press Aviation Editor

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Beaten by a 50 to 1 shot, Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles believes the Japan to America non-stop run soon will be flown in both directions—and often.

Giles led a flight of three-striped-down B-29s in an unsuccessful attempt to reach Washington from Sapporo, Japan, without a pause.

All Men With 2 Years' Service Eligible For Release By Late Winter

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall told congress today the army will abandon its point system for discharges by late winter and all men with two years' service will be released then.

At the same time, the army chief of staff advised a joint senate-house session that the present discharge score of 80 points—based on credit for service, combat and dependency—will be lowered to 70 by Oct. 1. Another cut to 60 points will be made Nov. 1.

General Douglas MacArthur, Army chief in the Pacific, advised the War department yesterday that occupation force needs in Japan and more could be met with 200,000 soldiers plus one Marine division, Marshall disclosed. MacArthur previously had made a similar announcement in Tokyo.

Marshall made it plain that more than 200,000 troops will be required in the Pacific as a whole. He said the 200,000 figure applied only to Japan and Korea and that troops also were required for Alaska, the Aleutians, Hawaii, Formosa, and possibly in China.

Congress, he said, "apparently was disturbed" by an earlier estimate that the Army would number 2,500,000 on July 1 next and that this could include 900,000 for occupation in the Pacific and 400,000 in Europe. The general said these figures were estimates that had to be supplied in connection with the annual budget and that later conditions would "give us a new set of figures." He did not amplify this.

Marshall said that Gen. MacArthur first had requested 17 divisions, redeployed from Europe, for duty in the Pacific but had trimmed this estimate repeatedly to finally bring it down to two redeployment divisions. These already have been sent.

As a result of MacArthur's latest estimate, Marshall said, the army yesterday cancelled the shipment of the 135 airborne division to the Pacific. This division was ready to move.

At the war department, additional details on the point score were announced.

The discharge score for enlisted WACs will be reduced from 41 to 36 on Oct. 1 and further reduced

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CONGRESS HEARS ABOUT DISCHARGES

Senate Talks Tax Reduction, Unemployment Pay, Full Employment Bills

By Max Hall WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—(AP)—General Marshall spoke, congress listened. This was the No. 1 news on capitol hill today.

Five-starred George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, won high respect from law-makers whenever he talked to them during the war.

Now he would see what he could do in peacetime. His task was to tell the story of army discharges, to explain why soldiers aren't being released as fast as some angry congressmen think they should be.

He was invited to address (10 a.m. EWT) an informal joint meeting of the senate and house in the green-domed Library of Congress.

1. A new tax-cutting plan took shape in congress.

2. The senate made ready to complete its action on the unemployment pay bill and send it to the house, where the rumpus will start over again.

3. The house prepared to debate a bill to give the states an undisturbed

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SMALL DAMAGE TO CROPS HERE

Farmers Are Cautioned However Not To Pick Lint Wet

Cotton, Cleveland county's major crop, escaped serious damage from the recent heavy rains, farm leaders advise. But farmers are cautioned not to pick the lint wet else they will have a lower grade of staple.

O. Z. Morgan, seed and feed dealer who has recently made a tour of many Cleveland county cotton farms, believes that this county will produce this year in the neighborhood of from 45,000 to 50,000 bales.

Cotton gins are standing by ready for their heavy season and within a few more weeks they will be running steadily.

Heaviest damage to crops experienced by this county was to lowland corn. Water stood over some of these fields and ruined the prospect of a harvest in many instances.

Despite swollen creeks and streams no bridge of any consequence were washed out by the high waters, and Hugh Noel, division highway engineer, said that damage to roads and highways was not as great as first feared. What repairs are necessary will get underway immediately.

Giles disclosed that the fueling

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