

1,100 Planes Blast Jap Centers

BYRNES TAKING OATH AS SECRETARY OF STATE



HOLDING A BIBLE in his hands, former War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes is sworn in as Secretary of State at the White House. In the group (l. to r.) are: Justice Richard S. Whaley, who administered the oath, Mrs. Byrnes, Byrnes, and President Truman. Looking over Mrs. Byrnes' shoulder is former State Secretary Stettinius. Behind Byrnes is Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson. Standing beside the Chief Executive is Postmaster General Robert F. Hannegan, who was sworn in three days before. (International Soundphoto)

Free Enterprise Is At Stake In Great Britain's Elections

OPA Headed For Dispute In Politics

Next Campaign May See Price Control Among Big Issues

Mackinac Island, Mich., July 5.—(AP)—The possibility that price controls and rationing may become prime issues in the forthcoming political campaign emerged today as the nation's governors look a hand in the growing food controversy.

Although they acted on a non-partisan basis to solve the dinner table shortage, there was every indication as the 37th annual governors conference ended here yesterday that the topic will be one for future political debate.

Behind the scenes there was talk that the OPA may well become the center of attacks for opponents of the Democratic administration unless something is done soon to straighten out the red point tangle that has left better shops bare of meat in many parts of the country.

The governors, however, said nothing publicly of this as they adopted resolutions under which three of their number are expected to be named in the next ten days to "call on the proper agencies and officials in Washington in an effort to bring about as speedy a solution of the problem as possible.

Unanimous approval of the proposal ended a day in which the State executives heard reports on the war situation from top army and navy commanders, adopted several other resolutions and named Governor Edward Martin, of Pennsylvania Republican, to succeed Governor Herbert Maw, Utah Democrat, as conference chairman.

State Revenue Hits Peak, But Ratio Is Falling Off; Surplus Near 77 Million

Daily Dispatch Bureau BY LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, July 5.—With collections from all sources tapped by the State Department of Revenue for the fiscal year ending last Saturday reaching the unprecedented total of \$116,371,645.51, the report of the department nevertheless shows a leveling off trend in ratio of increase from year to year, especially in general fund accounts.

Excess of general fund revenue for 1944-45 over the previous year was \$4,134,255.08. This compares with excess of 1943-44 over the year before of \$6,493,758.47, and a 1942-43 excess of \$13,144,354.08. While there has been this down trend in general fund receipts the opposite condition is found in gasoline taxes for the past three years. In 1942-43, first year of

rationing, receipts from this source dropped \$8,739,745.01 below the peak year of 1941-42. But the next year showed an increase of \$643,000 and last year the excess over 1943-44 was slightly more than a million dollars. Income taxes hold first place as revenue producer, with the general sales tax coming second. Increase from year to year in sales taxes has been fairly stable, amounting to approximately two million dollars each year, but with income taxes there is a very different story. Both individual and corporate incomes sky-rocketed during the first war year with result that the end of the fiscal year June 30, 1943, showed an increase over 1942 income receipts of almost ten million dollars. The next year

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Huge Fires, Explosions Are Set Off

Jap Planes Refuse To Meet Challenge To Come Up, Fight

San Francisco, July 5.—(AP)—Three hundred American fighters and bombers, striking from fields on Iwo Jima and Okinawa, made a twin attack on the airfields of Tokyo and Nagasaki today, Tokyo radio reported.

800 PLANES MAKE RAIDS ON JAPAN ON THE FOURTH
Guam, July 5.—(AP)—Approximately 800 American planes set off Fourth of July fires and explosions in Japan, capped by an hour-long radio challenge of fighters circling three Tokyo airfields for the Japanese planes to come up for the battle. The dare went unanswered.

Fires in four Japanese cities burned so brightly they could be seen by returning B-29 pilots. Two Japanese destroyers were hit in the Yellow Sea. Six Tokyo airfields were ripped. Everything from power houses to light houses were shot up.

It started when a fleet of 500 Superforts fire-bombed four mainland cities, leaving them in flames, set off by 3,000 tons of incendiaries. Before the day was over, army, navy and Marine fliers had given Nippon's empire a thorough going over by bombings and strafings.

Deaths Over Holiday Are Rather Light

(By The Associated Press.)

Most of the nation's millions celebrated a "safe and sane" Fourth of July yesterday, accidental deaths across the country totaling 139, most of them on the highways or in the water.

While hundreds of persons suffered minor injuries from fireworks no deaths were reported. The fatalities compared to a total of 439 deaths reported for the three-day Fourth of July holiday in 1944, and 298 for a similar period in 1943.

Fifty-three of the 138 deaths were caused from traffic accidents, whereas the average number of motor deaths for a Wednesday in July, is 80, the National Safety Council said. Drownings claimed fifty lives and 35 persons died from miscellaneous causes — fires, electrocutions, lightning, plane crashes, etc.

North Carolina had one death which was caused in a traffic accident.

PHILIPPINE SOLONS TO HEAR M'ARTHUR

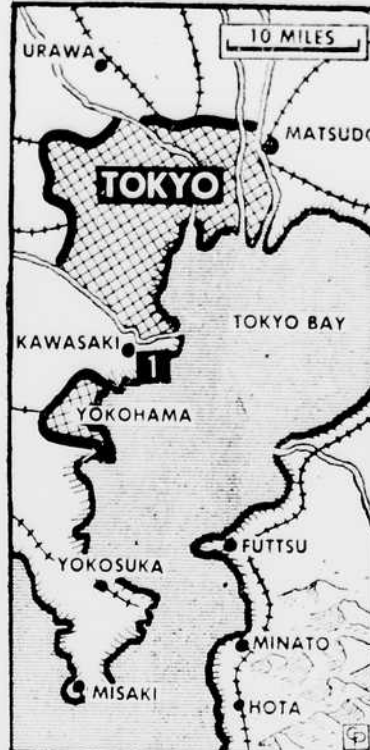
Manila, July 5.—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur today accepted an invitation to address a joint session of the Philippine legislature on July 9, in response to a concurrent resolution of the Senate and House.

WINNIE GETS CROWD'S PLAUDITS



EEGER CONSTITUENTS REACH FORWARD to shake the hand of Prime Minister Winston Churchill at Bradford, England, during his election tour. He announced he intends to wind up his campaign to stay in office with a series of speeches in the British capital. (International)

Reducing Japan



BATTLE lines showing the progress of armed forces are well known to those who follow war maps. But here is the "battle-line of the B-29s," showing the Tokyo-Yokohama target area, which has been so devastated by Superfortresses that both cities have been "eliminated as primary objectives" of strategic air power. (International)

Newsmen To Be Barred At Meeting

World Must Rely On Handouts About Big Three Confabs

Washington, July 5.—(AP)—The White House announced today that newspaper men will not be permitted to cover actual sessions of the forthcoming big three conference.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters that news coverage of the conference will be by official communications, which will be issued "as may be decided on from time to time."

He gave no intimation of a date for the coming meeting between President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin.

The fact that the three will meet in the Berlin area was announced previously.

Today's statement cleared up speculation as to whether newsmen will be permitted to attend the actual sessions of the big three conference.

Cotton Lower Near Close

New York, July 5.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to five cents a bale lower. Noon prices were unchanged to 15 cents a bale higher. July 22.56, October 22.64, December 22.63.

	Pv.	Close	Open
July	22.56	22.50	22.50
October	22.64	22.61	22.61
December	22.63	22.61	22.61
March	22.62	22.62	22.62
May	22.60	22.59	22.59

Disaster Of Japs In Philippine Area Is Their Greatest

Yanks Annihilate Enemy Force Twice Size Of Their Own

Manila, July 5.—(AP)—All the Philippine islands have been won back in the greatest disaster ever sustained by the Japs. General Douglas MacArthur proudly proclaimed today, and their 115,600 square miles are being transformed into bases "comparable to the British islands" to spy the march on Tokyo.

In 250 days of campaign, 17 American divisions whipped 55 Japanese divisions in "one of the rare instances when a ground force superior in number was entirely destroyed by a numerically inferior opponent."

Roughly, 420,000 Japanese were slaughtered, including such hated outfits as the 16th Imperial Division, which tortured American and Filipino prisoners in the "death march" after the 1942 fall of Bataan.

A spokesman estimated that possibly 20,000 Japanese survive in all the archipelago, touched up into groups and chased into the mountains where they are operating as guerrillas.

American ground and air personnel casualties up to July 1 were listed as 11,921 killed, 410 missing and 42,549 wounded—a total of 54,880.

General MacArthur stressed as "accomplished" goal of the reversion, acquisition of great land-sea-air bases for future operations comparable to the role played by the British Isles against Germany; collapse of imperial concepts of a greater East Asia co-prosperity sphere, reintroduction of democracy into the Far East, and delivery of a crippling blow to Japan's army, navy and air force.

Aussies Hit Last Japs At Balikpapan

Balikpapan, Borneo, July 5.—(AP)—Australian infantrymen struck today at the last Japanese stronghold in Balikpapan, Borneo's major oil port, which already, for all practical purposes, is in Allied hands.

(Radio Tokyo insisted Japanese lines were holding, and that an Australian attack spearheaded by fifty tanks had been repulsed with heavy loss. It estimated Allied casualties at 1,100 since the beachhead was made last Sunday, 700 in the sea and 400 ashore. Allied sources have said casualties were light.)

The landing of LCMs at Japanese pontoon wharves marked the first entry of Allied shipping into the bay since the Nipponese took over in 1941.

Committee Is Favorable To Peace Draft

Washington, July 25.—(AP)—The House postwar military policy committee today endorsed "the broad principle" of universal military training in peacetime.

The committee recommended that Congress enact legislation to put the program into effect, and that the action be taken during the present session.

The recommendation was approved by 16 of the 22 members. The committee said only one member, Representative Bradley, of Pennsylvania, opposed the recommendation, although five others did not sign the formal report. The names of the five non-signers were not disclosed by Chairman Woodrum.

The committee, a non-legislative group, did not discuss the form of legislation to be enacted. That will be done by the House Military Committee following hearings to be held after the proposed summer recess. Generally, the legislation would require every able-bodied male to take a year of military training sometime between his 17th and 21st birthdays.

Figures Lied



NOW THAT history's original pin-up girl—the one-and-only, 100 per cent Venus de Milo is back in Paris, it has been revealed that the various so-called Venuses on display lately have been only plaster of Paris imitations. To insure the safety of the classic statue, the replicas have been introduced—and no one seemed to know the difference. Now it is considered safe to bring the original back again. And here she is! (International)

Government To Restrict Speculation

Washington, July 5.—(AP)—The government today began an attack against speculation in the field of real estate and securities.

Worried over speculation and rising prices, the Bureau Economic Stabilization Board, headed by William H. Davis, was reported to have approved a three-point program.

The first point was to limit loans for buying stock exchange securities. The other two points would be hard to put through. They are:

1. Limiting loans for buying real estate. This rule is under fire from the White House. If the action is issued, the reverse party will probably receive a certain amount of payments.

2. Slapping heavier taxes on those who buy real estate or stocks and sell them quickly at a profit. This needs an act of Congress. The present law says such profits are exempt from income taxes if the property is held six months or more. The proposal is to extend this to three years, thus discouraging speculators who might want to sell in a shorter time.

Report Churchill Will Confer Soon With Gen. Franco

London, July 5.—(AP)—A published report said today that Prime Minister Churchill would meet Generalissimo Franco of Spain before the big three conference in Potsdam, but a foreign office commentator cast doubt on the report.

The prime minister, tired from the campaign, his wife daughter are expected to take a holiday on the beautiful French Basque coast just outside Hendaye, on the Spanish border, before the big three meeting.

The foreign office commentator did not deny or confirm the report of the meeting with the Spanish chief of staff, but expressed the personal interpretation that the story stemmed from the political campaign.

Unusually reliable diplomats said the big three would discuss the future of Italian colonies and the question of admitting Italy to the world security league.