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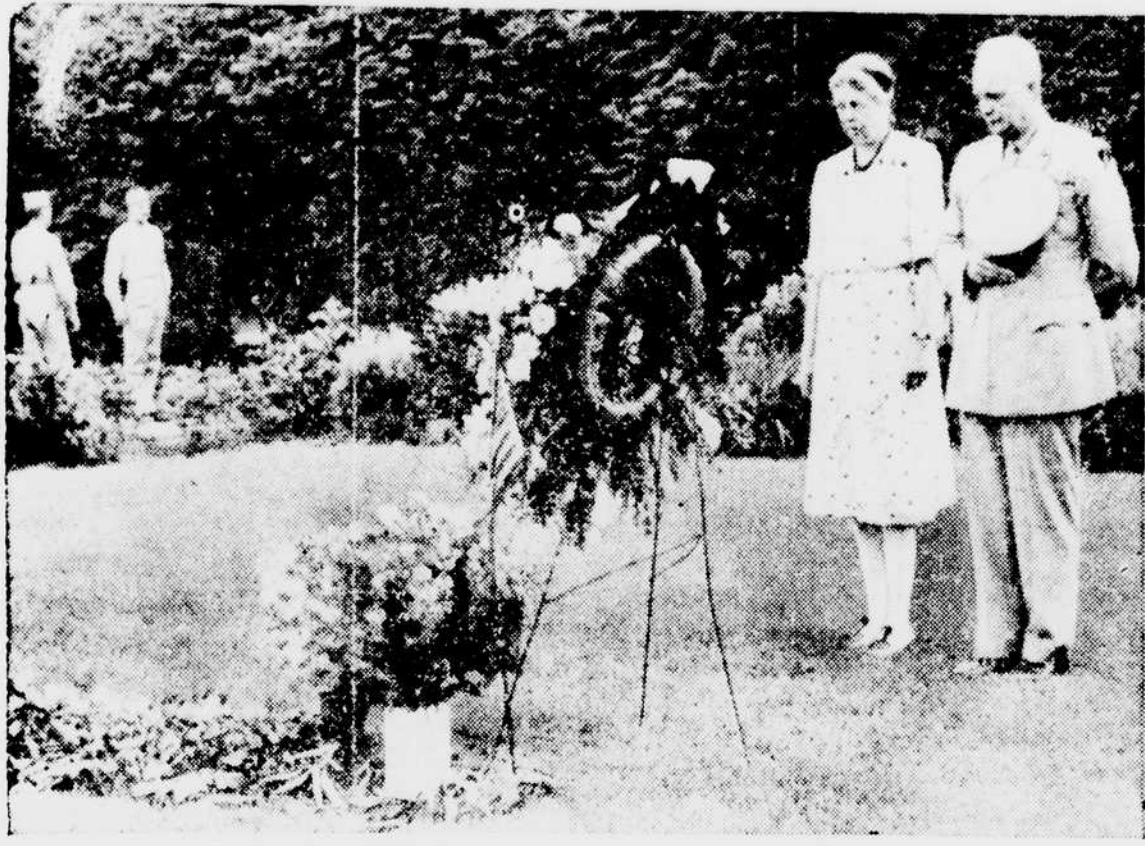
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SOUTHERN JAPAN IS RIPPED BY BOMBERS

EISENHOWER HONORS MEMORY OF THE LATE FDR



WIDOW OF THE FORMER PRESIDENT, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt stands beside Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower after the Supreme Allied Commander had placed a wreath of lilies, roses, carnations and blue asters at the grave of his former commander-in-chief in the Rose Garden of the Roosevelt home at Hyde Park, New York. The ceremony was very simple. There were no speeches. After placing the wreath, the general talked briefly with Mrs. Roosevelt, walked back to his car and drove away. (International Soundphoto)

Devastation Spread By U. S. Attack

Vast New Segments Of Military Stores Destroyed In Blast

Guam, July 12.—(AP)—Bombing and rocket-firing planes ripped southern Japan and its island approaches Wednesday in a fiery follow-up to the big carrier and land-based air assault on Honshu, and a Japanese military commentator told his people that adequate defense of the homeland from invasion required the growing challenge to be met.

The Federal Communications Commission, meanwhile, recorded a Tokyo broadcast that a British carrier task force sent more than 200 planes from two flat tops Wednesday morning against Sakai island off the northern tip of Sumatra, 70 miles northwest of Singapore.

New devastation of the Japanese homeland was reported by the 21st Superfortress bomber command, which announced 45 percent of the industrial city of Akashi and 95 percent of the Maruzen oil refinery have been knocked out. Only five large tanks and a few smaller structures remain intact at the refinery, 35 miles from Osaka. The Kawasaki aircraft plant was in the razed area of Akashi, ten miles from Kobe.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today that "strong forces of Corsair fighters and Avenger torpedo fighters raided Kyushu and the northern Ryukyus Wednesday."

The fleet admiral, however, had nothing further to report on the powerful blast Tuesday by more than 1,000 carrier planes of Vice Admiral John S. McCain's task force, 38 at a network of more than 70 airfields in the Tokyo area. His only "preliminary report" on the action, making an incomplete assessment of results through Tuesday morning, had listed 150 enemy planes knocked out, all but two on the ground.

Dozen Of Berlin Boroughs Handed To U. S., Britain

Berlin, July 12.—(AP)—The inter-Allied kommandantur of Berlin announced today that "all existing Soviet regulations and orders would be continued in force until special notice."

The announcement came a few hours after RAI army authorities formally relinquished control of 12 of Berlin's twenty boroughs to American and British officials.

There was no observable change in the Russian pattern of rule.

Truman To Seek Closer Ties Toward Britain And Russia

SENATORS AT CHARTER HEARING



GETTING THEIR HEADS TOGETHER at hearings on the United Nations Charter before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in Washington are Sen. Hiram Johnson, Cal., who opposes ratification, and Sen. Tom Connally, Tex., who is for it. (International Soundphoto)

Day-To-Day Solution Is Objective

Firmer Cooperation Regarded Essential Between Big Three

Washington, July 12.—(AP) President Truman is expected to seek more intimate ties with Britain and Russia when he meets Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin in Berlin. The objective will be to obtain day-to-day handling of current European problems which grew out of the war and for which solutions are considered vital to a workable peace.

At the heart of whatever proposal Mr. Truman makes along this line—probably to create an international commission—is the need to promote big three cooperation at a time when some forces are working to weaken it.

In some respects the stresses on this conference will be greater than those under which the late President Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin worked at Tehran and Yalta. The biggest difference, of course, is that the three Allies no longer are bound by the compelling need to defeat a common enemy. They are confronted with the necessity for writing a peace. But this approach posed problems which the purely military considerations of the past never brought up.

This time, too, the real blue chips of international politics are bound to play more than ever before. Issues no longer can be resolved in broad statements of principle. They are concerned with specific questions of boundaries, political alignments and territorial control, not merely tackled on a grand scale. Generally, as diplomats see it, the task of the big three at Potsdam will parallel, but does not tie in directly with, the work of the San Francisco conference. At San Francisco the United Nations were concerned with designing machinery to preserve peace. At Berlin the job will be mainly one of arranging the transition from war to peace.

Dissension Increasing Among Japs

San Francisco, July 12.—(AP)—As the consistent blasting of Allied bombs tore at Japanese soil today, a leading journalist accused the Suzuki cabinet of doing nothing while the empire is confronted with its greatest crisis. The Tokyo radio said today.

The 62-year-old dean of the Japanese press, exhausted the cabinet to do better than hold routine meetings in the premier's residence, said the enemy broadcast, heard by the Federal Communications Commission.

Earlier the writer severely criticized the government for not telling the people the truth about the seriousness of military setbacks in the Pacific.

Tokyo radio broadcasts today brimmed over with fear for the future. They included:

Worry that Admiral William F. Halsey's third fleet was still on the prowl, and soon would launch an— (Continued on Page Six.)

Unanimous Approval Expected In Senate Vote Upon Charter

FEPC Bill Headed For Enactment

Supply Measure For Many War Agencies Is Near Enactment

Washington, July 12.—(AP)—The marathon congressional fight over the Fair Employment Practices Commission bill apparently was all over today but the shouting. There were indications, however, that there would be plenty of that before final action on a compromise worked out yesterday to the House the dislodged \$752,000,000 war agencies supply bill. It carries \$250,000 for continuation in the agency on short financial rations.

The legislative skills were geared to shove the bill through by nightfall and send it to the White House tomorrow. Not until it is slated into law will 16 more from war agencies have money with which to operate.

All have been operating "on the cuff" so to speak, since the fiscal year started July 1, and none can meet a payroll until the measure becomes law.

Today's action to break the deadlock that gripped the bill more than a month ago will start in the House with a vote on an appropriations committee recommendation to give FEPC the \$250,000 voted by the Senate. It was the Senate action, after the House originally had denied funds for the agency, that precipitated one of the longest appropriations stalemates in recent years.

Governor Names Dennis President Of N. C. Railroad

Greensboro, July 12.—(AP)—Governor Cherry today nominated a six-member board of directors for the North Carolina Railroad Company and requested that stockholders at the meeting here today elect Henry A. Dennis, of Henderson, president of the board.

The governor's recommendations, authorized by State law, are generally accepted.

Other officers proposed by Cherry are Stewart Atkins, of Gastonia, secretary-treasurer; Frank H. Gibbs, of Warrenton, attorney; and W. A. Brame, of Wendell, expert.

Nominated as board members were Dennis, Amos Kearns of High Point, E. C. Green, of Asheville; D. P. Stowe, of Belmont; D. W. Royster, of Shelby; Walter Carter, of Salisbury; Dr. Clare G. Henderson, of Mount Olive, and Carl Cline, of Hickory.

Ozell Lambeth, of Greensboro, was named by Cherry to represent the State at today's meeting, and to vote for the State by virtue of its ownership of certain shares of stock in the railroad.

He Fell 5 Stories



NINETEEN-MONTHS-OLD William Likely, who suffered only minor lacerations after falling from the fifth floor of his New York City home, is shown with his mother, Mrs. Eunice Likely, after returning from the hospital. Wash lines broke the body's fall. (International)

Invaders Reach For Borneo Oil

Manila, July 12.—(AP)—Australian and Dutch troops advanced today on Borneo's rich Sambodja oil fields, despite the tough delaying delaying action being fought by beached Japanese naval personnel in the steaming, rain-soaked equatorial forest.

Some six miles north of the Balikpapan town area, the Aussies, their tanks cleared by P-38 fighters of the army air force, which sprayed the 12-mile area with jelled gasoline, breached the outer lines of the Japanese hinterland defense in an advance on a "smashed stone" ridge.

The forward digger elements, in driving a three-mile wedge into the Japanese positions, moved to within half a mile of the ridge, Mount Botoshampar, a 200-foot hill feature on which the Nipponese are well fortified.

On the central sector, other Aussies repulsed Japanese counter attacks three miles inland from the mouth of the Sittangan river, where the perimeter guards an airfield. Dutch airmen, piloting Mitchell medium bombers, are ready to go into operation from the field as soon as it is completed.

Hill Claims No One Has Been Found Who Will Vote Negative

Washington, July 12.—(AP) Leaders talked hopefully today of a unanimous Senate vote of approval for the United Nations charter.

With the foreign relations committee turning again to proponents on its fourth day of testimony, Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky told a reporter there now appears no likely negative votes on ratification of the 50-nation agreement.

Similarly, Senator Hill of Alabama, the Democratic whip, reported he could find no colleague ready to oppose the ratification resolution, although he forecast that unnecessary attempts would be made to attach reservations.

"We should make this vote unanimous," Hill said. "The Senate went to war unanimously, let us go to peace that way."

Highly unimpressed by the arguments of 15 opposition witnesses yesterday that the charter destroys American sovereignty and is in fact only a military alliance, committee members arranged to hear Philip Murray, president of the CIO, and other supporters today. They include Dr. William C. Clegg, head of the National Education Association. Tomorrow the committee will hear from John Foster Dulles, who served as Governor Dewey's foreign affairs advisor in the 1944 campaign.

Chairman Connally said the committee might conclude its hearings tomorrow, when Norman Thomas, former Socialist party candidate for president, also is scheduled to appear. A committee vote on the charter by Saturday or Monday is considered likely.

More Delay To Meadows

Greenville, July 12.—(AP)—The second trial of Dr. Leon R. Meadows was delayed for the sixth time today when Judge J. Paul Frizzelle ordered court recessed until Monday, due to the continued illness of a regular juror, T. V. Sexton, of Elizabeth City.

Judge Frizzelle indicated that if Sexton is unable to return to the jury box on Monday, the 13th juror will be seated. Plans today were to take Sexton, who is suffering with heart trouble in a Greenville hospital, to Duke hospital for examination by specialists.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy skies and moderate temperatures tonight and Friday.

Home Dirt For Homesick Tar Heels



John Harden, secretary to Gov. R. Gregg Cherry, scoops up a thimbleful of North Carolina soil from the Capitol grounds in Raleigh to be airmailed to a lonely Pacific island where service men from 48 states are building 48 "homesick hills" of dirt from their native states. The idea: So they can once more rest their feet on the soil of the old Home state. (AP Photo.)

Battle For Control Over Japan Itself Is Well Under Way

Washington, July 12.—(AP)—The battle for control of the air over Japan itself is now under way, and destruction of the Japanese air force as an effective weapon is in sight.

So says Under Secretary of the Navy Artemus L. Gates in his final report as assistant secretary for air, a post he surrendered last week to move up as under secretary.

By the early part of this year, Gates said, "we had complete domination of the air in all naval theatres of operations in the Pacific—from our own west coast and South America to the East Indies, to China and up to the very door of Japan."

"At this moment, navy search and patrol planes are operating over the South China Sea, East China Sea, Yellow Sea, Korea, the Sea of Japan, the Island Sea, the southern approaches to the home islands, and over the Kuriles to the north."

Reporting the "virtual elimination" of Japanese carrier-based air forces and the decimation of enemy army and navy air forces, Gates said more than 17,000 Nipponese planes have been destroyed since Pearl Harbor, against fleet combat losses of approximately 2,700, a combat ratio of better than six to one.

"Preliminary figures for the first quarter of this year indicate that approximately 2,800 Japanese aircraft were destroyed by fleet planes, against combat losses of about 300, a combat ratio of over nine to one."

BRADLEY APPROVED AS VETERANS HEAD

Washington, July 12.—(AP)—The Senate Finance Committee today unanimously approved the nomination of General Omar Bradley to be administrator of veterans affairs.

SHAEF To Be Dissolved At Midnight On Friday

Paris, July 12.—(AP)—Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces will be dissolved at 12:01 a. m. on July 14. It was announced today soon after General Eisenhower returned to the continent, which his combined command set free. The American, British and French forces which served under the supreme commander will then revert to national controls. The SHAEF announcement of its imminent dissolution contained no details.

The mighty Allied forces will revert to their own national control and Eisenhower will step over to the command of the Allies and to his place on the American control council for defeated Germany. An announcement several days ago said dissolution of Eisenhower's command was being delayed until he could return from the United States, say goodbye to his staff and direct the final ceremonies.