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Truman Will Offer U. S. Aid

'AS JANEY COMES MARCHING HOME'

RIGHT THERE TO MEET HER at the door of their home in Milltown, N. J., is John Clauser, the husband in the apron, as Charlotte Clauser, the wife, comes home from the wars. Veteran of the 34th Division, he was discharged some time ago. A WAC at Camp Kilmer, N. J., Mrs. Clauser was discharged, too—first enlisted woman released there under the Army-Navy policy to send wives home to veterans. *(International)*

Final Details Are Made For Nazi Bigwig Trials; Startling Facts Found

London, July 14—(AP)—Final details for a master plan for an unprecedented collective trial of captured Nazi bigwigs were being worked out in London today by Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson, chief American wartime prosecutor, and representatives of France, Great Britain and Russia.

A responsible American source said hundreds of crime Army investigators, including former G-men and skilled legal experts, had uncovered evidence which virtually assure the trial of such high Nazis as Herman Goering, Rudolf Hess and Joachim von Ribbentrop by September.

The investigators were credited with uncovering evidence which involves German industrialists, diplomats, military and naval authorities and Nazi party chiefs in a "material but almost fantastic" record of Nazi preparations for war and world conquest, the source said. The document, from Nazi secret files, including transcripts of conferences between top-ranking Nazi leaders, are being integrated with evidence on the records.

SHAEF Disbands In Hope Of Future Lasting Peace

Paris, July 14—(AP)—The greatest unified military command of all time—Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force—was dissolved at 12:01 a. m. today.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the supreme commander, said it was his hope and prayer that the unparalleled unity that has been achieved would point the way to a permanent and lasting peace.

Ending 17 months and one day after it was launched to bring Germany to her knees in defeat, SHAEF was disbanded virtually on the eve of the big three Potsdam conference for inter-Allied agreement on the first step of rehabilitation under the peace.

British newspapers paid tribute to the supreme command and Eisenhower's leadership, and the army newspaper Stars and Stripes held it as a "conclusive demonstration of the effectiveness of international cooperation."

Russia And China Make Agreement

Broad And Mutual Understanding Is Reached At Moscow

Moscow, July 14.—(AP)—A joint Soviet-Chinese communique announced today that Russia and China had reached a broad mutual understanding on important questions involving relations between the two countries in discussions here the past two weeks.

The communique said the discussions had been suspended because the impending meeting of the big three in Potsdam, demanded the presence of Marshal Stalin.

Chinese Premier T. V. Soong has left for Chungking and the discussions will be resumed in the near future, the communique added.

Morgenthau Retirement Is Speeded

Washington, July 14—(AP)—The White House said today that President Truman is speeding up his replacement of Henry Morgenthau, Jr., as secretary of the treasury.

The accelerated action taken at Morgenthau's own request, the presidential letter said, will result in the immediate transmission to the Senate of War Mobilizer Fred M. Vinson's nomination for the post.

Previously, Mr. Truman had planned to wait until his return from the big three conference in Germany, which, from recent indications will be a protracted one.

The next session of the Senate will be on Monday.

The White House released an exchange of letters between Morgenthau and the chief executive, the latter writing from the ship on which he is en route to the big three meeting.

Morgenthau told the President he thought "the delay we contemplated is no longer necessary, but, on the contrary, may prove a handicap to Judge Vinson."

Mr. Truman replied that he was inclined to agree.

FRANCE OBSERVES HER BASTILE DAY

Paris, July 14—(AP)—France's resurgent forces proudly paraded before cheering throngs in Paris and a small, silent group of Germans in Berlin today in celebration of the great French national holiday today—Bastile Day. Dancing, singing Parisians held their first open celebration of the holiday since 1939.

She's Against It

OPPONENT of the United Nations Charter, Mrs. Elise F. Johnson of New York City is pictured attacking it at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing in Washington. She saw the country "in the grip of a gigantic conspiracy" of powerful groups. *(International)*

India Plan Fails, With Parley End

Lord Wavell Takes Blame for Failure, But Will Try Again

London, July 14.—(AP)—The India office announced today that efforts to form a more representative Indian government, proposed by Viceroy Lord Wavell, had failed and a dispatch from Simla quoted Wavell as saying "the responsibility for the failure is mine."

The India office announcement said "leading Indian politicians," convened at Simla, India, by the viceroy, and "failed to reach a requisite measure of agreement," and that the "viceroy, who has most patiently and assiduously endeavored to bring the parties together, has, therefore, terminated sittings of the conference."

In a statement issued by Wavell at Simla, the viceroy called upon the Indians to exercise the greatest possible restraint.

"I propose to take a little time to consider in what way I can best help India after the failure of the conference," he added. "You can all help by refraining from recriminations. Law and order must be maintained."

Populace Frozen In Russian Areas Of Berlin Proper

Berlin, July 14.—(AP)—American and British authorities took official steps today to "freeze" population distribution in Berlin and prevent a possibly large - scale migration of civilians from the Soviet zones of occupation.

German food and housing bureaus were instructed to sanction no transfers to American and British ration lists without special cause.

Russian control extends over eight of twenty boroughs, and forty percent of the city's estimated 2,750,000 population.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Mostly cloudy with showers and continued thunderstorms tonight and Sunday; little change in temperature, except not quite so warm this evening.

To Demand Full Unity For Europe

Tell Big Three Of Readiness To Help; Merge On Potsdam

Aboard the Cruiser Augusta With President Truman, July 14.—(AP)—President Truman neared the European continent today ready with clear-cut proposals to preserve its hard-won peace.

As his warship steamed through British territorial waters toward Antwerp, Mr. Truman was said to have definite suggestions on Europe to submit to Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill in their conference next week at Potsdam, Germany.

It was understood the President is prepared to offer American rehabilitation in return for pledges of cooperation among European countries to work together in settlement of their differences peacefully.

Associates represented the President as feeling that a primary basis of American policy is readiness to help, when help would be welcome, in uniting this nation's friends together when they disagree. He considers a groundwork for lasting peace in Europe an objective second only to victory over Japan.

Mr. Truman was described as firmly resolved against any secret commitments at the big three meeting and as intending to report to Congress as soon as he returns to this country.

The Augusta and an accompanying cruiser, the Philadelphia, were scheduled to rendezvous this morning with seven British men-of-war which will serve as an escort for the remainder of the President's voyage. From Belgium he will fly to Potsdam.

ADVISERS TO BIG THREE CONVERGING ON POTSDAM

London, July 14.—(AP)—Advisers to the big three moved toward Potsdam today for the opening of the conference next week of President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin.

Admiral Ernest J. King, en route to Potsdam by plane, passed through Paris, where he conferred with Vice-Admiral Robert G. Ormley, naval chief of the American occupation forces.

Indicating that the question of future Soviet-Turkish relations will have a high place on the agenda at Potsdam, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden met a second time with Turkish Foreign Minister Hasan Saka.

U. S. Ambassador W. Averill Harriman was en route to Potsdam from Moscow.

SEVEN BRITISH WARSHIPS JOIN PARTY AS ESCORT

Aboard the Cruiser Augusta, With President Truman, July 14.—(AP)—Seven British men-of-war boomed up out of the mist-surrounded English channel today to escort President Truman's cruiser-borne party to Antwerp. From there the President will fly to Potsdam for the first big three meeting with Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin.

Mr. Truman was on the Augusta's bridge when the rendezvous was joined by the cruiser Birmingham and six of His Majesty's warships.

The destroyers took their places, three on each side of the Augusta and her companion ships, the Philadelphia, turning about with a precision comparable to parade ground maneuvers of smart cadets. The Birmingham with Rear Admiral Cunningham-Graham aboard, encircled the President's ship, all of her seamen standing at attention along her rails.

After this formal greeting, she raced quickly ahead to take her place in front of the Philadelphia to lead the procession past Land's End and the historic cliffs of Dover.

One of the destroyers put out a small boat which bounced over to the Augusta with a mail pouch from the White House.

Two floating mines which had broken from their moorings were sighted near the formation.

Upon arrival at Antwerp, President Truman will motor to Brussells and there take off in his big C-54 plane for Potsdam for his first meeting with Churchill and Stalin Monday or Tuesday.

The President completed today examination of the proposals he will present to Stalin and Churchill and other data.

Hit at Sumatra

COINCIDENT with announcement that British carrier planes were attacking Sabang (1) off the north tip of Sumatra, came reports that the Allies were planning to land on the Nicobar islands (2) possibly Car Nicobar to the north. Jap sources told of a British "infiltration" of small islands off the south Sumatra coast. *(International)*

New Force Lands Upon Mindanao

Yanks In Further Invasion; Aussies Near Borneo's Oil

Manila, July 14.—(AP)—The Australian surge through collapsing Japanese resistance to within nine miles of the Sambodja oil fields on East Borneo and a fleet-covered American amphibious landing in southern Mindanao in the Philippines were reported today.

The hitherto merely fighting enemy was routed at a point more than twenty miles north of the conquered oil port of Balikpapan, as the Aussies' seventh division scored a gain of four and a half miles.

Tokyo radio, meanwhile, made the unconfirmed claim that Japanese planes have sunk "at least one enemy destroyer" in an attack on shipping outside Balikpapan harbor.

To speed the cleanup of invaded Mindanao, elements of the U. S. 24th division were landed Thursday under bombarding guns of the seventh fleet in Sarangani bay. The infantrymen, also covered by Marine aircraft, were unopposed as they moved inland in pursuit of enemy forces retreating in that sector.

In northern Luzon, sixth division infantrymen have captured the mountain province stronghold of Kiangan, where the Japanese had held out in caves and bamboo thickets for weeks.

Chennault Quits Army

Kunming, China, July 14—(AP)—Major General Claire L. Chennault is leaving China and retiring from the United States Army. He made this announcement today, two days after the appointment of Lt. Gen. George L. Stratemeyer as commander of all United States air forces in China.

Chennault, who is 55, has been commander of the United States air force and before that directed the Chinese Flying Tigers against the Japanese.

Lt. Gen. Wedemeyer commander of all United States forces in the Chinese theatre, announced acceptance of Chennault's resignation. Chennault called in correspondents and said he would not continue as commander of the 14th air force, although Wedemeyer, in announcing Stratemeyer's appointment Thursday, had said that Chennault would retain his command.

Chennault once before retired

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Sea Units Strike New War Plants

1,000 Planes From Carriers Join In Blasting In North

Guam, July 14.—(AP)—The United States third fleet, in a two-hour bombardment of the steel city of Kamaishi, has demolished a big steel mill and has left the entire area shrouded in smoke, rising thousands of feet high, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

In addition, coke ovens of the city, 275 miles north of Tokyo, were heavily damaged in this first naval bombardment of the enemy's home islands.

Guam, July 14—(AP)—The U. S. third fleet, bombarding Japan for the first time, set great fires raging through a steel city on northern Honshu as 1,000 of its carrier planes blasted nearby targets on the northern home islands in coordinated blows.

The guns of the newest battleships, cruisers and destroyers wiped out the Imperial Iron and Steel Works rolling mills at Kamaishi, 275 miles north of Tokyo, and fierce fires raged through adjacent coke ovens.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, announcing in a special communique that the bombardment thundered on for two hours, reported that the entire area was covered by dense smoke clouds that rose thousands of feet above the city.

The third fleet poured a hurricane of five to sixteen inch shells into the city before retiring.

The bombardment force, commanded by Rear Admiral Shafroth, of Denver, apparently did not meet any Japanese opposition.

In his report to Admiral Nimitz, Shafroth did not mention opposition by shore batteries nor by planes. His announcement that the shelling continued for two hours indicates, also, that the results were closely observed by slow-flying observation planes from cruisers and battleships.

Close observation would have been required for the admiral to report, without qualification, that the Imperial Iron and Steel Works rolling mill was "demolished."

The fact that the powerful American force fired upon Kamaishi for two hours suggested the ships were able to close within the ten-mile range of five-inch guns on the screening destroyers and in secondary battleship and cruiser batteries.

The latest communique was the fourth issued by Admiral Nimitz today, a record number. The Imperial Iron and Steel Works mill was supplied with coal from the neighboring island of Hokkaido, which was attacked by the carrier planes.

The coal is transported across Tsugaru strait in ships and rail ferries, which were hammered throughout the day by the Avengers, Helldivers, Corsairs and Hellcats.

Halsey's attacks by gun and by plane seemed designed to put northern Honshu's most important steel works out of business at both the blast furnaces and coal mines.

The Japanese in the war factories were subjected to the same sort of merciless pounding as their soldiers had to undergo when they stood in the path of the conquering American march across the Pacific. Even as the guns roared, swarms of carrier planes that only five days before had raked Tokyo's airfields were raining bombs, bullets and rockets on northern Honshu and the northernmost island of Hokkaido, the latter never before touched by American air power.

Ousters In Spain Seen

Madrid, July 14.—(AP)—Spanish newspapers carried today the full text of the "bill of rights" passed unanimously yesterday by the Cortez (parliament), but made no mention of the shake-up believed imminent in the cabinet of Generalissimo Franco.

A high government official said last night that Franco had dropped the secretary general of the Falangist party from his cabinet, apparently in a move to make his government more acceptable to the United States.

Resignations of at least four other cabinet members, all presumably members of the Falange, were reported on Franco's desk awaiting action. He ousted the secretary by eliminating the position of minister without portfolio, the government official said.

WACS MAKING SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF BERLIN

RUSSIAN SOLDIERS GREET and pose for a picture at the Chancellory with a party of Wacs who were looking over the sights in the battered German capital. Stationed in Berlin, the girls are members of the First Airborne Army. They are Marjorie De Forest, Schenectady, N. Y.; Dorothy Fleming, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Kathleen Hickey, Bradford, Pa.; and Margie Myers, Miami, Fla. Signal Corps Radiophoto. *(International)*