

Fleet Attacks Japan At Will

Approval Of Money Plan Is Assured

Stiff Fight Seen In Senate, However, On Bretton Woods

Washington, July 18.—(AP)—Administration leaders drove toward a final vote on the Bretton Woods finance plan today. They expected Senate approval but not without a stiff fight on a series of proposed amendments.

Chairman Wagner of New York, of the banking committee, said he hopes for a decision by tonight. The Senate geared for a long day by convening an hour earlier than the usual noon meeting time.

Wagner told reporters he didn't expect more than 15 votes against the bill, which proposes a \$9,100,000,000 world bank to help nations reconstruct, and an \$8,300,000,000 fund to stabilize their currencies.

Other opponents, noting the increased vocal opposition on the Senate floor yesterday, said there might be a score of "No" votes.

The fight is expected principally on amendments by Senators Taft of Ohio, Millikin of Colorado, and Thomas of Oklahoma. These would specify that the fund could not be used as an "excuse" to abrogate existing debts or trade treaties, as well as the requirement that other nations eliminate currency restrictions, and place silver on the same monetary basis as gold.

Taft has led opposition to Bretton Woods through the Senate Banking Committee and on the floor. He was joined by Millikin, then by Senator Hart of Connecticut. By their questioning, Senators Brooks of Illinois and Wheeler of Montana also indicated dissatisfaction with the proposal.

Planes Hit "Lookouts"

Manila, July 18.—(AP)—Four East air force bombers and fighters in more than 200 sorties over southern Japan, made widespread daily raids Sunday on a string of enemy-occupied islands on the direct line of flight from Okinawa to the southern tip of Kyushu.

More than a score of seventh army air force Liberators worked over air installations and probable air warning posts on Anami, in the northern Ryukyus, only 190 miles south of Kyushu. They also hit the northeast coast of Tanaga and struck Kurio and Taku islands as well as an air-drome on Kikia, east of Anami.

Feeble Recovery In Stock Market Most Of Season

New York, July 18.—(AP)—Feeble and selective recoveries appeared in today's stock market, although many leaders failed to exhibit any real comeback power. Electric Power & Light made another new high.

Supported were Great Northern, Santa Fe, Southern Pacific and Montgomery Ward. Occasional losers included U. S. Steel, General Motors, Goerdich and International Harvester.

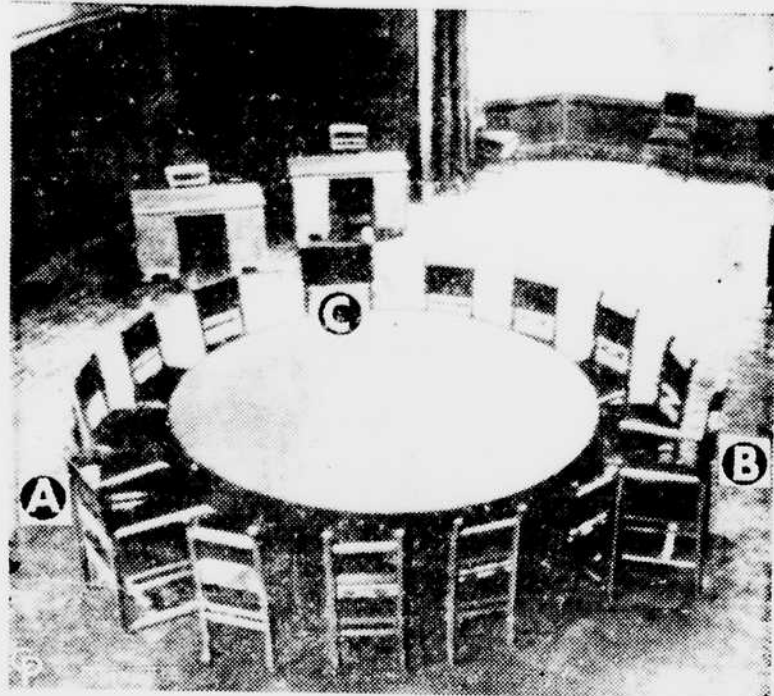
Bonds and commodities were irregular.

Baby Lost As Bus Goes Into Creek

Richmond, Va., July 18.—(AP)—A heavily-laden Greyhound bus, inbound from Norfolk, plunged into the rain-swollen waters of Gilliam creek in the edge of Richmond today when a bridge over the normally tiny stream gave away. Only one of 45 persons aboard, this one an infant, was killed.

Captain A. D. Garton, of the Richmond city detectives, said that Mrs. Eva Hammel, of Delta, Pa., had reported that her three-month-old infant was lost in the water. Mrs. Hammel had not seen the body of the drowned child, definitely to establish its identity, but she told investigators that the child was "sacked right out of my arms."

WHERE 'BIG THREE' ARE CONFERRING



HERE IS THE CONFERENCE TABLE in Kaiser Wilhelm's former palace at Potsdam, around which President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin are talking things over. President Truman's place is at left, marked "A"; Churchill is placed opposite him at "B"; and Stalin's place is marked "C". Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International)

"Big News" About Japan Predicted In Australia

Demands For Peace Or Russia's Entry Are Speculated On

Sydney, Australia, July 18.—(AP)—Newspapers in Sydney today published speculative reports that "big news" relating to Japan would be forthcoming soon.

One conjecture was that Japan may be suing for peace, another that Russia may have decided to enter the war.

(Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew in Washington denied last week that any genuine peace overtures had been received from Japan.)

"The end of the war may come with a dramatic suddenness," commented the Sydney Star. "Hirohito is still the god emperor. By one stroke of a pen he could relieve Japan's torments and make peace. There is every reason to believe that United States policy is pre-eying him for that part of the drama."

Meadows' Tax Report Is Delayed

Greenville, July 18.—(AP)—The State changed its strategy again today and announced that it would defer temporarily its motion that the State income tax returns of Dr. Leon B. Meadows be brought here for examination.

Special Prosecutor Jesse Jones asked the court for the right to recall Dr. Meadows to the stand for questioning about his returns from 1934 to 1943, inclusive, when he was president of East Carolina Teachers College. The request was granted.

Jones had announced late yesterday that he would present such a motion to the court today. However, he asked for deferment and obtained the court's permission to examine the defendant, charged with embezzlement and false pretense on a few other items.

Through a long series of questions Jones brought from the defendant the statement that his rental returns since 1933 had approximated \$400 a month.

Pointing out that \$400 monthly income would amount to \$4,800 a year, Jones asked Meadows if he had reported more than \$1,200 a year on his tax returns from 1933 to 1943. Dr. Meadows could not recall whether he had paid as much as \$1,200 a year up to 1942. But he said that in 1942 and 1943 he had filed more than that figure, and had reported as much as \$4,800 in gross rental income in 1942 and 1943.

Cotton Advances 50c-75c Per Bale In Late Trading

New York, July 18.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 25 to 50 cents a bale higher. New prices were 50 to 75 cents a bale higher. October 22.93, December 22.92, March 22.91.

By Close	One
October	22.81
December	22.80
March	22.76
May	22.76
July (1946)	22.54

Truman Seeks Speedy Big Three Agreement

Calls Upon Churchill And Stalin

Byrnes Teams With President In Steps For Quick Results

Potsdam, July 18.—(AP)—President Truman teamed up with Secretary of State Byrnes today to smooth the way for quick agreement in the big three conference. They went calling together on Marshal Stalin, after lunching with Prime Minister Churchill, for separate explorations of the simple and clearcut United States proposals.

Byrnes was a power in the Senate when Mr. Truman was just beginning to make his presence felt. Byrnes and Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi formed one of the most famous combinations in congressional history. The facility with which they functioned won the admiration of the senator from Missouri and he quickly made friends with both.

Mr. Truman went to the 1944 Democratic National Convention carrying the torch for Byrnes for the vice-presidency, but won the nomination himself when some labor groups turned thumbs down on Byrnes.

When Mr. Roosevelt died, no one had any doubt that Byrnes would be Mr. Truman's choice for secretary of state. He made the appointment only a few days before starting for the big three meeting. Both men are similar in their straightforward, friendly approach. Senators have said of Byrnes that he could ride an elephant all the day in snow and never leave a track. His popularity is unanimous confirmation without even the formality of referring his nomination to the committee.

Mr. Truman was selected yesterday as conference chairman. With him on at least the latter visit was Secretary of State Byrnes, the President's erstwhile capital partner in many a compromise move to smooth the congressional pathway for wartime commitments, which the late President Roosevelt made at just

President Truman calls on Churchill and Stalin. (Continued on Page Three.)

Australians Are Preparing Drive Far Into Borneo

Manila, July 18.—(AP)—Austrian combat patrols felt out enemy strongpoints along the highway to Samarinda and in the Sambodji area, where the diggers are consolidating for a drive through the derelict area, General Douglas MacArthur said today.

They have advanced yard by yard to a point seven miles northeast of Balikpapan, it was said.

Resistance continued in northern Luzon, where desperate remnants of the Japanese garrison were resorting to makeshift weapons and mines in an effort to halt the sixth division's drive on Kiang. The sixth was counting an average of fifty dead Japanese a day.

In one of the oldest battlegrounds of the Pacific, Australian troops on Bougainville in the Solomons were meeting almost constant small scale attacks by Japanese who had held fast to their Kahlili stronghold through three and a half years of war.

Denmark, Italy In UNRRA Soon Seen In London Gossip

London, July 18.—(AP)—Denmark, potentially source of food supplies, and Italy, hungry and hoarded for more aid, are expected to take their seats as full fledged members of the UNRRA shortly after the international relief organization opens its third major conference in London on August 7.

Denmark's admission was termed by UNRRA officials as a virtual certainty. The question of Italy's admission, while ultimately almost assured, appeared to hinge on the increasing likelihood that Italy's status will be changed soon from a co-belligerent to an Allied partner.

But even if clarification of Italy's position fails to emerge from the big three conference, top-ranking British and American officials say privately that steps probably will be taken to insure Italy of additional aid.

There is a strong possibility that demand will arise at the forthcoming meeting for the organization's divorce from the stringent military control under which it has been operating in the greater part of Europe.

Two Of "The Big Three" Meet



For the first time President Harry S. Truman and Prime Minister Winston Churchill got acquainted when the British leader pays a "social call" at the "Little White House" in Potsdam, Germany. Just before the "Big Three" conference got under way they chat as they walk. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International)

Russians To Demand Open Trade Routes Straight To Ocean

Franco To Work For Monarchy

Madrid, July 18.—(AP)—Generalissimo Francisco Franco last night proclaimed that he is only acting as head of the Spanish government pending return to a monarchy, when Spain's perpetual Falange ideals and the national socialist state.

In a 30-minute speech to members of the Falange National Council, Franco said Spain was entering the preparatory period for return of the monarchy, but he did not say when the change-over would be made. He declared the monarchy must guarantee the essentials of the Falange movement.

In Washington, diplomats regarded Franco's statement as a move designed to maintain himself in power and at the same time rule out critics from the Allied world, and particularly Russia. They said it was a question whether this storm would be shared, passing by Premier Stalin, at the current big three conference at Potsdam to the degree that Franco would be blown out of power.

Franco's speech evidently constituted an offer to Don Juan, son of Alfonso XIII to accept the throne. Should Don Juan, now in Switzerland, refuse the Duke of Madrid might be a candidate. The duke claims to be "Carlos VIII."

Partly cloudy west; considerable cloudiness east portion; scattered thundershowers east portion today and again Thursday afternoon.

Resistance Lacking On Coast Area

Utter Helplessness In Defense Admitted In Tokyo Statement

New York, July 18.—(AP)—The Tokyo radio announced today that approximately 500 carrier-borne Allied planes had launched a new daylight attack upon the Tokyo area.

The broadcast, recorded by The Associated Press, said the raids started about noontime following an improvement in the weather, and were still continuing three hours later. The raiders made repeated attacks upon air fields and military establishments, the Japanese added.

Guam, July 18.—(AP)—The audacious U. S. third fleet and the companion British warships stalked the coast of Japan unmolested today as Radio Tokyo admitted their big guns had demolished their newest target—large war plants north of Tokyo.

The fleet has completed its course behind radio silence since it broke off shelling at 12:55 p. m. today. (But the Japanese radio chattered of new attacks. London reported hearing a report that sixteen Allied warships bombarded Honshu's east coast again for an hour at noon today. Tokyo said 500 planes were sent back over the Tokyo area today, following yesterday's raid by 1,500 carrier aircraft. The enemy admitted Japanese helplessness by stating that "the Allied fleet is able to attack us at any chosen time and place.")

More than 2,000 tons of explosives were showered on targets for 20 miles along the Honshu coast in the mid-night bombardment.

Targets were picked carefully from Aizu, 55 miles northwest of Tokyo and ten miles from the sea-coast, to Hipheli and Sibiragawa, about 80 miles northeast of the capital. With no opposition, the results were devastating.

Associated Press Correspondent James Lindley, with the U. S. third fleet, reported that an engineering works, a still plant, a copper refinery and an iron factory along the coast were destroyed. He said the fleet was within range of enemy fighter planes for many hours but that they failed to attack.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, in announcing the British warship King George V and the 43,000-ton U. S. Iowa were among the attackers, had mentioned only the Hipheli area, which contains vital copper smelters as well as concentrated aircraft, electrical and engine plants.

ONE MAN MAY GET SURPLUS CONTROL

Washington, July 18.—(AP)—Congress considered a bill yesterday which would give President Truman's recommendation that surplus property be placed under one man.

However, despite a presidential warning that surpluses are mounting rapidly, there appeared little likelihood of final action before October, directly is the question of Port Arthur, Russia once took a 90-year lease on that north China port and Premier Stalin generally is expected to demand its return again.

But neither Port Arthur nor any other outlet that far south is likely to have any security unless the Russians control the approaches to it. For that reason and several others President Truman is anxious to find out Stalin's general ideas on the issue of east Asia, regardless of what Russia does about the war.

British Heavy Bombers To Join War In Pacific

Guam, July 18.—(AP)—British heavy bombers may join American forces in the Pacific, increasing to ten the Allied air groups coordinating their devastating raids on the Japanese homeland.

Lt. Gen. Giles, commander of the U. S. Army strategic air forces, has completed a series of conferences with British Air Marshal Sir Hugh Lloyd involving the "possible assignment of a British heavy bomber force to work under the army strategic air forces," Giles' office reported today.

Already engaged in daily assaults on the Japanese homeland with fire, fragmentation and high explosive bombs, rockets and strating are the 20th air force's B-29s and other units, the 13th and 17th air forces, the army seventh fighter command and the second and fourth Marine aircraft wings.

Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle's eighth air force, adding B-29s and possibly B-17 Flying Forts to the mainit, is scheduled to begin operations from Okinawa about mid-August.

At least four other air forces also are attacking the Japanese empire, but not the homeland. These are the 13th air force, and the seventeenth fleet aircraft from the Philippines area and the eleventh air force, which among them attack from the Solomons and the Kuriles.