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## Vinson Becomes Secretary The Treasury



Former War Mobilizer Fred M. Vinson takes the oath of office as Secretary of the Treasury in a ceremony staged in the House Ways and Means Committee room. At left behind him is Representative Jere Cooper. To the right is Representative Sam Rayburn, speaker of the House, and administering the oath is Chief Justice Lawrence Groner, of the U. S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia. (International Sound-photo.)

## Program On Charter Is Presented

### Three-Point Plan Emerges In Senate Following Debate

Washington, July 25.—(AP)—A three-point program to carry out the United Nations charter emerged today from the smoke of unexpected Senate fireworks that threatened back delay in ratification of the document.

When the administration wants, as outlined by several senators, a three-point ratification of the charter, with the explicit understanding that the United States thus is committing itself to use of its troops to help police future peace.

2. Enactment next fall of a law giving this country's security council delegates authority, through the President, to vote for the use of United States troops for police work short of actual war.

3. Later approval by both houses of Congress of an agreement with the security council on furnishing American troops and equipment.

A half-dozen charter supporters headed by Senator Lucas of Illinois prepared today to drive home the contention that the contemplated military agreement with the council should be submitted to both houses for simple majority approval.

## Defense Claims Meadows Allowed To Mix Up Funds

Greenville, July 25.—(AP)—The defense continued to parade its witnesses before Pitt County Superior Court here today in an effort to show that Dr. Leon R. Meadows had authority to keep special college funds in his personal bank account, and further that he used the funds for improvement of the college while he was president.

A deposition and other testimony of Henry Clark Bridgers, of Tarboro, originally presented in the first trial of Meadows for embezzlement and false pretense, was reviewed before the court yesterday by attorneys. Bridgers had said the board of trustees for East Carolina Teachers College had passed a resolution in 1924 giving the president authority to handle funds.

## Cotton Firms Up Slightly During Final Dealings

New York, July 25.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to ten cents a bale lower. Noon prices were five cents a bale lower to ten (11:23 a. m.). October 22.80, December 22.82, March 22.80.

	Pv.	Close	Open
October	22.79	22.78-79	
December	22.81	22.81	
March	22.81	22.79-80	
May	22.79	22.78-79	
July	22.57	22.56	

## Rollback In Clothing Is Sidetracked Indefinitely

Washington, July 25.—(AP)—The government plans for rolling back clothing prices appeared today to be sidetracked indefinitely.

Changes for a six to seven percent cut in retail prices—the goal set early this year—received another price concession to fabric manufacturers. The agency announced last night that for the rest of this year producers of woolen and worsted fabrics can turn out about the same

## Aussies Invade Bypassed Island In The Solomons

San Francisco, July 25.—(AP)—Tokyo radio reported Allied carrier planes returned to northern Japan today, renewing their attack on Hokkaido island simultaneously with the confirmed second day of strikes on southern Honshu, main island of Japan. The unconfirmed broadcast, recorded by the American Broadcasting Company, said 200 planes hit Hokkaido north of Honshu.

## Local Road Jobs Voted In Counties

Raleigh, July 25.—(AP)—The State Highway and Public Works Commission approved today the expenditure of \$390,000 for county road improvements in Bladen, Johnston, Richmond, Rowan and Mecklenburg counties.

The action was taken at a routine meeting that preceded public hearings scheduled for this afternoon on proposed routes of the post-war inter-regional highway that will pass through North Carolina.

City Manager Nichols of Wilmington asked for a survey, which was authorized, of a new truck route through or around Wilmington to relieve present congestion. North Carolina is entitled to approximately \$230,000 of Federal funds for such extraordinary routes, which will be partially financed through State funds.

## Tokyo Radio Says U. S. Planes Back Over Homelands

San Francisco, July 25.—(AP)—Australian troops have invaded and completely liberated Cebu, the Australian army announced today. The announcement, heard by the FCC, said the Aussies landed some time ago on the island across narrow Bougainville Strait from Bougainville island, which the invaders are clearing of Nipponese.

American Marines landed on Choiseul October 28, 1943, in a diversionary move in the invasion of Bougainville. The Yanks withdrew a week later from Choiseul, one of the larger of the northern Solomon islands.

**2,000 JAPS KILLED IN BURMA FIGHTING**  
Calcutta, July 25.—(AP)—Allied troops have killed more than 2,000 Japanese troops in a three-day battle with enemy forces seeking to escape a trap in Burma and reach the Sittoung river, Southeast Asia headquarters announced today.

priced lines of merchandise as they did before the rollback was ordered. Beginning in 1946 they will be required to trim their prices some, but not as much as originally planned. The revised order will be based on prices slightly less than those which prevailed in 1944 rather than 1943 prices. This is being done, OPA said, because military requirements on restrictions of virgin wool in 1943 made that period "unrepresentative of normal civilian operations."

# TONS OF STEEL STRIKE JAPS

## Churchill Home For Election News

### "Big Three" Meet Idle In Absence

#### Churchill Returns Friday If He Wins; Otherwise, Attlee

London, July 25.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill arrived in London late today from Potsdam to learn the fate of his party in the British general elections vote.

Potsdam, July 25.—(AP)—A four-engined passenger plane carrying Prime Minister Churchill and his party took off for England from a strongly guarded airport here this afternoon following another meeting of the big three.

Churchill, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Clement E. Attlee, Labor party leader attending the conference as an observer, arranged a recess so they could be in London when results of the British election July 5 are announced Thursday.

Four army sedans from the British compound took the passengers to the airport. There was no formal farewell from American and Soviet delegates.

The meeting of the prime minister, President Truman and Premier Stalin today was the ninth of the Potsdam series. Foreign office representatives will carry on the conversations tomorrow.

In the absence of Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, who is returning to London with Churchill, Britain will be represented by Under Secretary Sir Alexander Cadogan. He will meet with U. S. Secretary of State James E. Byrnes and Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov.

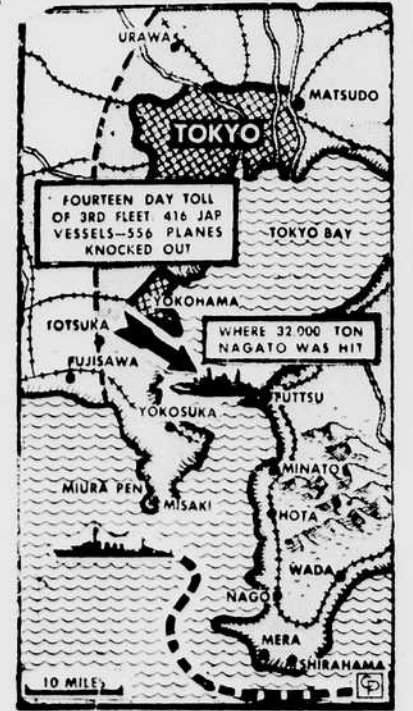
While it was not disclosed what special plans Truman and Stalin may have for Thursday, it was said they would not discuss matters on the conference agenda between themselves until the top ranking British leaders return.

If the election returns tomorrow show the Conservative party victorious, Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, who is accompanying him to London, may return to Potsdam Friday. In the event of a Labor party victory, however, the task of continuing the big three talks will devolve upon Clement Attlee, who has been sitting in on the conference at Churchill's invitation.

A change of British leadership is not expected to result in any marked setback in the Potsdam negotiations. No sharp differences on foreign policy were raised between Churchill and Attlee during the campaign.

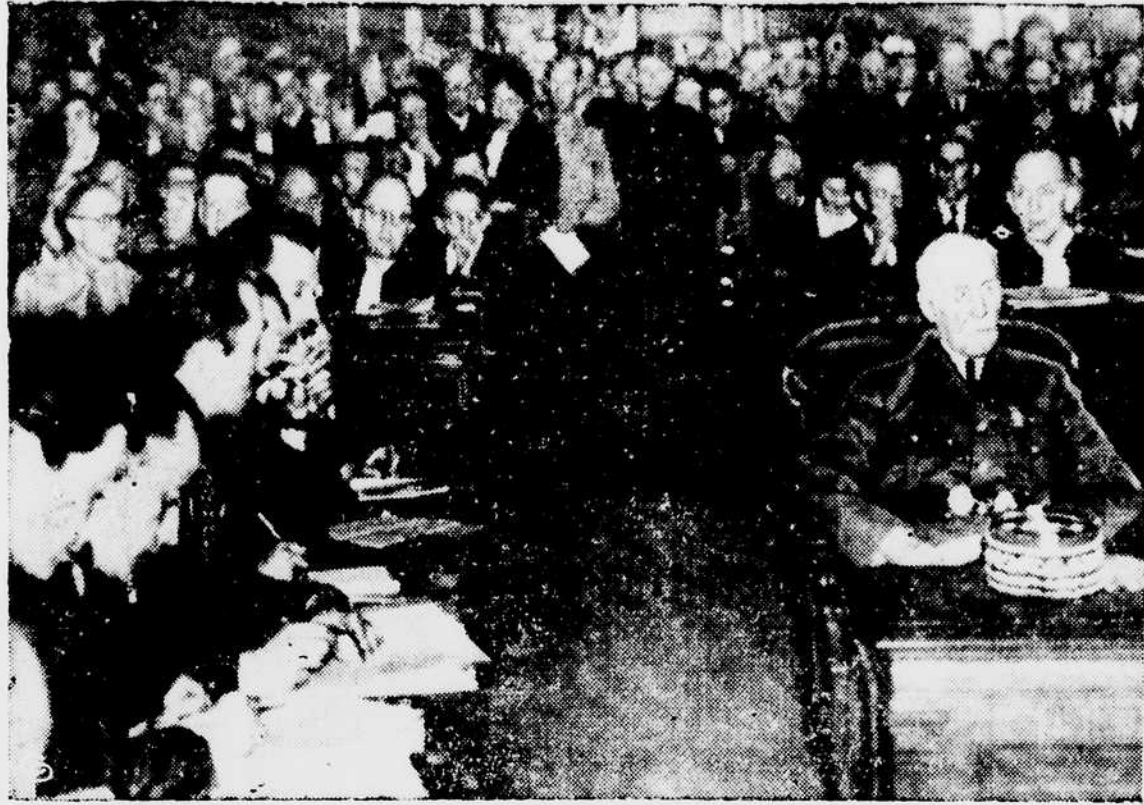
Raleigh, July 25.—(AP)—The Raleigh City Commissioners have adopted a 1945-46 budget calling for the expenditure of \$1,502,055.50, a decrease of \$89,617.66 from 1944-45. The decrease resulted from a lower debt service requirement for the coming year.

## Hit Tokyo Bay



THRUSTING boldly inside the mouth of Tokyo Bay, the mighty Pacific Fleet has wrecked a Jap convoy and again challenged the enemy to "come out and fight". In the carrier-plane attacks the big battleship Nagato was sunk, as shown in the above map. Map also shows toll since July 10. (International)

### First Pictures Of Petain Treason Trial



General view of the High Court of Justice in Paris. Marshal Philippe Petain, garbed in his full uniform as a marshal of France, went on trial accused of treason. The death sentence will be sought for the veteran soldier who became French chief of staff during the Vichy regime. He is shown at the right of the picture while at the left are some of the small army of reporters covering the trial which is expected to last three months or more. (International Radiophoto.)

## Tobacco Is Firmer On Lower Belt

### Second Day Prices In Georgia Higher Than At The Start

(By The Associated Press.)

Georgia tobacco markets reported a firm to stronger trend in prices today as an analysis of opening day sales figures showed prices on most grades up two cents a pound from the opening day last year.

The marketing service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture reported leaf and big prices up one to two cents a pound from last year, with cutters bringing two cents a pound more.

Non-descript tobacco was up five cents at 36 cents a pound. Four lemon leaf brought 48 cents, big orange leaf 41 cents. Cutters averaged 43 cents, as did fine lemon leaf.

The ceiling this year is forty cents a pound, a cent more than last year. The ceiling, though, applies only to the buyers' weighted season average. Some top grades on the 17 Georgia markets yesterday brought as high as 50 cents a pound.

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## Shanghai Is Again Hit By Bombers

Manila, July 25.—(AP)—The pent-up wrath of more than 350 American Okinawa-based planes thundered on Shanghai Sunday after four days of bombless bad weather. General MacArthur announced today. His communiqué also announced dispersed air strikes on the same day from Korea to the Dutch East Indies. An eight-ship convoy was caught and broken up.

Mitchell bombers, attacking from medium altitudes, and Thunderbolts and Mustangs streaking in just over the muddy water, got the largest shipping haul in recent weeks. They listed a destroyer and a large and a sub-chaser, a 10,000-ton freighter-transport and six freighter-transporters probably sunk, and many smaller vessels damaged. Three large fires and several smaller ones blazed at Kingwang airbase, just north of the city, after flights of Liberators passed over.

## Japan Given Warning Of 5,000-Ton Raids Coming

### Kweilin Showdown



DISPERATELY INTENT on holding on the key rail and airbase city of Kweilin, the Japs have been alerted counter-attacking and putting up their most determined recent defense. But Chinese troops within a few miles of the vital strategic center are engaged in an encircling movement which seems certain to succeed soon. (International)

## Truman To Visit Near Frankfurt

Potsdam, July 25.—(AP)—President Truman will fly to American headquarters at Frankfurt tomorrow and review American troops, taking advantage of the off-day in the big three session, officials announced today.

General Eisenhower, commander of American forces in Europe, will meet the President in Frankfurt, where they will inspect the 84th infantry and third armored divisions. The two will have luncheon together.

As Truman will return to Potsdam early Thursday evening for resumption of the big three conference, interrupted by the departure for London of the highest British leaders to await election returns.

## Plans Agreed On For Berlin Heat For Next Winter

Berlin, July 25.—(AP)—The top American, Russian and British authorities in Berlin announced today that they had reached a large area of agreement on controlling the civilian population, establishing uniform pricing and rationing systems for heating the city next winter.

## Gen. Kenny States Landings Possible Almost Anywhere

Manila, July 25.—(AP)—Japan was warned today by General George C. Kenny that the American air forces are about ready to hit the Japanese homeland with 5,000-ton raids.

"This size 'is a crunch,' said the commander of the Far East forces. 'I'm being conservative when I say we could hit them with 3,000 tons in a single attack, something the world never dreamed of.'"

"In the very near future," he added, "more than 3,000 planes will be available for the concentrated aerial smash at Japan."

Of the at least 4,000 are capable of carrying bombs and more than half are capable of standing.

Kenny, who has seen his air forces grow in three years from a few over-worked bombers and fighters to its present potent force, confidently predicted: "We'll have enough stuff so that the Japs will not have a bridge or a sizable road that will help them in future operations. They will be completely immobilized as regards any mass movement. I confidently expect that when we go ashore anywhere we want, we'll find almost a total lack of opposition on the beaches, the same as we found all through New Guinea and the Philippines. This will be the greatest missing of air power the world has ever heard of," Kenny said.

## WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Partly cloudy and not much change in temperature today. Tonight and Thursday: widely scattered thundershowers.

## Damaging Evidence Read At Petain Treason Trial

Paris, July 25.—(AP)—Judge Paul Mongibeaux read into the treason trial of Marshal Petain today a telegram from the old soldier asking Hitler's permission for the Vichy regime to conduct its own defense.

Angry murmurs and protests arose from the spectators and the 24 jurors when Petain stolidly refused to answer questions about the telegram. The marshal had said of the opening day of the trial for his life that he would answer no questions. The telegram was read in response to a juror's question of former Premier Edouard Daladier, who had testified that all the traitors of France flocked to Vichy after the armistice, and that France was not unamed when the Germans struck in 1940.

## Huge Waves Of Planes Sent Over

### Guns Of Warships Pound Coast Area In The Second Day

Guam, July 25.—(AP)—The Japanese home islands shuddered under tons of steel today as the tenacious third fleet sent great waves of carrier planes boring in through rolling fog, and the flaming guns of warships pounded coastal invasion defenses.

Carrier planes smashed for the second consecutive day at smoking remnants of Japan's aged navy in the huge Kure naval base after heavily damaging seven warships yesterday.

Admiral Nimitz did not reveal the strength of today's assault, but it was presumed equal to yesterday's 1,500-plane strike.

Methods and other military installations on the main home island of Honshu also were hit. Returning pilots reported destruction of Japanese planes on the ground. Associated Press Correspondent Richard O'Malley, aboard the carrier flagship, said a thick blanket of fog closed in late in the day.

Fifteen carriers and destroyers moved boldly inland early today and shelled another Japanese fighting base, the southern base and airfield at Koshima on the southwestern tip of Honshu.

(Tokyo radio heard in London reported that other warships bombarded Kanagawa prefecture on Honshu, just south of Tokyo bay. Kanagawa is across the mouth of the bay from Yokohama, which was shelled by warships July 19.)

(The Tokyo report that 200 American carrier-borne planes ranged north and were striking airfields and transportation facilities of Hokkaido island, north of Honshu, were reported by the American Broadcasting Company.)

Planes and warships went into action again and conditions showed this fall of Japanese fighting ships collected yesterday.

Two battleships, two carriers and three cruisers damaged. The incomplete score also showed 64 enemy planes destroyed or damaged. These results plus other damage inflicted by British carrier planes and land-based Navy bombers, increased to 52 the number of ships and to 637 the number of planes destroyed or heavily damaged by forces under Admiral Nimitz's command in the 15 days beginning July 10.

## Battlefront Far To South Flames Still With Fight

Manila, July 25.—(AP)—On an almost forgotten battlefield far to the south of Okinawa and the Philippines, Australians are waging savage warfare against the Japanese enemy, trapped but surprisingly well fed and full of fight.

Men are still fighting on dark Bougainville island in the Solomons (and in Sago swamp of the Sepa river in British New Guinea, just north of Australia).

The war has swept north as the world waits impatiently for invasion of Japan itself, but the bypassed Nipponese garrisons of Bougainville and New Guinea fight on.

whether he knew of a telegram from Petain to Hitler congratulating the Germans on the bloody repulse of the Canadians at Dieppe. There was no immediate reply.

Daladier agreed during cross-examination with testimony yesterday of former Premier Paul Reynaud that "certain concessions in Africa" to Mussolini were considered in 1940 in an effort to keep Italy at peace. "The true cause of our defeat," Daladier said, "resulted from demoralization of the army and the old conception of the inviolability of the Ardennes—the mountainous gaps of Belgium and northeast France—through which the Germans burst French lines in 1940 and pushed back the Americans last December.