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## Big Three Conference Closes

### Truman To Fly Later To England

President To Lunch With King Thursday Aboard Big Warship

Potsdam, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The big three came to an end early tonight of their historic sessions, upon which the future peace of the world may possibly hinge.

Potsdam, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The big three, at the end of their worldwide policy-making at Potsdam, met in a long plenary session this afternoon prior to adjournment tonight.

President Truman is due to fly to England tomorrow to meet King George VI after his last meeting with Prime Minister Attlee and Premier Stalin. He will sail from Plymouth to the United States.

### TRUMAN TO LUNCH WITH KING GEORGE ON WARSHIP

London, Aug. 1.—(AP)—President Truman will fly from Potsdam to England tomorrow and meet King George aboard the 32,000-ton British battleship *Renown* somewhere off Plymouth.

The historic meeting will mark the second visit of a President of the United States to England. President Wilson came here after the first world war.

President Truman, an official announcement said, will have luncheon with the king about noon aboard the *Renown*. Afterward, Mr. Truman will return to the U. S. cruiser *Augusta*, which is lying in Plymouth Sound with another United States cruiser, the *Philadelphia*.

These vessels, accompanied by a British naval escort, then will leave port for the return trip to the United States.

Upon arrival from Potsdam, American automobiles will carry President Truman and his party to Millbay docks, where he will board the *Augusta*, later transferring by launch to the *Renown*.

A British Foreign Office spokesman said a communiqué covering the Potsdam meeting of the big three was expected to be issued Friday simultaneously in Washington, Moscow and London.

"It is not certain that it will be issued Friday," he explained, "but there is every indication that it will, since the participants, Truman and Attlee, are expected to arrive here tomorrow."

The spokesman declined to forecast what the communiqué might contain, but hinted it might include something regarding the withdrawal of Allied troops from Iran.

The President will be accompanied during his visit to England by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and Admiral Leahy. With the king will be Lord Halifax, British ambassador to Washington; Sir Allen Lascelles, his private secretary, and Captain Sir Harold Campbell. The queen will not attend the meeting.

### Congress Is Lagging On Home Front

Washington, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Democratic Leader Barkley reminded senators today that Congress' batting average on President Truman's homefront legislative recommendations isn't high.

In what had been termed a honeymoon between the legislative and executive branches, Barkley found that Congress approved important foreign affairs measures, such as the international monetary agreement, reciprocal trade revisions and the United Nations charter.

But in the first 100 days of the new presidential regime it didn't do much about putting into effect some of the domestic suggestions Mr. Truman made. Barkley listed these along with unacted upon proposals made by the late President Roosevelt in a program he plans to tell the Senate must be reconsidered when members return in October from a vacation starting tomorrow. Barkley could call attention, for instance, to Mr. Truman's proposal that unemployment payments be increased and maintained on a nation-

### LAW HALTS SNAKE-CULT RITES



THIS MAY BE ONE OF THE LAST PHOTOGRAPHS to be taken of the Stony Creek, Va., snake cultists who refer to themselves as "Holiness Healers" and whose rituals have included the handling of poisonous mountain rattlers to prove themselves immune from harm. For the law has stepped in after a warning from Gov. Darden that the strange practices must stop, and 5,000 persons witnessed a clash between state police and cultists when four of the latter's snakes were killed. (International)

## Army Fights To Retain Huge Army For Pacific

### Gets Army Release



AFTER five years, in which he rose from Captain to Brigadier General and accumulated 278 discharge points for flying missions in many European war sectors, Elliott Roosevelt has been relieved from active duty. At the time of his request, two Congressional committees were investigating large loans reportedly made by him several years ago. (International)

### Meadows Jurors Required To Read College Records

Greenville, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Cross-examination of Frank Wall, certified public accountant of Raleigh, was expected to begin late this afternoon as the second trial of Dr. Leon R. Meadows on charges of embezzlement and false pretense, continued into the middle of the ninth week.

Wall was on direct examination all this morning, and the panel of Pasquotank jurors serving in the trial was required to read invoices and documents pertaining to work done at East Carolina Teachers College at East Carolina, President Meadows, while Dr. Meadows was president. The jurists were also required to read copies of minutes of the college board of trustees.

wide basis during reconversion. The President has also asked for power to reorganize the executive department, and he wanted revision of the surplus property set-up to place it under one administrator. It is in the Roosevelt program, however, that most of the suggestions were found that parallel the program the Senate so-called Liberals plan to push when they return next October. Mr. Truman said soon after he took office that he endorsed the Roosevelt program 100 percent. However, some differences already have made their appearance.

### Moves In Two Ways To Prevent Serious Transportation Jam

Washington, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The Army moved in two directions today to avert a transportation crisis that renewed its fire to keep its plans for 7,000,000 men in uniform for the Pacific war. To ease the pressure on railroads due to troop movements, the War Department said:

1. It is turning over to commercial air lines enough planes and pilots to move 25,000 troops a month across the country by air.  
2. It is speeding up the discharge of high point soldiers with railroad experience to the maximum extent consistent with military needs and the orderly Johnson of Colorado contended that the Army is keeping too many soldiers in uniform above its real need. He prepared to tell his colleagues that unless the Army speeds demobilization, the nation may see a postwar "stuffing" of manpower that will mean serious unemployment.

Johnson, a member of the Senate, voiced his contention while a top administration official was selling another reporter that 7,000,000 men seemed to him a big army for the "one front war."  
This official, who expressed his views on the understanding he would not be quoted by name, added, "I think there will be increasing pressure on the Army to release more men."

Johnson, declaring that "I think they're keeping a lot of men they don't need for the Pacific war," said he wants an answer, too, to a recent statement by Major General Lewis Hershey that selective service will continue drafting men for several months after the war ends.

### Cotton Is Lower By Fractions For Most of Session

New York, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened five to 20 cents a bale lower. Noon prices were unchanged to ten cents a bale lower. October 22.84, December 22.86, March 22.86.

	Pv. Close	Open
October	22.84	22.86
December	22.86	22.86
March	22.86	22.86
May	22.84	22.82
July	22.86	22.86

## Border Belt Average Is About Ceiling At 44.5c

Florence, S. C., Aug. 1.—(AP)—Flue cured (cigarette type) sold around the ceiling price of 44.5 cents a pound on the Border Belt market of South Carolina, which opened today. Early reports indicated that farmers were pleased with their receipts. Sales were heavy on first markets, and the quality was generally described as good.

## 1,450 Jap Ships And 1,300 Planes Wrecked Past Month

### Adm. Leahy Testimonial For Petain

Letter Gives View Old Marshal Always Acted For France

Paris, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Admiral William D. Leahy, chief of staff to President Truman, expressed the belief that Marshal Petain always acted in the best interests of France, in a letter read today at the treason trial of the old soldier.

As read in court, the letter of Leahy, who is attending the big three conference in Potsdam, expressed high regard for Petain and said he was unable to appear as a witness because of his position. He had been United States ambassador to the Vichy regime of Marshal Petain until the Germans took over the unoccupied portions of France in November, 1942, when North Africa was invaded.

Leahy's letter, dated July 22, was in reply to Petain's request that he return to France as a witness.

The admiral stated that he recalled that on many occasions he had heard Petain express a desire to see the Nazis overwhelmed. After the letter was read, Chief Judge Paul Nordbohn asserted:

"There is one sentence against Petain in that letter."

The defense protested and Nordbohn did not explain the sentence to which he referred.

### Tobacco Quality Improves In Sales On Georgia Marts

Valdosta, Ga., Aug. 1.—(AP)—The general quality of offerings on the Georgia-Florida tobacco markets showed improvement yesterday and the U. S. Department of Agriculture Marketing Service reported fairly steady average prices.  
The majority of sales on the 19 markets ranged from \$39 to \$43 per 100 pounds, with fair and good lungs, low cutters and light making up the bulk of the sales.  
An increase in the percentage of leaf and fair to low cutter grades was reported by the Department of Agriculture, with a proportionate decrease in low to good lung offerings.

### Recent Climbers In Stocks Lower, But Others Rise

New York, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Recent climbers among the low quoted stocks were hit by realizing in today's market, although assorted rails and industrials continued to edge into recovery territory.  
Prominent in the fractional minus column were Graham Paige, Chrysler, U. S. Steel, General Electric and Westinghouse.  
Resistance was exhibited by Great Northern, Southern Railway, DuPont and Standard Oil.  
Bonds were uneven and commodities lower.

### WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Clear to partly cloudy and not much change in temperature to night and Thursday; few widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers occurring today in east portion.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture tobacco section office here said that the average for the first 45 minutes of selling was 44.27 cents, with few baskets bringing under 41 cents and some over 46 cents.  
The highest price reported during the morning was 63 cents at Lumberton.

### Ears Burning



THIS study of a Marshal of France hearing himself called traitor while on trial for his life shows Marshal Henri Petain in coat at Paris, in uniform of his rank, as the first week of testimony ended. The case is stirring violent passions among all Frenchmen. (International)

## New Era In Britain Is Proclaimed

### Day Of Common Man Decreed In Opinion Of Labor Leaders

London, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Prof. Harold J. Laski, chairman of the Labor party's national executive committee, proclaimed today the "era of the common man" in Britain. He said in an interview that Labor's sweeping victory in the elections held as much significance as the emergence of the middle classes in England in the 1830's.  
"This is the arrival of the people in power," Laski stated. "We are now prepared to give the little man—within the framework of the British Constitution—all the progressive change that he requires."  
Laski spoke with authority, for he heads the policy making bodies of the Labor party. On foreign policy he said:

"Our first great task is the utter defeat of the Japanese. Before the real pressing of our domestic problems, we intend to fulfill our maximum obligations in the Far East."

With particular reference to Spain, he added: "We do not believe democracy and fascism can live side by side in our interdependent world, and we do not think democracy is compatible with absolute monarchies."  
He said the Labor party abhors any system of government "in which a small class, living by privilege, tries to exploit, as in Spain it has exploited for centuries, the mass of the community. We believe the masses in any community are entitled to an equal share of the gain as well as in the toil of living."

### Airplane Revised War of Nations In Its 38 Years Life

Washington, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Thirty-eight years ago today the Army assigned one captain and two enlisted men to "study the flying machine and the possibility of adapting it to military purposes."

They decided the machine could be adapted. Stemming from their decision is this record of the U. S. Army Air Forces:

1. Dropped 2,000,000 tons of bombs on the Axis in World War II.
  2. Destroyed 43,000 enemy planes.
- Wrecked, in cooperation with British's RAF, from 30 to 80 percent of Germany's fifty largest cities.
1. Has ready a program for obliterating Japan's war economy by dropping 2,700,000 tons in 1946 if the Japanese don't give up before then.

## Damage In Home Waters In July Merely A Start

### Jap Fleet Reduced To Only Shambles In Incessant Blows

Guam, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Combined carrier and land-based plane attacks cost Japan by conservative official accounts at least 1,546 ships and small craft sunk or damaged in her home waters in July, and more than 1,300 of her war planes destroyed or wrecked—but that is just a beginning.

Admiral Halsey's third fleet carrier planes, including some 250 British aircraft, alone destroyed or damaged 1,035 Japanese ships and small craft in 21 days of almost ceaseless assaults with torpedoes, bombs, rockets and 50-caliber bullets. They accounted for 1,040 aircraft, most of which were caught on the ground.

Halsey's force reduced remnants of the Japanese fleet to shambles—99 warships sunk or heavily damaged, including three dispersed today.

Land-based aircraft in Admiral Nimitz' command sunk another 83 vessels, mostly freighters and cargo ships, and damaged 176 and destroyed or damaged 53 Japanese planes.

The Far East air forces immobilized 250 Japanese ships or small craft totaling 230,000 tons after they began operating from Okinawa bases early in July. General MacArthur's communiqué said today:

Nimitz' communique today, supplying new reports of damage inflicted by American carrier planes Monday on Japanese shipping at Misaki naval base, on Honshu's west coast, added eight ships and 89 planes to the number destroyed or damaged there.

Nimitz said reports of British carrier strikes on Monday had not been received.

### U. S. Air Forces In China United In One Command

Chungking, Aug. 1.—(AP)—U. Gen. Wedemeyer's headquarters announced today that the U. S. 10th air force, famous for its transport and evacuation operations in Burma, is now a part of Major General Stratemeyer's new aerial command in China.

The new China air command also includes the U. S. 14th air force, formerly commanded by Major General Claire Chennault, leader of the Flying Tigers.

As it did in Burma, the 10th air force, commanded by Major General Harold C. Davidson, who was executive officer at Hickam Field, Hawaii, when the Japanese struck, will bomb and strafe enemy targets in China, move troops to forward areas and evacuate wounded.

### Laval Back At Paris In Prison Cell

Paris, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Pierre Laval arrived by plane at Le Bourget airfield from the Austrian city of Innsbruck late today and was taken immediately to Fresnes prison, it was announced.

The former chief of the Vichy government, who surrendered to American authorities in Austria after he was ousted from refuge in Spain yesterday, was accompanied by his wife.

Secrecy had been maintained as to Laval's movement to France because of fears that Frenchmen liberated from Nazi horror camps might seek to attack him, a French spokesman said.

Innsbruck, Austria, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Pierre Laval and his wife were flown from the Innsbruck airport today by an air crew which expected to land at the Le Bourget airfield in Paris at about dusk, after a refueling stop at Friedrichshafen.

### Coincidence?



THIS IS Capt. Carl Schultz, of Chicago, Ill., whose wife has challenged reports from Berlin that an officer of the same name and rank and home town had married WAC Sgt. Kanella Koulovaris of Brooklyn. (International Soundphoto)

## Last Ship Sails With Munitions

### With Its Departure Story Is Revealed About 'Secret Pier'

New York, Aug. 1.—(AP)—As the last ammunition ship to leave New York steamed out of the harbor, the New York port of embarkation disclosed today that a "secret pier" in Jersey City, N. J., was the major munitions shipping point for World War II.

The pier, "largest installation of its kind in the world," was the landing site of 2,096,611 measurement tons of bombs and ammunition—ranging from six-ton blockbusters to small arms and loose powder, the port announcement declared.

The explosives were loaded from 34,000 freight cars into 1,600 ammunition ships during the past three years. From now on, bombs and ammunition loading will be done at other points on the Atlantic seaboard, removed from populated areas.

The 1,800-foot pier, at Taverners Point terminal, reaches into New York harbor from the end of a 2,200-foot causeway.

The operation, one of America's best kept secrets of the war, was carried out with such devotion to safety precautions that there was only one serious fire. The fire occurred aboard the *El Estero*, which burst into flame April 24, 1943, with 1,300 tons of explosives, but was doused before any damage could be done except to the ship itself, the port declared.

The last ammunition ship to leave was the Polish freighter *Stalowa Wola*, laden with seven tons of lend-lease explosives.

### Lord Halifax In London, Uncertain Of Return Here

London, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Lord Halifax, British ambassador to the United States, arrived in London today amid speculation as to whether he will continue at his post in Washington under the new Labor government.

Halifax left Washington on his annual holiday before announcement of the results of the parliamentary elections, which unseated the Conservative government.