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Truman Tours Berlin's Wreckage

Trip Precedes Start of Meet By Big Three

Japan, Outer Defenses of Russia Will Be Leading Topics of Conference

POTSDAM, July 16.—(AP)—President Truman talked with Prime Minister Churchill and toured the wrecked heart of Berlin today preliminary to the first Big Three meeting, at which the war with Japan likely will be a leading topic.

First American president to visit Germany in 25 years, Mr. Truman had an opportunity to see Adolf Hitler's ruined and looted chancellery, the battle-scarred Reichstag and the wreckage of the Tiergarten.

Stopping outside Hitler's chancellery, the president shook his head at the destruction and told reporters:

"It is a terrible thing, but they brought it on themselves."

President Truman, an artillery captain in the last war, presented a citation to Company H of the 17th armored engineering battalion—which crossed the Rhine under fire—and commented:

"I am only sorry that I didn't get a chance to participate in some phase of this war myself."

Marshal Stalin came here after at least half a dozen conversations in Moscow with the new Chinese premier, I. V. Soong, and a gala farewell dinner for Soong which suggested that the meetings had been fruitful. China, like the United States and Great Britain, is preoccupied with the Japanese war.

Russia and Japan are bound by treaty to non-aggression until

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Eight Points Slashed From Value of Creamery Butter; Less, Costlier Bread Likely

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—Stores sold butter at 16 ration points a pound today as the government put into effect a major segment of its plan to improve the meat situation.

Elsewhere on the Food Front, the republican congressional food study committee issued a statement saying that "an increase in the price of bread and a reduction in the quantity produced may result from failure of the administration to provide adequate sugar supplies."

The reduction from 24 to 16 points for creamery butter is expected by OPA to prevent deterioration in retail stores during the season of peak butter production. Farm or country butter remain unchanged at 12 points a pound, and margarine continues at 14 points.

A ten-million pound increase in civilian butter supplies is expected next month, OPA said, as the result of a cut in the amount ordered set aside for military use.

Householders have been buying less butter in the last two or three weeks, OPA said in announcing the point cut Saturday night.

OPA tied a string on its gift to housewives, however, with a warning that the point value would be increased again if butter sells too rapidly.

Bad News For Bakers. The Republican food study committee's report on bread quoted representative Jenkins of Ohio, chairman of the unofficial group, as saying most bakers have had to make up losses on bread output with profits from such sweet goods as rolls, cakes and pastries.

Asserting that sugar quotas for bakeries have been cut to 60 per cent of their 1941 volume and that many bakers report they actually are able to obtain only 44 to 50 per cent, Jenkins added:

"This will mean such a substantial reduction in the volume of

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The youth was born at Roseburg, Aug. 26, 1933, and was a student at Edenbrow school.

Surviving are his father, Benjamin F. Jones, Roseburg; his mother, Mrs. Marguerite M. Hale, and a sister, Darlene Dorothy Jones, Reedsport. He was a

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Vinson Nomination Is Sent to Senate

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—President Truman today nominated Fred M. Vinson, War Mobilization chief, to succeed Henry Morgenthau, Jr., as Secretary of the Treasury.

The chief executive acted ahead of schedule in order to comply with a request by Morgenthau that the new secretary be named without delay so he could tackle a number of pending financial problems.

Mr. Truman first had planned to submit Vinson's nomination only after returning from the Big Three meeting in Berlin.

The president also submitted to the senate today the nomination of Theron Lamar Caille of Wadesboro, North Carolina, to be an assistant attorney general, succeeding Tom C. Clark, now attorney general.

Caille, 41, is a 1926 graduate of Wake Forest college who since 1940 has been United States attorney for the Western district of North Carolina.

Harold William Judson of California, who used to practice law in the President's native Missouri, was nominated for assistant solicitor general to succeed Hugh B. Cox, whose resignation for "personal reasons" has been accepted by Mr. Truman.

Not in the Script. PITTSBURGH, July 16.—(AP)—Safe crackers broke into the Shady-side theater and robbed the strongbox of \$325. The picture advertised on the marquee was "Having Wonderful Crime."

Construction of bleachers at new fairgrounds starts; Race track follows later

Construction of bleacher seats, capable of seating 6,000 persons, has been started at the Douglas county fairgrounds in Umpqua park, following the award of a contract by the county fair board to the firm of Goerig and Philp, Portland. The Portland firm is also engaged in enlarging the water reservoir in North Roseburg.

The fairground stands will be built in three sections and if sufficient money is obtainable, at least one section will be covered, it was announced. The project is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000. The Douglas County Mounted Police will co-operate financially.

Track to be Built Later. The seats will be built bordering the site of the proposed half-mile race track. The track site has been surveyed, but probably will not be constructed immediately, but work may be started in the late fall or early spring, should the county have road equipment available to do the rough grading. A considerable amount of fill must be made on

one section of the track, and it is possible dirt-moving equipment will be loaned the county for a brief period of time to aid in the project.

Construction of stands will make it possible to use the grounds for rodeo purposes, it being the plan of the mounted police to hold a rodeo in the late summer or early fall if arrangements can be completed.

The county fair board, which now is in complete charge of development of the fair grounds, was organized last week with H. O. Pargeter, president; Lloyd Pinkston, vice-president; and Sig Felt, secretary-treasurer.

But When? NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 16.—(AP)—A sign in a New Haven grocery store window reads: "Going out of business. Until we meet again."

133 Aircraft, 152 Ships Also In 2 Days' Toll

Weather Halts Attack of U. S. Fleet; Japan Said "Virtually Destroyed"

GUAM, Tuesday, July 17.—(AP)—Between 450 and 500 Superfortresses in a pre-dawn attack today showered fire bombs on four Japanese war industry cities over a 460-mile stretch.

The targets ranged from Oita on the northeast coast of Kyushu to Hiroshima, 34 miles southwest of Tokyo.

The other two cities hit were Kure, 12 miles southeast of famed Mount Fuji.

(By the Associated Press)

Tokyo reported American naval task forces were withdrawing from northern Japanese waters today after big guns wrecked two steel producing cities in one of the most devastating weekends of the war, during which 152 of the Mikado's vessels and 133 aircraft were destroyed or damaged.

Tokyo conceded the powerful Third fleet bombardment units were pulling out only "because of bad weather conditions which made further attacks difficult" and warned they would strike again.

Land based aircraft ranging from Superfortresses to Iwo Jima fighters kept the air pressure on Japan today, although their numbers were negligible compared to Tokyo's estimate of 2,500 sorties flown by carrier aircraft over northern Honshu and Hokkaido islands Saturday and Sunday.

Japanese clamored for their government to do something about it and Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles, deputy commander of the new U. S. strategic air forces, said 3,000 planes could strike Japan any day they wished.

Growing unrest in Japan was indicated in a demand from a retired Lieutenant General for the army to "disengage itself from political activities" and get down to business, and a newspaper plea for the government to translate its theoretical plans into action. Tokyo broadcast more warnings of an imminent invasion and threats to produce "a surprise" secret weapon soon.

Devastation Enormous. With reports still incomplete on the combined warship shelling and carrier raids on fire-torpedoed northern Japan,

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1,000 Soldiers to Fight Wilson River Forest Fire Asked

PORTLAND, Ore., July 16.—(AP)—State foresters have asked 1,000 soldiers be ordered onto fire lines in the Wilson river area today as a sudden shift of wind late last night sent the flames roaring out of control across 10,000 acres in Tillamook county.

Rising winds drove flames northward, menacing several logging camps and forcing state police to close the Wilson river highway late yesterday.

State Forester Rogers said soldiers will be ordered out today, but won't be used until tomorrow when the fire reaches an area where they can operate equipment to cut fire lines.

About 600 men including soldiers were in the fire zone yesterday and were forced to withdraw six miles when the wind changed from northwest to southwest.

Rogers reported the Coates Lumber company, Tillamook, has 10,000,000 feet of fallen and bucked timber in the path of the fire and flames will be in it by morning.

He said the fire is now in thick undergrowth, moving north along both sides of Elsie creek, and nothing can be done until it reaches more open country.

American Faces Charge Of Murder in Canada

DAWSON CREEK, B. C., July 16.—(AP)—Bryan Bruce Potter, an American who has been working in the north country, is being held on a charge of murdering Mrs. Edna Rogers last Thursday, police said here today. He allegedly stabbed the woman in the throat with a kitchen knife.

Potter was arrested near Dawson Creek a short time after the woman's body was found in a kitchen at an auto camp here.

Police said the woman's husband lives in the United States and her father at Posetown, Sask.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Pelzenstein

Our recent eclipse of the sun was barely more than momentary. The eclipse of the Son of Heaven, due most any time, will be permanent.



U. S. WARSHIPS SUFFER HEAVILY IN TYPHOON.—Battered by mountainous waves in a typhoon that drove winds to a velocity of 135 miles an hour in the Far East Pacific ocean June 5 last, 21 ships of a U. S. naval fleet suffered heavy damage. Hardest hit were the heavy cruiser Pittsburgh, top photo, which lost 104 feet of her bow, and the carrier Benington, shown in lower photo with her deck smashed. The Pittsburgh and her severed bow were towed to Guam. Nearly all of the other damaged ships were speedily repaired at sea and sent back into action. No lives were lost.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Pacific coast hasn't been alone in its wet weather this spring. From the Rockies to the Atlantic coast the country is a mass of green. Although it is now nearly mid-July, the vegetation looks like early June. All the little ponds are full, and the creeks are running brown and roily.

One guesses that rainy spells have been tripping on each other's heels.

ON the hills around Cheyenne, which normally are beginning to burn a little by this time, the grass is lush and tall. In the draws the cattle stand in it up to their knees, as in a blue grass pasture. They are plump and round, and more than one passenger is heard to say that come the shades of night he thinks he'll drop off the rear end and knock one in the head on account of he's slowly wasting away for a steak.

It is not that anyone is likely to perish of malnutrition on this trail. It is just that the sight of so much meat goes to people's heads, making them a little dizzy and irresponsible.

From the purely practical standpoint, leaving out the service men, who are a competent-looking

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Lighter fluid swallowed By Child Brings Death

PHILADELPHIA, July 16.—(AP)—Carmen Patroneolo visited with a friend in the living room while his 17-month-old son, Anthony, played on the kitchen floor.

Anthony reached up on a window sill, took down a bottle of lighter fluid, unscrewed the cap and drank the contents. An hour later the baby died in a hospital.

Cleve Miller Home Near Oakland Razed by Fire

The Cleve Miller farm home, located three miles west of Oakland, was completely destroyed by fire Saturday morning. The blaze started on the roof of the two-story frame dwelling and burned so rapidly that the family was able to save only a few items of furniture and clothing.

1942 Model Passenger Cars Freed of All Restrictions; New Tires on Some 'A' Cards

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—The OPA today removed all rationing restrictions on new 1942 model passenger cars, effective Wednesday.

The agency described rationing as no longer necessary because new cars soon will begin reaching the market. The action will permit dealers to clear their stocks of the 6,000 cars still unsold.

All that remain of about 520,000 passenger cars frozen for rationing early 1942, they are priced at March, 1942, levels plus storage charges.

The latter item led to dealers' fears that they might have difficulty selling the older cars when the new models appear. These will not be rationed to essential users for some months.

New Tires on "A" Cards. Some passenger car owners, including "A" card holders, became eligible today for new tires for a bona fide change of address that required a special gasoline ration.

This is the first time since the beginning of the rationing that any "A" card holders have been eligible for new tires.

"This extension of the eligibility is particularly needed now that increasing numbers of per-

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Frankness Accompanies Teacher's Application

HELENA, Mont., July 16.—(AP)—County Superintendent of Schools Frances Forgy is pondering an application for a rural school teaching position by a woman with 18 years' experience who apparently believes in frankness.

The application read in part: "I am an unattractive looking person 54 years old. Only once was I not asked to come back to a school. That was because a man teacher was needed to play in the local dance orchestra."

Radio Telephone Links Aleutians and Seattle

AN ALEUTIANS BASE, July 16.—(AP)—The lonely Aleutians were put in direct voice contact with the States yesterday with the establishment of a radio telephone circuit from this base.

The circuit primarily is to provide servicemen with a chance to talk to their families. They may be connected with Seattle for a five-minute conversation at a cost of \$2.50 plus 25 cents federal tax. For points beyond Seattle domestic rates will prevail.

Injun Wantum Fire-Water. KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., July 16.—(AP)—Klamath and Modoc Indians want the pale-face to repeal a century-old law forbidding sale of liquor to the tribesmen whose chiefs told a Klamath Falls service club it isn't working any better than the 18th amendment.

Controversy Over Equal Rights Plan Rages in Congress

WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—A battle over equal rights for men and women began in congress today.

The house judiciary committee touched off the controversy by filing a majority report urging adoption of legislation proposing an equal rights amendment to the constitution.

The report said such action is needed to halt what it termed discrimination against women in the form of lower pay schedules, and to prevent their exclusion from many jobs.

Protesting vigorously seven committee members filed two minority reports condemning the suggested amendment.

They asserted it would take away many rights women need, such as special health laws, and that it would be "mischievous breeding" and "confusing."

It would, they said, raise such questions as whether a wife shouldn't be equally liable with the husband for support of a family or paying alimony.

One minority report written by Rep. Hobbs (D-Ala.) and endorsed by Rep. Russell (D-Tex.), said the power here sought to be taken away from the States is to regulate the home, "the marriage relation, the welfare of children and parents, property rights of wives, widows, and orphans, and the health, happiness and morals of most of the sovereign people."

"It is with horror that congress should contemplate this proposal."

Three Rulings Issued by Atty. General Neuner

SALEM, Ore., July 16.—(AP)—When the state brings proceedings for appointment of a guardian for a patient in the state hospital, the suit must be filed in the county from which the patient was committed, Attorney General Neuner ruled today.

Such suits are brought by the state to collect money for care of patients when the patients have enough money to pay for their care.

In other opinions, Neuner ruled that the state training school must accept boys with venereal diseases, and that a national bank may not pledge its assets to secure the funds of a school district of the third class.

Dimout Regulations in West Will End August 1

SAN FRANCISCO, July 16.—(AP)—The western defense command is terminating all west coast dimout regulations August 1 and has advised governors of eight western states blackout regulations are no longer required.