

# 41st Day of Aerial Raiding Follows Naval Bombardment

## Weather

FORECAST: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature.  
Highest Yesterday 77  
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## Big Three Conference Postponed Day Account Delay in Arrival of Stalin

### TRUMAN TOURS RAVAGED BERLIN WHILE WAITING

Red Generalissimo's Whereabouts Not Revealed; Expected to Arrive Today.

Potsdam, July 16 — (U.P.) — President Truman toured the war-ravaged heart of Berlin today while awaiting the opening of the Big Three conference which was postponed until tomorrow by a delay in the arrival of Premier Stalin.

Mr. Truman left Potsdam with an armored escort and for two hours traveled through the streets of central Berlin, critically viewing the destruction wrought by the Allied armies and air forces.

**No Victory Parade**  
It wasn't a victory tour with flashy ceremonies, but a serious study of destruction which Mr. Truman said was due to a man "who overreached himself."

Mr. Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Stalin had been expected to open the Potsdam conference of the Big Three this morning. But a day's delay was caused by the absence of the Russian generalissimo. His exact whereabouts were not revealed but he was expected to arrive late today.

Prime Minister Churchill called on President Truman in his residential villa in the park-like Potsdam suburbs today. Understood to have been an informal call to pay respects. This was the first time Churchill had met Mr. Truman since he assumed the presidency.

**Truman Up Early**  
Mr. Truman rose early after retiring at 10 p. m. last night. He conferred immediately with Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, Admiral William Leahy and his staff.

With his typical energy and "brass tacks" attitude, the president wanted to take up at once the lengthy agenda prepared by each of the participating nations.

His two main objectives frankly were a speedy end to the Pacific war and an agreement on the future world peace which would be at least the forerunner to a full-dress peace conference sometime after Japan's complete surrender.

The Big Three discussions were cloaked by a strictly-enforced censorship that even banned reporters from the immediate conference scene and the only current news while they last—perhaps three weeks or more—was expected to come from periodic official communiques.

**Agenda Visualized**  
But informed observers believed the agenda would cover at least these major topics:

1. Russian's plans in the Pacific and the results of her interrupted discussions with China.  
2. The joint administration of Germany.

3. The reparations to be exacted from beaten Germany; whether in money, goods or manpower or all three. Russia reportedly is asking for 4,000,000 German men to rebuild her ruined cities.

4. Settlement of the various territorial claims now being advanced by France, Yugoslavia, Poland, Bulgaria, etc.

5. The Anglo-Russian conflict over middle eastern oil resources, including the tied-in problem of the Arab-Jewish impasse in Palestine.

6. Russian territorial demands on Turkey and the Soviet request for revision of the Montreux agreement of 1936, under which the Turks were permitted to fortify the Dardanelles.



Mrs. Vivian Freeman  
Home Canning Authority

### WOMEN OFFERED CANNING HINTS AT 3 MEETINGS

Two meetings in Ashland and one in Medford have been scheduled by the Oregon State Extension service, to assist local housewives in war-time home canning problems, it was announced today by Marian Farrell, county home demonstration agent, and Mrs. Vivian Freeman, home canning authority of the northwest, who will conduct the meetings.

The Ashland meeting will be at the Women's Civic club house in Litchia Park Tuesday, July 17. The meetings in Medford will be held Thursday and Friday, July 19 and 20, at the USO auditorium, Sixth street and Riverside avenue, at 1:30 a. m.

**Meetings Are Free**  
Miss Farrell said today, "We know housewives realize the vital need for home food preservation this year, and that they will be canning, no matter what materials are restricted, so we have planned these free public meetings on canning and freezing fruits, vegetables, meats and fish."

The meeting Thursday is planned to emphasize war methods for canning fruits without sugar, with less sugar, and with sweetening substitutes. Miss Farrell and Miss Freeman report. Those attending will be urged to present individual problems. Quick freezing methods for fruits will also be discussed.

**Freezing Aids Also**  
On Friday, Mrs. Freeman will demonstrate the canning of vegetables and two methods for canning tomatoes. Miss Farrell will give instruction on quick freezing of meats and fish.

"To prevent canning failures in this year of vital need for home food preservation, all homemakers who have experienced any difficulties or are interested in trying new methods of preservation, are urged to attend these meetings," the two leaders state.

### Radio Highlights

Palo Alto, Cal., July 16 — (U.P.) — Former President Herbert Hoover will make known his views on the United Nations charter in a broadcast from San Francisco Wednesday, it was announced today. He will make his talk over the Columbia network at 4 p. m. PWT.

The control board of the Suez Canal and future joint control of the Panama Canal, which neither Britain nor the United States is likely to concede.

The Levant states' demand for complete independence from France also may come before the Big Three.

(Unconfirmed press reports reaching London said De Gaulle might be invited to join the conference later.)

### HUGE FIRE ROLLS OUT OF CONTROL ON WILSON RIVER

Winds Send Flames Toward Crest of Coast Range — Salmonberry Fire Held.

Portland, Ore., July 16 — (U.P.) — A raging and fast moving 7,000-acre forest fire along the Wilson river was roaring further out of control today, despite the desperate efforts of 500 fire fighters, including 20 truckloads of soldiers from the Vancouver barracks, to check the blaze.

Northwest and westerly winds were driving the raging fire eastward toward the crest of the coast range of mountains in Tillamook county, giving Oregon another great forest fire crisis reminiscent of the Tillamook burn of 1935.

Weather conditions were deemed favorable to combat forest fires with some clouds and moderate relative humidity percentage, but forestry officials said the weather seemed to be having little or no effect on the Wilson river flames.

**No Green Timber Lost**  
So far, little or no green timber has been burned.

Blowing smoke poured over the Willamette valley all day Sunday, almost obscuring the sun in places. The brownish-red pall was over Portland, and the smoke plume was reported making work difficult for fire lookouts over the Cascade mountain forests, almost a hundred miles east.

A logging operation in the Wilson river region was believed to be the origin of the fire.

Northwest Oregon's other forest fire along the Salmonberry river was reported under control with no spreading for the last three days.

### Frauleins Happy With Lifting Of Friendship Ban

With American Troops in Germany, July 16 — (U.P.) — Doughboys were still walking around today with dazed looks on their faces.

Boy! What they don't know today about German girls.

The frauleins all flocked down to the Rhine beaches yesterday to show off their charms because Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower had lifted the non-fraternization ban and Pfc. John Doe could say "Hijah!" without facing several weeks in the cooler. Most American soldiers were happy about it.

So were the girls. One, named Hilda, seated at her new boy friend, Sgt. George Hahn, of Philadelphia, and said, "Das gud fraternizations—I like just like American soldiers like."

Panama City, Fla., July 16 — (U.P.) — Tyndall Field, Fla., officials announced today that 13 men were killed when a four-engine bomber crashed near here Friday. One flyer parachuted to safety.

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(UP Staff Correspondent)

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### CHAPLIN ORDERED TO PAY \$75 WEEK FOR BABY'S CARE

Must Continue Payments Until Court Rules on Appeal in Paternity Wrangle.

Hollywood, July 16 — (U.P.) — Comedian Charlie Chaplin, whose attorney said he has a \$3,000,000 fortune, was ordered today to pay \$75 weekly for care of 21-month-old Carol Ann Barry until the courts rule on his appeal that he is not the baby's daddy.

Supporting an authentic mustache instead of the stuck-on film version, Chaplin was haled before Superior Judge Clarence L. Kincaid by the baby's attorneys, who claimed he failed to continue paying last April, after a jury decided he was the father of red-haired Joan Barry's child.

**Worth \$3 Million**  
The funny-man's attorney, Charles Milliken, stipulated that Chaplin was worth \$3,000,000. Judge Kincaid then ordered continuation of the \$75 weekly payments, retroactive to April 18.

Milliken had objected to the court order, claiming he voluntarily telephoned the baby's attorney, Joseph Scott, a few days ago offering to pay attorney's fees, medical expense, court costs and the child's support, but Scott rejected the offer.

"I declined Attorney Milliken's offer on Chaplin's behalf because I couldn't trust any agreement by a man as unscrupulous as Chaplin," Scott explained to the court. There was no guarantee that Milliken would remain in the picture.

### GHOST PLANE LIT IN ISOLATED SPOT

Grand Rapids, Minn., July 16 — (U.P.) — A B-29 airplane from which 11 crew members parachuted to safety to escape gas fumes probably crashed many miles west of here at some uninhabited spot, one of the officers said today.

Second Lt. W. C. Memke, Ottumwa, Ia., said he believed the plane must have come down a few hours after the crew leaped to safety after throwing an unconscious airman overboard.

The unconscious man was 2nd Lt. K. C. Hudson, Thomasville, N. C., engineer. He recovered while in the air and landed without injury.

Memke said the plane was headed about three degrees north of west when the crew jumped and was traveling at 9,000 feet.

"It didn't have enough altitude to clear the mountains," Memke said "but it should have remained in the air for a few hours, depending upon the weather it encountered. If it had landed in a populated area, we'd have heard of it by now."

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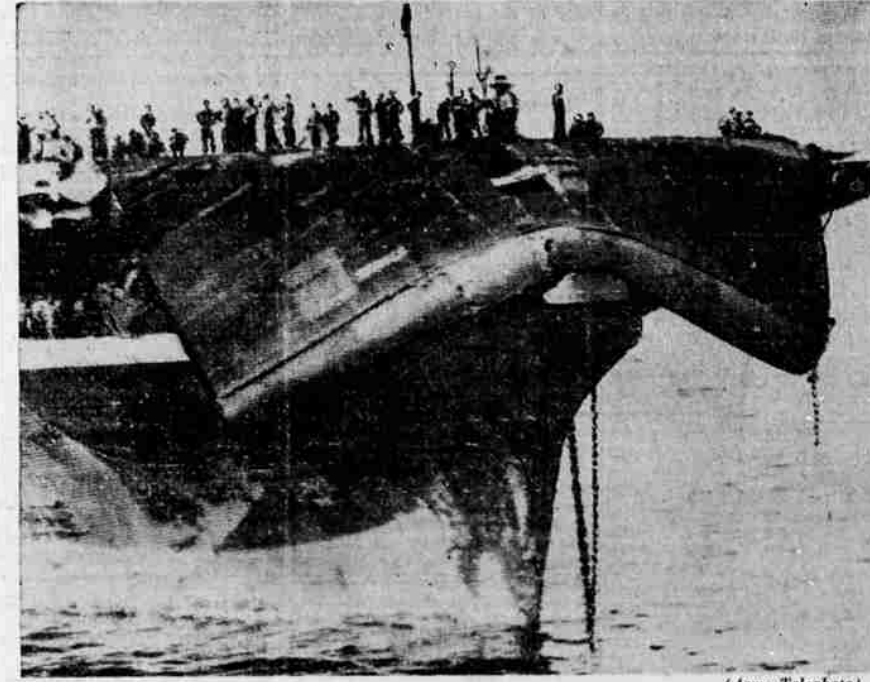
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What they were interested in was getting enough to eat and a roof over their heads.

Talking to a number of Potsdam residents I found that all of them had heard that the big three meeting would be held in this vicinity, but none of them was certain just where or when it would convene.

### Deck of Carrier Bennington Wilts in Typhoon



U. S. S. Bennington, carrier, after weathering typhoon June 5. Photo shows her (Acme Telephoto) crushing waves which caused grievous damage to numerous other fleet vessels. Deck of Bennington was repaired at sea.

### BODY OF WOLFE FOUND IN MINE ON KANE CREEK

Funeral services for John Sherman Wolfe, 51, will be held at Conger-Morris Funeral home Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. with interment in Odd Fellows cemetery. Wolfe, who had previously been reported missing, was found in a mine tunnel on Kanes Creek Saturday evening, a victim of suicide.

Wolfe left his home at 322 Benson street about 10 a. m. Friday, telling his wife, Hazel, that he was going to buy cigarettes. When he failed to return she notified the police.

**Note in Car**  
Investigation by police officers and Deputy Coroner Carlos Morris showed that he drove out the Old Stage Road and about three miles west of Gold Hill he turned up Kanes Creek, arriving there shortly after noon. He parked his car there, turned on parking lights and blocked the wheels with boulders. A note was found on the instrument panel of the car, saying the machine belonged to his nephew, Rudolph Bilgus, 122 North Ivy street, and left instructions to fill the radiator after it had a leak.

Thursday Wolfe had written a letter to his brother, Karl, at Monette, Ark., saying he would like to see him after not having a visit for 33 years. The letter stated his body would be found in a mine on Kanes Creek. The letter was left in a mail box at Kanes Creek belonging to Ben G'rove, route 1, Central Point, a friend of Wolfe's.

**Auto Noticed**  
Friday evening, at about 5:30, A. J. Heckler, living at the head of Kanes Creek, saw Wolfe's car parked on the roadside and noticed it again Saturday morning, still in the same place. Saturday evening Heckler picked up Grove and the two men went to investigate the car. Grove found the suicide note on the instrument panel of the auto and notified state police, who in turn called Deputy Coroner Morris.

Morris and state police went to the Walters Mine tunnel and, just inside the entrance, found Wolfe's brown hat, weighted down by a rock. One hundred feet inside the main tunnel they turned into a side tunnel where they found Wolfe's body lying on a bed of canvas. Police and Morris removed the body from the mine tunnel and brought it to Medford.

Considerable work was encountered to gain access to the tunnels because of cave-ins, Morris said.

**Rat Poison Cause**  
An autopsy showing death had been caused by taking rat poison after drinking a couple of bottles of beer, Morris said no inquest would be held although the stomach would be sent to Dr. Joseph Beeman, Oregon pathologist, University of Oregon medical school at Portland.

Wolfe, who had lived in Medford 35 years and was a World War I veteran, had not been ill and he had believed his

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### TRUMAN URGES MEN TO HELP RAILROADS

Washington, July 16 — (U.P.) — President Truman, in a special statement sent from the Big Three meeting site, today urged Americans to take jobs on western railroads to help avert a serious transportation shortage.

### BASEBALL

National League  
New York ..... 3 12 2  
Chicago ..... 4 8 1  
Murgo, Roser (9) and Lombardi; Passeau, Starr (9) and Livingston, Gillespie (8).

### TEN JAP CENTERS RIPPED BY SHELLS FROM 3RD FLEET

Hokkaido Virtually Cut Off From Main Island of Honshu; Nips Fear Return.

Guam, Tuesday, July 17 — (U.P.) — Four Task Forces of 450 to 500 Superfortresses, carrying the pre-invasion attack on Japan into its 42nd day, hurled more than 2,500 tons of fire bombs into four cities across a 475-mile stretch of Kyushu and Honshu early today on the heels of a shattering air and sea bombardment by the U. S. Third fleet.

Guam, July 16 — (U.P.) — American army planes carried the pre-invasion attack on Japan into its 41st day today on the heels of a shattering air and sea bombardment by the U. S. third fleet that wrecked 10 northern Japanese cities and virtually cut Hokkaido off from the main island of Honshu.

Tokyo reported without confirmation that Admiral William F. Halsey's third fleet broke off the assault on northern Honshu and Hokkaido last night, "presumably due to bad weather."

**Fear Fleet Return**  
But the Japanese alerted their defenses up and warned the smoking coast and the darkening Halsey's mighty battlewagons, cruisers and carriers would be back to repeat the destructive weekend strike.

At the same time, they said a force of 100 Mustang fighters from Iwo Jima picked up the attack today with a low-level strafing raid on the Nagoya area of southern Honshu.

There was no official word on either Japanese report. Halsey blacked out his fleet yesterday after ripping up 10 enemy cities over the weekend, two of them torn apart by 1,000-ton surface bombardments.

**128 Ships Hit**  
A communique from Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz's headquarters revealed that the rampaging American warships and carrier planes destroyed or damaged 128 Japanese ships, most of them in the watery trap between Honshu and Hokkaido, and wrecked 92 enemy planes Saturday and Sunday.

Every type of warship in the vast American arsenal was in action in an all-out campaign to bring the enemy to battle and either bring Japan to its knees with bombs and shellfire or soften it up for invasion.

Simultaneously, a powerful surface flotilla led by the 45,000-ton super-dreadnaughts Missouri, Iowa and Wisconsin, steamed boldly into the landlocked port of Muroran on southern Hokkaido and battered the city at point-blank range for 62 minutes.

**No Opposition**  
Moving within 1,000 yards of the port, the warships shelled more than 1,000 tons of shells into the city. They ripped apart the great Wanishi iron works and the Nison steel works and touched off leaping fires in the sprawling docks and factories along the waterfront, then steamed away without opposition.

"There was land to port, land dead ahead and to starboard, but still the Japanese didn't attack—not even a pistol shot was fired," reported United Press war correspondent Ernest Hobrecht from the bridge of the Iowa.

The shelling duplicated a bombardment carried out by another task force less than 24 hours earlier against the Honshu port of Kamaishi, also an important steel center. The American gunners there pumped in 1,000 tons or more of shellfire and wrecked another big Japanese steel plant, along with a large area of the city.

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Earlier in the afternoon she had toured several cafes with two friends.

### By The Side Of The Rogue

After tying our customary slice of bread on the low-hanging branch by our breakfast window, we stepped back inside to our toast and coffee, knowing that many unseen eyes were watching and waiting for that every morning ritual.

We were no more than seated when our first customer flittered up, a song sparrow dressed in a plain brown business suit with his hair smartly combed, and full of business.

After the songster came, the now comparatively rare Oregon Towhee. For a moment he sat quietly in his gray coat and black hood. Then he turned, his white shirt front and red vest making a rare picture in the morning sun. After complete examination of the situation, he pounced upon the slice of bread, digging his small claws deep, and tried to fly away with it. But the bread had come loose. He sat there pondering. Once more he tried with the same result. Only after repeated trials to take the bread with him, did he decide to eat what he could and leave the rest.