

# Conference Will Recess Until Churchill's Fate Learned

**Weather**  
 FORECAST: Clear and warmer tonight and Wednesday.  
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 Highest Yesterday \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lowest this Morning \_\_\_\_\_

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**TRUMAN, STALIN WILL CONTINUE TALK NEXT WEEK**

## Verdun Hero Faces Treason Charges



(Acme Radio-Telephoto) Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, marshal of France and accused traitor, sits glumly in high court of justice, Paris, on trial for his life. The 89-year-old hero of Verdun told packed courtroom he surrendered France in 1940 to save her, but Frenchmen he led France to victory in 1918. Via radio-telephoto.

## Petaim In League With Nazis Since 1934, Asserts Reynaud

Paris, July 24—(U.P.)—Former Premier Paul Reynaud accused Marshal Henri Philippe Petain today of being in league with the nazis as long ago as 1934, soon after Adolf Hitler rose to power.

Paris, July 24—(U.P.)—Former French Premier Edouard Daladier testified today that Marshal Henri Philippe Petain wanted to ask the Germans for an armistice as early as May 27, 1940, before Dunkerque and the surrender of the Belgian army.

Reynaud, testifying for the second day as the state's first witness in the treason trial, launched a bitter personal attack on Petain. The aged and nervous chief of state in the Vichy regime eyed his accuser closely and winced occasionally.

Dipping deep into the history of Petain, the "hero of Verdun" in the first World War, Reynaud thundered dramatically:

"The myth of the victor of Verdun is sheer piffle."

He recalled that Marshal Ferdinand Joffre had accused Petain of having no confidence in the defense of Verdun, and said Petain was preparing to withdraw his right flank but was prevented by orders from his superiors.

The dapper Reynaud, employing all his famous oratorical skill, wound up his testimony at 4 p. m. He was on the stand

three and one-half hours. He accused Petain of heading a "plot" to get France's separate armistice with Germany signed in 1940. Even before the armistice, he said Petain had schemed under an aura of false prestige to seize power for himself.

**Had Accomplishes**  
 "I do not believe France could live if led by a man inspired by a spirit like that of Petain and his accomplices," said Reynaud, the premier in the dark days of France's collapse.

He charged that both Petain and Weygand conspired to prevent the French army from going to North Africa to carry on the war after the fall of France.

He recounted the strife with the government at Bordeaux, to which the government had fled from Paris. That led to Reynaud's resignation and Petain's opening of negotiations with the Germans for an armistice.

**WATER WASTERS TO BE FINED IS CITY'S WARNING**

In an attempt to eliminate excessive waste of water currently reported in the city, a patrolman will start today checking usage it was stated this morning by Robert Duff, water superintendent. Habitual wasters will be fined, he warned, as the Medford supply is being drawn upon excessively by persons who allow water to run into streets and in other ways waste water.

So far this year, no hourly restrictions have been placed on use of city water in various sections of the city, Duff said, as the supply has been adequate. Several cities in Oregon have been forced to adopt schedules allowing irrigation only during certain hours, to maintain adequate supplies and pressure.

**PORTLAND GIRL LEADS IN QUALIFYING PLAY**  
 Chicago, July 24—(U.P.)—Carol "Babe" Fresse, 19-year-old Portland, Ore., Miss, shot a three-under-par 73 today to take a strong early lead in qualifying play for the all-American women's open golf tournament at the Tam O'Shanter Country club,

# PLANES POUNCE ON NIP NAVY REMNANT

## WARSHIPS HIDING IN KURE BASE HIT BY CARRIER FORCE

Homeland Rocked by Unprecedented Aerial Blows—Superforts Range at Will.

Guam, July 24—(U.P.)—More than 1,000 American planes pounced on a concentration of Japanese warships at the Kure naval base today and left it a holocaust of burning wreckage. Japanese ground gunners and fighter planes fought back desperately.

The invasion-marked Japanese homeland rocked under unprecedented aerial blows from some 2,000 American warplanes. They included a record armada of more than 600 Superfortresses, which loosed a torrent of bombs on Nagoya, Osaka and five Japanese war plants.

**B-29s Swarm Over Isles**  
 Fleet dispatches revealed that the carrier planes swarming all day over Kure scored direct hits with heavy bombs on two Japanese warships and set fire to a number of others.

Early reports indicated that task force 38 of Adm. William F. Halsey's third fleet finally had found a big part of the surviving Japanese fleet—perhaps the major part—and was pounding it to pieces.

The air force hoarded by the Japanese for the showdown battle of the homeland was stung to action in the defense of Kure and its warships.

Airmen returning to their carrier bases reported numerous dog-fights swirling through the smoke-clogged skies over Kure. They said the anti-aircraft fire was the most intense they ever saw. But the heavies pressed home their attacks.

**Japs Try Fight**  
 One veteran squadron alone tangled with 12 speedy Japanese fighters trying to intercept them as they came out of their dives over the Kure anchorage. One enemy plane was downed and one U. S. plane was lost.

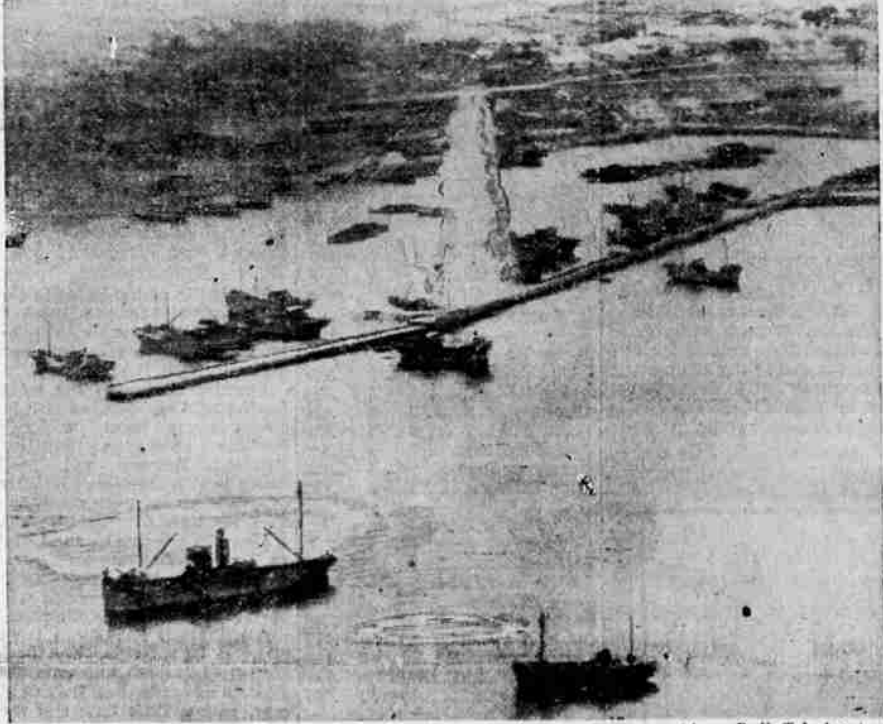
Ensign Glenn M. Even of San Diego said he hit a warship with a 1,000-pound bomb on his second run over Kure.

All day long the carrier force smashed at "military targets" at Kure. A fleet dispatch said that the base was among Japan's greatest naval centers, and might shelter "much of" the enemy fleet.

"Many" Japanese warships were caught riding at anchor in Kure harbor on the inland sea, United Press War Correspondent Richard W. Johnston reported from the attacking fleet.

The Japanese ships and their shore batteries threw up a terrific hail of flak and swarms of enemy fighters rose to battle the raiders, but Johnston said the American Helldivers pressed their attack home with "excellent" results.

## Yank Planes Hammer Jap Shipping in Honshu Harbor



Jap shipping in harbor of Hachinohe, North Honshu, undergoes attack by carrier-based planes of Adm. Halsey's Third Fleet, July 15. One ship is sinking from direct hit, another (left) survives near miss during early stages of attack. U. S. Navy photo via radio-telephoto from Guam.

## ARMY TO SEIZE PLYWOOD PLANT AT SPRINGFIELD

Portland, Ore., July 24—(U.P.) Military seizure of the Springfield Plywood Corporation plant appeared certain today after AFL spokesmen said they were unable to get striking workers back on the job.

Chairman John Galey of the West Coast Lumber Commission, following a show cause hearing, said: "If they won't go back, the government must step in."

Galey said officials in Washington, D. C., will be advised immediately that there is no prospect of settling the jurisdictional strike.

At the plant in Springfield, Ore., 105 CIO workers appeared today, five more than yesterday, but it requires 120 men to operate a shift so the plant remained idle. It closed last Thursday.

The AFL workers are refusing to work in the CIO-affiliated plant.

The commission called the hearing today to require the AFL to show cause why the strike had not been terminated and war production resumed.

Doyle F. Pearson, AFL spokesman, said the strikers will not return and the union is powerless to get them back. He said union procedure rules prevented him from going into the merits of the matter before the commission, but he held that any attempt to compare this case with any other yet to be heard by the board was impossible on the basis this case was without parallel.

## Last Ditch Defense Prepared Against Forest Fire Advance

A climatic battle between man and the elements for control of raging forest fires enveloping nearly 150,000 acres of timber land in three northwest states neared a critical stage today.

Forestry officials reported that thousands of soldiers, sailors and civilian fire fighters had been told to prepare "last-ditch" firelines in the face of the steadily advancing red tide.

Wet end rains temporarily halted the main blaze, the Tillamook fire in western Oregon, but rising winds carried burning embers to set additional spot fires in rugged country near the junction of the Salmonberry and Nahalem rivers, extending the western fireline four miles nearer the Oregon coast.

Nearly 90,000 acres have been burned in the Tillamook blaze, raging between Portland and the Oregon coast. The fire, blanketing 240,000 acres burned in 1933, has covered 140 square miles in almost two weeks, destroying numerous logging company operations in its path.

Men were being rushed to the new fire front on the Salmonberry and Nahalem rivers as State Forestry Headquarters reported conditions in the other Oregon fire areas were much improved. Lower prevailing temperatures helped the fighters, but it was added, "the weather is touch and go with a definite

## Junior Hostesses Claim Italians Favored Over G.I.'s At Camp Ball

Hollywood, July 24—(U.P.)—Two USO junior hostesses charged today they were instructed to dance with Italian prisoners of war while American soldiers, refused admission, stood outside the dance hall looking in.

Maizie Palmer, 19, and Patsy Reno, 18, of Santa Monica, Calif., said the incident occurred on a trip of a mobile USO unit to Camp Roberts, near San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Miss Palmer said an order to "treat Italian soldiers like any of the other soldiers" was read to the hostesses. There were 25 to 30 Italian prisoners among

## RELUCTANT VOTE FOR CHARTER IS WHEELER'S PLAN

Montana Isolationist Will Make Fight Later Against Delegating War Powers.

Washington, July 24—(U.P.)—Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, D., Mont., announced today he will vote "reluctantly" for ratification of the United Nations charter.

He served notice, however, that he will make a fight later against delegating to any source other than Congress the power to send American troops abroad for a world security organization.

**Real Fight Later**  
 He announced his opposition in a senate speech in which he severely criticized many aspects of the charter. The "real fight," he warned will come on subsequent legislation implementing the charter and putting this country actively into it.

Wheeler, long an outstanding isolationist, had been counted as possibly one of the few opposing votes in the senate. He revealed his position during the second day of senate deliberation on the historic treaty.

Sen. Alben W. Barkley, D., Ky., senate democratic leader, opened the debate with a plea that the centuries-old world effort to achieve organized peace "is worth renewing."

**Efforts Reviewed**  
 Barkley, the day's first speaker, reviewed the history of organized peace efforts from 543 B. C. to the League of Nations proposal after the last war.

"The longing for peace among the peoples of the earth is not new sensation," he said.

"From 543 B. C. to 1919 A.D. the desire for peace among the peoples of the earth was never absent."

He refused to assess the blame for failure of these efforts to prevent World War II. But, he argued, we can profit by the mistakes which led to it only if we seek to avoid them now.

**BASEBALL**

American	0	4	1
St. Louis	0	4	1
Boston	6	8	0
Jakuleki, West (1)	Zoldak (5)	and Mancuso; O'Neill and Holm.	

**National**

Philadelphia	3	6	1
Chicago	8	7	0
Barrett, Sprout (7), Chapman (8) and Spindle; Chipman and Gillespie.			

**By The Side Of The Rogue**  
 By Dale Vincent

Winnie Leaving Wednesday to Learn Election Outcome—Eden May Be Conferee.

Potsdam, July 24—(U.P.)—The Big Three conference will recess tomorrow to learn the outcome of Britain's elections, to be announced Thursday, but President Truman and Premier Stalin will continue their talks next week regardless of who wins the British race, it was learned authoritatively today.

The British announced officially today that Churchill was going to London for the Thursday election results, but added the "Berlin conference" would not end.

**Bare Statement**  
 The only official information on the conference today was a bare statement that the Big Three met.

Churchill plans to leave Wednesday for London and if he wins the election he is expected to return by Friday when the Big Three will resume its meetings.

British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Labor Leader Clement Attlee will return with Churchill.

There was a wide belief in British circles that if Churchill is licked Eden will return to Potsdam as foreign secretary, but Attlee will remain in London dealing with his new duties as prime minister.

**Report Denied**  
 Official sources in Potsdam declared there was no foundation for the recently circulated report that part of the American delegation has already left Berlin and that another section was leaving soon for a new and "surprising" destination.

These sources said that there had been a number of "low-level departures and arrivals" but none of importance.

While all indications pointed toward the conference continuing into next week, it was conceivable that a Churchill defeat would cause a drastic shortening of the meetings.

## TWO COPCO MEN HURT IN WRECK ON LAKE ROUTE

Two Klamath Falls men, employees of the California Iron Power company, are in Sacred Heart hospital today with head injuries sustained when their car went out of control on the Diamond Lake road Sunday evening, and hit a tree, knocking both men unconscious. The pair remained at the accident site until discovered the following morning by a fisherman en route to the lake.

The men, E. F. Snyder and Frank Munen, apparently lost control of the car in the soft pumice road, and plunged into the tree.

The attending physician said today that Snunnally suffered a fractured skull and will be confined to bed for six weeks. Snyder was less seriously injured and is expected to return to his home in Klamath Falls next week. Condition of the men was described as satisfactory.

**Here Over Weekend**  
 They had been in Medford over the weekend, and were returning to the Copco engineering construction camp beyond Diamond Lake with supplies early Sunday evening when the accident occurred.

The victims were removed to the hospital by the Conger-Morris ambulance.

**INVENTOR DIES**  
 Glendale, Calif., July 24—(U.P.) William Henry Rowe, 61, inventor of the cigarette vending machine, who died Sunday, will be buried Thursday at Forest Lawn.