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Weather

FORECAST: Continued clear and warm tonight and Thursday.
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PRECISION RAIDS AIMED AT THREE MAJOR STATIONS

Carrier Planes Swarm Back To Finish Off Crippled Remnants of Jap Fleet.

Guam, Thursday, July 26—(U.P.)—American Superfortresses blasted three more of Japan's vital oil refineries early today while more than 1,200 U. S. and British carrier planes blew the Japanese air force from the skies over western Honshu as they swarmed back into the burning Kure naval base to finish off the crippled remnants of Japan's Imperial fleet.

Between 75 and 100 B-29's struck in a precision demolition raid near Tokyo shortly before midnight as the U. S. Third fleet maneuvered offshore after its devastating two-day strike at Japan's great inland sea anchorage which blasted at least seven enemy warships.

Twelfth Strike
Bombing at medium altitude in their 12th strike at Japanese oil refineries and installations, the Superforts smashed at the Mitsubishi Oil Refinery, the enemy's largest producer of aviation gasoline; the Hayama Petroleum Refinery and the Asahi Oil Co., adjoining each other in the Kawasaki area on Tokyo bay.

The raid followed by less than 36 hours a record strike by 625 Superforts on seven industrial targets in the Osaka and Nagoya areas.

Thundering back for their second straight blow at the great inland sea anchorage of Kure yesterday the carrier pilots shot their way through a blazing screen of flak and enemy fighters to get at the seven or more major Japanese warships they had riddled with bombs and rockets.

The Japanese countered first with a terrific anti-aircraft barrage that turned the sky into a rainbow-colored hell. They sent their hoarded fighter planes aloft in a last desperate bid to save the fleet.

United Press War Correspondent Ernest Hoberoch reported from one of the attacking carriers that the enemy aerial opposition appeared to have been smothered after a furious battle.

By late afternoon, American Corsair fighters had won mastery of the skies, clearing the way for the knockout by the fleet's Helldivers and torpedo bombers, and were strafing the enemy airfields almost at will.

Pearl Harbor, July 25—(U.P.)—Preliminary results of yesterday's carrier strike raised Halsey's fleet total, since the foray began on July 10, to 620 planes destroyed or damaged and over 430 ships sunk or knocked out. Chinese troops, pressing hard upon the heels of retreating Japanese units withdrawing from northeast Kwangsi province, have entered Yangso, 55 miles south of Kweilin, amid heavy street fighting.

The communist controlled Yenan radio declared that Chiny Kai-Shek's troops commanded by Gen. Hu Tsungnan, had "suddenly attacked" a Chinese communist garrison at Yestashan, 45 miles north of Sain. In southeastern Borneo Australian troops and planes hammered Japanese defenses on the road north of Balikpapan following a successful RAF Spitfire attack in which 18 enemy-laden trucks were destroyed.

On Sunday 350 far eastern airforce fighters and bombers attacked Shanghai airfields and shipping in the war's largest raid against the greatest Japanese-held city on the China mainland.

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Rain Gives Firefighters New Hope

MILLS SHUT DOWN TO HELP BATTLE TILLAMOOK BLAZE

Scout Planes Fly Over Area To Gather Data; Smoke Handicaps Lookouts.

Portland, Ore., July 25—(U.P.)—Light rain today heartened firefighters pitted against the 90,000-acre forest fire in western Oregon, which State Forester Nels S. Rogers called "a powder keg of catastrophic dimensions" and which he said could be checked only by heavy rain.

The drizzle came after the fire, on the Wilson river, jumped fire trails Tuesday night six miles south of Glenwood and swept down the Scoggins valley north of Stimson's logging camp in western Washington county. With the aid of the light rain, crews established a new trail around the fringe of the advance.

Planes Survey Area
Scout planes were flying over the fire area to gather data for use in attacking new fires sweeping through rugged mountain terrain. But dense smoke clouds had all but obliterated the fire from view of mountain lookouts or scouting aviators.

Forestry officials said they were expecting a northwest wind which would drive numerous spot fires on the west side of the Tillamook fire area back into the main conflagration, giving fire patrols natural aid in controlling the blaze. Showers were forecast for later this week.

Mills Close

Lumber mills in the vicinity were reported shutting down and sending their crews to assist begrimed volunteer civilian and servicemen who had been battling the fire for the past two weeks.

Forest Rangers said the fire was the greatest since the 250,000 acre Tillamook county outbreak of 1933. More than 2000 firemen, soldiers and sailors using tank trucks, bulldozers and mobile equipment, and pack horses have been fighting the blaze in some of the northwest's most inaccessible mountain country.

A crew of 170 men held a blaze in the Whitman forest at Big Canyon in eastern Oregon to about 700 acres in Polk county, Ore., a fire now covering 12,000 acres was reported to be getting out of hand.

BLAZE BATTLED ON SAVAGE CREEK

One hundred men, including 50 soldiers from Camp White and 50 regular state forest patrol crewmen are today fighting a forest fire just north of the Savage creek dam, about 25 miles from Medford. The blaze started from unknown causes about 3 p. m. yesterday, and the men fought it throughout the night. Another group of 50 soldiers was dispatched to the blaze this morning to relieve the first men.

Some timber is burning in the fire, but most of the flames are confined to an old burned-off area, according to the forest patrol headquarters.

Starting in Josephine county, the fire spread across the Jackson county line, and is now burning just across the river from the mouth of Savage creek on Flender mountain.

State forest patrolmen were also dispatched yesterday afternoon to a small grass fire near Gold Hill.

STRANGE CATCH

Gloucester, Mass., July 25—(U.P.)—The fishing vessel Angle and Florence arrived in port today with its usual load of fish—and two deer which were picked up while swimming in the ocean about five miles off shore.

KAISER TO BUILD BIG, CHEAP AUTO ON PACIFIC COAST

Ship Building King and Graham-Paige Auto Co. Form Corporation For Venture.

San Francisco, July 25—(U.P.)—The Henry J. Kaiser Co. and the Graham-Paige Motors Corp. today announced formation of a new corporation to manufacture a large, light-weight, low-priced automobile on the Pacific coast.

At a press conference Kaiser officials announced that present plans call for manufacture and delivery of the automobile to the public early next year. The new corporation will be owned jointly by Kaiser and Graham-Paige. Its capitalization will be five million shares at a par value of one dollar a share.

Howard Lindbergh, assistant to Kaiser, said surveys are now under way to determine the location of the plant. He said consideration has been given to construction of a plant convenient to shipping.

Also under consideration is the use of shipyard facilities and airplane plants for construction of parts.

OLDER NAVY MEN AND COAST GUARD TO BE RELEASED

Washington, July 25—(U.P.)—Some 30,000 older navy and coast guard reserve officers and men were assured today of discharge by December under the navy's new point discharge plan.

The plan was formally put into effect last night. It is designed to return to civilian life "older officers and men who have contributed their full share of wartime service."

Here's how it works: A total of 53 to 57 points is needed for discharge, depending on the arm of service. Points are awarded solely on the basis of age and length of service. One point is allowed for each year of age to the nearest birthday, and one point for each four months of active duty completed since Sept. 1, 1939.

The navy estimated that 30,600 reservists—11,600 officers and 19,000 enlisted men—would be eligible for release under the system of December. However, since the plan is continuous, discharges will go on after that as men accumulate necessary points.

Discharges will begin immediately but there may be delays of up to six months to prevent impairment of efficiency.

A similar system is reportedly under consideration by the marines.

Reserve officers of the medical, dental and chaplain corps are excluded until personnel shortages are overcome.

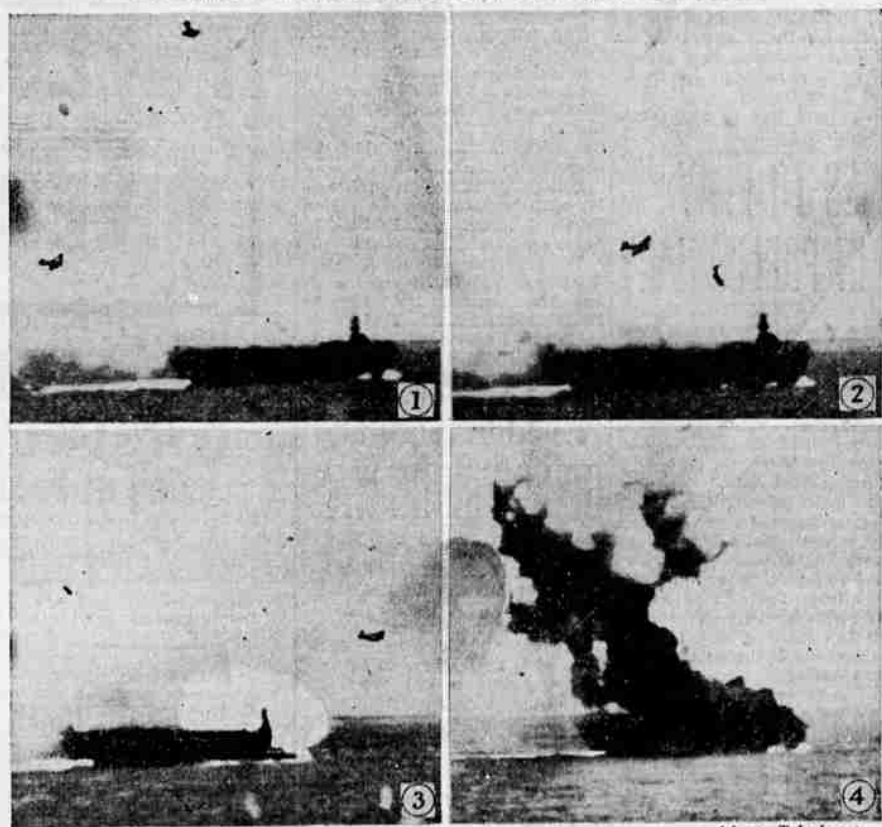
BOY CYCLIST INJURED IN TANGLE WITH CAR

Robert Shultz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Shultz, 1715 Spring street, is recovering in Community hospital from injuries suffered yesterday afternoon when his bicycle collided on Almond street with a car driven by Mrs. Richard B. Smith, 214 Vancouver street. The boy's injuries are described as not serious.

CENTRAL POINT MAN ASSAULTED, ROBBED

Dave Hicken, Route 1, Central Point, reported to state police at 3:30 this morning that he had been robbed of \$400 by a man who hit him over the head with a bottle while in a local tavern, state police reported today. The attack reportedly occurred about 3 a. m.

Fanatic Kamikaze Blasts U. S. S. Suwanee



Dramatic sequence of action as fanatic Jap kamikaze pilot suicide dives into deck of U. S. S. Suwanee, escort carrier, off Leyte, Oct. 23, 1944. U. S. fighter plane (photo No. 1) approaches Suwanee for landing as Jap suicide plane streaks out of clouds in 80-degree dive. Yank pilot unaware of enemy's presence. Approaching U. S. plane (photo No. 2) spots suicider at most height, veers off to left as Suwanee's anti-aircraft fire increases. Gasoline flames engulf deck of carrier (photo No. 3) as kamikaze makes direct hit. Yank plane clears explosion. Columns of smoke rise from Suwanee (No. 4) following suicide strike. The vessel, recovered from near-mortal blow, is now back in service.

Harassed Petain Refuses To Answer Queries About Message Sent Nazis After Dieppe Raid

Paris, July 25—(U.P.)—Haggard and harassed, Marshal Henri Philippe Petain today defied a French high court trying him for treason, refusing to answer questions about a message he sent to the nazis after the Dieppe raid in 1942.

Through his counsel Petain stubbornly refused to comply with an order by Judge Pierre Mongibeaux that he answer questions about his reaction to the Dieppe commando assault.

Marshal Weakening
The old marshal showed clear signs of weakening under the three days of testimony denouncing him as a traitor to France. He fingered his gloves nervously during the wrangle with the judge, and was heard to complain querulously to bystanders: "I don't know what is going on. I am very hard of hearing."

The dispute over the Dieppe telegram broke out after Edouard Daladier, the third former French premier to accuse Petain in the three days of the trial, completed his formal testimony.

Daladier ripped into Petain with an oratorical vigor that worked up to a frenzy of shouting, his face flushed crimson and streaked with tears, his voice choking with emotion.

Resuming his testimony where he left off at the adjournment of court last night, Daladier charged that Petain and the Vichy regime of which he was chief of state was bent solely on the "destruction of the French republic and of democracy."

Beyond Mandate
Accusing Petain of going beyond the mandate given him by the national assembly meeting at Vichy "under the pressure of German bayonets," Daladier cried:

"We saw the birth of a regime which, under the name of the French state, was to replace the republic, supported by a band of adventurers and traitors."
"We, however, refused to believe in France's irremediable defeat, and left on June 20, 1940, on the high seas we learned of the armistice conditions, and decided to organize in North Africa a resistance movement among French patriots."

But Daladier was brought back to France to become a prisoner and to face a Nazi-dominated French court in the incompleting trial.

Daladier then told of his hope that Petain would raise the flag of resistance at the time of the allied invasion of north Africa. "At that time of the American landings in north Africa," he said, "I expected great things from Vichy, but was terribly disappointed when I saw that nothing happened."

No Hearing Given
He then discussed his own im-

prisonment at Bourrasol, charging that Petain took judicial powers upon himself and in October, 1941, "I was condemned without even having been heard."

While in prison, he said, he received a message from officers of Petain's personal army saying that they were ready with supplies and arms to join in a resistance movement. But nothing came of it.

Dr. Philips Remains On Examining Board

Dr. S. E. Philips, Medford veterinarian, has been reappointed to the state veterinary medical examining board by Governor Earl Snell, according to a United Press dispatch today. Dr. Philips has served on the board for one year, completing an unexpired appointment of Dr. Emmett Kantrell, former Grants Pass veterinarian.

The present appointment is for a four-year term, Dr. Philips states, and his duties will include assisting in administering examinations for the state board which controls licensing of practicing veterinarians.

"Brass" Playboys In Paris Caught In Roundup of Jeeps

Paris, July 25—(U.P.)—Paris' joy-riding jeep round-up continued on an intensified scale today with military police halting hundreds of army vehicles along the Champs Elysees and the Place De La Concorde.

Last night large crowds of G. I.'s, surrounded by slightly bewildered civilians, gathered at the MP's favorite "jeep traps" and alternately cheered or whistled as car after car was waved to the curb.

Military policemen have nabbed 321 vehicles in two days of tracking down all military transport being used for such non-military purposes as carrying about beautiful blondes.

The highpoint last night came with the halting of a brigadier general's staff car. The general was accompanied by a titian-haired French girl.

After much heated discussion he stalked off in one direction while the girl left in the other, calling, "I'll see you later, daddy."

TRUMAN HOPPING TO FRANKFURT TO SEE EISENHOWER

Foreign Secretaries to Continue Conference While Churchill Goes Home.

Potsdam, July 25—(U.P.)—President Truman will fly to Frankfurt tomorrow to confer with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and review American troops during the brief recess in the Big Three conference, it was announced today.

It was also learned that during Churchill's absence the three nations' foreign secretaries will continue to confer with Sir Alexander Cadogan, permanent under secretary of foreign affairs, sitting in for Anthony Eden.

Delegations Intact
Aside from the British delegation members departing for London it was understood that both the American and Soviet delegations would remain intact until the conference ends sometime next week.

Conference business will continue at all levels except at the top. No Americans of any importance have left the Potsdam meeting, nor do any plan to leave it.

On this ninth day of the meeting the strictest secrecy still covered all details of Big Three discussions and most secret of all was the question of the continued presence of the three nations' military and naval chiefs.

CHURCHILL HOME FOR VOTE NEWS

London, July 25—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Churchill arrived by plane from Potsdam this afternoon to await announcement tomorrow of the results of Britain's election.

Churchill arrived in London shortly after 3:20 p. m., and left by automobile for 10 Downing Street immediately.

Tonight he will be received in audience by King George VI. He arrived to find British political forecasters predicting that his Conservative party probably would not poll more than 40 per cent of the popular vote but it was generally expected he would retain a plurality if not a majority in the House of Commons.

Surplus Warplanes Sought For Airlines

Washington, July 25—(U.P.)—The army was urged today to rush 1,000 passenger type planes back from Europe to help relieve the nation's transportation jam.

The proposal came from Chairman James M. Mead, D. N. Y., of the Senate War Investigating committee with a promise that he would seek quick action by the air forces.

CHARTER PLEDGES SENDING OF ARMY WHEELER IS TOLD

Illinois Senator Lucas Warns Isolationist Against Attempts to Limit Delegate.

Washington, July 25—(U.P.)—Sen. Scott W. Lucas, D., Ill., told the senate today that ratification of the United Nations charter would automatically pledge this country to furnish troops to maintain future peace.

Lucas spoke in reply to Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, D., Mont., who announced yesterday that he will vote for charter ratification. But Wheeler, a long-time isolationist leader, coupled that statement with a warning that he plans to lead a fight later against placing American forces at the automatic disposal of the World Security Council to be established under the charter.

Obligation Taken
"When we pass this charter we obligate ourselves to the other signatory nations to supply military forces to engage in international police work in order to avoid war," Lucas said.

"When we ratify this charter we must realize that we are creating a system of international collective security such as never before existed in the history of the world, and that in going into such a system we are assuming obligations such as this country has never before assumed."

Warning against attempts to limit the power of the American delegation to the Security Council, Lucas also contended that ratification carries with it the obligation that "our delegate must be free at all times to vote in accordance with the purposes and principles which are set forth in the charter."

TIN COLLECTION FRIDAY MORNING BY SHRINE CLUB

Collection of tin for the current waste paper and tin can drive being carried out by the local Shrine club will be made Friday in the city. Residents are asked to place flattened tin cans on the curbs in front of their homes by 9 a. m. so that trucks and men can pick them up. Cans can be placed in containers, and the cans will be taken.

Paper collections to date have been successful, the committee in charge reports, one 50 ton car being loaded and shipped Monday. It is hoped that another car will be filled this week, and anyone who failed to get waste paper in the first shipment is asked to deliver it at the front entrance of the Medford armory on Bartlett street, the main collection depot.

Will Call For Paper

Persons who have more paper than they can handle may telephone the committee chairman, John Rolston, number 3365, to arrange for transportation.

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