

# 1,500 PLANES PLASTER HONSHU

## Weather

FORECAST: Continued clear tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature. Temp. Highest Yesterday 86 Lowest this Morning 59

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## BIG THREE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE AS MEET NEARS END

### Entry of Russia in War on Japan Hinted By Correspondent in London

Potsdam, July 30 — (U.P.) — The Big Three met again today and it was believed their conferences are within 24 to 36 hours of conclusion.

President Truman, Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Attlee were reported working on a final communique but this was not expected to announce some of the military decisions reached.

The only word issuing from the conference compound today was: "The conference is still going on."

(The dispatch did not speculate on the nature of the military decisions, but a CBS correspondent broadcast from London that he believed one of the principal negotiations — obviously Russian — had stated that his country would go to war against Japan soon.)

### Rosman Seen

In addition to meeting Stalin and Attlee, Mr. Truman was conferring with Special Ambassador Rosman, his special adviser, on the report to the nation which the president probably will deliver by return 24 hours of his return to Washington.

The president's report was expected to include a summary of the accomplishments at Potsdam and their effect on the future of the Japanese war, resettlement of war-torn Europe, and the formation of a workable peace organization.

## NEW JEEPS READY FOR CIVIL BUYER; COST OVER \$1,090

Washington, July 30 — (U.P.) — The first civilian jeeps are ready for the market—at a cost of \$1,090 f.o.b., Toledo, plus taxes.

The OPA today set this ceiling price for the new peacetime counterpart of the general purpose car created for the armed forces. OPA also disclosed that the new jeeps have been rolling off assembly lines at the Willys-Overland plant at Toledo, O., for several weeks.

OPA explained the ceiling price for jeeps would be "somewhat higher" than the pre-war selling price of light passenger cars. The jeep, it was explained, "basically is not a light car but rather a four-wheel-drive, half-ton truck designed for utility tracking and farm and country use."

The Dealer, OPA said, may make "the usual additions" to the basic retail price—including the federal excise tax of \$48.53, transportation from factory to dealer charges of up to \$20 for preparing the vehicle for delivery and any state or local taxes that may be assessed on the sales.

## WEATHER AIDS IN BATTLING FIRES

Portland, Ore., July 30 — (U.P.) — Clouded skies and rising humidity aided 1200 firefighters in holding their own against advancing flames of the raging three-week western Oregon fire.

State Forester Ted Rainwater said fire crews were building extensive fire trails and blocking breakthroughs to safeguard firefighters should wind velocity increase.

Rainwater said that the fire, now in its fourth week, was extended over 200,000 acres. Light rains fell over some sections of the fire area Sunday. Major efforts were directed toward preventing any major breakthrough to the sea or inland communities.

## Bad Medicine—Men for Jap Battleship



Direct radio telephoto coverage of war in far Pacific moved to within sight of Japanese shores in latest naval bombardment of Jap homeland. Radio-telephoto transmitter, built by ACME-NEA and employed by Navy on battleship of U. S. Third Fleet off Jap coast, was used to transmit this picture by relay through Guam to San Francisco. USN pilots return to carrier after scoring direct hits with 1000-pound bombs on Jap battleship Nagato at Yokosuka naval base, Tokyo Bay. Left to right: Lt. George Foote, Boston; Lt. F. P. Norris, Rose, N. Y.; Ens. Wayne Hersh, Kansas City, Mo.; Lt. Augustus Dannemiller, Canton, O.; Lt. (jg) Herbert Hoyt, Manchester, Mass. Photo by Tom Shafer, ACME-NEA photographer for War Picture Pool.

## Carrier Intrepid Back Hunting Japanese After Five Damaging Battles In Pacific

(Editor's note: Major Bruce Hammond, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hammond of Medford, was placed in charge of the marines repairing the anti-aircraft guns on the Intrepid when she was commissioned at Norfolk. He served in that capacity throughout the ship's hectic battles, being detached only when promoted to major in February, 1945. Major Hammond is now with a marine regiment at Camp Joseph Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.)

By Courtney Moore  
Washington, July 30 — (U.P.) — The navy's 27,000-ton aircraft carrier Intrepid was well named. Hit five times by suicide planes and torpedoes, she is back looking for more Japs to add to their great score compiled by her gunners and pilots:

289 enemy ships damaged or sunk.  
650 enemy planes destroyed.  
The navy, disclosing the Intrepid's story today, did not say how many of the ships she got were sunk and how many were damaged.

178 Casualties  
Hits scored on the Intrepid cost her 176 casualties, many Island.

## LANDON OPPOSES PEACETIME DRAFT

Waterville, Kan., July 30 — (U.P.) — Al M. Landon, 1936 presidential nominee, has voiced opposition to peacetime military conscription on the grounds it would "shift" responsibility on parents to the nation's youth "from rearing to war camps."

In addition, he said he questioned "whether you can maintain our republic under compulsory military training." Landon, speaking at the 75th anniversary of the Waterville Methodist church, said he did not take issue with those who realize the necessity for keeping the nation strong and alert to the dangers of aggression.

He suggested that the army and navy be maintained on a larger scale than after the last war, but declared that the question of universal compulsory training should be decided by the nation's fighting men "when they come home."

## FIVE DIVORCE ACTIONS FILED DURING WEEK-END

Five divorce actions were filed last Saturday morning in the county clerk's office, bringing the total for July, with two days to go to a total of 40. On a previous Saturday this month, six divorce suits were filed. Most of the month's divorce actions were filed at the rate of one per day, the records show.

planes and considerable damage to her flight deck and her interior. Twice the damage was repaired by the crew, but three times the crippled carrier had to limp back to the U. S. west coast for navy yard repair.

She is back in action now for the fifth time. The Intrepid first tasted battle damage in the strikes on Truk on Feb. 16, 1944, six months to the day after she was commissioned.

Japanese land-based airpower there had been virtually wiped out, but a lone enemy plane pummed through the screen and put a torpedo into the Intrepid. The explosion damaged the ship's steering mechanism and hopelessly jammed her rudder. She was unmaneuverable and her decks were bathed in flames, her commander used his engines to steer the stricken ship.

Return For Repairs  
A sail was raised on the forecastle and the ship's planes were spotted forward to trap the wind and force the stern low in the water. Thus rigged, the Intrepid returned to Pearl Harbor for temporary repairs and then went to the navy yard at Mare Island, Calif.

She suffered her next casualty off Luzon on Oct. 29, 1944. A suicide plane plummeted into her flight deck, started a fire. Ten gunners were killed instantly.

The Intrepid fixed her own battle damage and continued to fight on until she was hit again, less than a month later, off Luzon on Nov. 25, 1944. Another suicide plane rocketed into the flight deck and 32 men in an adjoining compartment were killed instantly. Another suicide

## PLANE MISSING IN MEDFORD SECTION

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Gosliner is proprietor of the Industrial Equipment company in Portland and has been traveling on business. The plane is a four-place Stinson cabin type bearing the license number NC-463-Y.

No organized search for the missing plane is being carried on in this area, so far as information from officials at the Medford airfield and state police headquarters indicates.

## Whooping Cough At Head of List

Eighteen new cases of whooping cough, 11 in Medford and 7 in Lone Pine, are listed on the report of Dr. A. Erin Merkel, Jackson county health officer, for the week ended July 28.

Other communicable diseases listed in the county are five cases of measles, four in Medford and one in Ashland, two cases of typhoid fever and one of trench mouth in Medford, one new case of tuberculosis in Central Point, and one of mumps in Phoenix.

## Loan Scandal Claimed Reason For Elliott Roosevelt Retirement Plea

Washington, July 30 — (U.P.) — Elliott Roosevelt, who rose from captain to brigadier general in a little under five years, has asked the army to release him from active duty.

The 34-year-old officer, second son of the late president and center of more than one nationwide controversy, accumulated 278 discharge points in a career that included action in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, Britain and France. A minimum of 85 is needed for discharge.

The department declined comment on published reports that Roosevelt had been "advised" to retire from active service because of recent publicity over loans he negotiated while his father was chief executive.

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## AID FOR FRANCE PLEDGED BY F. R. IN 1940—HERRIOT

### Former Premier Is Witness In Trial of Petain—U. S. Entry in War Seen Early

Paris, July 30 — (U.P.) — Former Premier Edouard Herriot testified today at the treason trial of Marshal Henri Philippe Petain that President Roosevelt promised France material aid from America before the armistice with Germany was signed in 1940.

"I know Mr. Roosevelt was convinced that he one day would ask the United States to enter the war," Herriot said in mustering arguments of the French Republicans against the armistice which Petain negotiated.

Petaim III  
Petaim himself was suffering from an acute attack of laryngitis, Judge Pierre Mongibeaux revealed in announcing that today's session of the trial would be shortened. The strain on the 89-year-old Marshal was becoming more evident daily.

Herriot, president of the Chamber of Deputies when France collapsed, was an imposing figure on the stand. As he worked up to an oratorical fervor, he gesticulated passionately, waved his arms and shouted: "He said there was no comparison between France's plight in 1940 and 1940."

"In 1870," he said, "France stood alone, and had no allies. In 1870 a group wanted to continue fighting and did so. In 1940 France had allies. Churchill pledged aid to France, and Roosevelt also promised to give us material from the United States."

## TALENT WOMAN TAKES OWN LIFE

Ashland, July 30 — Myrtle Agnes Finker, 53, a resident of Talent for the past year and a half, committed suicide early Saturday evening, according to Deputy Coroner C. M. Litwiler of Ashland, who was called to investigate.

According to Litwiler, her husband, Harry, left the house about 4:15 p. m. to irrigate his crop and did not return until about 10 p. m., when he discovered the body lying on a bed. There was no known reason for the act, the husband reportedly told Litwiler, although Mrs. Finker is said to have voiced suicide threats to neighbors on several occasions.

Litwiler attributed death to a 22 caliber automatic pistol which had been fired through the mouth. Three shots had been fired into the ceiling before the dead shot, the deputy coroner said.

Funeral services were held in Ashland this afternoon, after which the body was to be shipped to Glendale, Calif., for interment. Besides her husband, the deceased is survived by a sister in Los Angeles.

## Looters Visit Offices Where Bomber Crashed Skyscraper

New York, July 30 — (U.P.) — Looters have stolen thousands of dollars from the devastated Catholic welfare office in the Empire State building, which was struck by a B-25 bomber Saturday, the building management announced today.

The 102-story building, largest on earth, escaped structural damage from the crash and is safe for occupancy, Chapin L. Brown, vice president in charge of operations at the building, announced.

Safe Looted  
"I have reports, however, that several thousand dollars in travelers' checks were looted from the safe in the office of the war relief service of the National Catholic Welfare Conference following the crash," he said.

The NCWC offices, occupying the 79th floor, were hardest hit by the disaster. Ten office workers were killed and a score injured there. Not a person in the office escaped death or injury and the entire floor was reduced to rubble. Brown did not say when the looters moved in. He said salvage workers could not find a trace of the money and that he had reports that looters had taken some cash from the 6th floor.

The building itself, although shaken by impact of the bomber, has been declared safe by the builders, the architects, the elevator company, electricians and insurance company officials, Brown said. He said sight-seers probably would be admitted to the observation tower again tomorrow.

Elevators Resume  
Elevator service to the 88th floor was normal today and limited service was available to the top. Brown predicted that it would take three months to repair the damage completely.

Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia, a pilot in the first world war, bluntly blamed the dead pilot of the Mitchell bomber, Lt. Col. William F. Smith, Jr., 27, Watertown, Mass.

"If the pilot had been where he belonged," La Guardia said, "there would have been no trouble."

Regulations provide that planes must fly 5,000 feet above the city.

## \$100,000 TAKEN BY BANDIT PAIR

Burbank, Cal., July 30 — (U.P.) — Two messengers of the Hollywood State bank were held up today and robbed of \$100,000 cash they were delivering to a check-cashing agency near Lockheed Aircraft Corp., police reported.

Thurston M. Patterson and Victor H. Lohn, the messengers, driving a sedan, were rounding a corner within a block of their destination—the Currency exchange—when an armed civilian and a man in a soldier's uniform stopped them, they told police.

The gunmen forced them into the back seat, got into the car and drove into the foothills, where they bound Patterson and Lohn and drove off again in the bank car.

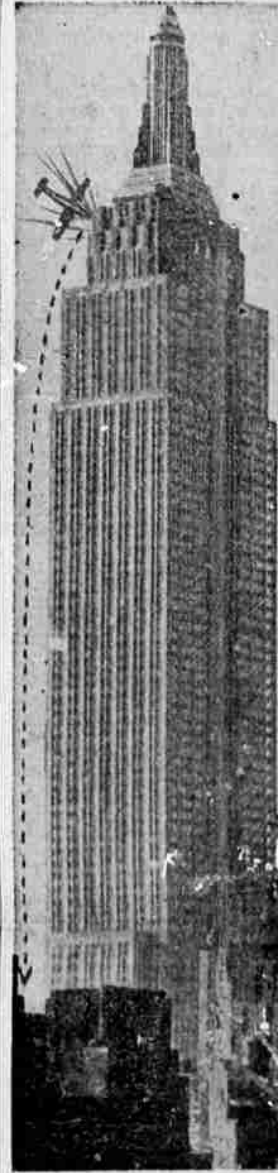
Burbank and Van Nuys police and Federal Bureau of Investigation agents started an investigation as soon as the holdup was reported.

## Hunt For Hitler Still Going On

Berlin, July 30 — (U.P.) — Col. Gen. Alexander V. Gorbatov said today there still is no definite proof that Adolf Hitler is dead, and an investigation is continuing to determine whether he still is alive.

Gorbatov is the Russian representative on the interallied command of Berlin, also called the Kommandantur.

"We do not exclude the possibility that Hitler is still alive and in hiding," Gorbatov said at a press conference.



Dotted line indicates where Army B-25 Bomber struck Empire State building in low hanging fog more than 80 floors above the ground, exploding and plummeting to roof of the Waldorf building (cross), portions, then plunging to street.

## T. V. SOONG OUT AS FOREIGN MINISTER

Chungking, July 30 — (U.P.) — China shook up her cabinet again today, removing T. V. Soong from his position as foreign minister, but he retained his post of premier.

Soong was replaced by Dr. Wang Shih Chieh, former minister of information. There was no indication whether the move had any diplomatic implications. Soong is in the midst of complex negotiations with Marshal Stalin and was expected to return to Moscow after the Big Three meeting at Potsdam. The Soong-Stalin conferences were interrupted when Stalin had to go to Potsdam.

In addition to Soong the minister of agriculture and forestry, Shen Shih Tsai was removed and his duties undertaken by Ku Ching Kang, minister of social affairs.

The changes were ordered by the executive Yuan.

## By The Side Of The Rogue

By Dale Vincent

As we entered the Crater Lake Rim Village, saw a large, well-fed, glossy black bear personally greeting visitors and inspecting their automobiles. Later we learned why.

Choosing a site in the Rim Camp ground, we built a fire in the outdoor fireplace and made camp. Immediately the black bear came up and wanted to get acquainted. Having had previous experience with park bears, we knew better than to feed or pamper him, so gathering a few rocks and a good club we made our policies clear right from the start.

## BATTLESHIPS HIT INDUSTRY CENTER AT CLOSE RANGE

### 300-Mile Stretch From Tokyo To Osaka Raked in 21st Day of Offensive

Guam, July 30 — (U.P.) — Upwards of 1,500 carrier planes blasted and burned a 300-mile stretch of central Japan from Tokyo to the great Osaka-Kobe industrial area today—the 21st day of an offensive softening the enemy homeland for invasion.

Radio Tokyo said the raids began at 5:30 a. m. and still were going on after 3 p. m., eight and a half hours later.

Pre-Dawn Raid  
Before dawn, American and British battleships and other Third fleet units set fire to the Japanese industrial center of Hamamatsu, roughly midway between Tokyo and Kobe, with a bold pre-dawn bombardment from only six miles offshore.

Tokyo broadcast said surface units also raked the southeast part of Kii peninsula, below Hamamatsu, after the main bombardment.

American and British carrier planes of the Third fleet opened their new assault on central Japan at dawn with attacks on transport, airfields and military targets in the Tokyo area, a Pacific fleet communique announced.

Attacks Extended  
A dispatch from Vice Admiral John S. McCain's carrier task force disclosed that the aircraft subsequently extended their attacks from the far side of the Tokyo plains southwest to a point beyond the big port and industrial center of Kobe.

Within the area lay burning Hamamatsu, the aircraft manufacturing city of Nagoya, and Osaka, Japan's second largest city and biggest war production center.

Rear harbor, July 30 — (U.P.) — Rear Admiral DeWitt C. Ramsey, chief of staff of the Fifth fleet, in the first official fleet comment on Japan's rejection of the Potsdam declaration, today warned that the most overwhelming forces ever concentrated were preparing to invade the enemy homeland.

"It's a harsh fate our enemy has chosen," he said. "In all world history, there is no more glaring example of a nation imposing disaster upon itself."

"For these people, the language of bombs and guns apparently is the only convincing language."

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced that Anglo-American airmen of the Third fleet had destroyed or damaged 283 planes and 189 ships, including 18 warships, in Saturday's raid on the inland sea and adjacent areas.

This raised the fleet's total since July 10 to 915 Japanese ships and 1,211 planes, damaged or destroyed.

A United Press dispatch from Admiral John S. McCain's flagship said that Japan has no seaworthy warships left to defend the homeland against invasion. Nimitz said the battleships Haruna, Ise and Hyuga had been sunk or damaged.

Gen. Carl Spaatz, commander of the American strategic air forces in the Pacific, said the United States ultimately will send more than 1,000 Superfortresses against Japan.

The Japanese Dornier agency said Japanese planes started fires on three American airfields on Okinawa and sank at least two unidentified ships.

In Boreno, Australian Seventh division troops attacked disorganized Japanese rear guards north of Balikpapan. A MacArthur spokesman said the main enemy column apparently is undecided whether to run north for Samarinda, or to retreat 215 miles southwest to Banjarmasin.

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