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### Weather News

(July 14)  
 Max. (July 13) 90 Min. 58  
 Precipitation last 24 hours 00  
 Stream year to date 13.28  
 Normal 12.00 Last year 9.89  
 Forecast: Probable thunder storms.

### Jap Sinking Blame Rests With U.S. Sub

WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)—American officials fervently hope today that Japan will permit additional relief shipments to allied prisoners now that this country has accepted full responsibility for sinking a Japanese relief ship.

The state department acknowledged last night that an American submarine had sunk the ship, the Awa Maru, about midnight April 1 off Formosa. The

ship was torpedoed in a fog with loss of more than 1000 lives.

"The United States government in accepting the responsibility for the sinking of the Awa Maru hopes that the Japanese government will be willing to accept further shipments of relief supplies for distribution to allied nationals detained by the Japanese," the state department said.

The Awa Maru was sent to the bottom on a return trip to Japan after delivering a cargo of food, medicine and other supplies at Hongkong, Singapore and other ports for use of allied war prisoners and civilians.

The United States had deposited the supplies at Nakhodka, Russia, under an arrangement for a Japanese ship to deliver them from there with an American guarantee of safe conduct, or pledge against attack. Although the ship had Japanese passengers and another cargo returning the safe conduct still applied.

The state department action, bringing the United States government close to an apology to the Japanese government, was disclosed with release of an exchange of notes between Tokyo and Washington handed thru the Swiss government.

One admitting responsibility for the sinking was in response to a Japanese demand of May 16 for a formal apology. The American note said the United States had already officially expressed "its deep regret" but officials conceded that they were making every reasonable effort to make amends for the mishap.

### MORE BUTTER, LESS SUGAR, OPA REVEALS

WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)—An eight-point cut in butter ration values and sharp reduction in civilian sugar supplies during the last three months of the year appeared to be possibilities today.

The chief of OPA's dairy products branch, Eugene Brockebrough, disclosed last night that a trade proposal to lower butter ration values to 16 points a pound is being given "very careful consideration."

The butter committee of the New York Mercantile Exchange recommended the eight-point reduction to prevent spoilage during peak butter production months. OPA previously has said a "slight" cut in butter ration values will be made July 29.

Meanwhile, agriculture department officials reported that the civilian supply of sugar during the final quarter of the year may be pared 25 per cent under the July-September quarter allotment.

### Two Injured In Train Accident

Coleman Joyce, 37, employed at Lakeview, and Lorger T. Bakke, 56, of Klamath Falls were seriously injured last night about 12:45 o'clock when they were struck by a south-bound freight train on the Southern Pacific right-of-way near Fremont street.

Both suffered severe head lacerations and are in a semi-conscious condition today at Klamath Valley hospital.

The two men were evidently walking alongside the tracks when struck by the train. They were found by an SP brakeman lying next to the tracks and he notified police. The Klamath merchants' police ambulance service was called and rushed the injured men to the hospital.

### Second Group Of German PW Killers Hung At Camp

By ROBERT OTEY  
 FT. LEAVENWORTH, Kas., July 14 (AP)—Two more German prisoners of war, the second group to be hanged at the U. S. military barracks in this town last week, went to their deaths shortly after midnight for the murder of a fellow prisoner at Alden, S. C.

Near collapse and showing signs of nervousness, the two Germans—Rudolph Straub and Erich Gauss—were hanged for the murder April 5, 1944, of Horst Guenther in a work camp under the jurisdiction of Camp Gordon, Ga., in the fourth service command.

The army account of the slaying said Guenther was charged by his fellow prisoners with being a "traitor to his oath, flag and fatherland." A kitchen orderly, he also was accused of dividing milk unfairly between German prisoners and Americans, with having reported other prisoners to American officers

### BRITISH WARSHIPS ESCORT PRESIDENT

ABOARD CRUISER AUGUSTA WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN, July 14 (AP)—Seven British men of war loomed up out of the mist-shrouded English channel today to escort President Truman's cruiser-berne party to Antwerp. From there the president will fly to Potsdam for his first "Big Three" meeting with Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin.

Mr. Truman was on the Augusta's bridge when the rendezvous was joined with the British cruiser Birmingham and six of his majesty's destroyers.

Upon arrival at Antwerp, President Truman will motor to Brussels and there take off in his big C-54 plane for Potsdam and his first meeting with Prime Minister Churchill and Generalissimo Stalin Monday or Tuesday.

The president completed today the examination of the proposals he will present to Stalin and Churchill and of the data these two have submitted as subjects for discussion.

Mr. Truman is firmly opposed to any secret agreements, his associates say, and will report to congress immediately upon (Continued on Page Two)

### "Kommandantur" To Rule Berlin



These four generals comprise Berlin's "Kommandantur," taking over the government of the bomb-shattered capital of Germany. Left to right: Maj. Gen. Floyd L. Parks of the United States; Col. Gen. Alexander V. Gorbatov of Russia; Maj. Gen. L. O. Lyne of Great Britain; Maj. Gen. Geoffrey de Beaulieu of France. The four will rotate as head of the group, serving fifteen-day terms. Picture by Henry L. Griffin, Associated Press Staff Photographer. (AP Wirephoto via Radio from Paris).

### CHEMNAULT RETIRES FROM ARMY POST

By CLYDE A. FARNSWORTH

KUNMING, China, July 14 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault is leaving China and retiring from the U. S. army. He made this announcement today, two days after the appointment of Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer as commander of all U. S. air forces in China.

Chennault, who is 55, has been commander of the U. S. 14th air force and before that directed China's "Flying Tigers" against the Japanese.

Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of all U. S. forces in the Chinese theater, announced acceptance of Chennault's resignation.

Chennault called in correspondents to disclose his decision. He said he would not continue as commander of the 14th air force although Wedemeyer, in announcing Stratemeyer's appointment Thursday, had said that Chennault would retain his command.

Chennault once before retired from the U. S. army, in 1936, because of disability. He came to China in 1937 and started working for the Chiang Kai-shek government. He was recalled to active U. S. duty in 1942.

### 1 BILLION SLATED FOR RUSSIAN USE

WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)

One billion dollars of the administration's requested expansion in the export-import bank's lending power was reported today to be already earmarked for Russian use.

A senator, asking not to be quoted by name, said he had received this information directly from one of the highest administration figures.

He added that the Russians were reported seeking a total of \$6,000,000,000 in credits.

Legislation for expansion of the bank's loan powers from \$700,000,000 to \$3,500,000,000 sailed through the house yesterday by a 102 to 6 vote.

Senate leaders have put it down as "must legislation" to follow action on the Bretton Woods agreements and the United Nations charter.

The house-passed bill established the bank as an independent, permanent government agency. It was created in 1934 (Continued on Page Two)

### 4000 Acres Blaze While West Winds Sweep Forests

PORTLAND, Ore., July 14 (AP)

A strong west wind swept flames on 4000 acres of north-west Oregon out of control again today, and 62 small lightning fires broke out over the state.

Six miles of the Wilson River highway between Tunnel Point and McNamars' camp was closed to traffic today, as the fire sent falling snags and rocks over the route. Cars were being rerouted at Glenwood over the Wolf Creek highway.

Highway and forestry officials said the McNamars' bridge—earlier reported burned—was still passable for fire crews.

State Forester N. S. Rogers said the west wind usually brings rain or fog, expected to aid fire fighters. Rogers said all Oregon fires are expected to be brought under control today.

Nearly 1200 loggers, soldiers,

conscientious objectors, and forest workers were battling blazes which have blackened some 5500 acres of Oregon and Washington land.

Crews were rushed out today to the two northern Oregon fires—on the Salmonberry and the Wilson rivers—to determine the extent of the wind-spread blaze.

With all logging camps in the Tillamook burn closed, loggers were hurried in to fight the Wilson river blaze. Highway crews were working to keep the Wilson River highway cleared of snags, rolling down.

On the southern Oregon coast, 200 men fought to check a blaze which ate through 1000 acres of slash land, destroying nearly 3,200,000 board feet of logged timber.

The U. S. forest service reported all fires on national forests under control. A blaze which roared through 500 acres of the Wenatchee National forest west of Leavenworth was checked during the night.

Small lightning fires which blazed up in a dozen different forests were quickly halted.

### CHINESE INFLICT 3000 CASUALTIES

By SPENCER MOOSA

CHUNGKING, July 14 (AP)—Chinese forces inflicted more than 3000 casualties on Japanese troops in a flank attack six miles from Yunshiao, a Fukien province coastal highway town 55 miles southwest of Amoy, the Chinese high command said today.

The enemy troops were part of a force which landed southwest of Amoy June 30 in what possibly may be a prelude to total evacuation of the debilitated (Continued on Page Two)

### Continuance In Case Granted

Entry of plea in the cases of the State of Oregon vs. Earl Heuvel, former Klamath Falls police chief held in the county jail on morals charges, was continued today from July 20 until Friday, July 30, at 2 p. m.

The continuance was granted by Judge Charles Combs, Lake county, in order to give Al Brandt, circuit court reporter here, time to get out pending transcripts and to find the instructions given to the grand jury of Klamath county which indicted Heuvel.

Herbert P. Welch of Lakeview, defense attorney, and Clarence A. Humble, district attorney here, agreed to the continuance. A formal motion was to be presented to the court today at Lakeview.

### No Fans? Buy A Newspaper!

Electric fans, for so long a boon in hot weather, have disappeared from store shelves and are destined to remain in hiding until after the war. People will have to turn to other means for keeping their temperature down as the mercury mounts. As someone suggested, the old hand fans appear to have served the Egyptians satisfactorily in 1700 B. C. when they were used to keep flies off sacred images and potentates.

For more personal use there were horsehair fly swatters and fans which looked much like our modern feather dusters.

Later, as this cooling device became more popular, fans became semicircular or heart-shaped. Some took on the simple palm leaf shape much like fans of a few years ago. Used in the later centuries for enhancing demure maidens, fans were attached to the wrist or girdle by a slender chain or ribbon.

As fans became a badge of rank, a system of sign language was developed by the young miss so she was able to signal gentlemen across the room without falling under the disapproving eye of "Mamma."

During the reign of Queen Elizabeth fans were masterpieces of workmanship. The ribs were often made from precious metal, jade or ivory; the tops of finest lace, velvet, or beaten gold. Madame de Pompadour of France possessed a fan which took nine years to complete at a cost of \$30,000. Of course if you don't have the time or money for a fan such as that, a folded newspaper, while not as picturesque, at least serves the purpose.

### SENATE TEST ON CHARTER BEGINS TODAY

23-Member Committee Sends Document For Approval

WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)—Approved by a thumping 20 to 0 vote of the foreign relations committee, the United Nations charter took its place on the senate calendar today for its most critical world test.

Without a move to dot an "I" the 23-member committee endorsed the 50-nation peace-keeping agreement and handed it over to the senate. There debate will begin on the document July 23 amid signs pointing to its overwhelming approval.

If this approval is given without reservations or amendments, as leaders confidently expect, supporters feel other nations which have been waiting for this country to act will hurry to attach their official ratifications.

That will bring into being a new league capable of using force to prevent aggression, if it becomes necessary.

The committee's endorsement came at the end of a half-hour closed session yesterday which wound up five days of public hearings. Three members who were absent will have an opportunity to get their names on the rolls later.

### LABOR DISPUTE STILL STYMIED

By The Associated Press

The nation's labor dispute situation was virtually unchanged today, despite the return to work of nearly 1000 idle workers, while several New York stoppages were reported.

Idle workers numbered approximately 50,000 in some 27 cities from Minnesota to the Atlantic coast and south into Florida and Alabama.

Miners Strike  
 Of the approximately 50,000 men and women away from their jobs over labor controversies, more than 9000 were coal miners in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kentucky.

The latest walkout of coal miners was by 2700 employees of four mines of the Consolidated Coal company in Jenkins, Ky. President Sam Caddy of district 30, United Mine Workers of America, said the walkout followed "some trouble between a foreman and his crew."

Newspapers Hit  
 The newspaper industry also was hit by the disputes, strikes and walkout halting publication of seven papers in four cities and stopping delivery of 14 major New York City papers.

Papers suspending publication because of labor disputes included three in Birmingham, Ala., two in Fort Wayne, Ind., and one each in Jersey City and Bayonne, N. J.

In New York, Mayor F. H. La Guardia described the two weeks old strike of the newspaper and mailer deliveries union as a "stubborn, silly, idiotic defiance of the government."

La Guardia and the war labor board rejected the independent proposal of the Publishers Association of New York City to be placed before an impartial arbitrator.

In Washington, Chairman George W. Taylor of the WLB reiterated the 1700 strikers must return to work before the board would consider their case.

### WLB Hears Wage Arguments

A hearing involving wage adjustments in connection with Klamath Falls Automobile Dealers association is being held in Portland today before the 12th regional war labor board.

Most garages in Klamath Falls filed applications with the WLB to have their wage rates approved. The applications were partially denied by the wage stabilization department and the denial was appealed to the 12th regional board.

### Ships, Guns Demolish Steel Mill

By LEIF ERICKSON  
 GUAM, July 14 (AP)—The U. S. 3rd fleet, bombarding Japan for the first time, set great fires raging through a steel city on northern Honshu today as 1000 of its carrier planes blasted nearby targets of the northern home islands in coordinated blows.

The guns of the newest battleships, cruisers and destroyers wiped out the Imperial Iron and Steel Works rolling mill at Kamaishi—275 miles north of Tokyo—and fierce fires raged through adjacent coke ovens.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, announcing in a special communique that the bombardment thundered on for two hours, reported that the entire area was covered by dense smoke clouds that rose thousands of feet above the city.

The 3rd fleet poured a hurricane of 5 to 16-inch shells into the city before retiring.

The bombardment force, commanded by Rear Adm. J. F. Shafroth of Denver, apparently did not meet any Japanese opposition.

James Lindsley, Associated Press correspondent witnessing the bombardment from the deck of the battleship South Dakota, reported Japanese opposition was "meager and apparently timid." He said there was no report of damage to American vessels.

The American squadron steamed within rifle shot of Honshu to deliver its lethal load, Lindsley added, and "the Japanese chose to do very little about it."

In his report to Adm. Nimitz Shafroth did not mention opposition by shore batteries or planes. His announcement that the shelling continued for two hours indicates, also, that the results were closely observed by slow flying observation planes from cruisers and battleships.

Close observation would have been required for the admiral to report, without qualification, that the Imperial Iron and Steel Works rolling mill was "demolished."

Fire on Kamaishi  
 The fact that the powerful American force fired upon Kamaishi for two hours suggests the ships were able to close within the 10-mile range of five-inch guns, on the screening destroyers and in secondary battleship and cruiser batteries.

The latest communique was the fourth issued by Adm. Nimitz today, a record number.

The Imperial Iron and Steel Works mill was supplied with coal from the neighboring island of Hokkaido, which was attacked by the carrier planes.

Ferries Hammered  
 The coal is transported across Tsugaru strait in ships and rail ferries which were hammered throughout the day by the Avengers, Helldivers, Corsairs and Hellcats.

Halsey's attacks by gun and by plane seemed designed to put northern Honshu's most important steel works out of business at both the blast furnaces and coal mines.

The Japanese in the war factories were subjected to the same sort of merciless pounding which their soldiers had to undergo when they stood in the path of the conquering American march across the Pacific.

Even as the guns roared, swarms of carrier planes that only five days before had raked Tokyo's airfields, were raking bombs, bullets and rockets on northern Honshu and the northernmost island of Hokkaido—the latter never before touched by American air power.

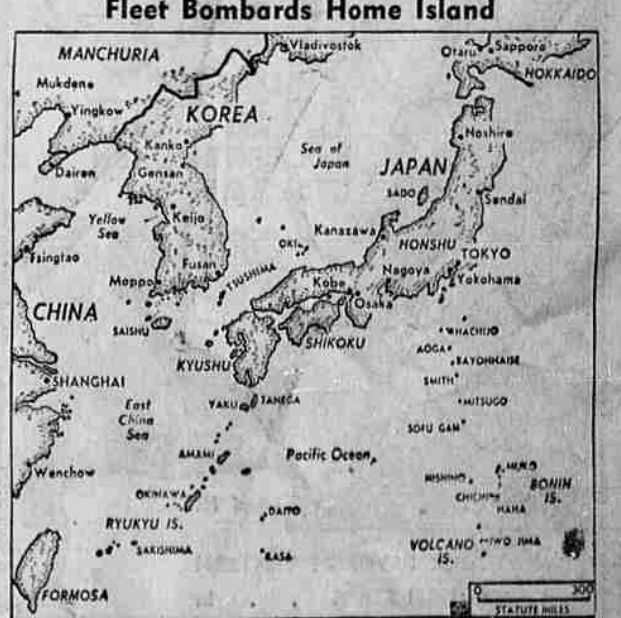
B-29s Take Part  
 (The Japanese Domei agency reported that some Superfortresses participated in the air raids, which had lasted for seven hours, and added that "at present" there was no indication "pointing to enemy plans to undertake landing operations in this part of the Japanese mainland." The broadcast was (Continued on Page Two)

### Weatherman Sees Clear Skies

Klamath Falls residents can safely go ahead and plan that picnic or trip to the lake for the weekend, according to the weatherman.

Although thunder storms are forecast in the afternoons for mountain areas, forecasts are for otherwise clear weather with little change in temperature.

With a let-up in the intensity of the electrical storms in this area, no fires were reported by the Klamath Forest Protective association Saturday.



Third fleet units lobbed shells on the coast of Japan's Honshu island in the first actual bombardment of the enemy's homeland. Close range shelling proved effective in wiping out iron and steel works located on the coast.