

## Russians Gain First News Of Conference

### Receive First News Of Confab Opening

Moscow, July 18.—(UP)—The Russian people got their first word that the Big Three conference had opened in Potsdam from an official communique splashed across the front pages of the Moscow newspapers today.

The Soviet army organ Red Star said the meeting "overshadowed all other international political questions," and cautioned that the chances of an enduring peace depend upon the degree of accord reached by the three Allied leaders.

Lasting peace and security, it said, "can be achieved only under the indispensable condition that

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the firm collaboration between the Soviet Union, the United States and Britain continue.

"It is easy to imagine what complex problems not only of the European but of the world order must be discussed and decided," Red Star said. "All depends on good will, mutual understanding and a realistic approach to those profound changes which have occurred in the life of Europe and other continents as a result of the historic victory over the dark forces of Fascism."

### HALSEY RAID

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Sometimes for as much as a quarter of an hour we hurried steel toward the shore at the rate of half a ton a second.

When the tactical commander finally ordered the force eastward we were only slightly more than 40 miles from Cinza and our last exploding target—the Hitachi steel works at Mito—was a flaming beacon, lighting the skies for miles.

In an almost incredible move we had dashed in and swept 20 miles of Japan's supposedly heavily defended shores and then withdrew without drawing a single bomb, bullet, or kamikaze attack.

A few enemy aircraft which cluttered our radar screen vanished without ever closing in. The torpedo boat, submarine, and suicide attacks anticipated on Wednesday did not materialize.

Apparently the Japanese were once again caught flat-footed by Admiral William F. (Bull) Halsey's eager third fleet.

### MILITARY MEN

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Kanhsien, former American 14th airforce base city in southern Kiangsi province.

The communique said that Kanhsien (Kanchow) was retaken early yesterday and that Japanese troops south of Suichwan, 45 miles northwest of Kanhsien, are pulling out to the north.

Chinese troops closing around Kweilin have reached Liangkang, 14 miles to the west.

Other Chinese troops are attacking Yungfu, 26 miles southwest of Kweilin and closing in on other points along the Liuchow-Kweilin highway while Japanese forces at Chuanhsien, 76 miles northeast of Kweilin, have launched an unsuccessful counter-offensive against Chinese positions.

Kanhsien's capture completes an action which began on July 13 with the capture of a former American airfield in the south-

western suburbs of the town.

The Central news agency reported that forward Japanese units, fighting their way north by river and highway, have bypassed Suichwan and Wan-an, 45 miles north of Kanhsien, in apparent efforts to make a swift withdrawal.

Chinese troops waylaid main convoy moving up the Kan-Chiang river between Kanhsien and Wan-an, capturing four artillery pieces, 110 gas masks, a dozen rifles and machine guns, and quantities of supplies.

Just south of Wan-an, Chinese forces also sunk 35 Japanese junks and sampans causing hundreds of enemy casualties. Two of the captured Japanese reported that Chinese forces have already recaptured the former American airfield at Suichwan and are now fighting the Japanese as they bypass the town.

### PLAT IS APPROVED

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vacation of an alley north of Meibers street and east of Walnut street, was referred to the street and sewer committee.

Petitions for rural light line extensions by Joseph Garner and Valentine Laker, in Union township, were referred to the electric light committee.

An ordinance was passed allowing H. Vernon Aurand, city clerk-treasurer, an additional allowance of \$240 yearly from the light and water department, as provided by Section 271 of the 1945 acts. The \$480 allowance would increase the city official's salary to \$2,160 annually.

Mr. Aurand stated that preliminary estimates were being submitted for the city's 1946 budget, but that no estimate could yet be given on the total.

Fire chief Harry Stults intends to ask for an appropriation for buying a new fire truck and pumper for the fire department, but this request has not yet been filed at the city hall.

### SENATE'S VETERANS

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our qualifications.

He isn't enthusiastic about it. But he will vote for it in the hope that as long as the nations of the world are bound together in an effort to preserve peace, there will be less likelihood of another war.

Capper said he saw no reason for any reservations to the new charter. He said their need had been eliminated by the different handling of the whole matter. He referred particularly to the

## Labor Main Problem Of Hoosier Farmers

### Situation In State Not Termed Critical

Indianapolis, July 18.—(UP)—The main harvest problem facing Hoosier farmers today remained that of farm labor.

The problem, however, was not as difficult as most people have been led to believe, according to J. B. Kohlmeier, Indiana emergency farm labor supervisor.

Kohlmeier said at Purdue university that the labor situation in Indiana could not be termed "critical," and although an above-average yield of corn and small grains was predicted for the season, no field would go unharvested due to the shortage of help.

The number of year-around volunteer workers recruited by county agricultural agents up to July 1 to work on Indiana farms was smaller this year than last, Kohlmeier explained. Most of the farm work thus far has been accomplished by farmers pooling their facilities and manpower in their individual communities, he said.

Kohlmeier also gave credit to a large number of teen-age boys and girls who have volunteered their services to help reap the Hoosier harvest.

The number of volunteer part-time workers remained almost the same this season as last, Kohlmeier said, with 9,638 offering their services last year and 8,376 working part time this season.

The only serious labor shortage trouble Kohlmeier could foresee was in the approaching tomato harvest. More than 6,000 men, women, boys and girls will be needed in the tomato fields, he said, and a large percentage of these workers still were to be found.

The war department has allotted 2,750 prisoners of war for Indiana to be used in crop harvesting. The prisoners will be used in areas in which there are permanent military installations, and new establishments also are being set up for them in the larger agricultural districts.

New prisoner of war temporary installations were planned for Windfall, Fort Wayne, Easton, Morristown and Vincennes, Kohlmeier said, in addition to their regular camps in such military posts as Camp Atterbury and Fort Harrison.

Facilities for housing and feeding teenage crop corps members have been set up at four Indiana points. At Kentland, a camp has been established for 300; another at Tipton for 250; Lafayette, 200, and at Oxford, 90.

Hundreds of other teenagers and vacationists plan to work in communities near their own homes.

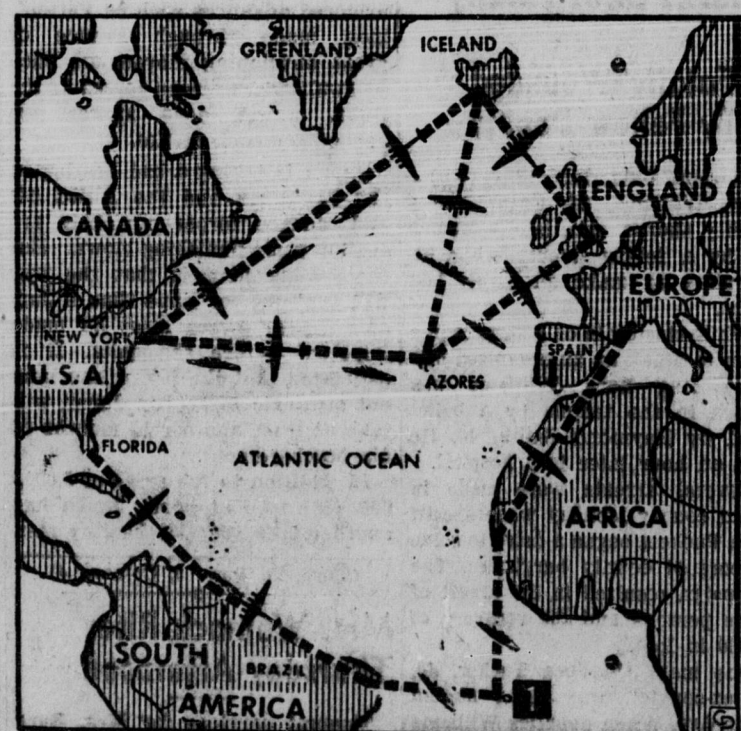
### CHINESE RECAPTURE

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who could be placed in the armed services and about 3,000,000 (M) more fit for limited service. And in the empire there is known to be a vast supply of infantry weapons—the handiest type of defense conceivable in the rough and rugged country which dominates most of the home islands.

In addition to the army in the home islands, Japan has approximately 1,000,000 (M) well trained and amply armed soldiers in Manchuria. Japanese military establishments there and generally on the continent of Asia have been

fact that two members of the senate foreign relations committee—chairman Tom Connally, D. Tex., and Sen. Arthur H. Caudenberg, R. Mich.—had a hand in drafting the new charter.



WITH 30,000 U. S. TROOPS scheduled to fly from Europe during August relatives and friends can rest assured that the most effective air-sea rescue system ever devised is safeguarding the men. Out of 4,157 planes to bridge the Atlantic, only two have been lost without trace and 60,000 men have been flown home since April. As the above map shows, stationed along the flying routes are naval vessels of three nations: United States, England and Brazil. In the North Atlantic, areas around Greenland and Iceland have rescue patrols in case of air accidents. Between Africa and Brazil (1) the waters are also well protected while from the Azores to the United States coast many ships are constantly on guard. (International)

largely self-supporting. The existence of these large numbers of enemy troops on the mainland will be something to think about even after Japan is invaded and licked.

### WILSON APPOINTED

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there. But we'll throw the rubber on ships in wet form and bring it home for sorting and treatment."

Production chief J. A. Krug meanwhile announced that Robert S. Wilson, vice president of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., will succeed Collyer.

Collyer, president of the B. F. Goodrich Co., is leaving government service to return to private industry. He took over the job last March when the tire production program was in serious straits.

In his final report to Krug, Collyer said military and minimum essential civilian requirements for tires and other rubber products can be met this year and next "under programs now in effect."

He cited work stoppages and manpower shortages as principal obstacles facing the industry in attaining the 1945 tire goals.

A shortage of natural rubber looms for 1946, Collyer said, but the government is initiating programs to gain new rubber resources in liberated areas in the Pacific.

He presented the following 1945-1946 tire picture—the brightest spot of which was ample tires for farm needs:

1. Truck tires—overall surpluses over minimum requirements but "substantial deficits" in the remaining half of 1945 for three important groups.

2. Passenger tires—25,000,000 for 1945, as compared with 18,900,000 in 1944, or little more than essential replacement needs, which are estimated at 20,000,000 for 1945 and 22,000,000 for 1946.

3. Farm tractor and implement tires—ample for food producers. Estimated 1945 production of 2,300,000 tires as compared to last year's record 2,105,000.

Collyer said that tire industries were short 8,606 workers.

Krug also disclosed that George M. Tisdale, vice president of the United States Rubber company of New York City, will assist Wilson. Collyer's assistant, J. Edward Traister, returns to Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, of which he is vice president.

## Canada Puts Social Security In Effect

### Comprehensive Act Goes Into Effect

Ottawa, July 18.—(UP)—Canada began to put into effect one of the most extensive social security acts in the world today. The first of 1,550,000 checks were mailed to mothers under the family allowances act.

The checks total almost \$20,000,000 (M) for this month and will go to Canadian mothers to be spent on about 3,000,000 children under 16. The program will cost between \$200,000,000 and \$250,000,000 a year.

All mothers with children less than 16 are eligible for payments. The payments start at \$8 a month and become smaller for each additional child. Every child in Canada is entitled to receive \$1.19 before he is 16 as the nation's contribution to his health, welfare, and education.

Eskimo mothers can get their family allotments in the form of supplies.

The act, which was described as the most extensive of its kind, pro-



THIS IS HOW the American invasion of Iheya Shima looked from the air as landing craft hit the island on June 3. This island and Aguni Shima, lying only a short distance from Okinawa, were occupied with virtually no opposition to bolster American defenses around the mainland of Okinawa. This is an official United States Navy photograph. (International)

## Number Of Striking Workers Decreases

### 10,000 Coal Miners Return In Illinois

(By United Press)

The number of striking workers throughout the country dropped to approximately 20,000 today.

Ten thousand Illinois coal miners who struck last week in protest against the meat shortage began trickling back to the pits, after the OPA promised them 50 extra ration points a month.

A six-weeks strike at R. R. Donnelley & Sons Lakeside press, Chicago, ended.

Nearly 4,000 AFL shipyard work-

ers met to decide whether to return to work on 21 ships being repaired at the General Engineering Co., Alameda, Calif. The war labor board ordered the men back to work yesterday in an effort to end the stoppage that began Friday as the result of a jurisdictional dispute.

The most serious strike was in progress at Warren, O., where 16,000 telephone subscribers were without service for the third day as the result of a walkout by operators. The strike was called after the telephone company refused to meet demands of the United Electrical Workers, AFL, for a 20-cent-an-hour wage increase.

Inter-union rivalry forced a production shutdown at the U. S. Rubber Co.'s Detroit plant, with 6,000 workers idle on three shifts. Another 2,900 workers were off their jobs at the Graham-Paige Motors factory, and 500 were idle at the American Metal Products Co.

Thirty-five hundred New Orleans drydock workers continued a walkout that began Tuesday at the Todd-Johnson Dry Docks, Inc. They protested the hiring of a negro boilermaker.

WLB ordered 935 members of the Oil Workers union, CIO, to return to work at Pure Oil Co. plants the next 10 days.

at Toledo and Newark, O., and in Creek, W. Va. The strike after the discharge of two officials, threatened to stop the company's Smiths Refinery, employing 600 workers. Officials of the Electric, Mechanical Co., and the United Gas and Chemical Workers union sought for the third day a stoppage that had idled 1,300 employes at the plant.

The army, meanwhile, ordered to end a strike of 900 workers at Socony-Vacuum Oil Company plants in the St. Louis area. Employees of three Birmingham newspapers also continued strike.

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