

## FROM DAY TO DAY

Eighty editors and publishers of British Commonwealth and Empire newspapers will visit Normandy for three days in July to see the places where Allied landings were made in 1944, says Agence France Presse.

Penknives from Sheffield and tartans from Edinburgh will be among the souvenir gifts the Indian contingent to the Victory Parade will take back with them, says Reuter. They are due to leave London for home on Saturday.

The Far Eastern Commission will meet on Tuesday to reach final approval of the policy regarding Japan's constitutional reforms, Major-General Frank R. McCoy, chairman of the commission, announced in Washington on June 27, says A.F.P.

Two Poles and one Yugoslav were sentenced to death on June 27 for pillage in Munich and another three Poles for the same crime in Cassel, reports Agence France Presse. This is the first time that an American court has sentenced European refugees to protect German lives and property.

Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy, who flew to Scotland during the war, faked insanity and loss of memory and then told the War Crimes Tribunal that he was perfectly normal, has once again lost his memory, says a Reuter report from Nuremberg.

A mass demonstration for the defence of Italian African colonies was held in Messina by refugees from Africa on June 27, says A.F.P. A delegation of the demonstrators were received by the prefect of Messina and handed to him their resolution demanding that the colonies remain Italian.

A 50 per cent increase in the rehabilitation allowance has been ordered by the Hongkong government "in order to relieve the hardships of the wage-earning and salaried classes," says Associated Press. The government based its decision to boost the allowance on "the persistent increase in the local cost of living."

President Harry S. Truman has signed a bill authorizing the United States Government to extend military help to the Philippines in public interest, reports Agence France Presse. The bill authorizes the United States Government to send troops and material and also to transfer small ships, with the exception of destroyers and submarines, to the Philippines.

American Army authorities at Dachau announced on June 27 that Lieut. Colonel Max Koegel, former Nazi commander of Flossenburg concentration camp, killed himself in a Nuremberg jail less than 24 hours after his capture, says Associated Press. He was arrested in connection with atrocities against the inmates at his concentration camp. He hanged himself in his jail cell using a single blanket to form a noose.

## Drama Theatres To Close in July

All Peking drama and modern drama theatres in Shanghai, totalling nearly 100, are faced with possible closure from July 1, due to the high amusement tax imposed by the city government Finance Bureau, according to a statement of the Theatre Guild.

Theatre managers disclosed that under the present high rate of taxation a Peking drama theatre, doing booming business, will have to sustain a loss of a quarter million at each performance.

These sources further revealed that if Peking and modern drama theatres were to go out of business, 20,000 employees will be out of work, and behind them there are several times the number in family dependents.

## "Daredevils of the West"

Pictures like "Daredevils of the West," now at the Golden Castle Theatre, are made as serials chiefly for children and lovers of westerns, and for these two categories, it may prove attractive.

There is little in the picture apart from fighting and shooting, with the hero coming out of all the scrapes just as a Western hero should: unscathed and spick and span. Allan Lane plays the leading male role and is nice so far as Western heroes go, while Kay Aldridge makes a pretty damsel in distress—L.E.

Wide promotion and display featuring the first sales of prewar purchases of Chinese rugs was held in Chicago this week, says U.S.I.S. The promotion was not featured as a sale but as the first shipment of rugs from reopened ports.

An earthquake shock of some intensity was felt in Rangoon on the night of June 27, says Reuter. The tremor lasted for several seconds, severely rocking huge buildings. No casualties have been reported so far.

President Truman on June 24 signed a bill providing for the burial of a second "Unknown Soldier" of World War II will be buried near his comrade of the earlier conflict, whose remains are interred at the entrance to the amphitheatre of Arlington.

Walter Simmons, veteran "Chicago Tribune" war and foreign correspondent, became the third president of the Tokyo Correspondents' Club in the regular elections, on June 28, says A.F.P. Simmons succeeded Robert Cochran, "Baltimore Sun" reporter who returned to the United States.

The Military Court at Essen on June 27 sentenced to death four former German policemen for the murder of three officers of the Royal Air Force in a house in Herthogenbosch, Holland, in July, 1944, says Reuter. Six other policemen were acquitted of being associated with the crime.

General Jacques Leclerc, Commander-in-Chief of the French Armed Forces in the Far East, has been elected full member of the Academy of Colonial Science, it was announced in Paris on June 27, reports Agence France Presse. General Leclerc succeeds the late Paul Pelliot, leading French sinologist.

Ten British demobilised poets, playwrights and novelists—nine men and one girl—have been awarded prizes of £250 from the £12,500 Rockefeller Fund, designed to help English writers whose creative work was interrupted by the war, reports Reuter. The awards will be made each year for three years.

Dr. Juan Marin, the Chilean Charge d'Affaires in China, has been appointed special envoy for Chile to the ceremonies of the Independence of Philippine Islands scheduled for July 4. Dr. Marin and Mrs. Juan Marin are leaving Shanghai by plane at the end of the week to be in Manila in time for the celebrations. They expect to be back within two weeks.

Premier Jose Giral of the Spanish Republican government in exile, arrived in Paris on June 27, says United Press. The premier was met at the airport by Spanish Republican President Martinez Barrios, who was accompanied by Madame Barrios and three ministers of the exiled government: Trifon Gomez, Martinez Prieto and Thorres Campana.

## Rice Prices Again On Rampage

The local rice situation seemed headed for a serious crisis yesterday as the officially pegged price of \$50,000 per picul was violated everywhere, with no grain being obtainable at this figure.

Meanwhile, black market rice dealers were active, charging prices as high as \$70,000 per picul, and even then there was hardly any pure quality rice. Many complaints of mixing with spilt rice and other impurities were heard from the buyers.

Chief cause of the threatening rice problem seems to be that a great many rice importers do not take the trouble to register their shipments with the authorities. Coupled with that is the failure of many buyers to register their stocks. Unscrupulous rice dealers, taking advantage of the unregistered rice stock, began charging their own prices on the grain, resulting in immediate spiralling of rice prices. The only remedy at present seems to be to keep a close check on incoming rice stocks, and exercise strict surveillance over dealings of local rice shops to prevent under-cover deals or secret price hiking. Such strict official actions are not likely to discourage legitimate rice imports, particularly in view of the approaching rice harvest, before which dealers are only too anxious to dispose of their holdings.

Another hope for an early solution of the question is that domestic imports of rice have not declined in quantity and foreign imports, through official and private shipments, are also sufficiently ample to prevent any serious shortage.

The Brazilian National University in Rio de Janeiro has conferred a Doctor of Law Degree on Chinese Ambassador to Brazil Cheng Tien-ku, probably the first Chinese diplomat to receive such an honor in Latin-America, reports Central News.

## Italian Ex-Commander On Trial

L. B. Bordandini, former Commanding Officer of the Italian Landing Party at Shanghai, was charged with enemy collaboration at the High Military Court yesterday, for having allegedly participated in Japanese war material production at the Kiangnan Dock, shortly after the Italian surrender, and for supplying information to the Japanese.

The accused held his Italian Landing Party post until the Italian surrender in 1943. After this he was sent into a Japanese concentration camp and detained for over three months.

With Bordandini's release all other Italian nationals in Shanghai were also liberated. The Italian community was placed under the control of a special committee, of which the accused was elected Chairman.

It was revealed that at this time accused despatched the crew of the Conte Verde to the Kiangnan Dock, to assist in the building of ships and production of other war materials.

In January 1945 accused left Shanghai and went to Peitaiho. He was arrested by the Northwest Command upon telegraphic instructions of the Commander-in-Chief of the Army, and escorted to the Shanghai-Woosung Garrison Headquarters, from where he was transferred to the Military Court.

Accused was charged by Ling Ngpo-pang, the procurator, under Article 1 and 2 of the War Criminals and Article 23, Section 1 of the Criminal Code. Mr. Henry K. F. Ai, of the Soochow University Law School, was counsel for defence. Mr. Voong Tsing-yoh acted as interpreter.

Accused entered a plea of not guilty, declaring that he was forced to send the Conte Verde hands to the Kiangnan Dockyard, under duress, the step being decided upon by the Japanese military. Four witnesses, all Italians, testified in favour of the accused. They were V. Boveri, Dr. A. Fraticelli, M. Donaido, and Dr. G. Carvenui. Mr. Sheldon Tong, the presiding judge, stated that there were indications that the second part of the indictment, regarding supplying of information to the enemy, may not be pressed by the prosecution owing to lack of evidence. The case was adjourned.

## UNRRA Relief Movements

Twelve vessels this week brought more than 27,000 tons of UNRRA supplies to the key ports of Shanghai and Hongkong.

Ten of the ships carrying relief and rehabilitation materials unloaded in Shanghai. Two of the ships landed at Hongkong.

There are 22 ships being discharged in Shanghai, adding 61,892 tons to the total. There are six ships unloading at Hongkong and one at Tsingtao.

There are 61 ships afloat. It is estimated that 57 of the vessels contain 230,681 tons of cargo; estimates of the remaining four ships are not known.

## Retail Prices

These prices represent the average payable in Shanghai, yesterday, though they vary somewhat at different centres and also according to the freshness and quality of the food supplied.

Soup meat	per lb.	CNC\$1000
Leg of mutton	per lb.	1100
Butt of mutton	per lb.	1200
Mutton chops	per lb.	1200
Pork lard	per lb.	1400
Pork fat	per lb.	900/1100
Pork	per lb.	2000
Veal	per lb.	2000
Pork	per lb.	2400
Pork chops	per lb.	2000
Beef	per lb.	1500
Rump steak	per lb.	1650
Minced meat	per lb.	1200
Liver	per lb.	1100
Cx brains	each	700
Sheep's brains	each	320
Chicken	per lb.	2000
Sugar	per lb.	1300/1600
Butter	per lb.	5000/6000
Cheese	per lb.	400
Cottage cheese	per lb.	400/550
Potatoes	per lb.	140/180
Green onions	per lb.	400
Onions	per lb.	150/200
Lettuce	per bunch	350
Leeks	per lb.	80
Beans	per lb.	250
Cabbage	per lb.	120
Tomatoes	per lb.	1600
Beetroot	per lb.	100
Cucumbers	per lb.	300
Oranges	per piece	350
Prunes	per lb.	800
Bananas	per lb.	400
Rice	per lb.	400
Barley	per lb.	600
Buckwheat	per lb.	700
Eggs	per lb.	450
Coffee	per lb.	2/4500
Bread	per lb.	500
Flour	48-lb. bag	16/17500
Tea	each	65/120
Milk powder (U.S.)	per lb.	2650/6500
Milk (fresh)	per pint	300/1200
Sour cream	per lb.	2500/4200

## XMHA Broadcasts

SATURDAY	
0700 News	1600 Personal
0715 Yawn Patrol	Album
0800 News	1615 Hollywood in
0815 Musical Clock	Review
0900 Jini's Jukebox	1630 Hildegarde
0930 Saludos	1700 "600" Club
Amigos	1800 Sports Quiz
0945 Melody	1830 Supper Club
Roundup	1845 News
1000 Remember	1900 Sat. Nite
1015 Downbeat	1930 Serenade
1030 At Ease	1930 Amos'n Andy
1045 Piano Quartet	2000 Woody Herman
1100 Duffie Bag	2030 AFRS Play-house
1200 News	2100 Mail Call
1245 Duffie Bag	2130 Hit Parade
1300 Viva America	2130 Hit Parade
1345 Raymond Scott	2200 News
1400 N. Y. Philharmonic	2205 Sat. Nite
1500 National Barn Dance	2230 Duffie Bag
1530 Let's Dance	2300 Sat. Nite
1530 Duke with	2400 Duffie Bag
Duke	2400 News

## Unemployment In Shanghai

In response to labour expert Chu Hsueh-fan's proposal that the fundamental cure to unemployment is to establish factories run jointly by capital and labour responsible members of six local factories, including a ship-building factory and a chemical works, have sent an appeal to the Government, signifying willingness to invest capital, urging the Government to allocate site and equipment for factories and asking workers to contribute labour, thus forming a Government-capital-labour system, according to the Head of the Unemployed Workers Relief Section of the Social Affairs Bureau, Central News learned.

He said that the appeal has been transmitted to Dr. T. V. Soong, President of the Executive Yuan, and Mr. Wang Yun-wu, Minister of Economic Affairs, for consideration.

Expressing his personal approval of the suggestion, Unemployed Workers Relief Chief said that he will raise the unemployment problem for discussion at the forthcoming National Economic Conference with a view to precipitating the opening of the projected factories.

## Christian Education

## In China

A meeting was held here yesterday by 13 presidents of Christian universities in China and Dr. Henry P. VanDusen, President of the Associated Boards of Christian College in China, as well as Dr. Robert J. McMullen, Executive Secretary of the Board.

The group is still continuing discussion on developments of Christian education in China and was expected to be wound up at noon on June 28 Central News learned.

In the afternoon, principals of Christian middle schools in China had a meeting with the ABCC Executives.

## "Du Barry Was A Lady"

Although not so good as "Bathing Beauty," the new Red Skelton technicolor musical at the Roxy Theatre is an entertaining picture. Though the star another good chance to score, this time as a hunchback boy who suddenly comes into wealth by winning the Irish Sweepstakes.

A drugged drink the hero takes by mistake takes him back to 18th century France where he wakes up as King Louis XV. Not intended to be taken seriously (and for that reason no attempt has been made to keep to historical facts), this part of the picture is one of the best pieces of burlesque ever presented on the screen, with the amorous French monarch shown spending his time pursuing Mme. Du Barry.

Lucille Ball is the heroine of the film, first appearing as May Daly, a night club entertainer, and then as Mme. Du Barry. In both roles she has beautiful dresses to wear and also sings and dances pleasantly. Virginia O'Brien, that "deadpan" singer, adds further comedy as the cigarette girl who is after the hero.

Gene Kelly, recently seen here in "For Me and My Gal," makes another step toward the top, scoring as an actor and dancer. This young actor also knows how to put over a song, despite his none too strong voice.

"Du Barry Was a Lady" is a good, though not pretentious, film and should please—G.P.

## "My Favourite Blonde"

There is never a dull moment when Bob Hope is around and the laughter that rang out at the Majestic Theatre on the opening night of "My Favourite Blonde" was the best proof that this popular British-born American comedian is one of the best in Hollywood now.

Co-starred with Madeleine Carroll, as a British Secret Service agent, Bob Hope scores heavily as the innocent vaudeville actor who is drawn, though not against his will, into the dangerous game of espionage, ending finally in the hero having to run away not only from the Nazis but from the police as well on suspicion that he has killed a man in a love quarrel. Good direction, witty dialogue and comic situation all help to make "My Favourite Blonde" truly the best film this popular comedian has made since "Caught in the Draft." One of the best scenes in the picture is the brief appearance of Bing Crosby as a hit player, dressed as a driver out on a picnic, with Bob Hope apparently surprised, but dismissing it all with a shrug and mumbling "No, it can't be."

The picture is rounded out by a silly Popeye the Sailor cartoon and an old United News reel. It is also to be hoped that the Asia Theatres reinstall their cooling plants, as many people are now heard grumbling about the heat in the theatre.—I.M.

American press associations were urged to continue their wide coverage of foreign news in a resolution adopted by a conference of California newspaper editors, states A.P. The resolution declared that only through complete coverage of world news could the American people be informed adequately and kept in a position to act for lasting peace.

## Alessy Sentenced To Four Years

Rene Alessy, French national, was yesterday sentenced by the High Court to four years imprisonment, with deprivation of civil rights and confiscation of property, except a portion for the livelihood of his family, for having assisted the enemy in locating radio short wave stations.

The accused was in possession of an automobile equipped with a special instrument for locating short wave receiving sets, with which he found five secret wireless stations in Frenchtown on behalf of the Japanese, according to the prosecution.

At a previous hearing accused denied the charge, stating that the radio apparatus in the car was only for receiving local programmes. Two Chinese witnesses testified on behalf of the accused. They were Mr. Tsu Sung-ling, chairman of the Shanghai Amateur Radio Association, and Alessy's former chauffeur.

The accused, through his attorney, Mr. Ngai Tchen-lin, gave notice of appeal.

## Much Ado About Nothing

Something happened at the intersection of Nanking Road and the Bund shortly before 2 p.m., yesterday. At 2.40 o'clock, police still were questioning tram drivers and conductors.

Meanwhile, all tram traffic, in three directions, was piled up on Nanking Road from Honan Road, on the Bund from beyond Peking Road, and also from nearby Canton Road. It seemed that all trams on all three lines had jammed up here, making thousands of office-goers late.

As one pedestrian said: "If it takes an hour to clear up a small traffic accident, little wonder that Shanghai's harbour is congested and China is without the export trade which should bring down the high cost of living."

Those who overheard his sentiments concurred, one adding: "Why do they not take the numbers of the tram officials concerned and get complete reports later?"

## Audrey King-Yanover School Recital

A very interesting recital by the pupils of the Audrey King and Dora Yanover School of Dancing will be given at the Lyceum Theatre tomorrow, at 2.30 p.m. More than 100 pupils will take part.

Numbers by Chopin and Debussy, scenes from the ballets "Le Lac des Cygnes" and "Carnaval" will be danced by the senior students of the school (Asa Mercoulova, Mila Liaschenko, Kolia Dobrovolsky). The climax of the recital will be a ballet-scene, "A Russian Village," in which young George Lee will demonstrate his talents.

The recital may be recommended to all parents interested in ballet and dancing education of their children. All tickets for the Sunday's recital have been sold out.

## Cholera Epidemic Still Growing

The cholera epidemic was still spreading yesterday, when it was reported by the Plague Preventive Committee of the Health Bureau that 63 new cases, three of which were fatal, were registered, the Municipal Press Bureau announced. The total cholera cases up till yesterday were 741, of which 57 were fatal.

The victims are mostly labourers, boatmen and mechanics. Representatives of the various waterworks held a conference with members of the Health and Public Utilities bureaux yesterday afternoon, and decisions were arrived at to let the poorer section of the population draw water from water hydrants in the various parts of the city. Full particulars of the decisions are expected to be announced shortly.

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## Shipping Magnate Returning

The fate of the country's biggest private-operated shipping firm, the Ming Sung Industrial Company, which at present is beset with great difficulties, will probably be decided after the return here of Mr. Lu Cho-fu, general manager of the firm, Central News learned.

Mr. Lu, who went to America to order new ships for the expansion of his firm, was scheduled to arrive here on Thursday. Because of the typhoon in the Pacific, the plane which he boarded was forced to land on Okinawa. Barring unexpected weather conditions, he was expected to arrive yesterday.

According to an official of the shipping concern, the company is suffering great losses as its vessels sailing along the Chungking-Ichang section of the Yangtze River have occasionally been requisitioned by the military authorities.

The company is awaiting Mr. Lu's return to devise means to cope with the present difficult situation.

## Municipal Office Hours Unchanged

The regular office hours of the Shanghai Municipal Government and its various bureaux will remain unchanged during the summer months, daily from 8 to 12 o'clock and from 2 to 6 p.m., it was decided by the weekly Municipal conference yesterday, according to the Municipal Press Bureau.

The Supreme National Defence Council recently instructed various government organizations throughout the country to readjust their office hours for the July-August period to 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Municipal Conference, in making its decision, stated that longer working hours are necessary to enable the City Government and its various bureaux to discharge the daily duties, so that no change in its office hours was contemplated.

## Mayor Discusses Food Problems

Food problems were discussed by Mayor K. C. Wu with President Dr. T. V. Soong of the Executive Yuan yesterday morning, when the Mayor brought up the measures for aiding the inflow of rice into this city, the Municipal Press Bureau announced.

Dr. Wu also recommended to President Soong that the Food Minister, Mr. Hsu Kan, be invited to come to Shanghai to participate in the discussion on the food question. President Soong complied with the Mayor's request and wired Food Minister Hsu the same day.

## "Yellow" Sheets

## Banned By Authorities

The city's big crop of "yellow journalism" publication, particularly the weekly tabloids of a sensational nature which once flooded the local newstands, has been banned by an official ruling of the Ministry of Information, says Central News.

The local Bureau of Social Affairs, acting under the Ministry's instructions, has taken prompt action to rid the newspaper stands of these scandal sheets.

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Carol Lombard	Nee Tai Shing S.
Charles Goodnight	Conservancy Buoys
	Wooing
Chen On	Buoys 10/11 Upper
Caroline Marsk	Idemitsu Wharf
Christie Salen	Socony Wharf
Cromwell	Buoys 8/9 Upper
Coastal Nomad	Jukong Wharf
Coastal Adventurer	Buoys 25/26
Defender	CM Lower
Dunvegon	Naval Berth No. 4
Dr. Lykes	Hongkew Wharf
Douglas Victory	Kiangnan Dock
	Buoys 7/3
Durham Victory	W'usung Riv. Wharf
Eastgate	Holt's Wharf
Erica Moller	Mol's Repairs
	Dock
Footing	Buoys 9/10 Upper
Fort Paskoyac	Buoys 15/16
Greater Shanghai	Unknown Berth
Granville Hall	MBK No. 1
Hai Cheng	Buoys 7/8 Upper
Hai Yuen	Unknown Berth
Hang Yang	French Bund No. 2
Hartington	Holt's Wharf
Ivaren	Holt's Wharf
Jankow Bowdoin	Shanghai Hongkew
Jan P. Coen	Jukong Wharf
Jefferson Myers	NYK Pootung
Joseph Eastman	McKenzie Wharf
Joseph Squires	Nee Tai Shing S.
Josiah Parker	Buoys 32/33
Kiang Ming	CM Central
Korea	Buoys 31/32
Lidvard	International Dock
Lovstad	International Dock
Marine Robin	Hongkew No. 1
McMurray Victory	Buoys 6/7
Mankato Victory	Buoys 36/37
Morning Light	Buoys 38/39
Most Greylock	Buoys 13/14
Ocean Telegraph	Kiangnan Dock
Onward	Buoys 2/3
Dradell	Int. Dry Dock
Oskosh Victory	Shai Dry Dock
Percy Foxworth	Dollar Wharf
Rattler	Buoys 12/13
Rainbow	APC Lower Wharf
San Simon	Socony Wharf
Scott E. Land	CM Buoys 1/2
Sea Board Star	Int. Buoys 4/6
Simon Benson	Socony Wharf
Sea Hawk	SB Buoys 8/9 Upper
Smoky	Buoys 42/43
St. John's Victory	Int. B.D.W.
Somerville	Unknown Berth
Tarentum	Buoys 35/36
Tsianan	Buoys 40/41
War Bharata	Buoys 35/36
Wayne Victory	Buoys 40/41
Wichita Falls	Buoys 35/36
Yung Che	Buoys 40/41
Yung Cheng	Buoys 35/36