

RUSSIA DECLARES WAR ON JAPANS

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Paratrooper Dies in Forest Fire Fight

Another Hurt During Action In Forest Area

Army Engineer Crushed To Death Under Bulldozer At Huge Tillamook Blaze

One Army Negro paratrooper was killed and another critically injured Tuesday when 15 men jumped into remote forest areas north of Diamond Lake and at the head of Steamboat creek, near the Douglas-Lane county line to combat fires set by electrical storms Monday, it was announced here today from forest headquarters.

The injured man was reported en route to Roseburg and will be flown by army ambulance plane to Walla Walla. A stretcher party which started from Lemon Butte Tuesday became exhausted and a relief party was sent in today to help carry the injured man over 15 miles of mountain trail. The original stretcher party was forced to travel two miles through heavy timber and brush through which no trails have been built. An Army medic arrived in Roseburg by plane today and will go to the end of the road, 50 miles east of Roseburg, to meet the stretcher party. An ambulance also has been dispatched to the

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

LIVING at a hotel in London is quite different from living in a hotel in the States, and an American coming here for the first time has a lot to learn before beginning to feel even approximately sure of himself in the simplest transactions.

The difference begins when your cab pulls up at the curb—on the left side, of course. You are met by a doorman who is NOT bored with life, but feels that he has an important job, fairly well up the ladder, and a position in the world. He opens the door for you (you haven't been able to find the catch for yourself, as that is a trick that takes time). He sees that the cabman doesn't overcharge you and he also sees that you pay the cabman.

He commands the presence of a porter, who hustles your baggage in—and, incidentally, keeps track of it for you, even in these days when you will probably have to wait around for some

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AFL Chides Congress for Recessing Without Action On Four "Vital" Measures

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—(AP)—The American Federation of Labor chided congress today for recessing without action on "vital" important legislation dealing with imminent reconversion problems.

"Congress has been remiss in its duty to the American people," said the federation's 15-member executive council, in session here.

"The powerful and progressive speech made by Senator Majority Leader Barkley (D-Ky.) just before the senate adjourned indicates that the leaders of congress, at least, are somewhat conscience-stricken over the neglect of the lawmakers to deal with human needs during the postwar period," the council said.

It "hoped" that members of congress would study the pending legislation during the recess, scheduled to continue until October 8, and that President Truman would "exert his leadership in this critical situation and send a special message to the returning congress urging immediate action on a well-rounded program of postwar and social justice legislation."

The "must" legislation which the council cited includes:

1. The Kilgore bill, "carrying out President Truman's recommendations for broadening the

Hiroshima Made Into Inferno as Atom Bomb Hits

(By the Associated Press)

Terrific heat and crumbling buildings obliterated all life in downtown Hiroshima when a solitary atom bomb wiped out more than four square miles of the Japanese city Monday.

Seared and crushed bodies, "too numerous to be counted," Tokyo said, litter atomic-devastated Hiroshima, onetime military and industrial city of 343,000.

They were seared beyond recognition by the blinding heat of the atomic blast, or crushed by falling buildings.

"Most of the town has been completely destroyed," Tokyo added.

Superfort headquarters put destruction at 60 per cent of the city's 6.9 square-mile built-up area, including major military and industrial installations. Undetermined damage was inflicted beyond this area.

War Criminals' Trials Mapped

LONDON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—The key plan for the trials of Germany's major war criminals was signed today by the representatives of the United States, Britain, Russia and France.

The document was signed as it was disclosed that top-ranking Nazis, held at various places as prisoners of war would be moved soon to the Nuremberg jail, where they will lose their status as prisoners of war and be held as civil criminals.

Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson, chief United States war crimes prosecutor, declined to divulge the identity of the Nazis to be transferred pending their arrival in Nuremberg.

The total of those to be tried is probably between 25 and 50, a source close to Jackson reported. Among those who have been held in Luxembourg, and presumably those who will figure in the trials, are Hermann Goering, Joachim von Ribbentrop, Franz von Papen and Julius Streicher.

Pro Football Facing Probable ODT Barrier

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Professional football's non-championship games next season apparently were on the verge of being called off today.

No formal announcement was made following a conference between Commissioner Elmer Layden and ODT officials but it was understood that ODT Director J. Monroe Johnson's attitude is that the games would be "disapproved in view of the present transportation crisis."

Truman Mulls Appointee To U. S. Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—President Truman has four or five names under consideration for his first supreme court appointment.

White House Press Secretary Ross told reporters today that a successor to Justice Owen Roberts, who resigned, will not be made "in the next three or four days."

It is not indicated whether one of the names under consideration is that of senator Austin (R-Vt.) who was advanced for the appointment by a democratic colleague, senator Hatch of New Mexico.

"Tailor-Made" Hogs Vary With Seasonal Demands

STANLEY, Kans., Aug. 8.—(AP)—A pork chop may still be a pork chop, but the body it comes in can vary with the seasons, and that's official.

The National Hampshire Swine registry, at its annual hog type conference and sale here, has stated that changing appetites (and shifts in food rationing rules) force farmers to grow hogs "tailor-made" for the occasion.

Once, when demand for lard was heavy, farmers grew small round "chubby" hogs.

This season, the style in hogs will be a "middle-of-the-road" model—a special number described as a combination of bacon and lard producer, with thick hams.

14 Killed, 9 Missing In Grain Elevator Blast

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., Aug. 8.—(AP)—Fourteen persons were listed as dead and nine were reported missing today as the result of an explosion which wrecked a grain storage elevator here yesterday.

The blast rocked Port Arthur and neighboring Fort William, blew out all four walls of the elevator and hurled bodies as far as 200 feet from the scene. Witnesses said it let loose "a sheet of flame 200 to 300 feet long."

Most of the casualties were employees in the elevator workhouse.

OPA in Row With WPB on Price Policy

Reconversion Program Involved in Issue That May Reach White House

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—The War Production board and the OPA are split wide apart on an issue embracing fundamental price and reconversion policy. Likely to be referred to President Truman for settlement, what was once just a disagreement now has boiled to an angry quarrel over this basic point:

WPB may remove or ease controls on materials no longer scarce if OPA feels such controls must be retained to help hold down the cost of living.

While this issue arose in connection with a specific WPB proposal to ease restrictions on clothing production, OPA has taken the position that its overall price and reconversion policy is involved.

OPA officials believe materials controls should be kept firmly in place in any case where living costs might rise if they were removed.

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Death Hang-Over Of 70 Years From Atom Bomb Denied

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—The War department today denied published reports that areas devastated by the atomic bomb continue for years to react with death-dealing radioactivity.

In a statement, the department quoted Dr. J. R. Oppenheimer, head of this phase of the atomic research, as saying there is every reason to believe that there was no appreciable radioactivity on the ground at Hiroshima and what little there was decayed very rapidly.

Published reports had quoted Dr. Harold Jacobson of Columbia University, one of those who participated in the atomic research work, as saying the bombed area in Japan might cause death for persons entering the area for a period of 70 years.

One of the initial War department announcements on the bomb's discovery, however, describing an experiment with the bomb in July in New Mexico, said that "to examine the nature of the crater" caused by the explosion "specially equipped tanks were wheeled into the area" so scientists could see what had happened.

Jacobson said today a published article credited to him was not written by him and did not correctly represent his views on the effect of atomic bombing. On the other hand, a spokesman said the article was "definitely Dr. Jacobson's story."

Frankenstein Nominated To Oppose Jeffries in Detroit Mayoralty Race



Richard Frankenstein, Detroit, Aug. 8.—(AP)—DETROIT, Frankenstein, union executive who received strong support from the CIO's Political Action committee, was nominated Tuesday to oppose Mayor Edward J. Jeffries in the November 6 mayoralty election.

Frankenstein polled 82,536 votes to lead Jeffries by 14,182 and had wide margins over the other five candidates in the Tuesday primary.

The 38-year-old Frankenstein, international vice president of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) showed surprising strength in the balloting in which 201,000 voters trooped to the polls.

The Jeffries-Frankenstein contest was an almost exact duplication of the 1943 primary in which Frank Fitzgerald, who had support from labor groups, led Jeffries by 35,000. Jeffries won a third term and the November election by 33,000 votes.

12 Die During Building Of Hanford Bomb Plant

RICHLAND, Wash., Aug. 8.—(AP)—Col. F. T. Matthias, commanding officer of the Hanford atomic bomb plant, today said 16 industrial deaths were recorded during construction of the Hanford buildings.

He termed this an exceptionally low figure for a two-year job which employed upward of 120,000 persons.

Cargo Ship Afire Off Halifax; 1 Man Missing

HALIFAX, Aug. 8.—(AP)—The 4,413-ton cargo ship, Argos Hill, is in flames at sea 200 miles from this port, and other vessels from Newfoundland and Halifax are rushing to her aid.

One man aboard was unaccounted for but all other crew members were taken aboard another boat it was reported.

Jobless Total Now Far Under Predictions

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Government predictions around V-E day that 2,000,000 persons would be jobless now were wide of the mark by at least 30 per cent.

Stating this today, a high official of the War Manpower commission said the agency's estimates made three months ago for early August had been "far too pessimistic."

Currently, no more than 1,400,000 persons who want jobs are without them, said this official who asked that his name not be used.

This compares with 1,100,000 unemployed in June and 630,000 in March.

"Despite these increases, the whole employment picture is much brighter than we had dared hope it would be at this time," the official stated.

Two Reasons Advanced He cited two principal reasons why WMC's original estimate overshoot the actual August total by 600,000:

1. While munitions cutbacks have been in line with predictions, their full impact on industry has been delayed beyond expectations.

2. Labor-starved activities such as agriculture, trade and service industries have absorbed workers released from war plants to a much greater extent than anticipated.

The delayed effect of cutbacks is illustrated, the official said, by

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Huge Sum Asked to Aid Needy Europe

LONDON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—A new UNRRA levy of \$1,518,906, 250 upon participating nations was recommended today by Herbert H. Lehman, director-general of the relief organization, with the warning that the winter ahead may be "one of the grimmest in history."

The recommended levy is exclusive of a Russian request for \$700,000,000.

Solemnly Lehman told the delegates of 43 member nations that the UNRRA would have only \$17,000,000 uncommitted by the end of the year, and declared that unless contributing countries supplement their aid "the name of the United Nations will be a mockery in Europe this winter."

Of the original total of \$1,862,687,598 pledged to finance UNRRA's activities, the United States authorized expenditure of 72 per cent. No change was proposed in the plan for financing, so presumably congress would be asked to appropriate the same proportion of the new levy.

He also said that the chances of any meat shipments from the United States to liberated Europe before Oct. 1 were "remote."

SIMPLE ANNOUNCEMENT OF MOSCOW'S ACTION GIVEN OUT AT WHITE HOUSE BY TRUMAN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—President Truman announced today that Russia has declared war on Japan.

Mr. Truman made the momentous announcement to a hurriedly summoned news conference.

He said he had only a simple statement to make but it was so important he could not delay it.

Then with a broad grin he declared: "Russia has just declared war on Japan. 'That is all.'"

The disclosure that the Soviet Union at last had pitted its enormous might alongside Britain and the United States against the Pacific enemy had not been unexpected.

Official Washington at once took this development, along with the unleashing of atomic bombing against the Pacific enemy, as a sure sign that Japan can not long continue to resist.

The short announcement brought a gasp from reporters who had rushed to the White House in a stream of taxicabs and an exclamation of "my God!" from some.

Whether the arrangements for Russian entry into the war on Japan were fashioned at Potsdam was not disclosed.

The chief executive may throw light on that tomorrow in a report to be broadcast to the nation at 10 p. m. eastern war time.

A communique signed by himself, Generalissimo Stalin and Prime Minister Attlee, released when the Potsdam meeting ended, made no specific mention of Japan. But it carried the significant statement that chiefs of staff had studied military matters "of mutual interest."

Russian entry into the Pacific war is generally expected to turn loose a new wave of psychological and propagandist activity directed at persuading the enemy that resistance now is completely futile.

Already the allies have been capitalizing to the fullest on the threat of the new atomic bomb.

In Washington and London within the last few hours there have been expectations of a new ultimatum to the enemy to quit now or face national annihilation.

What factors finally tipped the balance and persuaded the soviets to go to war again so soon after helping to crush Germany were not entirely clear here.

(By the Associated Press)

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Milk Situation Data Job Finished

J. W. Wolfe, OPA accountant, who has been in Roseburg for the past few days checking profit and loss figures of dairymen, milk distributors and creamerymen, announced he has completed his work and is returning to the district office at Portland tonight to prepare his report. Additional data is to be prepared at a meeting of milk and cream producers to be held at the Chamber of Commerce office in Roseburg at 10 a. m. Thursday. Producers will compile actual figures on their operations to submit in support of requests for increased payments on butterfat and whole milk.

Mr. Wolfe reports that his assignment is to procure statistical information and that he has no part in determining OPA action other than furnishing figures on operating and distribution costs.

Uranium Ore Picked Up Along Deschutes River

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 8.—(AP)—The proprietor of an Oregon Agate novelty shop said today a specimen of Uranium ore displayed in his store window was picked up along the Deschutes river in the Warm Springs Indian reservation.

State geology and mineral industries officials said there is no official record of deposits of the element existing in Oregon.

Archibald H. Smith said his specimen had been assayed by several experts who made tests with ultra-violet light.

J. J. Lynch Choice of G. O. P. for Senate Seat

PORTLAND, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Former State Senator J. J. Lynch today had the nomination of the Multnomah County Republican Central committee to succeed Senator Coe A. McKenna.

McKenna resigned his Senatorial post Aug. 15 to accept appointment to the State Tax commission.

County commissioners are expected to name a successor before McKenna takes over his commission duties.

B-29s' Bombs Leave Yawata In Fire's grip

GUAM, Aug. 8.—(AP)—American B-29's fire-bombed another fore-warmed Japanese city today, more than 100 of the Superforts raiding Fukuyama on Honshu island shortly before midnight in the fourth attack of the day on homeland targets.

Fukuyama is headquarters for a military unit and the home of many small industries producing aircraft parts.

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Announcement Of Entry In War Against Japan Also Issued At Moscow

LONDON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Soviet Russia declared war on Japan today effective at midnight (2 P. M., Pacific war time).

The Moscow radio announcement of the entry of Russia into the Pacific war said Japan previously had appealed to the Soviet Union to mediate in the conflict.

Japan rejected the Potsdam ultimatum of July 26 by the United States, Britain and China demanding unconditional surrender, however, and thus Japan's request for mediation "loses all basis," the announcement said.

The announcement, quoting a statement from Foreign Commissar Molotov, said the Allies then had requested Russia to join in the war against the Japanese.

The Moscow declaration followed by two days President Truman's announcement that the first atomic bomb had been cast upon Japan.

Charter Ratification Signed by Pres. Truman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—(AP)—Ratification of the United Nations charter by this country was formally completed today with President Truman's signature on the senate's instrument of approval.

Mr. Truman and Secretary of State James F. Byrnes signed the historic one-page senate document, and also placed their names on two copies of the full text of the charter drawn by 50 nations at San Francisco.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

This seems to be an era of world-astounding discoveries. First the atomic annihilator, then the announcement of physicians that Hermann Goering has heart disease, the latter upsetting popular belief that such an organ was absent from the anatomical composition of the ex-Reichsmarshal.



POOLED GENIUS TO PRODUCE ATOMIC BOMB—Several of the scientists connected with development of the atomic bomb confer with Maj. Gen. R. L. Groves, U. S. A., officer-in-charge of the government's atomic bomb project. They are (left to right) Sir James Chadwick, Great Britain; Gen. Groves; Dr. Richard C. Tolman, office of scientific research and development; and normally dean of the graduate school of California Institute of Technology; Dr. H. D. Smyth, chairman of the department of physics, Princeton university.