

JAPAN DELAYS REPLY TO 4-POWER DICTATE



DESTRUCTION BY ATOMIC BOMBS—These photographs reveal the destruction dealt two of Japan's largest cities by atomic bombs. At the top is a gigantic column of smoke at an altitude of 20,000 feet over Hiroshima, 60 per cent erased by a single missile, with uncountable casualties. Lower photo shows the great port of Nagasaki converted into an inferno, said even greater than that which gripped Hiroshima.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

LONDON. If anyone doubts that new ideas are loose in England, he should pay a visit to Coventry, the city that was destroyed by the Germans as a deliberate act of terrorism, designed to frighten the British people into surrender.

Coventry was smashed in two night attacks, each lasting about 11 hours. Both times the bombers came over in wave after wave for hour after hour, raining down their bombs. Coventry is one of England's old walled towns. Within its ancient walls lay its 12th century cathedral and the whole of its commercial center. It was down one of its narrow, winding streets that Lady Godiva rode her white horse, attired only in her flowing hair. It has had its own charter for more than 600 years. It is literally steeped in tradition.

OUTSIDE this old walled city, practically circling it, a modern industrial city has grown up. There are motor plants, making complete automobiles, and the

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Atom Bomb Fair Reply to Jap Cruelty, Pastor Says

PORTLAND, Aug. 13.—(AP)—A minister who, with his wife, hid from the Japanese in the Philippines for three and a half years, declared here today that a fair reply to Japanese cruelty is "Anything's fair," said the Rev. S. D. Lomasson. "They asked for it and they're getting it."

Mr. Lomasson had been in the Philippines since 1934, his wife since 1931. The U. S. Army finally liberated the region in which they were hiding.

Lumber Plant at Glendale is Sold

Sale of the Snellstrom-Ingham Lumber company mill at Glendale to the Robert Dollar company was announced today. Harry Dollar, vice-president of the Dollar company, arrived in Glendale last week and took over operation of the mill today as resident manager.

The change in ownership follows prolonged negotiations and embraces the mill, which has a daily capacity in excess of 125,000 board feet, planing mill, logging equipment and large timber holdings.

The mill has been operated by C. Ward Ingham, who was recently joined in the business by Charles and Orin Snellstrom, previously operators of a mill at Vaughn, Oregon.

Mr. Ingham is interested in the company now engaged in installation of the RFC alcohol-fermentation plant at Springfield and is serving as secretary of the organization.

British Pacific Fleet Numbers 400; More Due

ABOARD H.M.S. DUKE OF YORK AT GUAM, Aug. 13.—(AP)—More than 400 ships and 200,000 men make up the combined strength of the British fleet and fleet train in the Pacific, Adm. Sir Bruce Fraser disclosed today.

More are on the way. Speaking of going into Japan itself, Sir Bruce said the history of war has been that the occupation of a country has always been imperative before it is conquered.

Madras Bank Acquired by United States National

PORTLAND, Aug. 13.—(AP)—The First National bank of Madras has been added to the branch system of the National Bank of Portland, President E. C. Sammons announced today.

Roseburg News-Review

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Planes Blast Yokohama; Russians Building Trap

Docks, Subs Chief Targets Of Air Bombs

Kurume, Rubber Center, Wiped Out; Nippon Plane Torpedoes U. S. Warship

GUAM, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Admiral Halsey's fleet guarded against a possible banzai attack by the Japanese air force today as his carrier planes blasted the Yokohama docks at Tokyo's front door.

Associated Press War Correspondent Richard K. O'Malley with the fleet reported six enemy planes, attempting sneak attacks, were shot down by carrier planes.

A Tokyo broadcast, admitted "some damage" was caused by 800 carrier-based planes attacking the Kanto district of East Central Honshu, the attack, the Japanese said, lasted 12 hours and 17 planes were shot down and 25 damaged.

Possibility of a Japanese aerial banzai assault against the fleet was voiced by some officers, O'Malley said. "Because of persistent attempts by reconnaissance planes to locate the American force."

Turned back by heavy weather at Tokyo, the carrier planes picked targets of opportunity. The

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Fake News Flash That Japan Had Accepted Terms of Peace Evokes Premature Hilarity

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Premature victory celebrations, springing from radio broadcast of an erroneous United Press news flash that Japan had accepted allied surrender terms, swept across the United States and Canada last night and awoke briefly jubilant echoes in Central America and far-away Sidney, Australia.

The Canadian celebration was intensified by premature release of a recorded "victory" broadcast by Prime Minister King from Ottawa.

The United Press association said the flash moved over one of its wires at 9:34 P. M. (EWT). The flash was ordered withheld from publication at 9:36 P. M. and was "killed" at 9:40 P. M.

The UP described the flash as "of mysterious origin" and said that while it moved under a Washington dateline, it was not transmitted by the Washington bureau of the United Press.

Hugh Baillie, United Press president, offered \$5,000 reward for information leading to the identification and conviction of the person who transmitted the false flash.

The UP told its subscribers that the FBI and the Federal Communications commission had been asked to ascertain who had "cut in" on the UP's wire to disseminate false information.

Wide Hilarity Occurs

Although the long-awaited report of the war's end was killed quickly by UP and the major radio networks which had cut in to their regular programs to carry it, the message: "Flash—Washington—Japan accepts surrender terms of allies" inaugurated

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1,500,000 Japs Face Isolation In Manchuria

Reds Seize Korean Ports Of Rashin, Yuki, Invade South Half of Sakhalin

LONDON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Tokyo reported today a vast new soviet offensive in Manchuria which threatened to cut off possibly a half million Japanese troops in China and split an estimated 1,500,000 enemy forces on the Asiatic mainland into two massive pockets.

There was no immediate soviet confirmation of the Tokyo report, but a Moscow communique told of soviet gains of nine to 22 miles toward the central Manchurian arsenal city of Harbin.

The soviet bulletin also announced that Russian marines invading Korea under the guns of the Soviet Pacific fleet had seized the vital ports of Rashin and Yuki on the Sea of Japan, after Adm. Yumashev's ships bombarded the bases and red army planes cascaded tons of explosives on the wharves and harbors in a three-day aerial pounding.

The Tokyo radio reported seaborne soviet troops had begun landings on the southern part of disputed Sakhalin island.

Rashin, a great Japanese naval base just 85 miles from the Russian naval anchorage of Poset, south of Vladivostok, was the

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New Ration Books Printing is Halted

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—The OPA has halted printing of 187,000,000 new ration books for food, shoes and gasoline, it was learned today.

The stop order covers war ration book five for meats, fats, dairy products, canned foods and sugar, and a new "A" gasoline book. Both had been scheduled for distribution in December.

The order halts work on the books pending outcome of peace negotiations. If Japan quits, the stop order will become permanent.

The action was taken, it was explained, because there are sufficient stamps in books now in use to carry through to about the first of the year. In the case of gasoline, rationing is expected to end within a week or two after V-J day. The other programs are expected to continue longer.

Elbe Halt His Own Idea, Not Stalin's, Eisenhower Says

MOSCOW, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Gen. Eisenhower told a press conference today Generalissimo Stalin had said things during their social meeting here which convinced him soviet Russia's paramount desire was to be friends with the United States and her people.

He said he was unable to disclose details of the meeting, but he was visibly impressed.

Eisenhower declared he had not halted his troops at the Elbe or anywhere else last spring because the Red army or Stalin requested it.

The American general said the reason American troops stopped at the Elbe short of Berlin was because he wanted to break up Hitler's redoubt in the south as fast as possible. His orders to the commanders were to halt at the Elbe at certain places and turn southward at others with all speed possible. These orders were given weeks ahead of time, he said, and it never was his plan to halt at any military political zone.

Eisenhower declared he would be glad to place before congress the record of the way the Red army high command cooperated with him during the European war.

Eisenhower said Stalin had asked him nothing about the atomic bomb, but he disclosed that he and Marshal Zhukov had talked about it in a general way on their flight from Berlin to Moscow.

Eisenhower won immediate Russian confidence for he has been told details of such things as the Stalin tank and the Red army's methods of handling supply and communications problems.

Death of GI, His 3 Tots Believed Deliberate Deed

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 13.—(AP)—A soldier, dependent over impending divorce, may have set a fire in which he and his three small children died, police said today.

The homicide squad awaited a coroner's verdict in the death Saturday of Carl M. Graham, 24; Nancy, three years; Harvey, two years, and Howard, about nine months. Firemen said they appeared to have suffocated from smoke, since none was burned.

The home was partly destroyed. Several hours after the blaze Mrs. Graham, hysterical, came to police headquarters. She said she and her husband had quarreled the evening before in a night club and she had spent the night with friends.

Detective O. M. O'Leary said Graham, in a note found in the house, threatened to kill a male acquaintance of Mrs. Graham if he ever found them together. Police questioned Sol. Sigman Shapiro, 29, a rough draft of a will, apparently scribbled only a few hours before the fire, also was left, O'Leary reported.

The body of Graham, who had been home on furlough, was discovered behind a davenport where the fire started, firemen said. This indicated he may purposely have gone to a spot not affording an exit, they said.

Changes Made in Voting Precincts of Douglas

Changes in Douglas county voting precincts were announced today by the county court, the total number remaining at 49 as heretofore. Sutherland precinct has been divided into East and West Sutherland, due to the rapid growth in population. Election boards in the Sutherland precinct have been greatly overworked in the past two elections.

Booth precinct has been eliminated and its territory merged with Gardiner precinct. It was created to convenience a large mill camp, but now has few residents as the camp has been abandoned. Boundary changes are being made in East Umpqua, Oakland and Wilbur precincts to better equalize the number of voters.

Jury Frees Steinbock of Night Club Accusation

PORTLAND, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Mike Steinbock, accused of building a night club in violation of War Production board conservation orders, has been acquitted of the charge.

He was found innocent in federal district court Saturday after he testified he planned to serve lunches to war workers, but such customers failed to materialize. William T. Hedlund, his attorney, said plans submitted to WPB showed the place, now Leonard's Supper club, could easily be converted into a night spot.

U. S. Attorney Patterson had asserted Steinbock applied for a lunchroom for war workers, but built a night club instead, exceeding his 5000 construction limit by \$11,000.

Two Jailed During Probe Into Automobile's Title

Everett A. Overholster, 20, and Victor C. Lewis, 23, were in custody in the county jail at Roseburg today while officers were investigating title to the car in which they were traveling when arrested early today near Drain. Overholster was sentenced in justice court to 30 days in jail, subject to release in the event he is found to be in legal possession of the automobile. He pleaded guilty to a charge of no vehicle license.

Lewis, who had not been arraigned this morning, is charged with reckless driving, and is reported to have escaped temporarily into the brush after being stopped by a state police.

Legless, Armless Vet Given \$60,000 Shower

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Aug. 13.—(AP)—A grateful nation yesterday showered more than \$60,000 on Master Sergeant Frederick Hensel, only American soldier to lose both arms and legs in action in this war.

The money, representing for the most part donations from people in Michigan, Illinois and the sergeant's home state of Kentucky, was presented to Sgt. Hensel at the Percy Jones General Hospital, where he has been a patient for five weeks.

It highlighted the sergeant's observance of his third wedding anniversary and meant a realization of his ambition to own a chicken farm when he is released from the Army.

It really was a gala occasion for the plucky 27-year-old Kentucky GI, for it included his first wheel chair ride through the hospital grounds. It marked the first time he had been out of bed since he was wounded on Okinawa in June.

Canyonville Logger in Hospital With Broken Leg

Carl M. Hill of Canyonville was brought to Mercy hospital Saturday evening, suffering from a broken leg resulting from an accident in the logging woods. Hill, a piling and logging operator, was engaged in rolling a log when the handle of his peavey broke. He was thrown for a considerable distance and his leg was broken in the fall. He is the son of State Representative and Mrs. Carl C. Hill of Days Creek.

Survey of Umpqua River Fish Life for Future Regulations Planned by State Game Board

The Oregon State Game commission today announced plans for a detailed survey of the Umpqua river and its tributaries. An appropriation of \$7,500 has been made to start a six-year study, similar to the survey being made on the Rogue river, the commission reports. The action follows presentation of a joint petition by the Roseburg and Reedsport Chambers of Commerce, the Rod and Gun clubs of Roseburg, North Umpqua and South Umpqua districts, and requests from numerous individuals.

It is proposed to set up a counting station at the Winchester dam where a study will be made of fish migration, including the numbers of all species of fish, hours and seasons of travel and other factors of fish life. Assigned to the task will be two biologists, together with a field biologist who will maintain a check on spawning beds, water conditions, chemical contents of water, food and other items relating to fish life in the stream.

Basic Far Regulation

It is anticipated the field force will be enlarged as soon as qualified men become available. The commission has set aside \$500,000 for postwar projects connected with game conservation.

The study of fish life in the Umpqua river and its tributaries is expected to give the commission information upon which to base future regulations for stream management and control.

A report recently was issued, based upon Rogue river studies, showing the effect construction and development of power would have on fish life in that stream. It is anticipated the same matter will be included in the study of the Umpqua river.

Great Britain Confers High Honor on Nimitz

ABOARD H.M.S. DUKE OF YORK, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Great Britain Friday conferred one of its highest honors on American Fleet Admiral Nimitz in a ceremony at which he received the Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.

In recognition of Nimitz' naval leadership in the Pacific, Adm. Sir Bruce Fraser, commander-in-chief of the British Pacific fleet, himself a knight of the ancient order, presented the gold medal. Five-pointed star to the American admiral on behalf of King George.

Eighth War Loan Slated Even if War is Ended

PORTLAND, Aug. 13.—(AP)—The eighth war loan drive, tentatively set for mid-November, will be staged regardless of when the war ends, E. C. Sammons, State War Finance committee chairman, said today.

The campaign, which probably will be called a "victory loan," might be the last of the bond drives, he reported. He will attend a meeting in Washington Sept. 5-6 to make plans.

Farm Land Yields Ring Lost 17 Years Ago

FIFTH, Ida., Aug. 13.—(AP)—Franklin Just was working on the Fred Bennet farm with J. P. Croft when the latter dropped—and lost—his wife's high school class ring. That was 17 years ago.

Just, who now owns the farm, found the ring yesterday while he was irrigating potatoes.

PROLONGED DALLIANCE WILL DRAW MORE ATOMIC BOMBS; NEW BLOWS STRAFE NIPPONS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—American bombers hammered at Tokyo's front door today while the Japanese dallied over a decision whether to surrender now on allied terms or continue a suicidal war.

The White House announced that no reply had been received at 10:45 A. M., today to Saturday's four-power dictate that Japan could keep an emperor who would take his orders from the victors' supreme commander.

Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross told a news conference "it is safe to say the war is going on" while negotiations continue.

No time limit was set by the allies for a Japanese response, Ross said. Nor did he know, he asserted, whether there might be another ultimatum.

Truman, Aides In Huddle on Reconversion

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(AP)—With the end of the war in sight, President Truman canvassed postwar labor and wage stabilization problems today with six top advisers.

Meeting with Mr. Truman were Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach, War Mobilizer John W. Snyder, Economic Stabilizer William H. Davis, Price Administrator Chester Bowles, War Labor Board Chairman George W. Taylor and John R. Steelman, former director of the U. S. Conciliation service and now an adviser to Schwellenbach.

A White House statement said the six men submitted reports to the president on labor disputes and wage stabilization in the postwar period and that the chief executive "has them under study."

Their emergency plans ready, government agencies awaited the White House signal to start the American economy toward a goal of unprecedented civilian production.

The signal, due when Japan quits, also will serve to unveil programs for putting millions of released war workers in peacetime jobs as rapidly as possible and for gradual lifting of rationing and other wartime restrictions.

Expected quickly, too, are plans that may provide for easing of stringent wage controls and outline the scope of price controls in the immediate postwar period.

Outline summarized

In the meantime, this is the home front outlook as the war appears to be nearing the end:

Rationing—Elimination of gas

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Chinese Reds Get Warning From Chiang Kai-Shek

CHUNGKING, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek has warned Chinese communist military forces "never again to take independent action and to remain at their present positions awaiting further instructions."

Hollington Tong, vice minister of Information, answering a question, said:

"There will be no civil war."

Chiang's statement came swiftly after his government had declared unprovoked and illegal an order of the Chinese communist commander-in-chief to communist units to disarm Japanese and puppet troops and seize their war material.

Many in Chungking said they regarded the order as an open avowal of intention to seize strategic points and arms from the Japanese in order to wage civil war.

The Chungking authorities long have expressed apprehension lest certain Japanese forces, out of humiliation, bitterness and perversity of defeat, might turn in their arms to the communists.

Chungking informants said that during the first phase of the Chinese-Russian talks in Moscow and later during the Potsdam conference that the communists magnified comparatively minor clashes in Szechwan province into proportions of a civil war in an effort to weaken the national government's position at home and abroad.

Beheads His Wife With Filipino Bolo Knife

SEATTLE, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Earl Victor Hartley, 47, was held in jail on an open charge today after he admitted wielding the souvenir Filipino bolo knife which beheaded his wife in two blows Saturday. Sheriff Harlan S. Callahan said.

The woman was killed as she ran screaming to a neighbor's house. Hartley told authorities he had a medical discharge from the armed forces and that he was "psychoneurotic."

Callahan said he asked Hartley motive and got this reply: "To tell you the truth, sheriff, I don't rightly know. Will you step on this cigarette for me?"

Marine Corps Releases Col. James Roosevelt

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 13.—(AP)—Col. James Roosevelt of the Marine Corps has been released to inactive status by order of Navy doctors who said that combat fatigue had aggravated a recurring stomach disorder, necessitating a complete rest.

Col. Roosevelt was in action on battlefields of the Middle East and on Crete, and later won the Navy cross for bravery in storming Makin Island. After transfer to the Pacific theater, he went into action at Kiska. Subsequently, he assisted Army units preparing to strike at the Gilbert Islands. He participated in the Okinawa invasion and his last overseas duty was in the Philippines.

U. S. Alone Knows All Details of Atomic Bomb

OTTAWA, Aug. 13.—(AP)—The United States is the only country which knows all the details of the atomic bomb but the information would be made available to Canada and Britain if they should ask for it, Munitions Minister C. D. Howe said today.

While Canada made essential parts of the bomb, the Canadian government for reasons of security decided not to ask for complete details of the bomb and the United Kingdom followed a similar course, Howe said.

PFC. Leonard A. Dyer Is Reported Wounded

Casualty reports released for publication today by the Army include the name of PFC Leonard A. Dyer, husband of Julia Dyer, Myrtle Creek, wounded in action. Official casualty reports usually follow by several weeks notification given next of kin.

Sub Contract Let for Project Conveniences

A sub contract for plumbing, heating, watermain and sewers for the 60-unit public housing project now under construction in West Roseburg has been let to Chester Zeller, Olvmoia, according to an announcement by Max Tucker, Shelton, Wash., contractor. The sub contract is in the sum of \$70,000.

Warm Springs Indian Reservation Fire Fought

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 13.—(AP)—More than 150 fire fighters and several bulldozers worked today to lay trails around the 900-acre Cedar creek blaze in Warm Springs Indian reservation, still out of control.

The Wilson river area blaze still smoldered, with the National fire sector and north fork of the Trask the danger spots. A cloudy sky and cool weather aided fire crews.

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Reizenstein

Fortunate will be the pupil experienced in jigsaw puzzle wrestling when he tackles geography lessons at school.