

JAPAN'S REPLY EN ROUTE TO SWITZERLAND

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Hammering of Japanese Continues

SUPERFORTS RAIN BOMBS HONSHU ISLAND AS RUSSIAN GO DEEPER INTO MANCHURIA

(By the Associated Press)

Paced by tank-led Russian armies, war flamed on every Pacific front and great waves of Superforts hammered Japan itself today as a Tokyo radio report touched off peace celebrations from Guam to New York.

Tokyo's broadcast said "an imperial message accepting the Potsdam (unconditional surrender) proclamations will be forthcoming soon." Paris radio said the message had already been received by Switzerland for relay to the allies.

But nothing short of a direct order from allied overall commanders will stop the fighting.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

EATING in London is something of a problem for the raw American newcomer. For that matter, it is something of a problem for the Londoner. Food isn't exactly scarce here, but it certainly isn't abundant. It is kept from being scarce only by the well-administered British rationing system. But there are few delicacies, and eating tends to become a monotonous routine.

AN American staying at a fairly large hotel here is apt to tire quickly of the somber magnificence of its one or at most two dining rooms. American hotels learned years ago to guard against this by providing a variety of places to eat, starting with a cheerful, usually rather noisy, coffee shop and running on up the scale. The big London hotels haven't learned that trick.

So an American is apt to start hunting around for a little variety. He won't find it—soon—for he will start looking in the

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Klamath Indian Kills Coos Indian in Quarrel

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 15.—(AP)—Ralph Tice, 34, well-known Klamath Indian and a veteran of this war, admitted last night killing Eugene Mecum, Coos Bay Indian, with a shot from a rifle at West Chiloquin yesterday at 1 P. M., according to John Arkell, special officer at Klamath Indian agency.

The tragedy was the outcome of an unexplained quarrel, according to Arkell. Tice is being held in jail at Chiloquin. He will be charged with murder under federal law and the grand jury will establish the degree.

Wifeirate When Hubby Feeds Sugar to Mules

STILWELL, Okla., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Mrs. Harve Danner had a new ration problem to cope with yesterday—a husband who didn't read the label.

Farmer Danner went to the pantry to get salt for his livestock, grabbed a likely container and distributed its contents to his mules. The animals licked up the offering and waited for more.

Danner made a return trip to the pantry, where an irate Mrs. Danner informed him that he had mistakenly given away her reserve supply of sugar.

Original V-J Day Celebration Plans Retained for Official Jap Surrender Announcement

V-J day closing will be observed, as previously scheduled, when definite official announcement of Japanese surrender is received, without awaiting formal proclamation, Morgan Lawson, chairman of the retail merchants committee of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce, announced today.

Press wires report that news of the surrender will be given from the White House immediately upon receipt of formal acceptance of allied terms from Japan.

A formal declaration, however, may not be made until surrender papers are actually signed, which may be two or three days after the surrender note is made public. Governor Snell is reported to be planning to make a formal V-J day proclamation concurrently with that of the president.

Star Closing Stated

"It is our opinion people's emo-

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Sugar for Home Canning Halted To Check Supply

SEATTLE, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Charles R. Baird, regional OPA official, said yesterday he had suspended issuance of home canning sugar in six western states to conserve dwindling sugar supplies. The states affected are Washington, Oregon, California, Northern Idaho, Arizona and Nevada.

The actions were taken to enable the OPA to determine the extent of remaining stocks for home canning purposes. Suspension will remain in effect until total remaining sugar stocks are accounted for and a new maximum allotment for home canning can be formulated.

Coupons already issued, the OPA said, remain valid and can be turned in for their worth in goods at any time.

Local rationing boards were instructed to continue accepting applications for processing when the suspension is lifted and new quotas established.

Reconversion to Be Topic of Meet Dated in Roseburg

Newspapermen and civic leaders from principal communities in Douglas, Coos, Jackson and Josephine counties have been invited by the public relations bureau of the War Relocation Authority to meet in Roseburg Friday, Aug. 17, for a conference on reconversion.

Representatives of the War Relocation Authority are to inform guests of production plans for the immediate future, including the program for cutbacks and reconversion.

Captain Mac Donald of the Women's Army Corps will represent the War Department.

Speakers will include Col. George A. Hutchinson and Lt. Col. Ernest A. Tenzada, who will tell of combat experiences in the European theater, and S-Sgt. M. Benton Hart, Jr., and Sgt. Hulon B. Whittington, veterans of the Okinawa campaign.

An industrial service department officer also will be in attendance. The meeting, which is one of two being held in Oregon—the other being scheduled for Corvallis, Aug. 15—will be held in the Civic room of the Umpqua hotel from 10:30 A. M. to 3 P. M.

Sale of Liquor to Minors Means Severe Penalty

PORTLAND, Aug. 14.—(AP)—A recommendation that juvenile courts hearing cases involving sale of liquor to minors issue warrants for arrest of state liquor licensees has been approved by the Oregon Liquor Control commission.

Heretofore such cases have been referred to the commission for punitive action against the licensee. The commission said yesterday the new Knox law amendment provides six months imprisonment and \$500 fine for persons found guilty of selling to minors.

Marclo Bargain Agency Election Won by CIO

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—The CIO International Brotherhood of America was certified today by the National Labor Relations Board as collective bargaining agent for Fischer Lumber Co., Marclo, Ore.

Production and maintenance employees voted 41 to 19 for the CIO as against the AFL, the board said. Truck drivers—a separate bargaining unit—voted not to be represented by any union.

Fire at Ketchikan Deals \$75,000 Estimated Damage

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Damage estimated at \$70,000 was caused last night when fire of undetermined origin razed the upper story of the Ketchikan Cold Storage company building and two fish houses. The fire also spread to offices of nine fish buyers and an adjoining apartment, causing additional damage estimated at \$5,000.

Plane Crash Kills Two; Others Bail to Safety

SEATTLE, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Thirteenth naval district headquarters announced two men were killed yesterday when a navy plane from the Whidbey Island naval air station crashed near Laconer, Wash. An undetermined number of plane passengers parachuted to safety, the Navy said. Names of the dead were withheld temporarily.

Halt in Draft When Japan Quits Sought

Planned Legislation Also Aims at Quick Return of GIs to Civilian Life

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Chairman May of the House Military committee today called for an immediate halt to further inductions once Japan falls and the earliest possible release of men already drafted.

May said in an interview he would introduce as soon as congress reconvenes next month legislation to end all draft calls, thus assuring similar bills before both houses. Senator Langer announced last night he would act similarly in the senate.

May added he also plans to discuss with President Truman the subject of early action to declare hostilities at an end for the purpose of the selective service act.

Such a declaration, he said, would mean that inducted men would be discharged not later than six months after its effective date.

Under provisions of the draft act, men must serve for the duration of hostilities plus six months. Army legal authorities said the six months can only start upon conclusion of a peace treaty, upon a presidential proclamation ending the war or by a joint resolution of congress.

It was almost three years after Armistice day in 1918 that congress officially declared World War I hostilities ended.

May noted that unless congress or the president intervenes, induction of men may be continued until next May, regardless of the situation in the Pacific. A selective service spokesman said yesterday.

Detroit Factory Fire Fatal to 13; Score in Hospital

DETROIT, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Police and fire officials pushed an inquiry today into one of Detroit's worst disasters—a boxing plant blaze which snuffed out the lives of 13 persons yesterday.

In the receiving hospital doctors and nurses worked at the same time to keep the death toll from rising, with more than a score of injured and burned under treatment.

The swift blaze, feeding on inflammables, broke out in mid-afternoon and swept the plant of the Export Box & Sealer company. Within moments the two-story building had turned into a crucible, and the employees, mostly women, fought to escape.

Some, with clothes aflame, plunged through upper story windows to the sidewalk below. One woman burned to death on a window ledge.

Ten victims, ranging in age from 20 to 62, have been identified. Nine were women.

Two men, both employees, were under technical arrest today as the investigation progressed. One of them himself was burned and is in the hospital as a police prisoner.

Fire Marshal Edward W. Hall said the plant was closed last April when an inquiry disclosed fire hazards that it was permitted to reopen after proper adjustments under building regulations had been made.

Soldier's Wife Names Twins After V-J Day

SEATTLE, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Mrs. Eloy Sutherland, whose husband, an Army private, is stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif., celebrated her own V-J day today by giving birth to twins whom she quickly named Vic and Jay. Nonplussed by the arrival of twins, Mrs. Sutherland quipped "now my husband will have twice as many to come home to."

Refresher Courses in Forestry Open to Vets

CORVALLIS, Ore., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Refresher courses in forestry will be offered at Oregon State college this fall for veterans who are graduates of forestry schools.

Dean Paul M. Dunn said the school's forestry graduates now in the service have indicated interest.

Social Security's Anniversary Sees Truman Promise

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—This country's social security program embarks on its 11th year with a presidential pledge to ask congress for action to make it "a more perfect instrument."

President Truman made the promise in a tenth anniversary statement last night. The Social Security board at the same time announced that its payments during the last decade have approximated \$3,000,000,000 with 4,250,000 persons now receiving cash benefits. Receipts from employer-employee contributions have exceeded \$21,460,000,000.

Mr. Truman said that "while we have made much progress we still have a long way to go," adding that "we should lose no time in making of our social security act a more perfect instrument for the maintenance of economic security throughout this country."

"I expect to present to the congress specific recommendations looking toward this objective," he added.

DeGaulle Coming To U. S. for Huddle

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—A discussion of Germany's western frontier may be high on the agenda when Gen. Charles De Gaulle arrives here August 22 for his long-heralded visit with President Truman.

A White House announcement last night, fixing the date of the French leader's arrival, gave no hint of the subjects to be discussed. Persons familiar with the situation, however, mentioned the subject of German boundaries as one of several likely to be considered.

They noted that whereas the Potsdam declaration dealt with the fallen reich's eastern demarcation, the Big Three communique made no reference to such western areas as the Ruhr and the Rhineland.

In the same connection, it was believed reparations also would be talked, with possible emphasis on what France might be allotted from those two areas in the way of industrial equipment.

Poisonous Alcohol Kills Two, Third in Hospital

SEATTLE, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Robert Love, 46, a junk dealer, arrested yesterday when sheriffs detected him in the sale of poisonous alcohol, died in the county jail today. He was jailed after Kenneth G. Long, 16, was admitted to the new Renton hospital in a critical condition from drinking alcohol and officers detected that the boy's father, Dewey Long, 44, died Saturday after drinking alcohol from the same source. Deputies said Love was intoxicated when arrested and admitted selling the alcohol but not for human consumption. They seized a 55-gallon drum, containing alcohol which they were having analyzed today.

Japan's Greed Will Cost Her Big Empire, Setting Her Back To Status of Ninety Years Ago

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
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The Japanese war lords' delay in making up their minds whether they are licked was only adding to their nation's anguish, for American Superfortresses loosed more than 5,000 tons (and that's 10,000,000 pounds) of bombs on the unhappy country.

The huge U. S. Third fleet and a British carrier task force were idling off the Japanese coast ready for further action. It was clear that the allies had no intention of taking any nonsense from a dawdling Tokyo.

Despite this delay we have no cause to worry for fear that we haven't got Japan on toast. Even before Tokyo made its first inquiry about the terms of surrender last week, it was clear that the allies had smashed Japan as no other major power, excepting Germany, ever has been smashed since the conquerors of old.

Overestimated Self

It seems passing strange that Nippon should have to learn that crime doesn't pay by making war on the United Nations. The fact is that she had the temerity to do so is just another proof that she hadn't yet emerged fully from the dim past. She thought naively that because she had a big army and navy, she had caught up with

the western world. But it is clear that she still was treading the paths of by-gone centuries.

Japan's greed will cost her a big empire. She no longer will rank as a great power. She will drop back to about the place she occupied in 1853-54 when Commodore Perry introduced her to civilization.

Since that time she had extended her domains vastly, partly through receiving islands under mandate after the last war, and partly through aggression which brought her Korea and finally great and potentially rich Manchuria. She had got clean away

7,000,000 Will Be Out of Work By Christmas

Reconversion Poses Big Federal Task; Easing of Wage Control Probable

By the Associated Press
Government economists see 7,000,000 jobs by Christmas. Reconversion policy statement due soon.

WLB chairman predicts "no rash of strikes" after V-J day.

Easing of wage control viewed likely soon.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Government officials helping supervise the return of American industry to a peacetime basis today saw prospects of 7,000,000 unemployed by Christmas.

These leading federal economists say temporary mass unemployment is sure to come regardless of anything industry can do.

They add, however, that if this mass unemployment is only temporary "it will not be alarming."

Alike in their views although representing separate agencies, these economists—anonymous at their own request—said unemployment might rise to eight or nine million next year unless the government moves to prevent such an increase.

(The number hunting jobs now has been estimated at 1,400,000; it stood at 13,000,000 in 1932, low

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Oregon Assured Ample Gasoline in Ration Lift

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Oregon motorists will have abundant gasoline when rationing is lifted, the Oregon Journal said today after a statewide survey.

The newspaper described the entire Northwest gas supply as "tremendous," assuring drivers they will not have to amperde filling stations to get their share. Portland's huge terminal storage tanks are well filled, and at least one tanker is arriving daily, the Journal reported.

An industry spokesman said, however, gas rationing probably would be cancelled for several days after V-J day because "mechanics" of the change are so involved. All tanks in smaller Oregon towns can be filled within five days.

Fourth Klamath Lumber Mill Tied Up by Strike

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 14.—(AP) Pelican Bay Lumber company's mill one of Klamath Falls' largest and oldest lumber plants, was idle today behind a CIO picket line. It was the fourth major Klamath mill to go down in a strike aimed at a union shop and 27¢ cents an hour wage increase.

Approximately 2250 lumber workers are now idle in the area, one of the largest ponderosa pine producing districts in the world.

PREVIOUS CABLE, LEADING TO ACCEPTANCE REPORT, DOESN'T ANSWER DEMAND OF ALLIES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—The White House announced today that Japan still has not replied to allied surrender terms—but Tokyo radio reported almost simultaneously that the enemy note was "on its way to Switzerland."

Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross made public a memorandum from the Swiss legation here shortly after noon, saying that coded cables received in Bern "do not contain the answer awaited by the whole world."

Ross' disclosure came on the heels of reports, which he had verified himself previously, that the Japanese surrender answer had been received in Bern.

The Swiss memorandum threw back to a Domei radio broadcast from Tokyo the only basis for the report that the Japanese would accept the surrender terms.

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Lumber Industry Return to Basis of Peacetime Urged

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Senator Mitchell (D-Wash.) asked War Mobilization Director John W. Snyder today to help expedite return of the Pacific Northwest lumber industry to peacetime production.

He requested that the Army release heavy-duty tractors and trains earmarked for military use, that the Army and Navy needs be reassessed to permit the release of lumber for urgent civilian demands, and that the War Relocation Authority state its postwar policy regarding employment in sawmills and logging operation.

"The reconversion and demobilization problems of the Pacific Northwest are going to be especially acute because of the heavy concentration of war industries in that area," Mitchell wrote. "The lumber industry will need to work at full capacity to supply deferred civilian needs."

This will afford employment for returning veterans and men from the war industry."

Mitchell also made public a letter to Price Administrator Bowles suggesting that the OPA delegate greater authority to its state and regional offices.

He also urged that OPA adopt "a more realistic policy which exempts as many items as possible."

Lumber Workers' Strike Vote to be Conducted by Mail

SEATTLE, Aug. 14.—(AP)—The Smith-Connally strike election at the end of the month for AFL-Pacific Northwest lumber workers will be conducted entirely by mail, Regional Labor Board Director Thomas P. Graham, Jr., said today.

Difficulties of setting up local election machinery in isolated logging camps and sawmill settlements compelled the step, he explained. It will be the largest such mail election ever held, with 40,000 ballots being mailed out.

"It would be almost a physical impossibility to handle it except by mail," Graham said. "It also would be very expensive."

The Lumber & Sawmill Workers union asked for a strike election in its bid for a 20-cent hourly wage increase and a minimum \$1.10 an hour wage scale. The election date for most of the 13 affiliated councils of the Northwestern District council of the union will be August 29. It will be Sept. 1 for the Klamath basin council, in Oregon.

Ballots must be postmarked for return by midnight of those dates.

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