

JAPS AGAIN FIRE ON AMERICAN AIRCRAFT

Canton Surrenders to Chinese Army

HONGKONG ALSO SLATED FOR LIBERATION FROM JAP NIPPONS; REDS CONFUSION IN SITUATION

CHUNGKING, Aug. 18.—The Chinese First army, veterans of the Burma campaign, red Canton today and will accept formal surrender of Japanese forces in south China tomorrow, and plans were under way for overall surrender of Japanese troops in all China.

Tentative arrangements have been made for Gen. Ho Ying-Chin, commander of China's field forces, to accept overall surrender from envoys of Gen. Okamura, Japanese commander in China.

Plans for surrender in north China have not been announced. The national government now is in control of the radio at Peiping, held by the Japanese since 1937.



RED JAP NEMESIS—Leader of three armies of more than a million men, Marshal A. M. Vasilevsky, above, who commanded the Russian army that conquered East Prussia, is leading the invasion of Jap-held areas on the Asia mainland.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

LONDON. By the time these words are read, the British election will be far in the background. But it is likely that for a long time to come puzzled Americans will be asking: "WHY did it happen to Churchill?"

Well, in this writer's humble opinion, it didn't happen to CHURCHILL. It happened IN SPITE OF Churchill. What happened had relatively little to do with Winston Churchill, as an individual.

Its origins are inherent in the British system.

HERE is about what happened: The British people are weary to an extent that we in comparatively untouched America find it hard to understand. They have been at it ever since 1939—it will soon be six years now. First it was the blitz. Then came the long months of waiting for an expected invasion (they're still mystified as to why invasion never came). Then the mounting casualties. And then the mounting bombs coming as the cap sheaf. And ALL THE WHILE there

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Industry Granted Privilege Of Raising Wages as Long as No Price Boost is Involved

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The War Labor board invited private industry today to apply its own brakes on wage increases during reconversion, but advised holding the line against pay cuts.

The board will disband as soon as current and anticipated dispute cases are disposed of and it can get its affairs in order. Wage stabilization then will be taken over by some other agency.

Presumably some provision for this will be made by Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach.

President Truman's new wage policy authorizes employers to make wage increases at will, without regard for the little steel formula, if no price boosts are involved.

WLB Chairman George W. Taylor said the wage increases can be given by employers immediately without even consulting the WLB.

The board will continue to enforce the provision against wage cuts below the highest rates paid for a given job between January and September 15, 1942.

Taylor expressed confidence that labor leaders will renew their wartime no-strike pledge before the labor-management conference which President Tru-

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Vets' Facility Enlargement Urged

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New Roseburg Charter, Turkey Show Revival, Play Program Favored

Resolutions urging expansion of the Veterans facility at Roseburg and urging the city government to formulate a new charter and "bring into existence a form of municipal government that will permit adequate administration," were adopted by the directors of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce at a called meeting Friday night. The directors also urged revival of the Northwest Turkey show, held annually at Oakland prior to the war, promising full cooperation. A five-man committee was named to analyze park and playground needs, and a committee was appointed to work on improved transportation to the ports of Umpqua and Coos Bay.

A resolution directed to the veterans administration, with copies to the Oregon congressional delegation, points out the anticipated need for hospitalization of veterans and calls attention to the fact that there is room for expanding the facility at Roseburg to a capacity 300 per cent greater than at present. With procurement of materials eased as a result of Japanese surrender, expansion of the Roseburg facility should be undertaken immediately, the Chamber directors declared, urging the Veterans administration to consider enlarging the present hospital, provided in Shanghai.

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Fires Again Rage In Forest Areas of Idaho and Montana

MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Two more forest fires in northern Idaho and western Montana flared up last night and were reported to be razing an area of more than 300 acres of timberland early today. U. S. Forest service regional headquarters announced.

One blaze, started by a train 11 miles north of Missoula in the Lolo National forest, spread rapidly and had consumed more than 200 acres today. Ground crews, including 50 soldiers, were rushed to the fire which could be seen from Missoula.

Men were also being rushed to quell a lightning-caused blaze in the Clearwater National forest, about 60 air-line miles south of Superior, Mont. In Idaho, Patrol planes reported about 100 acres had burned early today.

Most of the more than 30 small, lightning-caused fires in the two-state area, which flared up yesterday, were believed controlled by 127 parachuting "smoke jumpers."

One exception was a small, but almost inaccessible fire at Sabe creek, in the Nez Perce National forest near Darby, Mont., and Elk City, Idaho.

Price Applications Swamp OPA Office

PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The Portland OPA district tossed its gasoline and fuel oil work out of the window, but plunged into an equally hard new job today: setting prices on new commodities.

Price specialist Ralph A. Westering said requests for prices on long-vanished civilian articles are arriving at the rate of 30 to 40 a week.

"Nine times out of ten," he added, "The prices asked by the prospective manufacturer are away out of line." Ceilings on some products are set here; Others are referred to the national OPA.

Three Die in Car Plunge Into Santiam River

Truth About Defeat Finally Bared to Jap Populace, With Advice to Submit to Terms

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The Japanese people, treated heretofore to a series of face-saving, evasive explanations of their surrender, were told flatly today by one of their top-flight leaders they are a beaten people and must pay the price for an imperialistic dream bubble that burst in the blast of atomic bombs.

After four days of shock-absorbing statements to the effect the Nipponese defeat "is but temporary," and "we still think our way of thinking is right," hard-headed Foreign Minister Shigemitsu, who held the same post in Koiso's war cabinet, put the Japanese position in plain words.

"Unfortunately," he bluntly told a press conference reported by the Japanese Domei news agency, "we have to face the fact that we have been defeated."

"This fact should be admitted as it is, and any over-optimistic view should be avoided. Every Japanese should repeatedly read, and realize, the terms of the Potsdam declaration and carry them out courageously."

Despite the flatness of the foreign minister's statement, Domei's broadcast sought to soften the harshness of reality and stressed a statement by Shigemitsu that Japan must win "the world's sympathy and understanding."

Warns Against Rashness

Domei, noting Japanese invasion jitters, urged the populace not to credit such "irresponsible rumors" but to "place absolute confidence in the reports announced by authoritative sources, the radio and newspapers," and said:

"The landing of occupation armies on Japan's mainland will be done in an orderly fashion after the conclusion of the truce agreement. * * *

"We must remember that any irresponsible act or speech will cause the loss of Japan's faith and hinder postwar reconstruction. We must calmly face realities without over anxiety * * *

Relief is Voted For Self-Exiles

LONDON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Delegates of the third UNRRA conference gave the international relief agency the right today, by a final vote of 28 to 4, to care for refugees who refuse to return to their homelands.

The decision in the plenary session of the UNRRA council came after Director General Herbert H. Lehman was reported to have told members in a secret session that restrictions which would result from amendments proposed by Yugoslavia would make his job impossible.

The policy committee earlier had adopted a resolution denying governments the right to veto aid to their nationals stranded in Europe.

The split was considered significant by the delegates. They pointed out that the countries objecting to the resolution, which would permit UNRRA temporarily to help refugees who refuse to return to their homelands, are on the receiving end of UNRRA relief.

Transition to peace meant sudden loss of jobs today for many hundreds of thousands of war workers.

Drastic slashes in Army and Navy contracts left no section of the country immune.

Many workers were laid off only temporarily, but other jobless thousands jammed into U. S. employment service offices everywhere. Applications for unemployment insurance soared.

No accurate estimate of the total number of laid-off war workers was available, but John W. Snyder, director of reconversion, predicted there would be 5,000,000 unemployed by November and possibly 8,000,000 by spring.

Aircraft workers were hard-hit. Wright Aeronautical corporation, praising their employees' part in America's giant war production, handed final paychecks to 17,000 in Woodbridge, N. J., and 26,000 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In Chicago, the Dodge B-29 works dismissed 15,000, and the same number was laid off in Akron, Ohio, by Goodyear aircraft.

Estimates of temporary and permanent lay-offs in the New York metropolitan area ranged from 100,000 to 130,000—which included the highly-industrialized northern portion of New Jersey.

Pittsburgh reported 45,000 laid off until midnight tonight by Carnegie-Illinois Steel corporation, which said it did not know what the future held for them. Four thousand others were discharged yesterday.

Philadelphia's industrial area, including Wilmington, Del., added 23,000 to the nation's unemployed, and 28,735 were laid off in New Jersey yesterday with 28,500 more to be jobless soon.

Job terminations in Los Angeles

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Big Upsurge in Home Building Is Predicted

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Americans will build 10 to 15 million homes in the next decade.

This was predicted today by the nation's new construction boss, Hugh Potter.

Potter expects shortages of lumber and other building materials to continue for awhile. But he thinks controls should be lifted so home builders will have some incentive to get architects to go to work on plans.

"There'll be a little scrambling for materials, sure, but that's good for American business," Potter said.

He predicted it will be possible to build at least 500,000 homes in 1946, and after that, 1,000,000 a year.

In predicting an unparalleled building boom, Potter said that all restrictions on the industry

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"Set-Aside" Order On Beef, Veal, Ham Supplies Revoked

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The end of meat rationing moved nearer today when the government suspended "set-aside" orders which gave the military first claim on beef, veal and pork ham supplies.

The action was announced by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson.

The government is expected to continue to buy large quantities of meat for the armed services, and for relief programs abroad, but it will have to compete in the open market with civilian distributors. It will no longer have priority over other buyers.

Set-aside orders (first established for meat in 1944) were continued for the time being, however, for pork loins, shoulders and lard.

Lifting of the set-aside orders on beef, veal and hams reflects an improved supply of these commodities resulting largely from cut backs in military requirements and from prospects of a heavy run of cattle to market during the late summer and fall.

Today's action paved the way for possible lifting of meat rationing in the fall, possibly in September. Anderson said yesterday he believed it may be possible to end meat rationing in the near future.

County Offices Close Earlier on Saturday

County offices in the court-house hereafter will close at 12 noon each Saturday instead of at 2 P. M., County Judge D. N. Buehler announced today.

Buehler said the change is being made, he reports, to conform to a law passed by the last legislature setting hours of county offices at 8 A. M. to 5 P. M. Monday through Friday and from 8 A. M. to 12 noon, Saturdays.

Ex-Roseburg Teacher Accepts Oakland Post

H. Omer Bennett, former school principal in Roseburg, has accepted principalship of the Oakland school district and has arrived there to take over his duties.

Bennett came to Roseburg in 1914, was principal of the Benson school for one year, and in 1915 was elected High school principal, serving through 1918.

He has since been employed in various schools of Oregon and Idaho, except for the past two years, during which he has been employed in shipyard work at Portland.

Mr. Bennett is the father of Mrs. Allen Tuthill of Oakland.

Prisoner at Medford Saws Way to Freedom

MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Police today were searching for Robert Ben Merrill, 40, who saved his way out of the county jail yesterday and apparently lowered himself to the ground with a rope.

He had been held on an assault and robbery charge.

PILOTS HURT IN NEW BLOW ON EVE OF PEACE ENVOY'S FLIGHT TO MEET MACARTHUR

OKINAWA, Aug. 18.—(AP)—For the second successive day, American B-32 aircraft, flying purely photographic missions over Japan, were attacked today with anti-aircraft fire and by Japanese fighter interceptors.

The attacks followed by only a few hours Japan's official acceptance of General MacArthur's instructions to fly to a peace envoy to Manila tomorrow.

Several planes were reported hit with flak and bullets and some crew members were injured.

The scene of action was described only as southern Japan. Details still were meager.

Fourteen Japanese Zeke fighters attacked the 32's, killing one crew member and injuring two others, radioed NBS's Robert Shaplen from Okinawa. He said two enemy planes were downed. After a B-32, damaged, asked other planes to take it slow to protect the cripple, a Japanese pilot broke into the conversation with "Yes take it slow. I want to shoot you down," Shaplen added.

The flight of the Japanese peace envoy from Tokyo to Manila was originally ordered by MacArthur for last Friday but was delayed by the Japanese, who said it was impossible to make the necessary preparations earlier.

Four unescorted B-32's yesterday encountered heavy anti-aircraft fire and about 10 Japanese fighters near Yokohama as they approached the Tokyo bay area on a photo reconnaissance mission.

One of the big four-engined planes was badly shot up but none of its crew was injured. Two Japanese interceptors were listed as probably destroyed as the B-32s were forced into a 20-minute running fight with the enemy.

Nevertheless, headquarters said their photo mission was successful.

Foe Still Belligerent

Three days ago, General MacArthur announced that offensive actions in all sectors had been halted. However, he said reconnaissance "will be necessarily continued."

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New Jap Premier "Hardboiled," Able, Missioner States

Pittsfield, Mass., Aug. 18.—(AP)—A Pittsfield missionary who spent 14 years in Nagoya believes that the new premier of Japan, Prince Naruhiko Higashikuni, "a hardboiled and heavy drinking customer" will be able to handle the Japanese military situation and halt fighting on all fronts.

The Rev. Floyd L. Roberts, pastor of the South Congregational church, said last night that he lived on the same street as the new premier, and that this uncle of Emperor Hiroito's wife is a disciplinarian who will be very impatient with Japanese military stuffed shirts.

Roberts said he believed Hagahikuni will have a little trouble with Generals' but pointed out that military leaders in smaller commands usually do not consult their superiors before ordering an attack.

Because of this, he added, it may almost become necessary "to whisper into the ear of every buck private in the army to surrender."

Four More Roseburg Youths Enlist in Navy

Four more young men from Roseburg have enlisted in the Navy. It was announced today by Walter F. Patrie, recruiting specialist.

Three of these 17-year-olds joined the regular U. S. Navy and are now starting their training. They are twins, Floyd Wesley and Lloyd Leslie Walker, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Walker, Route 2, and Richard Robin Reed, son of Earl A. Reed.

The fourth young man joined the U. S. Naval Reserve and is now home awaiting call to active duty. He is Charles Edward Kimmel, son of Mrs. Vera S. Root of Roseburg.

Two White GIs, One Negro Injured in London Fight

LONDON, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Two White American soldiers and one Negro soldier were reported injured in street fighting between whites and negroes in downtown London early today.

U. S. Army public relations officers said the two white soldiers were slightly injured. A police sergeant said the negro soldier received a serious head wound and "police beat off his attackers in the nick of time."

Military authorities said they had made no arrests.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

More work is in prospect for friend wife with government announcement that an extra pair of trousers for men's suits will soon again be permitted. That means two sets of pockets instead of one to be ransacked.