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# V-J Day Seen As 'Matter of Days'

## First Atom Bomb Obsolete

### Second Works Much Better; War Continues

PEARL HARBOR, Aug. 11 (UP)—Allied armed forces fought on today pending the outcome of Japan's peace bid, and a historic week produced another sensation—the disclosure the second atomic bomb used against the Japanese made the first "obsolete."

American air and naval forces were ordered to maintain the offensive against Japan until they have received official notification by the war department the war is over.

**Russians Advise**  
Superforts of the U. S. 20th air force stayed at their bases but other U. S. planes bombed southern Japan. Russian troops plunged on more than 130 miles deep in Manchuria. The Chinese were ordered to keep the pressure on, and a Chungking newspaper suggested that the Tokyo peace proposal was unacceptable.

At a secret Superfort base in the Marianas officers said their second atomic bomb wiped out Nagasaki as a military target Thursday and the success of the bombing had outdated the type of atomic weapon dropped on Hiroshima three days earlier.

**Fleet Busy**  
Admiral Nimitz' order to continue "offensive action" sent the U. S. third fleet back into action against the Japanese homeland, where its 1,200 carrier planes had destroyed or damaged 523 enemy aircraft on central and north Honshu during the past few days.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Okinawa-based planes already were attacking the Japanese home islands on an uninterrupted schedule.

Radio Tokyo said 150 bombers had dropped fire and demolition bombs on the northern Kyushu industrial city of Kurume this morning. Fires broke out in Kurume, most were controlled by 12:50 p. m., Tokyo said.

**Eight Columns**  
There was no immediate word as to when and if the B-29 Superfortresses would resume their attacks. Gen. Carl Spaatz, strategic airforce commander in the Pacific, had said earlier they would not fly today.

Russia ordered her far eastern armies, already more than 130 miles inside Manchuria, to smash on mercilessly against the Japanese despite their surrender offer. No fewer than eight soviet columns were driving into Manchuria from the east, north and west along a 3,000 mile front against little or no effective opposition.

Moscow announced Russian gains of 12 to 105 miles toward the great railway hub, military and industrial city of Harbin in central Manchuria.

From Guam came the report that the second, and perhaps last, atomic bomb to be dropped had leveled 30 percent of Nagasaki. Spaatz disclosed today the bomb had destroyed an area two miles long and seven-tenths of a mile wide in the town's built-up area Thursday.

Radio Tokyo, broadcasting in English, announced early today the Japanese airforce had made a "daring attack" on Okinawa at 9 p. m. Friday.

**Before**  
The broadcast said, "results are yet to come in." The time of the attack indicated the Japanese planes probably took off before the surrender offer was made.

Radio Tokyo also said Japanese forces were counterattacking in the Balikpapan area of northeastern Borneo and had killed or wounded approximately 150 allied troops.

## Hoover Hits British Socialism

By BEN COOK  
LONG BEACH, Calif., Aug. 11 (UP)—Former President Herbert Hoover today described Britain's new labor government as "a creeping socialism," part of a tide of "collectivism sweeping over Europe."  
He called upon America to guard against its further spread.  
The alternative, he implied, is to be branded as "the generation who surrendered the heritage of America."  
The only living ex-president, he spoke before thousand of fellow-Iowans in Bixby park at the annual Iowa picnic — one day after his 71st birthday. He is a native of West Branch, Ia.

### Secretary Ickes Asks Statehood For Alaska

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (UP)—Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes today advocated statehood for the Alaskan territory. Ickes wrote Ernest H. Gruening, governor of Alaska, "It is clear statehood is the only form of self-government appropriate to the circumstances of Alaska."

Alaska is the first of the territories for which Ickes has formally advocated statehood. Hawaii also is expected to seek statehood after the war. Ickes' department administers territorial affairs.

Acting secretary Abe Fortas, in the absence of Ickes, released a statement in which Ickes said none of the objections raised to Alaskan statehood is "an insurmountable obstacle."

"Making Alaska one of the federal states would link it more closely with the rest of the nation, speed development of its resources, diminish the evils of outpostism, encourage new settlers and greater investments," Ickes said.

He declared Alaska is on the verge of a "great postwar development" which he believes will offer opportunities for returning veterans and other American citizens.

Until congress passes an enabling act on Alaskan statehood, Ickes said it should at least pass legislation giving the territory "a larger measure of genuine self government."

### Emperor Question Called Irrelevant

PORTLAND, Aug. 11 (UP)—The question of whether the Japanese emperor should be allowed to remain on the throne is termed irrelevant by Dr. Harold J. Noble, authority on the far east and assistant professor of history at the University of Oregon.

The professor, who has lived and taught in the Orient, said the allied decision in accepting or rejecting Japan's peace offer should be based solely on whether the peace terms would make it impossible for the country to make war again.

### TWO VESSELS LOST

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (UP)—The navy today announced loss of the submarine Bonefish and the destroyer Callaghan. Casualties were light on the Callaghan.

### Mildred Post, WAVE, Teaches Navy Pilots to Stay on Beam

Mildred Z. Post, specialist technician first class, WAVES, arrived in La Grande last evening for a week leave at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Tiss.

### Month Long Fight Against Fire In Forest Gaining

PORTLAND, Aug. 11 (UP)—The month-long fight with flames in Oregon's timber areas was nearing a close today with reports most major fires are under control.

The watersheds of Forest Grove and Hillsboro are still well protected by fire lines and the 300-acre blaze on Sitwalder butte is on a patrol basis.

In the Wilson river area trails have been connected and seven additional bulldozers have been sent into the country along the north fork of the Trask river. Fighters armed with power saws are working against time today in an effort to complete the new fire line before the weather clears again. The line runs along a telephone right of way from Cherry Grove in Washington county to a point west of Hembre ridge.

Forest Grove became headquarters for the Wilson river fire today when all headquarters inside the burn area was ordered abandoned. Meanwhile, high winds fanned a 400-acre fire along Cedar creek adjacent to the Mount Hood district and flames threatened to reach green timber in the Mount Hood forest.

### 34 Dead in Wreck On Great Northern

MICHIGAN, N. D., Aug. 11 (UP)—Wrecking crews today began clearing away the twisted mass of steel and wood in which 34 persons died when one section of the Great Northern railway Empire Builder crashed into another here Thursday night.

At least 50 were hurt, 15 seriously.

Nineteen of the dead were servicemen, including one officer. The army withheld their names.

Workmen started removing the shell of the "death" car, a sleeper-observation unit, from the explosion shattered engine which smashed into it after the first section halted on a curve to cool a hotbox.

Five of the civilians killed were tentatively identified as Lloyd S. Burdick, Great Falls, Mont.; Mrs. L. H. Loftus, Lowell, Wash.; Adelaide F. McManus, thought to be a New York City member of the WAVES, J. Pearson, Chicago observation car porter, and Muriel B. Cummings, 21, Plentywood, Mont.

### French to Seek To Take Part in Talks

PARIS, Aug. 11 (UP)—Reliable sources told the United Press yesterday the French government is likely to request French participation in negotiations for final Japanese capitulation.

The request will be based on France's interest in Indo-China and on the fact Gen. Charles de Gaulle's Free French committee declared war against Japan the day after Pearl Harbor.

### Medford Man Now Favors Miracles In Everyday Life

MEDFORD, Aug. 11 (UP)—Frank Walton firmly believed in miracles today after his daughter, Karen, 3, took a mile and a half trip on the tongue of a trailer fastened to his car.

Karen was not around when Walton got into the car at his mother's place to go home. When he reached home he was surprised to hear a "hi Daddy" and to see Karen perched side-saddle style on the tongue, unaware of any danger.

### Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a.m.  
Temperature: Maximum 88, Minimum 50, Precipitation .09  
Forecast: Clear tonight and Sunday, except for coastal cloudiness today.

### Colonel Eberhard Says Europe "Suffering"

Lt. Col. Franklin Eberhard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Colon Eberhard of La Grande, today discussed his recent trip to Brazil as a member of the delegation invited there as guest of the Brazilian government.

Colonel Eberhard, with General Clark and other members of his staff who made the trip, enjoyed the 11-day celebration which included all the sights of Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and Porto Alegre.

He served in Europe with Clark's 15th army until General Clark was given command of the 15th army group, the combined British and American headquarters. Eberhard then transferred to that group.

Recently Clark and his American staff officers were designated for the mission of occupation of Austria, with headquarters in Vienna. Colonel Eberhard's specific assignment is that of G-4 executive and planner, the handling of supply transportation and evacuation policies.

He explained that the four nations providing the occupational armies will cooperate on all phases of building a national government for Austria, gradually replacing the military with civilians.

He said it is his belief this winter will be the hardest winter in Europe since the middle ages, because of the lack of food in that country, the shortage of additional food supplies here and transportation difficulties. Ninety days after occupation the army ceases to maintain food supplies for the civilians, and that 90-day period is almost at an end, he said. After that time food supplies will be the problem of united nations food relief division.

### Judy Lynn Thompson Leaves Incubator

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Spokesmen previously had indicated sudden improvement in the domestic food situation is unlikely because demobilization will be gradual and foreign need heavy.

### 1,787 CIO Men Out on Strike

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The strike began in the Weyerhaeuser operations and spread Thursday to Chiloquin Lumber company and Bly Logging company logging camps. Vernon Chase, president of the Klamath basin district council, International Woodworkers of America, CIO, said the walkout is a demand for a union shop and for wage increases.

### Bend Sawmill Left In Ruins by Fires

BEND, Aug. 11 (UP)—The Crawford Lumber company sawmill at Spray, on the John Day river, is in ruins following an early morning fire.

All machinery in the sawmill which had a capacity of 45,000 board feet daily, was destroyed. Cause of the blaze was undetermined, Frank Crawford, operator said.



KNOW THEIR ATOMS—Some of scientists whose assembled knowledge brought about world-stunning atomic bomb discuss the discovery before transformers used to supply power to two University of California, Berkeley, cyclotrons. They are (left to right) Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence, inventor of cyclotron; Dr. F. A. Jenkens, UC physicist; H. W. Skinner, University of Bristol, England, member of British mission, and Dr. Bernard Peters, professor of physics, UC.

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## Hirohito May Stay But Will Do As 4 Allied Powers Order

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (UP)—Pacific war allies today replied to Japan's plea that Hirohito retain his sovereign prerogatives with a statement the emperor and the Japanese government will be subject to the supreme commander of the victorious occupying powers.

The emperor will be required immediately to order all Japanese armed forces to cease active operations and to give up their arms. This reply to Japan's plea was delivered by the United States in behalf of the other allies to the Swiss legation.

The note is expected here to bring V-J day to victorious realization within a matter of days.  
It was the first intimation the allies have agreed upon necessity of naming a supreme commander in the Pacific war theater — a policy which paid off big dividends in Europe.

### Army, Navy, Other Agencies Cutting Back War Orders

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11 (UP)—Army, navy and civilian war agencies today inaugurated vast curtailment programs in war procurement to save the American taxpayers billions. The navy ordered work stopped on 95 of 223 warships now under construction to save about \$1,200,000,000.

The army already had stopped several billions of dollars of orders and is working to slash service force items 80 percent, air force items 90 percent, and petroleum products 40 percent.

Army service force procurement now spends \$1,800,000,000 a month and army air force procurement has been running \$750,000,000.

The navy will stop work on the battleship Illinois, carriers Reprisal and Iwo Jima, 18 escort carriers, 10 heavy cruisers, 10 light cruisers, 11 destroyers, six submarines and 39 auxiliary vessels.

War mobilization chief John W. Snyder said agencies are canceling contracts "to the greatest extent possible to free materials for reconversion." Indicating billions more may be expected soon, Snyder promised the administration's "maximum assistance" to reconversion.

### Elgin Toy Factory At Full Capacity; Has Advance Orders

New wood toy and wood specialty factory, started in Elgin last February, is now operating at full capacity, D. L. Donason, owner and operator, announced.

Donason has sufficient order on file to keep the plant in full operation the remainder of this year, he states, and through the greater part of 1946. Shipments of toys are now going forward, with orders coming from wholesale firms in Boise, Walla Walla, Seattle, Portland and San Francisco.

The factory is now turning out 2,000 units a month and the output will be increased as soon as more floor space is obtained. Additional machinery also will be installed to increase the output.

### Peace Officers Of 3 States Hunt Pair

PORTLAND, Aug. 11 (UP)—Peace officers of three states today are searching for Morris Yates, 23, and his wife, 20, the former Elizabeth Naugon of Portland. The couple had not been heard from since leaving Portland last Sunday to hitchhike to Chicago.

Fear for their safety arose when an officer at Lewiston, Mont., picked up a man on a truck theft charge and \$150 worth of war bonds belonging to the Yates were found in his possession. The couple had planned to go to Madison, Wis., and enter the university.



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