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## Reds Rip 106 Miles Into Manchuria

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## 4 Soviet Forces Forge Ahead On 2000 Mile Front

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LONDON, Aug. 10—(AP)—Russian mobile columns ripped 106 miles into Japan's stolen Manchurian empire today in a spectacular sweep from the west along the Chinese Eastern railroad, the Soviet high command said tonight.

Four mighty Soviet forces were pouring in growing masses across the 2000-mile Russo-Manchurian frontier from Outer Mongolia to the border area 75 miles northwest of the great Russian port of Vladivostok, Moscow's second Japanese war communique said.

Tokyo said the huge Russian drive also had invaded the Japanese-conquered land of Korea and had smashed into the southern half of Sakhalin (Karafuto) island, which lies only 30 miles from the northernmost island—Hokkaido—of the Japanese homeland.

The Russians, the Moscow war bulletin reported, made two new crossings of the Amur river and drove along both the western and eastern ends of the Chinese eastern railroad, which stretches 750 miles across Manchuria and feeds the Japanese arsenal city of Harbin.

Tanks and cavalry following infantrymen manning armored trains surged 93½ miles from the Russo-Manchurian border area north of Hulun (Dalai) lake and captured the rail junction and five-way highway junction of Hulun (Hallar), Moscow's broadcast bulletin said.

Capture of Hulun cut the only western highway supplying thousands of Japanese troops in extreme northern Manchuria.

From Hulun, the Soviets battered another 12½ miles into the 2660-foot-high foothills of the great Khingan mountain range barring the path to the central Manchurian basin, tearing out a total gain of 106 miles.

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## Third Of Nagasaki Destroyed

### Jap Broadcasts Admit Extensive Damage Inflicted

GUAM, Saturday, Aug. 11—(AP)—Thirty per cent of Nagasaki, including almost all its industrial district, was destroyed by Thursday's atomic bombing of that Japanese port, General Spaatz announced today.

He said that reconnaissance photographs taken on Friday—a full day after the bombing—showed that 98 of a square mile of the Nagasaki built-up area had been destroyed. The irregular nature of the city's built-up areas, extending like fingers up low gulches, apparently had some effect in preventing as extensive damage as was done to Hiroshima, where the first atomic bomb wiped out 80 per cent of the city.

However, Spaatz in his brief announcement made clear that the destruction wrought was tremendous.

The Japanese radio at the same time acknowledged that the bombing of Nagasaki caused "extensive damage, including the destruction of many houses and a large number of casualties among the citizens."

The same broadcast also carried a Japanese western army district command communique saying that "present indications are that damage caused was extremely light."

The Yomiuri Hochi account said the attack was with "parachute-attached new-type bombs" using the plural, but later referred to the "missile"—singular. Both the conflicting enemy accounts were recorded by the FCC.

## Seaman Killed in Shooting Accident In McMinnville

McMINNVILLE, Aug. 10—(AP)—Jerry Tomson, 18, an apprentice seaman, died this afternoon in the hospital here a few minutes after his chest was blown out in a gun shot accident.

The youth, home on leave from his Memphis, Tenn., station, was with two friends about three miles north of McMinnville on the Carlton road when a shot gun Tomson was pulling from the compartment behind the car seat discharged. The shell load blew away half of his chest, the hospital reported.

Two companions, Pvt. Jim Apperson and Claude Engle, both of McMinnville, were with the victim when the accident occurred about 3:15 p.m.

## When V-Day Is Hailed in Salem Stores Will . . .

Close shop at once, reopening the next day if the announcement comes before noon . . . will remain closed throughout the next day if it comes after noon . . . will open again on Monday if it comes Saturday.

Close shop all day Monday if the announcement comes after midnight Saturday or Sunday; close all the following day if it breaks on a legal holiday.

### FOOD AND DRUGSTORES

Will remain open until 3 p.m. and will reopen next day if announcement comes before noon, remain open rest of day and close day following if it comes after noon . . . will remain closed following day if announcement comes after midnight Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Will forget any city plan for celebration and follow the national plan should a celebration period be set by presidential proclamation.

### BUT

Whatever plan is followed, sirens will blow (at the request of the Retail Trade Bureau, which with the city and state administration worked out the Salem plan) and flags will be displayed along downtown sidewalks and at residences.

City police will remain on call. Information will be dispensed from Salem Chamber of Commerce office, telephone 9229.

## Final Appeal Wrings Tears In Petain Case

PARIS, Aug. 10—(AP)—A 17-day parade of witnesses ended late today with an appeal in favor of Marshal Philippe Petain by a blind war veteran as the treason trial of the 89-year-old former Vichy chief moved toward its close.

Today's session, the last for taking direct evidence, went decidedly in Petain's favor, with two former French resistance leaders saying they would always remember Marshal Petain as a good soldier.

Tears filled the eyes of many in the courtroom when blind Gen. Emile Delanuren told the jury that history would judge them for the decision they made concerning Petain, and that they alone could be affected by a verdict of guilty.

## Bonneville Increases Economical Range

PORTLAND, Aug. 10—(AP)—Working with Oregon State college scientists, Bonneville power administration engineers have doubled their distance electricity may be economically transmitted, Dr. Paul J. Raver, administrator, said today.

The transmission grid of the Bonneville power administration was used as a laboratory, Raver said, revealing that electricity now can be transmitted economically for almost 600 miles.

## Gen. Rilea Reassigned

PORTLAND, Aug. 10—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, Salem, said today he has been assigned to active duty at Fort McClellan, Ala., and will leave tomorrow for his post.

General Rilea, on leave from his post as adjutant general of Oregon, recently was cleared from the Barnes General hospital, Vancouver, Wash., after three months as a patient following his return from Australia.

## 34 Dead In Train Collision

### Bodies Still Not All Recovered; Injured Total 50

MICHIGAN, N.D., Aug. 10—(AP)—Thirty-four persons were known dead today in the Great Northern railway collision caused when the first section of the westbound Empire Builder stopped to cool a hot-box last night and was telescoped by the second section.

Approximately 50 others were injured, 10 seriously.

Wracking crews digging into the debris recovered 33 bodies and

PORTLAND, Aug. 10—(AP)—There was no available passenger list of Oregonians aboard two Portland bound sleepers in the North Dakota train wreck last night, railroaders said today.

Railroad officials said neither car was believed to be near the rear of the train, where damage occurred.

could see that of the 34th in the tangle of timbers and twisted steel.

Eighteen of the recovered bodies were those of service people, including two navy nurses; ten women; two children; two male civilians, and the porter on the sleeper-observation car of the first section in which the heaviest toll occurred.

Military authorities from Fort Snelling, Minn., took charge of the servicemen's bodies and said identities would not be reported until next of kin had been notified.

## Jap Proposal Speeds Buying

Peace overtures from Japan brought varied expressions of opinion here today, slowed business during morning and early afternoon hours while further details of the news were awaited, but sent thousands of shoppers downtown for the last hour of the business day.

Both food and garment stores handled a brisk trade, but the longest waiting lines from noon to 8 p.m. were in the state liquor store, which will close during any V-day celebration.

## Navy Divulges Losses of Sub, U-Boat Escort

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10—(AP)—The navy announced the loss of a submarine and a destroyer escort today, with about 200 men.

At the same time the destruction of 13 more Japanese ships by submarines was announced. The list included a light cruiser and a patrol escort vessel.

Meanwhile a dispatch from Pearl Harbor told of daring underwater raiders who invaded the Sea of Japan, the enemy's last free sea lane to China, and knocked more than 50 more ships out of the dwindling Nipponese cargo fleet.

On the other side of the ledger, however, 107 ships, previously unreported, were announced as stricken from the navy's register, due to loss or damage in the war or perils of the sea.

The destroyer escort newly announced as lost was the Underhill, sunk in Philippine waters with 112 officers and men dead and missing.

The submarine newly reported lost was the Lagarto, which presumably carried about 90 men. It was listed as overdue and presumed lost.

## Answer Imminent To Nip Conditional Surrender Offer

### Cabinet Voted Unanimously

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 10—(AP)—Japan's decision to sue for peace was made at a full cabinet meeting, including the war and navy ministers, which lasted from Thursday until dawn Friday (Tokyo time), Domei agency said tonight in a FCC-monitored broadcast. The vote on the decision was unanimous.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 10—(AP)—The federal communications commission reported tonight that none of Japan's domestic broadcasts or Japanese-language foreign broadcasts had yet mentioned Japan's surrender offer.

## Halsey's Fleet Takes Respite From Attacks

GUAM, Saturday, Aug. 11—(AP)—The mighty Third fleet gave beat-up Japan a respite from air and sea attacks today after heavy carrier strikes which destroyed or damaged at least 523 Japanese planes on northern Honshu Thursday and Friday.

Inquiries by newspaper men at headquarters as to whether the attacks were still in progress drew the reply "The Third fleet isn't striking today" together with the explanation that plans drawn up before word of Japan's surrender plea was received did not call for Saturday attacks.

It was emphasized at fleet headquarters that so far as the navy is concerned a state of war still exists and will continue to exist until such time as surrender is made official. The fleet is continuing operations under usual wartime conditions.

Admiral Halsey's 1500 American and cooperating British flat-top raiders, finding most of their victims on the ground, wiped out or crippled 391 Thursday, then destroyed 69 and damaged 63 yesterday. Additional reports for yesterday remained to be filed.

## Ernest C. McVittie Is Reported Killed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10—(Special)—Ernest Chester McVittie, P/Sgt., USMC, who previously was reported a prisoner of war, is dead, the navy department announced today. His aunt, Mrs. Emma M. Lewis, resides at Sweet Home, Ore.

## World Receives News of Nip Offer With Wide Acclamation

By the Associated Press

A mighty flood of jubilation boiled up throughout the Allied world yesterday with the news that Japan had offered to surrender.

Firecrackers exploded the length and breadth of Free China, and the canyonlike streets of Chungking were jammed with men, women and children yelling their delight at the imminent end of the "dwarf devils" aggression.

America watched and waited. Bursts of torn paper fluttered down from New York's skyscrapers and troops returning from Europe set up a jubilant din when they heard the report that led them to believe they might be going home instead of toward Tokyo.

There was no such calm at Pearl Harbor, scene of the sneak attack that brought the United States into the war. Whistles shrilled at the great base. Soldiers and

## Japanese Willing to Accept Potsdam Terms if Hirohito Allowed to Stay on Throne

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10—(AP)—Japan sued formally for peace today but qualified unconditional surrender in an effort to keep the emperor enthroned. There was no immediate rush to accept her plea whole.

Allied leaders took the enemy's cry of quits under joint consideration even before it was received in official form late today through the Swiss government. But a number of senators and some strategically placed officials saw in the stipulation on the emperor's sovereignty something less than the unconditional surrender which the allies have demanded.

There was no comment of that nature which could be traced back to President Truman or Secretary of State Byrnes. However, officialdom paid close attention to an indication that Russia saw the enemy proposal in that light and did not like it.

The indication came in a broadcast over the Moscow radio. As recorded by NBC, Commentator I. J. Yaremshenko discussed the stipulation on the imperial prerogatives and then asserted: "Unconditional surrender means just that—unconditional surrender."

Nobody here was inclined to believe a commentator on the official soviet radio went into that kind of issue without guidance. No quibbling stressed.

Also stressed here was the Truman-Attlee-Chiang declaration on Potsdam, to which Russia subscribed, emphasizing that unconditional surrender is not a matter for quibbling or delay.

Meanwhile the war went on, with announcement of heavy new strikes by the American-British fleet prowling off the Japanese islands.

An unscheduled caller at the White House was Senator Kilgore (D-W.Va.), who said he had told President Truman he was getting scores of telegrams, and 75 per cent of them urged that the allies not retain Hirohito.

There were indications, too, that the White House also was receiving a heavy volume of communications, preponderantly against accepting the Japanese condition.

But some authorities reasoned that if the other allies wanted to let the man the Japanese regard as a god as well as an emperor stay on the throne, this country would not stand in the way of peace at that price.

The allies, themselves, however, have decreed that surrender must be "unconditional" and that they will not deviate from those terms.

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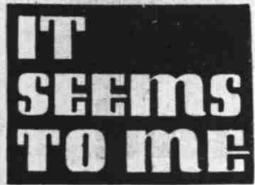
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The world sits on the edge of the seat anxiously awaiting the final word that the war in the Pacific is ended and World War II concluded. Japan has offered to surrender, accepting the conditions set forth in the Potsdam ultimatum providing assurances are given that the person and office of emperor may be retained. The necessary consultation is proceeding among capitals of the allies, Washington, London, Chungking, Moscow, to prepare the answer. Acceptance of the single Japanese condition would mean the immediate cessation of hostilities. Rejection of the condition would put the decision back with Emperor Hirohito's committee of 21 to determine whether to prolong the war or capitulate now.

One does not envy the statesmen of the world their responsibility in framing the answer. The ordinary American is inclined to reject the Japanese condition. He has no use for royalty, anyway, and none at all for the sun-god-descended mikado. He scoffs at the attribute of divinity accorded the emperor by the Japanese, thinks that idea should be knocked in the head, and believes the emperor should be held accountable for Japan's misdeeds the same as Tojo and lesser officials in Japan. The man in the street believes what many authorities on Japan have said, that the emperor system must be rooted out if Japan is to emerge as a democratic nation.

On the other hand there is great war weariness through the world. Britain is said to be ready to accept, eager to end the waste and the blood-letting and to get on with its task of reconstruction. China is war-weary, too, but (Continued on editorial page)

## Albany Fire Reported

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 10—(AP)—Fire today destroyed the Cummings Transfer Co., woodcutting mill and adjacent warehouse and damaged the roof of the Oregon Electric freight depot office on the river front.

Loss was estimated at \$5000.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Early riser, my eye! Who do you think gets him up?"

## Superfortress Raids Halt as Japs Bargain

GUAM, Saturday, Aug. 11—(AP)—All B-29 Superfortress operations against the Japanese were halted today while Japan's surrender offer was being considered by the allied governments.

The cancellation, a bare announcement without any amplification, came from U.S. army strategic air forces, the top command of the Superfortresses which have been blasting and burning Japan with high explosives, incendiary bombs and at least two of the new atomic bombs.

It had been announced unofficially yesterday that Superfort bombing attacks would continue as scheduled, and it was believed that at least one small mission had been planned for today.

Today's announcement that the B-29s were being kept on the ground was the first announced relaxation by any allied force in the war against Japan.

## Tillamook Fire Under Control

PORTLAND, Aug. 10—(AP)—Foresters reorganized base camps along the Tillamook forest, fire lines tonight as the blaze quieted down for the first time in a month.

Elsewhere fighters were having trouble. A 400-acre fire along Cedar creek near the Mt. Hood area was burning through brush and once burned-over land, and green timber was threatened. Three hundred men are fighting a 3000-acre fire on Sitwelder butte, but it is reported under control.

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