

Japan Receives but Delays Reply to Allied Terms for Surrender

Soviet Launches New Offensive In Manchuria

Drive Aimed to Cut-off 500,000 Japs in China And Split Enemy Forces

London, Aug. 13 (AP)—Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's trans-Baikal army driving through the great Khingan range into Manchuria from the northwest has captured Miantuho, on the Chinese Eastern railway, 350 miles from Harbin in another strong advance, the soviet communiqué announced tonight. Simultaneously Marshal Kyril A. Meretskov's First eastern army driving from the east captured the railway station of Linkow, 180 miles east of Harbin and 65 miles inside Manchuria.

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, which originated at command headquarters of the Japanese Kwantung army in Manchuria. A Moscow communiqué, fourth of the soviet-Japanese war, told of soviet gains of nine to 22 miles toward the central Manchurian arsenal city of Harbin.

Korean Ports Seized

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. Ivan 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, heard by the FCC, reported sea-borne Soviet troops had begun landings on the southern part of disputed Sakhalin island. Tokyo previously has reported an invasion.)

200,000 Men In British Fleet

Aboard HMS Duke of York at Guam, Aug. 9 (Delayed) (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.

The ruddy, pipe-smoking commander-in-chief of the British fleet in the Pacific announced at a press conference aboard this dreadnaught flagship that the battleship H.M.S. Anson, in addition to large carriers and light cruisers would join the fleet.

The first line flat-tops—Formidable, Illustrious, Indefatigable, Victorious and Indomitable—already have been in action in the Pacific along with battleship King George V and five other warships, including the cruisers Black Prince, New Foundland and the destroyers Undine, Garfleur, Grenville, Quickwatch and Troubridge.

The destroyers Wager and Whelp escorted the Duke of York from Sydney. Sir Bruce told correspondents that Sydney is too remote a place ever to take the place of Singapore as the British fleet base.

The stocky admiral, a Scotsman Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath and a Knight of the British Empire, said the awesome atomic bomb will make "a tremendous difference" in the length of the war.

Armless, Legless Vet Given \$60,000

Battle Creek, Mich., Aug. 13 (AP)—A grateful nation yesterday showered more than \$60,000 on Master Sergeant Frederick Henkel, 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. Henkel 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 ranch when he is released from the army.

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Carrier Planes Continue to Blast Japan

Guam, Aug. 13 (AP)—Admiral Halsey's third fleet blasted the Yokohama docks and submarine pens in a resumption of the assault on Japan today and stood alert for one last, desperate aerial banzai charge which the Tokyo radio implied already had begun.

Domei agency declared Japanese planes had launched an attack on the great naval force, which had planned to hurl its air power at Tokyo targets but was balked by heavy weather.

There was no confirmation of this report, but Associated Press Correspondent Richard K. O'Malley with the fleet said such a blow was expected and that six enemy planes attempting sneak attacks already had been shot down.

Tokyo Admits Damage

A Tokyo broadcast, recorded by the FCC, 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 Yokohama docks and submarines in pens at Shimoda to the south along Sagami bay, were hit hard.

Numerous merchant vessels and loggers were attacked. Returning fliers said the only two airfields inland on Honshu not shrouded by fog were Kiryu and Nagano. These were worked over with early estimates listing scores of planes destroyed or damaged on the ground.

Returning pilots said the enemy offered no airborne opposition over the targets and one group flew over three fields without drawing anti-aircraft fire.

A Japanese torpedo plane was shot down near the vast fleet early this morning, and Admiral Nimitz announced another had torpedoed and damaged a "major war vessel" at Okinawa Sunday night.

Both Nimitz and Halsey had maintained a tense alert against possible Japanese treachery during the two-day naval lull ended by this morning's smashing attack.

Tokyo radio broadcast a Japanese imperial headquarters communiqué claiming Nipponese submarines sank a large sea-plane tender off Okinawa Sunday.

Halsey's pilots Thursday and Friday had destroyed or damaged 711 enemy planes and 94 surface craft—in addition to their July toll of more than 1,000 vessels and nearly 1,300 aircraft destroyed or damaged.

Stork Hovers Over Deanna Hollywood, Aug. 13 (AP)—Deanna Durbin, singing film star, said today she expected to become a mother next March.

The 23-year-old star was married last June to producer Felix Jackson.

Halsey Predicts 'Rats' Will Break-up in Short Order

By Richard W. Johnston
Aboard Admiral Halsey's Flagship Off Japan, Aug. 13 (AP)—If the Japanese refuse to surrender immediately Admiral William F. Halsey predicts the "rats" will crack up within a very short time. "With such rats the question is difficult to answer," he said at a press conference aboard his flagship yesterday. "But it will be a comparatively short time before the Japs enter chaos. I'd add barbarism but they have already reached that state on Dec. 7, 1941."

Halsey had called correspondents into his cabin for a special conference so everyone knew that he was feeling good. He said that when he first heard the news that Tokyo wanted to surrender he had yelled "Yip, yip, yip—just like anybody else."

He bellowed "No" to a ques-

MacArthur to Fight On Until Ordered to Quit

Manila, Aug. 13 (AP)—A spokesman for Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today that air and ground forces under his command will continue their offensive against the enemy from Japan to the Solomons until the final "cease fire" order has been given.

Though today's air force targets were not identified immediately, MacArthur disclosed that more than 400 far eastern air force planes destroyed or damaged 51 Japanese vessels Saturday.

Jap Borneo Claims

Japanese broadcasts from Singapore boasted that Jap forces on the Balikpapan front in southeastern Borneo appeared to have "broken the back of the Australian main fighting strength" with bitter counterattacks.

Singapore radio said the focal point of the battle was along the highway leading to the rich oil resources around Samarinda.

American troops mopping up on Luzon and Mindanao last week killed 3738 Japs and captured 405.

Liberator, Mitchells, Invaders, Bostons, Lightnings, Thunderbolts and Mustangs raided southern Japan and the Asiatic coast on Saturday.

Air Raids Continue

Fifth and Seventh airforce bombers and fighters hit factories, warehouses, barracks, railroad yards and bridges on Kyushu, near Kuro on Honshu, and in the northern Ryukyus.

In adjacent waters a Japanese submarine, 12 merchantmen and two cargo vessels were sunk or heavily damaged.

Other bombers attacked Formosa, while night reconnaissance bombers from Okinawa attacked enemy communications along the Asiatic coast and harbor facilities near Shanghai.

Seventh fleet search planes, over the south China coast, and harbor facilities near Shanghai.

Seventh fleet search planes, over the south China coast, bombed the Swatow dock area and destroyed two harbor craft near Hong Kong. Other planes farther south destroyed two lighters off Hatten Indo-China and damaged a river steamer along the Malay Coast.

Warm Springs Fire Spreads

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.

Crews had checked other fires in the reservation. Patrols kept a wary eye on the 3500-acre Sit-walker Butte and the Mill Creek canyon fires, smoldering behind the fire lines. A 90-acre flareup which threatened the Sinsasho Indian school was being mopped up.

Low humidity hampered fire fighting operations in the reservation. A mist which hung over Portland yesterday did not reach to the fire areas.

D.S. Medal Presented Byrnes for War Work

Washington, Aug. 13 (AP)—For his services as war mobilization director for two and one half years, Secretary of States James F. Byrnes received from President Truman today a distinguished service medal.

Standing on the dewy crab grass in the White House rose garden, the chief executive read a citation which said "He did not hesitate to support unpopular measures essential to the successful prosecution of the war."

Standing between the chief executive and Mrs. Byrnes, the secretary of state said he appreciated the honor "more than any ever conferred upon me."

Hawaiian Censorship to End Honolulu, Aug. 13 (AP)—Censorship of civilian mail, cables, radiograms and radio-telephone calls originating from Hawaii will be discontinued when President Truman officially announces victory over Japan, the army said today.



Atomic Bomb Sends Smoke 20,000 Feet Above Nagasaki (AP)—Smoke columns more than 20,000 feet above the Japanese city of Nagasaki three minutes after an atomic bomb exploded Aug. 9. (AP wirephoto from USASTAF via navy radiophoto, Guam.)

Emergency Plans for War's End Prepared

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.

Peacetime Jobs in Northwest Predicted Portland, Ore., Aug. 13 (AP)—WPA Deputy Regional Director Paul Hirsch has predicted a high peacetime employment in the Pacific northwest.

Hirsch pointed out that lumber and woodworking industries have been operating with 15,000 less workers than in peacetime and that the national lumber inventory last spring was 14,000,000,000 board feet under normal.

Predicting that construction work will furnish employment for many thousands, he said, "We have personal knowledge of building construction to be undertaken in this vicinity that should involve the expenditure of nearly \$50,000,000 annually for a period of several years."

The Weather (Released by the United States Weather Bureau)
Forecast for Salem and vicinity: Clear tonight, becoming cloudy for Tuesday morning. This will clear before noon with moderate afternoon temperatures. Coolest tonight, 54. Favorable dusting weather Tuesday morning. Max. yesterday, 74. Min. today, 54. Mean temperature yesterday, 64, which was 3 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a.m. today, 0. Total precipitation for the month, trace, which is 13 inches below normal. Willamette river height, -3.0 ft.

Chiang Warns Chinese Reds to Avert Civil War

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, told correspondents last night that the president's message was delivered Saturday. Answering a question, he said:

"There will be no civil war. You can quote me."

Seek to Disarm Japs

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

Chu Teh's order said that Chinese communist troops "have the right to enter and occupy any city, town or communication center occupied by the enemy or puppets, carry on military management there to maintain order and appoint a commissioner to look after the administrative affairs of the locality."

"Those who oppose or obstruct such actions will be treated as traitors," he said.

Civil War Looms

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.

Tong read a statement concerning the communist order:

"Coming as it does before the enemy's formal surrender, his abrupt and illegal action has created in China a most painful impression. This has come on top of Yen'an's (communist headquarters) rumored campaign for civil war in China."

"Where the provocation comes from will be clear after reading Chu Teh's order to communist forces. No one is permitted to accept the surrender of the Japanese and their puppet forces in China except those authorized by the commander-in-chief of the national government of the Republic of China (Chiang Kai-Shek)."

"The acceptance of such a surrender is the function of the national government under the terms of the Potsdam proclamation."

China Coast Japs Have Ceased Fighting

San Francisco, Aug. 13 (AP)—Radio Chungking said today that Japanese troops in Chekiang province on China's east coast had ceased fighting because of Japan's surrender offer.

The broadcast, recorded by FCC, said a Japanese liaison officer had been dispatched to the Chinese First ground division in that area "to negotiate surrender."

"It also was revealed that Japanese troops were being disarmed in that province," the broadcast said. Chekiang province lies just south of Shanghai.

Truman Regards Post-war Period as Most Critical

By Ernest B. Vaccaro
Washington, Aug. 13 (AP)—President Truman views the early post-war period as the most critical in this nation's history from the standpoint of the average American's daily welfare. The chief executive sees in three specific and related problems the top challenge to government, industry and labor. Those problems are:

1. How to prevent widespread unemployment.
2. How to gear the machinery of war to the arts of peace.
3. How to keep purchasing power at a level high enough to absorb the output of busy peacetime factories.

Speaking in the Pacific northwest early in his campaign for the vice presidency last year, Mr. Truman advocated that the overall approach to reconstruction bring the government's multi-billion-dollar war plant

Allies Tighten Stranglehold While Tokyo Decides Whether To Quit or Continue Futile War

Battle Continued While Nipponese Discuss Decision—No Time Limit on Capitulation Proposal—Emperor Receives Principal Advisors

Washington, Aug. 13 (AP)—The allies tightened their stranglehold on Japan today while Tokyo struggled to decide whether to surrender now or continue a suicidal war.

The White House announced that no reply had been received at 3 p.m., to Saturday's dictator by the United States, Britain, Russia and China that Japan could retain an emperor for the present, but that he must take his orders from the allied supreme commander.

Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters that "at 3 o'clock there has still been no word" from the Japanese.

American bombers hammered meanwhile at Tokyo's front door. The Japanese reported that Russian marines were invading the Japanese-owned half of Sakhalin island—only 30 miles from the homeland, and British Pacific fleet units were steaming within four hours of Tokyo. At his morning news conference Ross said "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.

Tokyo Claims Delay

A Tokyo radio broadcast said that the formal reply to Japan's conditional surrender offer of Friday was not received until this morning. (Sunday night United States time.)

Emperor Hirohito received Japanese Foreign Minister Togo at the imperial palace this morning, another enemy broadcast said, but no details as to its purpose were given.

Still another broadcast indicated the Japanese were suffering invasion jitters. Domei, Japanese news agency, quoted "military observers" as viewing American carrier plane attacks and fleet operations off the coast as presaging a possible enemy landing.

Ross' Statement

Ross told his news conference at the White House:

"I'm sorry. I have only the negative report to make that no word has been received from Japan. It was carried by the Tokyo radio that the allied reply had only been delivered today, Monday. If that is true, Japan has had our terms only a little over 12 hours. Perhaps that accounts for the delay."

"Might there be another atomic bomb?" he was asked. "I do not know," Ross replied. "If I did I wouldn't say."

His remark on continuation of the war was in reply to an inquiry whether it was safe to assume "there had been no interruption or letup in the war during the negotiations."

More Cuts in War Contracts

Washington, Aug. 13 (AP)—Further slashes in war contracts to clear the decks for industrial reconversion were in prospect today with the navy getting ready to trim aircraft orders by as much as \$2,300,000,000.

The war department was prepared, too, for wholesale cancellation of contracts as soon as V-J day is proclaimed.

Other government agencies were geared to place their reconversion programs into action. A war production board official said that if the Japanese surrender becomes official within a week, it might be possible to produce as many as 550,000 new automobiles by the end of the year.

The previously authorized quota for this year was 250,000. The official said a quick end of the war would eliminate the sheet steel shortage, principal obstacle to increased auto output.

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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.

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Japs Thought Time Sparring

Bern, Aug. 13 (AP)—An authoritative Swiss source said tonight that the Japanese statement that the allied reply had been received in Tokyo only today was not correct and that the reply actually had been in Japanese hands since yesterday morning.

The Swiss statement indicated that the Japanese may be sparing for time in an effort to decide on the allied terms.

The Swiss source said that in the first place the allied reply was turned over to the Jap minister in Switzerland on Saturday. Tokyo had said it was delivered by the Swiss minister in Japan today.

The allied answer, the Swiss source said, arrived in Bern Saturday at 9:05 p.m. from Washington. It was turned over to the Jap minister at 9:22 p.m.

The Japanese minister's telegram to Tokyo was sent from Bern at 11:24 p.m. Saturday.

It was repeated again, at Japanese request, at 8 a.m. Sunday and at 9:35 a.m. Sunday the Japanese station confirmed the receipt of the message.

New Metal in Atomic Bombs

Detroit, Aug. 13 (AP)—Carboly company of Detroit revealed today that a metal of unprecedented hardness was used in the atomic bomb. W. G. Robbins, president of Carboly, said the metal known as carboly cermet, carbide is the "hardest metal yet created by science."

He said the metal is made of powdered tungsten carbide and cobalt, put under terrific pressure and heated in special furnaces to thousands of degrees temperature. He said the metal weighs 50 percent more than lead.

Similar metal, Robbins said, has been used in armor-piercing projectiles and cutting tools for U. S. industry.

Oak Ridge, Tenn., Aug. 13 (AP)—Another secret was permitted to seep out of the super-secret atomic bomb plant here today. The war department revealed that over 1,000,000 pounds of silver was borrowed from the U. S. treasury for use in thousands of electro-magnets.

The silver, used as a substitute for scarce copper, may still find itself in some future issue of new dimes, however, for the metal is unaffected by electricity. It will be returned to the treasury after the war.

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