

RUSSIA DECLARES WAR ON JAPS

Nippon Aghast At Damage Inflicted By Atomic Bomb

STRUCTURES IN FOUR MILE AREA VANISH IN BLAST

Corpses Too Numerous To Count Litter Ruins—Casualties Heavy.

San Francisco, Aug. 8—(U.P.)—Japan, aghast at the ruin of Hiroshima, charged today that the United States had violated international law by using the atomic bomb.

Radio Tokyo quoted authorized quarters in the capital as saying that the United States was violating article 22 of the Hague convention and showing disregard for humanity.

By United Press
Article 22 of the Hague Convention which the Japanese cited today as barring the use of atomic bombs says: "The right of belligerents to adopt means of injuring the enemy is not unlimited."

The broadcast made no mention of the fact that Japan did not subscribe to the Hague convention.

Tokyo also disclosed that the Japanese cabinet met in special session this morning to hear a report on the raid.

Guam, Aug. 8—(U.P.)—Tokyo disclosed today that most of Hiroshima had been destroyed completely by a single American bomb Monday and said blasted and blistered corpses "too numerous to count" littered the ruins.

"The impact of the bomb was so terrific that practically all living things, human and animal, were literally seared to death by the tremendous heat and pressure engendered by the blast," one Tokyo broadcast said.

American reconnaissance photographs confirmed that four and one-tenth square miles—60 per cent of the built-up area—of Hiroshima had vanished almost without trace in the world's greatest explosion.

Unofficial American sources estimated Japanese dead and wounded might exceed 100,000.

Five major war plants and scores of smaller factories, office buildings and dwellings were known to have been leveled. Only a few skeletons of concrete buildings remained in the obliterated area. Additional damage outside the totally destroyed section still was being assessed.

Radio Tokyo, breaking its silence of more than 60 hours after the raid, said the "indescribable destructive power" of the bomb had crushed big buildings and small dwellings alike in an unparalleled holocaust.

Atomic Comment Gets Scientist Into Hot Water

New York, Aug. 8—(U.P.)—Dr. Harold Jacobson, who helped in atomic research at Columbia university, collapsed in his office today when military counter-espionage agents told him he could be imprisoned for a signed newspaper article on the after-effects of atomic bombing.

Philip E. Wilcox, Jacobson's present employer, said he had been taken to his home by a doctor after he was threatened with as much as 10 years in prison for the article.

Jacobson issued a written statement today declaring that it was his opinion that the atomic bomb would leave fatal radioactivity in its wake for 70 years, but that "eminent and qualified scientists" more closely connected with the project did not agree "with some of my opinions."

The Queen of Sheba is supposed to have been an Ethiopian.

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Religious Group Protests Use Of Atomic Bomb

London, Aug. 8—(U.P.)—The first protest from a British religious body against the use of the atom bomb was printed in London newspapers today.

The Rev. A. D. Belden, chairman of an organization known as "Christianity Calling" telegraphed Prime Minister Attlee and President Truman protesting against atomic bombing.

"This unparalleled terrorism disgraces the United Nations," the message to Attlee said. "Beg you secure veto of its use."

WIND STORM HITS PORTION OF CITY; CLOSES LAUNDRY

An unestimated amount of damage was caused last night by a sudden and localized wind storm which damaged equipment at the weather bureau station at the Medford airport, and blew down the smoke stack of the Domestic Laundry. Operations at the laundry are halted until the smoke stack is repaired, office employees stated today.

Local weather bureau officials report that the sudden squall started at 8:10 p. m. when a localized wind covering 30 to 40 feet swept across the corner of an airport hanger, tearing four two-by-four boards from a skylight cover. One board hit a small brick chimney, completely demolishing the upper section, and flying brick smashed a thermometer shelter and crashed through the roof. Another hit a wind instrument support, snapping the 18 foot long three inch pipe, and a third flew over the main part of the roof and damaged the annex roof.

The wind was described as a "twister." The velocity of which was not measured as it was so localized that wind instruments were unable to detect traces outside the immediate path. Damage to the weather station will be estimated by the post engineer later today.

SMALL FIRES DOT ROGUE FOREST AS RESULTS OF BOLTS

Crews from the state forest patrol and Rogue River National Forest Service are still battling a large number of small forest fires started in this area Sunday evening and Monday by electrical storms.

Four new fires were reported to the national forest service headquarters yesterday, bringing to 62 the number reported since Sunday. Thirteen of the fires cover more than a quarter acre, while others are confined to areas of less space. Of the 62 reported, 27 are definitely known today to be extinguished, and 110 men are still working on the others. Supplies were dropped by plane yesterday to fire fighting crews at one fire in the Union Creek area, and another in Umpqua district.

Men from the forest patrol, assisted by logging crews, are ers, and army ground crews, are patrolling generally throughout southwestern Oregon. No new fires were reported yesterday.

Another storm is predicted for this afternoon, according to forest service headquarters.

PUPPETS WORRIED
Chungking, Aug. 8—(U.P.)—Japanese-sponsored puppet princes in Mongolia held a three-day meeting last month to consider ways to protect themselves in the event of a Japanese defeat, the Chinese newspaper Takungpao reported today.

Truman Reports To Nation Thursday, 7 p. m.

Widow of America's Leading Ace



Mrs. Marjorie Bong, 21, widow of Maj. Richard Bong, America's leading combat flying ace, who was killed when jet-propelled P-50 he was testing overhot Burbank, Calif., field. He was returned from the Pacific after 10 victories and assigned to testing. Mrs. Bong, a bride of less than six months, will fly to Superior, Wis., with body of her husband, from Los Angeles.

Nation's Greatest Flying Ace Is Welcomed Home in Death

Superior, Wis., Aug. 8—(U.P.)—The greatest air ace this country ever had came home today to stay.

An Army Transport plane brought the body of Maj. Richard I Bong in a flag-draped casket back to the shores of sky-lake Superior where he roamed the woods as a boy. Bong, 24, became the nation's top flying ace by shooting down 40 Jap planes. He was killed Monday in the crash of a jet plane he was testing in California.

A silent crowd of about a hundred persons watched the big transport glide onto the runway at the airport in Duluth, Minn., adjacent to Superior. There were military dignitaries from Washington, young men who went to school with the war hero and the plain folks from nearby Poplar where Bong grew up on a farm.

Family at Port
There was Carl T. Bong, the major's father, who taught him how to shoot a rifle. There was Mrs. Glen Bryce, the flier's grandmother, whose cookie jar he raided regularly before he went away to war.

MANY DEFERRED WILL BE CALLED
Washington, Aug. 8—(U.P.)—Selective service warned today that greater numbers of men between 18 and 30 previously deferred for essential work will have to be drafted into the armed forces.

A report to the house military affairs committee said there was not a sufficient number of young men becoming 18 years of age each month to meet induction quotas.

Rep. John J. Sparkman, D., Ala., who received the report for the committee, said it also may mean that an additional number of men above 30 years of age will have to be drafted.

The report did not specify what occupational groups would be in line for induction.

PARLEY DETAILS TO BE GIVEN IN 30-MINUTE TALK

Mention of New Atomic Bomb To Be Made—May Give Jap New Warning

Washington, Aug. 8—(U.P.)—President Truman will report to the nation on the Big Three Berlin conference Thursday night at 7 o'clock (PWT).

The White House said the address would be broadcast on all radio networks.

Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross said Mr. Truman would make a 30-minute address, in detail he would go into greater detail about the historic Potsdam parley than was related in last week's official communique on the meeting.

To Mention Bomb
Ross said the president would "mention" the new atomic bomb, but probably to no great extent.

One of Mr. Truman's first appointments today—his first day in the White House since his return from Europe—was with Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson. Ross said they were to discuss the fearsome new bomb which devastated a Japanese industrial city in its first use.

The president's first press conference following the Berlin meeting will be held early next week, probably Monday or Tuesday, Ross said.

"He should report to the people as a whole first," the press secretary explained.

Mr. Truman planned brief conferences today and will also catch up with paper work and put finishing touches on his address.

There was sharp speculation that the president might take occasion in his speech to warn the Japanese again that they must surrender now or see the entire country suffer the fate of Hiroshima.

The development of the atomic bomb has left the country, and the world, with mixed feelings over what the future holds. Many people will be listening to the president for further word on steps taken to control this awe-inspiring secret.

In first announcing the existence of the bomb two days ago, Mr. Truman said that he would ask congress to establish a commission to control the production and use of atomic power and that he would make recommendations himself on its employment.

The cruiser Augusta, which carried the president's party to and from Europe, docked at New Port News, Va., shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

DEATH LIST CITY HIT BY 100 SUPERFORTS

Guam, Thursday, Aug. 9—(U.P.)—Nearly 100 Superfortresses, hitting the Japanese home islands for the fourth time in 24 hours, sent incendiaries crashing into the "death list" city of Fukuyama shortly before midnight.

The new blow in a round the clock offensive by the 20th air force followed two late afternoon demolition strikes at the Nakajima Musashino-Tama aircraft plant in Tokyo and the once mighty Tokyo arsenal, and a smashing daylight raid with more than 1,000 tons of explosives on the great steel center of Yawata.

15th City Warned
Fuguyama was the 15th of 31 cities warned by the B-29 command to be blasted by incendiaries, and the 62nd Japanese city to be burned out. Located 47 miles northeast of Kure on the inland sea, it is a center for chemical production and aircraft works.

Included in its main urban area of 1.5 square miles are the Imperial Dye Works, the Kawasumi Aircraft company and the Mitsubishi Electric company.

Earlier Gen. Carl A. Spaatz had announced from U. S. Strategic Air Force headquarters that some 50 Superfortresses had bombed the Tokyo arsenal area, selected as an alternate target for planes which found the aircraft plant obscured by smoke.

The B-29s met intense flak but no enemy aircraft.

Radio Tokyo said about 65 Superfortresses were in the Tokyo raid and claimed two were shot down and 10 others heavily damaged.

Harbors Mined
Other B-29s mined harbor areas at Rashin in Korea and at Shimonsu, Maizuri and Sakai on Honshu.

Radio Tokyo said 30 other B-29s with an escort of 70 Mustangs and Thunderbolts, attacked airfields and communications facilities throughout the central army command area on the main Japanese home island of Honshu today.

Admiral William F. Halsey's third fleet remained under a security blackout, but two other naval task forces carried out raids along the China coast and on the long by-passed former American island of Wake.

NEW GRADER IS BOUGHT BY CITY
Purchase of a \$5,500 grader by the city to be used in the near future for work on the new city park site was announced today by Frank Rogers, city superintendent.

In reference to progress of work on the park, Rogers said several applications from planning and landscaping engineers and architects have been sent to the city in connection with park development, and that a representative from the San Francisco planning commission is expected shortly to advise park officials.

The park board of Seattle has also given the city park plans which were drawn up as a favor to Medford.

TICKETS COME HIGH
Chungking, Aug. 8—(U.P.)—Some Shanghai residents, fearing new American air raids, are paying up to 1,000,000 puppet dollars for black market railway tickets to Hangchow. 150 miles to the southwest, the Central News Agency reported today. Leaflets dropped by American airmen in which residents were advised to flee have made Shanghai's suburbs a veritable "no-man's land."

ACTION TAKEN TO SPEED UP PEACE MOLOTOV AVERS

Declaration Becomes Effective Tomorrow—Jap Mediation Try Told.

London, Aug. 8—(U.P.)—Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov announced in Moscow tonight that Russia had declared war against Japan, effective tomorrow, in order to speed the end of the conflict in the Far East.

Molotov, in the war declaration statement broadcast by the Moscow radio, revealed that Japan had asked Russia to mediate for peace with the United States and Britain.

Russia considered that the Japanese rejection of the surrender-or-die ultimatum announced at Potsdam on July 26 nullified Japan's mediation proposal, Molotov said.

Jap Envoy Told
Molotov called in Naotaka Sato, Japanese ambassador to Moscow, and informed him of Russia's decision to enter the war.

Simultaneously the Soviet envoy in Tokyo was transmitting to the Japanese government the same statement.

Later Molotov received the ambassadors from the United States, Great Britain and China, and told them of the Soviet Union's momentous decision. They expressed satisfaction with the declaration, the Moscow radio said.

Washington, Aug. 8—(U.P.)—Soviet Russia has declared war on Japan, President Truman announced today.

The president called reporters into his executive office to announce the momentous event.

"Russia has declared war on Japan—that's all," Mr. Truman said.

He said he hadn't been able to call a regular press conference but the announcement was so important, "I thought I had better give it to you." So he called in the reporters who were available on quick notice.

The announcement meant that the days of the Japanese empire were numbered and that the Pacific war, already shortened by the atomic bomb, would be ended even sooner.

Arranged at Potsdam
The Soviet action apparently stemmed from arrangements made by President Truman and Generalissimo Josef Stalin during the Big Three meeting at Potsdam.

Russia presumably now will throw against Japan the vast military organization that it has built up opposite Manchuria and Korea. This organization has been reinforced since Russia whipped Nazi Germany in the eastern front.

Her armies on the Manchurian border are known to be large and are believed to be a match for the enemy's sizeable and well-equipped forces there.

Thus the United States will be able to concentrate its power on the Japanese homeland without worrying about liquidating enemy forces on the upper Asiatic mainland.

Truman Smiling
Mr. Truman was seated, smiling and confident, at his desk when the reporters entered.

The president's military and naval aides and a few other lesser administration officials formed a semi-circle behind Mr. Truman's desk.

It has been speculated that the United States would continue to bear the brunt of the war against Japan, and possibly the invasion, while Russia neutralizes and presses forward on the enemy's flank.

The Soviet air force is not believed to be geared for long-range bombing assaults upon the Japanese home islands, but it may be expected to attack installations in Manchuria and perhaps Korea.

From Kamchatka, Russian planes also could dominate the Japanese Kuriles and the Japanese half of Sakhalin Island.

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What They Say About Atomic Bomb

By United Press
What they say about the atomic bomb:
"It undoubtedly will be generations before the atom will make all the nation's steel, power the nation's locomotives, generate the electricity..." Dr. M. Lely Barin, technical consultant, Bituminous Coal Institute.

"We all know what lightning is, and can do, but we haven't learned yet how to control it." Charles W. Kellogg, president, Edison Electric Institute.

"This is the first war that will be won exclusively by air power, notwithstanding all experts." Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker.

"I suggest... that we pray for a speedy cessation of hostilities." Dr. Earl F. Adams, executive director of the protestant council of New York.

IRRIGATION DISTRICT OFFICE TO HOLLY BLDG.

By request of the Jackson County court, Medford Irrigation District headquarters is this week being moved from the basement of the courthouse to rooms 204 and 205 of the Holly Theatre building, and County Juvenile Officer Robert Elder is moving his office from the Liberty building into the courthouse. The move is expected to be completed by the end of the week.

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PACIFIC FIGHTERS SEE EARLY FINISH
Guam, Thursday, Aug. 9—(U.P.)—Allied fighting men received the news of Russia's entrance into the Pacific war at dawn today. From Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz on down through the ranks, they felt that the war's final lap was at hand.

The announcement of the Soviet declaration of war drew a solemn and quiet reaction, with an underlying feeling of jubilation among the soldiers and sailors and marines who have been fighting Japan for months and years.