

# JAP SURRENDER OFFER PONDERED

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## Hirohito Will Retain Ruler's Prerogatives If Proffer Accepted

## Reds Advance 110 Miles Into Manchuria; Capture Vital Northwestern Rail Center

### WEAK OPPOSITION FOUND IN EARLY RUSSIAN CHARGE

### Korea and Half of Sakhalin Island Invaded In Wide-Swinging Offensive.

London, Aug. 10—(U.P.)—The Red Banner armies of the Far East tonight were reported deep within Manchuria, rolling up an advance of nearly 110 miles and capturing the vital northwest Manchuria rail center of Hailar in less than 48 hours combat.

The rapidity of the Soviet advance across northwest Manchuria suggested that the Japanese were putting up meager opposition to the wide swinging Red army columns.

The Japanese radio reported that the Soviet troops had invaded Korea and the southern half of Sakhalin Island in a broadening offensive.

Tonight's Soviet communique reported that the Red army had driven straight down the Chinese eastern railroad from the border town of Manchouli to Hailar, nearly 110 miles.

Other troops crossed the Amur river boundary at another point and captured two towns in an advance of nearly 10 miles.

In the Lake Dalai Nor region advances up to 13 miles were registered and south of Khabarovsk two towns on the south bank of the Amur and one on the west bank of the Ussuri were seized in advances up to nearly 15 miles.

### Towns Captured

Fighting northwest from Vladivostok the Red army captured the towns of Pogranichny, Tungning and Tangchagou, just across the maritime provinces frontier.

### JAPAN PROTESTS ATOM BOMB USE

San Francisco, Aug. 10—(U.P.)—The Japanese government has lodged a formal protest with the United States through Switzerland requesting that the Americans "immediately discontinue the use of such inhuman weapons as the atomic bomb, Radio Tokyo said today.

### EVANGELICAL CHURCH FAVORS MERGER PLAN

Portland, Ore., Aug. 10—(U.P.)—The Oregon-Washington conference of the Evangelical church today voted unanimously for a proposal to merge the Evangelical and United Brethren denominations.

### BASEBALL

National			
St. Louis	5	6	0
New York	2	10	0
D. Barrett and O'Dea; Voiselle, Magli (3) Adams (8) and Lombardi.			
Cincinnati	4	11	2
Brooklyn	9	10	1
Bowman, Lisenbee (4) and Unser; Davis and Peacock.			
American			
Washington	3	6	0
Chicago	6	10	0
Wolf, Ulrich (5) and Evans; Lee and Tresh.			
New York	10	15	1
Cleveland	4	10	1
Gettel and Robinson; Reynolds, Salverson (4) Kileman (8) Center (8) and Hayes.			

### VICTORY CLOSING PLANS ARRANGED FOR STORES HERE

Meeting at the Jackson county chamber of commerce this morning, the Medford Retail Merchants association, including representatives of all types of stores in the city, adopted a plan to control closing of stores on official announcement of victory in the Japanese war.

### VETS ASSISTANT OPENS OFFICES IN POST OFFICE

E. L. Knight, stationed in Medford as contract representative of the Veterans Administration regional office in Portland, has opened his office in room 201 in the post office building and will be on duty from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. six days weekly.

Knight states that his duties will be to assist returning veterans and their dependents in filing claims for insurance, hospitalization, and general assistance in any matter pertaining to the Veterans Administration. He emphasizes that his work is not to supplant or act in the capacity of service officer for any veterans' organization, but to work with the organization officers in aiding veterans to secure evidence and file claims.

A veteran of naval service in both World Wars, Knight worked with the Veterans State Aid Commission before joining the Veterans Administration staff. His assignment to the Medford area came after his special request, Knight adds. He had visited the city several times and was attracted to the area. As soon as suitable housing can be secured, his wife and two daughters will move to Medford from Portland to make their home.

The office will be handled by Knight and one stenographer.

### KLAMATH STRIKE EXPECTED TO HIT ENTIRE SECTION

Klamath Falls, Ore., Aug. 10—(U.P.)—CIO unionists today walked out on strike in the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company mill in Klamath Falls, one of the state's largest pine plants.

The dispute started with previous strikes in two woods operations, then spread to the main mill. CIO pickets said they believed the strike would spread generally through the Klamath area.

Fire protection crew members, office employees and company officials were the only ones to enter the gate today, it was reported.

Union spokesmen said demands will be presented at all CIO operations in the area asking for a union shop and 25 cents per hour increase "across the board." Refusal of demands probably will mean strikes of affected operations, they said.

Guam, Aug. 10—(U.P.)—More than 1,200 Allied carrier planes struck Japanese military targets on northern Honshu today for the second straight day in support of the Red army's Manchurian offensive after destroying or damaging 257 enemy aircraft in the first round of attacks.

### Judge Walker To Hear Heuel Trial

Salem, Ore., August 10—(U.P.)—Chief Justice Harry H. Belt of the State Supreme Court has assigned Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker of Yamhill county to preside at the trial of former Chief of Police Heuel of Klamath county on morals charges.

### HONOLULU IN PEACE PARADE

Honolulu, T. H., Aug. 10—(U.P.)—News that Japan has offered to surrender touched off hilarious celebrations today at this mid-Pacific city where war broke with terrible suddenness three years, eight months and three days ago.

The first report that Tokyo had broadcast a peace request was received here in the middle of the night when most of the city was asleep. But it didn't take the city long to awaken.

At Hickam Field, the great army base adjacent Pearl Harbor, a celebration started. GI's shouted and whooped their joy, and they were soon joined by the WACs. Celebrants moved into the streets and the band assembled and got a parade started in front of the hangar line.

Okinawa, 9:30 p. m., Aug. 10—(U.P.)—American troops went wild on this island they conquered less than two months ago today when they heard radio reports that Tokyo had said Japan would accept the Potsdam surrender ultimatum.

### WEATHER

Northern California—Clear today and Saturday, except over coastal sections; cooler in Sacramento today and over interior Saturday; moderate northwest wind off coast.

### BOYS DISPATCHED TO FIGHT BLAZE; MEDCO CREW OUT

Sixteen boys employed by the Rogue River National Forest Service as a blister rust control crew, with their foreman, were dispatched today to help fight a forest fire on "Old Woman creek" in Umpqua National Forest in Douglas county.

### Fliers Say Explosions Too Tremendous To Believe—Urban Area Smashed

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The airman's stories bolstered a growing belief that the entire urban or built-up area of Nagasaki, major naval base, industrial center and Japan's 11th city, was destroyed by the atomic bomb.

### RUTH CHATTERTON SUED

Los Angeles, Aug. 10—(U.P.)—Actress Ruth Chatterton's Beverly Hills, Calif., home and furnishings today were under a writ of attachment obtained by a New York jewelry firm suing for \$2,423 allegedly due on a diamond-ruby ring and clip. The superior court writ was obtained by Shreve and Co.

### TRUMAN GIVES JAPANESE GRIM ALTERNATIVE—Surrender Or Suffer More Atomic Bombs

Washington, Aug. 10—(U.P.)—President Truman left bruised and battered Japan with the grim promise today of more atomic bombs and more military surprises unless she surrenders immediately.

The Japanese have felt only part of the crushing fate that is in store for them if they choose to fight on, the chief executive declared last night in an historic radio "Report to Fellow Americans" on the Potsdam conference.

The Japs will soon learn some of the other military secrets agreed upon at Berlin," he said, "... and they will not like them."

### Jap Civilians Warned

Mr. Truman vowed that the atomic bomb would continue to be turned on the enemy until the minute of surrender, and he warned Japanese civilians to vacate war industrial centers and "save themselves from destruction."

### To Press For Council

Mr. Truman said the United States will "press for its adoption" in the big five council of foreign ministers set up by the big three conference. He characterized the five-power agency, which will meet in London, as one that will map the peace settlements just as Dumbarton Oaks laid groundwork for the United Nations security charter.

### Must Aid Europe

"We must help to the limits of our strength," he said. "And we will."

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Manila, Aug. 10—(U.P.)—News of the Japanese surrender offer rocked this Philippines capital which tonight was swarming with troops and jammed with supplies in preparation for the invasion of Japan.

A victory celebration swept the town. "When are we going home?" shouted boisterous GI's who had been ticketed to go to Japan.

Washington, Aug. 10—(U.P.)—Bomb-blasted and beleaguered Japan today offered officially to surrender to the Allies, and the White House announced that this government is consulting on the offer with Russia, Great Britain and China.

White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross confirmed the Japanese bid, which had been broadcast earlier over Tokyo radio, in a statement at 3:28 p. m. EWT.

His statement followed shortly on receipt of dispatches from Berne and Stockholm reports that Japan had submitted messages for delivery to the Allied governments by Switzerland and Sweden.

ALLIES COMMUNICATE ON SURRENDER TERMS  
Ross told reporters that "Our government, through its regular diplomatic channels, is in communication with Great Britain, Russia and China regarding the Japanese surrender offer."

He added that "This is all that can be announced at this time." He said no further White House statements would be forthcoming today or tonight.

Meanwhile, the war was not over. It was pointed out that even if the Allies find the Japanese surrender offer acceptable, the mechanics of implementing it may take some time.

To get the necessary signatures of Japanese governmental and military leaders in the far flung areas of Asia and the enemy homeland might prove complicated. It might involve the arranging of meetings between them and such U. S. leaders as Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and Gen. Douglas MacArthur and their Russian, British and Chinese counterparts.

REGARD FOR HIROHITO ONLY CONDITION  
The Japanese broadcast said the surrender offer posed just one condition: That Emperor Hirohito should retain his prerogatives as a sovereign ruler. Congressional sentiment was about evenly divided as to whether to accept the condition. Other official comment was not forthcoming.

President Truman discussed the broadcast with his "war cabinet" early today and in the afternoon with the full cabinet. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson remained with the president for a while after the other cabinet members left.

White House Press Secretary Charles G. Ross promised to keep reporters informed of developments "as quickly as they happen."

Between meetings with cabinet members, Mr. Truman went on with a long schedule of previously scheduled conferences.

CONGRESSMEN DIFFER ON RECESS END  
Among congressional callers a difference of opinion developed as to whether senators and representatives—their houses in recess until Oct. 8—should be called back into session.

Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney, D., Wash., said he believed congress should reconvene "certainly right after Labor day," Sept. 3.

"The problems of peace," he said, "are every bit as important as the problems of war."

Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, D., Wash., another White House caller, disagreed with O'Mahoney.

"There is no need to call congress back," he said, "because the demobilization job is so big and so slow."

War department officials long have said that limitations of shipping will make demobilization a long and tedious operation.

As to whether Mr. Truman will call congress back, Ross said he did not know: "Your guess is as good as mine."

CLIMAX OF MIGHTY EVENTS IN WAR HISTORY  
The Japanese offer climaxed a rushing torrent of mighty events unparalleled in history. These events included:

1. The atomic bomb explosion over Hiroshima on Aug. 5.
2. Soviet Russia's declaration of war against Japan on Aug. 8.
3. The dropping of the second atomic bomb on Nagasaki, on Aug. 8.
4. The opening of a gigantic Soviet offensive against Manchuria and Korea on Aug. 9.

### HILLSBORO WATER SUPPLY IS SAVED FROM RAIL WRECK

Portland, Ore., Aug. 10—(U.P.)—Progress of flames threatening the Hillsboro and Forest Grove water supplies has been checked, it was reported today by forest officials.

At the same time a new major fire front was developing today in the Warm Springs Indian reservation where two fires are threatening to merge into one 4,500-acre burn. Started by lightning, the fire has jumped from 1,000 acres to its present size and is about 10 miles east of Ollalie lake in the Mount Hood forest.

The Powell creek fire in Josephine county, Oregon, was reported under control today, but the Murphy creek sector still has not been conquered.

Lake Tahoe, Nev., Aug. 10—(U.P.)—Mrs. Elaine Brown Keiffer Cobb of New York, was married here today to Lt. Col. Ralph McAllister Ingersoll, former editor of the New York daily newspaper, PM. Mrs. Ingersoll formerly was the wife of Lt. Mortimer Howe Cobb, engineer corps, U. S. army, from whom she was divorced in Reno yesterday.

### CAMP WHITE LOSES IN SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Camp White Agates lost the game of the Ninth Service Command double elimination softball tournament being played at Fort Lewis when they were defeated by Camp Jordan, 3 to 0. Agates collected three hits and made one error while the winners got four blows and committed one bobble.