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JAP ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS SLATED WITHIN 72 HOURS

Surrender On Battleship In Tokyo Bay Forecast—MacArthur Due For Post—Byrnes Lists Terms

San Francisco, Aug. 11—(U.P.)—The men of the U. S. Third fleet, now standing off Japan, are "expecting word of Japan's surrender sometime today," a broadcast from the fleet said tonight.

Wan and tired after 48 hours without sleep, Adm. William F. Halsey was grimly confident that the war was about to end.

Washington, Aug. 11—(U.P.)—The Pacific allies sped to beaten Japan today the terms under which she may keep her emperor and word from Tokyo indicated they were getting prompt and favorable attention.

V-J day, for which the world has been waiting three years and eight months, appeared imminent—perhaps no more than 72 hours away.

And, it was confidently expected here, the supreme commander who will accept Japanese surrender—whether it comes officially hours or days hence—will be General of the Army Douglas MacArthur.

The White House announced officially that a supreme Allied commander would be selected to accept and enforce unconditional surrender, and few doubted he would be the man.

It was not impossible, however, that MacArthur's co-commander in the Pacific, Admiral of the Fleet Chester W. Nimitz, might receive the surrender assignment.

Nor was it inconceivable, because of their status as co-equals, that neither would get it. But the betting here and in London was on MacArthur.

An informed official source said it was likely that the surrender ceremonies would be carried out aboard a U. S. Third fleet battleship in Tokyo bay.

The Allied communication, transmitted officially through the Swiss government and beamed to Japan by the Office of War Information, was a blunt reply to the emperor's offer to surrender if the emperor would be permitted to keep his sovereign power.

Four Terms Given The Allied reply brusquely and clearly stated that: 1. Emperor Hirohito will be employed by the Allied commander as an implement for putting in effect the Potsdam surrender terms.

2. All Japanese sea, land and air forces will cease operations and surrender their arms.

3. Immediately upon surrender the Japanese government will transport all prisoners of war and civilian internees to places of safety where they may quickly be put aboard ship for home.

4. Allied forces will occupy Japan for as long as necessary to demilitarize her completely, punish her war criminals, and make certain that she never again threatens the peace of Asia and the world.

Byrnes set forth these points in four terse paragraphs which even now are being beamed to the Japanese. For many hours after Tokyo's broadcast surrender offer, the Japanese people were kept ignorant of the fact that it had been made. The OWI is now dispelling that ignorance.

San Jose, Cal., Aug. 11—(U.P.)—California prune growers will receive a support price of 9 1/2 cents a pound this year.

Truman's Speech Brings Jap Peace Move Report



President Truman, making radio address to nation, revealed that "new military secrets" besides the atomic bomb and Russia's participation in the Pacific conflict were in store for the Japanese should they continue to fight.

WPB RESTRICTION ON LUMBER SALE REMOVED MONDAY

Portland, Ore., Aug. 11—(U.P.)—Lumber operators will receive notice Monday of the first removal of restrictions on retail sales, William Freeman, WPB timber administrator, said today.

The freeze on 2 by 4 lumber and western pine has been lifted. With the lifting of the pine restrictions, mill operators will no longer have to require two certificates from purchasers, one to buy lumber and the other to buy pine, the statement said.

A demand for revision of lumber requirements by the military has been made by the WPB. The revised requirements must include only what is seriously needed by the military, according to the WPB.

Orders for 700 million feet for the military will be cancelled to ease the serious situation faced by northwest mills and camps. Mills will be kept going to full capacity by urgently needed military requirements.

WPB restrictions on the flow of lumber will be cut immediately after full military requirements are given the board. "We intend to let loose the strings as quickly as is humanly possible," Freeman said.

V-J DAY PAY NO WAGE VIOLATION

Washington, Aug. 11—(U.P.)—File for reference on V-J Day: The War Labor Board says employers may without violating wage stabilization regulations, excuse workers for the victory celebration and pay them not to exceed straight time for the hours they don't work.

TO FOLLOW SCHEDULE Washington, Aug. 11—(U.P.)—Processing and redeployment of troops from the European theater will continue as regularly scheduled before the Japanese surrender offer, the U. S. army announced today.

TULE LAKE JAPS FRET MOST OVER THEIR OWN FATE

Newell, Cal., Aug. 11—(U.P.)—The 17,000 Japanese held in the Tule Lake segregation center here took the news of the Japanese surrender offer quietly.

The destruction of Hiroshima by the first atomic bomb dropped on Japan caused greater concern, Robert H. Ross, assistant reports officer, reported. By coincidence, he said, about a third of the inmates either are natives of Hiroshima prefecture or have relatives there.

Those with relatives in the Hiroshima area have taken for granted that they were killed and individual memorial rites are still being held. Ross said there were no mass ceremonies or demonstrations.

The War Relocation officer noted no common reaction to the surrender offer.

"Some of the older people took it pretty hard," he observed. "But the younger Nisei took the occasion in some cases to 'tell off' their older relatives who had remained loyal to Japan."

"Most of the people here are more worried about their own future than that of Japan."

Nylon Production Comes With Peace

Washington, Aug. 11—(U.P.)—Production of nylon hose for civilians is expected to be one of the first industrial war casualties to come back after V-J day.

COAST JOB OUTLOOK San Francisco, Aug. 11—(U.P.)—All U. S. Employment Service offices on the west coast will continue to direct workers into such jobs as transport, warehousing, longshoring, food production and lumber supply, the War Manpower commission said today.

PEACE PROBLEMS PLACE CONGRESS ON JOB SEPT. 4

Vacation Cut a Month To Speed Reconversion—Budget Cut Looms

Washington, Aug. 11—(U.P.)—Congress was asked to cut short its vacation to deal with fast-multiplying reconversion problems as demobilization of the home front to a peacetime economy began in earnest tonight.

Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley, Ky., revealed after a 90 minute White House conference that President Truman felt Congress should be reconvened as soon as practicable.

Barkley said Congress probably will be called back into session on Sept. 4, more than a month ahead of its scheduled Oct. 8 date.

A grim warning came from government officials that widespread unemployment is inevitable during the six months it will take to achieve a good measure of reconversion.

Confronted with the imminent end of the war, government procurement agencies embarked on a grand-scale program of cancelling war contracts.

The United Press learned that the Army and Navy have ordered termination of nearly \$4,000,000,000 in war contracts since the Japanese first announced their surrender offer.

Washington, Aug. 11—(U.P.)—A Budget Bureau official estimated tonight the government might pare \$30,000,000,000 from its 1945-46 budget if Japan surrenders within the next week or two.

August 1 estimates showed that the war would cost \$70,000,000,000 if it continued through June 30, 1946.

The spokesman said in any event the drop in spending would not be immediate, because every man who leaves the service gets mustering out pay and transportation home.

"Whether the nation which was the mother of liberty in the western world will take over for the government the title to every farm every home every business, and reduce every citizen to a servant of the government remains to be seen," Hoover said.

"But do you want to start on the impoverishment and servitude of such a system?"

The true American system "brooks neither tyranny of bureaucracy nor tyranny of business. We do not defend economic freedom because of profit or greed. We defend it because we know that without economic freedom all the freedoms of mind and spirit will perish," Hoover added.

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The war department revealed the mind-numbing potentialities of the atomic bomb tonight in a technical report on the five years of experimentation which was produced by it. The report was written by Dr. H. D. Smyth, head of the Princeton University physics department and one of the atom bomb's progenitors.

Dr. Smyth gave a detailed account of the scientific development of the bomb. In the course of the group's experiments, he said, two new chemical elements were developed—neptunium and plutonium.

WAR'S END NOT TO END DRAFT CALLS

Salem, Ore., Aug. 11—(U.P.)—The draft program will not be affected immediately by the end of the war, Col. Elmer V. Wootton, state selective service director, said today.

HOOVER ASSAILS BRITISH SPREAD TO COLLECTIVISM

'Creeping Socialism' Plan of Attlee Hit—Bureaucratic Rule Deplored

Long Beach, Calif., Aug. 11—(U.P.)—Former President Herbert Hoover, describing Britain's new labor government as a "creeping socialism," today urged Americans to fight collectivism by proclaiming their faith in freedom.

"We should proclaim again and again that the road to free men and to progress and prosperity is not to be found in the spread of governmental powers and bureaucracy, but in striving to set bounds to it," Hoover told thousands of former Iowa men who attended the annual Iowa picnic in Bixby park.

Reviewing how "communism or creeping socialism are sweeping over Europe," Hoover, native of West Branch, Ia., declared "the western hemisphere is becoming the last hope of free men."

"You have seen a form of collectivism in our own country," the only living ex-president, who yesterday observed his 71st birthday, warned. "You are familiar with the pre-war growth of governmental power over our own citizens. To this are added the controls necessary to win the war. Have you not seen with your own eyes the flood of bureaucratic violations of liberty and the moral degeneration which comes with this collectivist process?"

The Utopia of totalitarian "Liberals" is a "will-o'-the-wisp that leads implacably to the swamps of serfdom," Hoover predicted.

"The 'creeping socialism' program of British Prime Minister Clement Attlee should bring home to the American people that this is no academic question."

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KOREAN BATTLE UNDERWAY TWIXT SOVIET AND JAPS

San Francisco, Aug. 11—(U.P.)—Tokyo radio said tonight Soviet troops fighting in Korea are engaged in fierce combat with Japanese forces near Yuki, approximately 15 miles north of the important port of Rashin.

Yuki lies approximately six miles inside the Korean border and 90 miles southwest of Vladivostok, the base from which Red Banner army troops launched their Korean offensive.

The Tokyo broadcast, recorded by United Press, San Francisco, reported on fighting as of Saturday night, Tokyo time.

Soviet troops made a frontal attack against Hunchun, 80 miles west of Vladivostok, and "fighting is now taking place in the vicinity of the city," Tokyo said.

Just a 'Love Set'

Stockholm, Aug. 11—(U.P.)—Maj. Gen. Makoto Onodera, Japanese military attache in Stockholm, said in an interview today that the atomic bomb was the main reason for Japan's capitulation offer and suggested that the Allies now shake hands with Japan as if they had played a tennis match.

JAPANESE URGED MAINTAIN UNITY AND DO HIS PART

San Francisco, Aug. 11—(U.P.)—The Tokyo newspaper Asahi Sunday (Tokyo time) called on "every Japanese to do his part" in fulfilling the august wish of his majesty.

It exhorted the nation to "maintain firmest unity if worst comes to worst."

"Even in the worst chaotic stage in such great national crises, our people always have been gratified to find a rallying point for their souls and action. The western term, 'wandering soul,' has no place in our language."

"By obeying his majesty's august wish, our people have always found a way out of such crises. Our ancestors have thus overcome many a national crisis and handed down to their posterity Japan as she is now with her spirit and blood."

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DENIAL MADE OF WAVE OF RUMORS

New York, Aug. 11—(U.P.)—The Office of War Information reported tonight that various rumors of the Federal Communications Commission having recorded a Tokyo broadcast or a Chungking broadcast quoting Tokyo to the effect that Japan has rejected Allied surrender terms were without foundation.

The FCC has recorded no such broadcast, it said.

Another rumor, to the effect that the Japanese War Minister has called on Japanese forces to continue the fight, was a garbled version of an appeal he issued to the troops yesterday (Friday) three hours before Domei transmitted its surrender offer, OWI said.

OWI pointed out that the Domei Agency reported Friday night that the surrender offer had been approved by a unanimous vote of the full cabinet including the war and navy ministers.

WARREN URGED TO APPOINT HIMSELF

San Francisco, Aug. 11—(U.P.)—The appointment of a successor to the late Sen. Hiram Johnson still stirred speculation in political circles here, as an announcement was withheld by Gov. Earl Warren pending final services for Johnson Monday.

Latest development was a recommendation today by the Republican central committee to the governor that he appoint himself. As second choice they suggested Lt. Gov. Frederick F. Houser.

PROSECUTOR ASKS TRAITOR'S DEATH BE GIVEN PETAIN

Old Marshal Pretends Not To Hear—Verdict Due Late Tuesday

Paris, Aug. 11—(U.P.)—Prosecutor Andre Mornet demanded a traitor's death for Marshal Henri Philippe Petain today in a five-hour summation of the case against the old marshal who headed the French Vichy government under the German occupation.

The 74-year-old Mornet, who convicted the famed world war woman spy, Mata Hari, accused Petain of collaboration with the Germans, of bringing dishonor on France, of destroying the third republic and seizing power for the purpose of turning over France to the invader.

The demand for the death penalty was expected. It brought no response from spectators, judge or jury in the hot and crowded courtroom. Petain appeared not to hear it.

"Putting his policy at the disposal of the Germans is treason in all its forms," Mornet said. "France has been dishonored and betrayed. Petain took away France's reason for living by taking away her honor."

Mornet said he had received "menacing letters and threats."

"But let us think of all the ill done France by collaboration," he said. "I ask the high court to pronounce the death sentence against the man who was marshal of France."

The court adjourned after Mornet's address. It reconvenes Monday to hear the defense summation. A verdict is expected late Tuesday.

WAR BULLETINS

Chungking, Aug. 11—(U.P.)—Well-informed Chinese circles saw the possibility today of abdication of Japanese Emperor Hirohito to enable Japan to comply with the Allies' unconditional surrender terms.

Competent observers said abdication was the only way out for acceptance of Japanese surrender since the People's Political Council of China has named Hirohito the arch war criminal of Japan.

Washington, Aug. 11—(U.P.)—The navy tonight announced the loss of the U. S. S. Bonfish, the 51st—and possibly one of the last—American submarine victim of the Pacific war.

The ship carried a crew of 85 officers and men, all of whom are listed as missing in action. The navy said that the ship has long been overdue on patrol and must be presumed lost.

San Francisco, Aug. 11—(U.P.)—The Yenan Radio reported today Gen. Chu Teh, Chinese Communist Commander-in-chief, has ordered his forces to arrange for the disarming of Japanese and puppet troops in the Communist zones of operations. Gen. Chu interpreted the Japanese government's peace offer as "unconditional surrender," the Yenan report said.

San Francisco, Aug. 12—(U.P.)—Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo of Japan was received by Emperor Hirohito at the Imperial Palace at 11 a. m. Sunday (Tokyo time—7 p. m. PWT). Tokyo radio reported tonight.

The broadcast, recorded by United Press, said that "Foreign Minister Togo is understood to have reported to the throne on matters under his jurisdiction." No further details were given.

Washington, Aug. 11—(U.P.)—The Chinese Communist News Agency said tonight that Gen. Yen Hsi-Shan, former Governor of Shansi Province and one of China's most powerful warlords, had gone over to the Japanese with his armies in a deal by which he is to protect Japanese property interests in Shansi in event of Japan's defeat.

94 ENEMY SHIPS, 711 PLANES HIT BY THIRD FLEET

Japan Raked As Surrender Pondered—New Type Atomic Bomb Ready

Guam, Sunday, Aug. 12—(U.P.)—Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today the Third fleet's assault against Japan Thursday and Friday destroyed or damaged at least 711 enemy planes and 94 ships, but he did not report any offensive operations against the enemy homeland since Tokyo's surrender offer.

Nimitz and Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, commanding general of the U. S. army strategic air forces, both announced that full-scale operations against Japan would continue with "full destructive effect" regardless of surrender negotiations.

But more than 18 hours later, on the basis of available Allied information, there had been no heavy aerial or naval action against Japan since the fateful Domei news agency broadcast at 8:27 p. m. Friday, Tokyo time.

Fourteen Japanese warships were sunk or damaged in the Thursday-Friday action which may have been the last sea-borne attack against beaten Nippon by the world's mightiest naval force.

While Japan pondered the Big Four reply to the Japanese bid for peace, the U. S. high command announced that a new type of atomic bomb—even more devastating than the first one used to destroy Hiroshima—was being held in readiness for possible further disintegration attacks against Japanese cities.

Nimitz had bluntly clarified the issue declaring that a state of war still exists in the Pacific. He said the battle against Japan will continue with all its destructive effect until official notification of the enemy's surrender.

Today he added 188 more planes to the two-day toll previously announced. He raised earlier ship losses by 86, including the 14 warships. U. S. losses were seven planes and six aircraft. British losses were seven aircraft and five pilots.

The two-day toll of 711 planes was taken in aerial attacks covering a 400-mile long area of northern Honshu, stretching from the Yokohama area nearly to the northern tip of the island.

Kumamoto Ablaze Manila, Sunday, Aug. 12—(U.P.)—Okinawa dispatches reported today that the 5th and 7th Air forces sent more than 700 planes against the city of Kumamoto and other objectives on Kyushu Friday in the greatest assault of the war by Okinawa-based planes.

The raid was made shortly before the Japanese broadcast their surrender offer.

Returning pilots said Kumamoto, fourth largest city on Kyushu, was left almost totally in flames after the fighters and bombers dropped nearly 350 tons of high explosives and incendiaries and strafed military objectives. A smoke haze seemed to cover Kyushu, the pilots said, extending at least 100 miles from Nagasaki, victim of the second atomic bomb attack.

ORDER V-J DAY AS STATE HOLIDAY

Salem, Ore., Aug. 11—(U.P.)—Oregon will observe V-J day with appropriate ceremonies, Gov. Earl Snell said today.

The day will be a full state holiday and a proclamation to be distributed on victory day as announced by the White House, has been prepared. The proclamation calls for closing of public buildings, state stores and agencies and asks all business activity to be suspended where possible.

The governor suggested that churches be opened for special services on victory day.

BULLETIN table with columns for Seattle, Portland, C. Johnson, Frazier, Suene, Mosser and Souza.