

# JAPANESE HEADS KEEP PEOPLE IN DARK ON DEFEAT

Press and Radio Pave Way  
For Surrender—Comment  
Gloomy

San Francisco, Aug. 11—(U.P.)—Japanese broadcasts showed today that Japan was leaving her people in the dark on surrender dealings, but through newspapers and radio the government seemed to be preparing for unconditional defeat.

Since 4:35 a. m. (PWT) Friday, when a Japanese Domei news agency broadcast beamed abroad reported for the first time that Japan would accept the Potsdam surrender proclamation, neither United Press listeners nor FCC monitors had heard any indication that the government of Premier Baron Kantaro Suzuki had let the Japanese people in on their future.

Japanese newspapers were giving unusual prominence to the activities of 13-year-old Crown Prince Akihito. Observers speculated that the buildup might be for the purpose of paving the way to a regency if the allies refused to accept Akihito's father, Hirohito.

Domei, in dispatches sent abroad, quoted at length from Tokyo editorials warning that "dark days" were in store for Japan.

The Tokyo newspaper Yomiuri said a nation has no right "to commit suicide," and that "highest duty of a nation is to continue her existence."

"Individuals must have the courage of self-immolation, but it may be said that a nation does not have the right to commit suicide. Therefore there are times when statesmen must have the courage to save the nation at the cost of their own lives. However, in such cases, political and military farsightedness are necessary," said Yomiuri in a broadcast recorded by the FCC.

## ANY BONDS TODAY?

By Bob Burns

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"That Boy Bing Crosby's trousers ain't really that baggy—He's got 'em stuffed with War Bonds."

Sangyo Keizai, financial daily, warned the nation to be prepared for even more severe and rigorous trials than now, and said that "we must remain calm and not be overcome by passion." Domei said that this newspaper "frankly admitted the situation already is at its worst—never before experienced by ourselves in our own life or by our ancestors."

## LOCALS

**Hueners Here** — Now visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hueners, Sr., of Jacksonville are Major John H. Hueners, Jr., and his wife, from Texas, and Capt. George W. Hueners of Camp Scott, Ill. Both men are on leave from the army.

**In Texas**—Flight Officer Oran C. Chastain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Chastain, route 3, has reported to Randolph Field,

Tex., and is now taking transitional flight engineer training in B-29 Superfortresses preparatory to combat assignment, according to word from his headquarters.

**Colonel Leaves**—Lt. Col. Ray McDuffee left the city Thursday after spending a few days visiting his brother, Paul McDuffee, and family, at 1701 East Main street. The officer, who arrived in the States in June from the Pacific theater, has a total of 36 months overseas service, and will report to Santa Monica for reassignment.

French fried potatoes have disappeared from the menus of many New Orleans restaurants, due to the potato shortage.

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## STRATEGIC TOWNS IN KYUSHU RAKED

Manila, Sunday, Aug. 12—(U.P.)—More than 500 bombers and fighters, in the heaviest saturation raid ever carried out by the far eastern air forces, attacked two strategic cities on Kyushu Friday, starting huge fires visible more than 200 miles, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

Targets were Kumamoto, on the eastern coast of Kyushu, and Oita, an inland sea port on the western coast. Kumamoto is 50 miles east of Nagasaki, the second atomic-bombed city, and 150 miles south of Hiroshima, the first. Smoke billowed 15,000 feet into the air, returning pilots reported.

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## Menuhin, Violinist, Gets Call to Army

Los Gatos, Cal., Aug. 12—(U.P.)—Yehudi Menuhin, famed violinist, has been ordered to report for induction into the armed forces next Thursday his father said today. Menuhin is now in Los Angeles after a European concert tour of the armed forces. He was classified as 1-A last May and given a 90-day deferment for the tour.

**NWCTU AIDS RED CROSS**  
Evanston, Ill. (U.P.) — The national woman's Christian temperance union announced at its national meeting here that the organization has contributed 11 ambulances, six blood bank units and several mobile units to the Red Cross.

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