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Allies Step Up Attack on Japan; Soviets Land on South Sakhalin

CARRIER PLANES BOMB AIRFIELDS IN TOKYO SECTOR

Vasilevsky's Far Eastern Armies Register Gains—Korea Ports Taken

Pearl Harbor, Aug. 13—(U.P.)—Allied forces stepped up the attack today while Tokyo still debated surrender terms and enemy broadcasts reported two Soviet landings on the Japanese half of Sakhalin island which lies within 20 miles of the home island of Hokkaido.

Allied carrier planes from the U. S. Third fleet destroyed or damaged several scores of enemy aircraft parked on an airfield in the Tokyo area today. Pilots reported only slight anti-aircraft fire.

Hundreds of other carrier-based American and British planes bombed and rocketed a submarine base, shipping, railway and other targets in a sudden resumption of their assault against the enemy homeland.

Tokyo said the Russian amphibious landings were at two points 80 miles apart on Sakhalin.

In Manchuria, Marshal Alexander M. Vasilevsky's three Far Eastern armies gained up to 80 miles in swift advances toward the military and railway hub of Harbin, 150 miles south of Changchun.

Moscow ordered the attack speeded up and Japan reported the partial evacuation of Changchun (Hsinking) the Manchurian capital.

Take Korea Ports

Soviet amphibious forces captured the Korean ports of Yuki and Rashin, 12 and 19 miles south of the Soviet border, in twin landings yesterday under cover of a bombardment by the Russian Far East fleet.

A second port, Seishin, 38 miles south of Rashin, also was aflame from a Soviet air attack and may be the next objective of Admiral Ivan S. Yumashev's amphibious troops.

The eastern and western arms of the mammoth Russian pincers closing in on Harbin were within 500 miles of a junction. The east column was closest—only 175 miles from the vital town.

A Japanese Kwantung army commander said still another Soviet column striking across Japanese-controlled inner Mongolia captured Wuchumutsin, a three-way road hub in the desert 55 miles south of the outer Mongolian border.

A Japanese broadcast said that more than 400 Allied ships had gathered at Okinawa and predicted an invasion of the home islands in the near future.

From Manila, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced the air and ground forces under his command would continue their offensive against the enemy from Japan to the Solomons until the final "cease fire" order has been given.

Radio Chungking indicated that there might be a break coming soon in Japan's silence with the report that Japanese troops in Chekiang province on China's east coast had ceased fighting because of Japan's surrender offer.

FLAMES SWEEP WIDE AREA NEAR MT. HOOD

Portland, Ore., Aug. 13—(U.P.)—Flames in the Cedar creek area of Warm Springs Indian reservation today were raging over 900 acres.

Approximately 150 men were fighting to keep the blaze from the Mount Hood national forest—only five miles away.

All other Oregon fire areas were reported under control today, although forest officials said that dense smogs continued to make fighting difficult in the Trask river section.



Russian troops have captured Nanchouli and Chalaihoeih in west Fuyuan in the north and are smashing eastward from Vladivostok in a three-pronged drive into Manchuria. Red bombers have attacked Rashin and Seishin in Korea and Harbin and Hsinking as well as other points in Manchuria.

GROCERY STORE BADLY DAMAGED IN SUNDAY FIRE

Fire of unknown origin burned the back of the Riverside Market and caused an unestimated amount of smoke and fire damage to the building and food stock early Sunday morning. The alarm was first raised by a dog belonging to Dale Flowers, Jr., and the boy's father summoned firemen after investigating the dog's barking. The Flowers live just across the alley from the back of the store.

Damage was caused mostly by fire and intense heat, Fire Chief Roy Elliott state today. Flames were confined to the back of the building where the fire started, but smoke blackened contents of the entire store, and heat melted meat department showcases, cracked the plate glass window at the front of the store, and broke food bottles, and literally cooked foodstuffs. Damage from water used to combat the flames was negligible, Elliott said, as firemen used it only in the rear of the building.

Owner of the building is W. Clifton McCuiston, whose sporting goods store next to the grocery was also damaged by smoke.

Charles Bateman operates the grocery store, and the loss was partly covered by insurance.

Elliott said that the fire had apparently been burning for some time before firemen were called at 4:22 a.m. For two hours the men battled smoke and flames.

24 DIE IN BLAST AT BOX FACTORY

Detroit, Aug. 13—(U.P.)—At least 24 persons were killed and another 50 injured today in an explosion at the Export Box company.

The Wayne county morgue said it counted 24 dead within a half hour after the blast rocked the two-story building. Receiving hospital said another 50 persons had been admitted for treatment, many seriously injured.

Cause of the explosion was not determined immediately. The blast shattered all windows in the plant.

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FURTHER SLASHES IN WAR CONTRACTS V-J PREPARATION

Washington, Aug. 13—(U.P.)—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.

Early Autos Hope

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.

Late last week, after the Japanese offered to surrender, the army and navy ordered contract cancellations aggregating nearly \$4,000,000,000. Of these, \$1,200,000,000 were navy ship contracts.

Many To Lack Jobs

Some government economists estimate that unemployment in this country will increase by more than 6,000,000 men and women during the next six months.

They believe that by next January or February, there will be at least 8,000,000 jobless.

Other economists, however, felt that the transition to peacetime production can be accomplished swiftly enough to keep unemployment in check. Much will depend, they added, on the rate men are released from the armed forces.

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CAMP WHITE USE MADE UNCERTAIN BY WAR CHANGE

Redeployment Center Plan Apparently Shelved—Hospital Transfer Waits

Belief that the army had pigeon-holed the proposed use of Camp White as a redeployment center became a practical certainty last week just before the Japanese threw in the towel and nearly confused the future of the huge base.

Although it had been indicated some months ago that the camp was to be utilized in the deployment of men for duty in the Pacific, and that the first of many thousands would probably begin arriving about August 1, no such forces put in appearance. It was learned recently that Camp Adair, although practically dismantled, even the machinery having been removed from the laundry, has been filling up with troops for redeployment and it is now surmised here that the Corvallis camp was substituted for Medford in the redeployment program, probably because of its being closer to the Pacific ports, Portland and Seattle.

Hospital Change Delayed

Taking over of the Camp White station hospital by the navy may also be sidetracked by the quick change in the Pacific war picture. The war department recently authorized transfer of the facility to the navy to meet a pressing requirement for additional hospital accommodation on the west coast. The report here was that the hospital would be run by the navy, but under a joint-user agreement, would also care for such army men at the camp as might require treatment.

The transfer to the navy, originally scheduled for August 1, failed to take place on that date and it was later reported that the switch had been postponed to September 1. What effect the war end will have on the camp hospital plan is now anyone's guess.

A telegram last week from the Washington office of Sen. Wayne Morse stated that before the senator left for Oregon he discussed with the secretary of war the use of Camp White as a redeployment center and that on Friday the office of the chief of staff issued the following statement:

Uses Listed

"As you no doubt know, the war department recently, by a revocable permit, authorized the transfer of the hospital at Camp White to the navy department. In addition to this naval activity, the army is utilizing Camp White for a number of essential activities, including salvaging of equipment, repair and maintenance of vehicles and other equipment, storage and warehousing, housing a battalion of military police for security purposes, prisoners of war for agricultural and other essential work, and small detachments of troops which from time to time are sent to Camp White for training."

The statement added that "should future requirements for additional redeployment facilities on the west coast develop, you may be assured that Camp White will receive very careful consideration in this respect."

While the whole matter of the camp's post-war use thus appears unsettled, it is generally believed by those here who have been close to the camp operation since its inception, that the fine hospital building, at least, will be utilized permanently, if not by the army or navy, certainly by the Veterans Administration.

In Michigan there are 27 Silver Lakes in 22 different counties.



Crown Prince Tsugu of Japan, 11-year-old heir to throne of Nippon, who may be groomed as emperor if Allies insist on deposing Hirohito. The young prince, who would be 12th emperor in royal line of Gods is shown (left) on his sixth birthday, (right) when he started school.

Hirohito May Abdicate In Favor Of 11-Year-Old Prince Akihito

San Francisco, Aug. 13—(U.P.)—Japanese broadcasts raised the possibility today that Emperor Hirohito may be planning to abdicate in favor of his son, 11-

year-old Crown Prince Akihito, with the emperor's brother, Prince Nobuhito Takamatsu, as regent after Japan surrenders.

The broadcasts made no mention of Hirohito's possible abdication, but the fact that they singled out Akihito and Takamatsu for special praise at a time when Japan's surrender was under consideration appeared significant.

Allied circles for some time have been speculating that Hirohito might feel it necessary to give up the throne because of the loss of face inherent in any surrender.

Tokyo said the newspaper Mainichi reported in "detail" on the virtues of Takamatsu, 40 years old and third son of the late Emperor Taisho, as director of the War Victim Relief society.

BLAZE DESTROYS RUCH RESIDENCE; OTHERS DAMAGED

Fifteen men from the Star Ranger station in Applegate district yesterday fought to control flames which completely destroyed the Beverly Ticknor home at Ruch, and damaged residences of James B. Wingham and Earl Bigelow.

Starting in the attic of the Ticknor house, the blaze spread throughout the top of the building before Ticknor and his daughter discovered it about noon. Mrs. Ticknor was working in Medford. The other two houses also caught fire, but were not severely damaged.

Only an electric range and a few pieces of clothing and bedding were saved from the Ticknor home. Ranger Lee Port and a suppression crew from the Star Ranger station battled the flames with pumps and tanks from the forest service equipment.

Officials of the state forest patrol stated today that 15 men are still working to hold the Rogue View Inn forest fire under control, and a catapillar completed fire trails around the blaze yesterday.

HALT PRINTING OF NEW RATION BOOKS

Washington, Aug. 13—(U.P.)—The office of price administration said today that it had stopped printing on 150,000,000 new ration books and 37,000,000 new "A" gasoline ration books.

The agency said the "hold up order" was issued Friday and would be in effect "until we see where we are" about the end of the war.

The new war ration book number five was to be smaller than a dollar bill and was to contain only half as many stamps as book number four. It was to be distributed through public schools in December, probably some time between Dec. 3 through Dec. 15.

The new "A" gasoline book was scheduled to go into use Dec. 22. The war ration book number five was to be used soon after the first of the year for food and shoe rationing.

Petain Made Goat By Ex-Premiers Counsel Declares

Paris, Aug. 13—(U.P.)—Defense counsel in the trial of Henri Philippe Petain charged today that the fallen leaders of the third republic were seeking the aged marshal's death to cover their own responsibility in the defeat of France.

Opening the defense's final summation, chief counsel Jacques Pagen declared Petain was being made a scapegoat for former premiers Edouard Daladier, Paul Reynaud and Leon Blum, and ex-commander in chief Gen. Maxime Weygand and other chieftains of pre-armistice France.

High Command Split Seen Possible Cause Of Delay In Answer

Washington, Aug. 13—(U.P.)—Japan appeared today to be inviting another atomic bombing by stalling unconditional surrender to the Allies.

As the hours and the war dragged on, observers here began to wonder if a split had developed in the Japanese high command over surrender.

Meanwhile, U. S. navy and army planes gave the enemy home islands a thorough plastering as though to remind them of the alternative to surrender.

53 HOURS ELAPSE WITHOUT ANNOUNCEMENT

At 3:45 p. m. EWT, more than 53 hours after dispatch of the Allied reply to the Japanese surrender offer received here Friday, Tokyo had yet to announce acceptance.

What earlier had looked like an explanation for the delay—a Tokyo radio assertion that the Allied note arrived in the enemy capital only today—began to seem more like a typical bit of Japanese bad faith as the day wore on.

An authoritative Swiss source in Bern, where the Allied reply was relayed to Japan flatly contradicted the Tokyo claim of transmission delay.

He said the official note had been in Japanese hands in Tokyo since 3:35 a. m. EWT, Sunday at the latest. He said the Japanese confirmed receipt of a second transmission of the note at that time.

In any event, the Japanese cannot have been in ignorance of Allied terms. They have been short-waved to the enemy constantly since Saturday forenoon.

NO TIME LIMIT PLACED ON ALLIED TERMS

At his morning press conference today, White House Secretary Charles G. Ross said the Allies had placed no time limit in their note dispatched at 10:35 a. m., EWT, Saturday.

It appeared reasonable to suppose, however, that Allied patience was wearing thin.

Asked whether a third atomic bomb would be dropped on Japan if no reply were forthcoming soon, he said: "I do not know. If I did, I wouldn't say."

Due Any Moment

The Chinese ambassador, Dr. Wei Tao Ming conferred with President Truman briefly, shortly after 11:30 a. m., (EWT) and told reporters later he personally believed that the "good news will come at any moment." Asked on what he based his belief, he replied:

"On many things, but I'd better not say. But it will come. I believe it will come."

Ross noted a Tokyo broadcast that the Allied communication arrived in the enemy capital on Monday, Japanese time. (Monday in Tokyo begins when it is about noon Sunday here.)

Reply Short-Waved

"But," he added in apparent reference to the fact that the Allied reply has been repeatedly short-waved to Japan, "They certainly knew what was in our terms."

Meanwhile, a Japanese Domei news agency broadcast said it was cancelling certain regularly scheduled transmissions to the Orient for the next 12 hours. No explanation was given.

Today's Japanese broadcast said Emperor Hirohito, who has become a sort of pawn in the exchange of messages, received Foreign Minister Shigenori Tojo at the imperial palace this afternoon.

Presumably they were consulting in a reply.

Meanwhile, the Allies were prepared to unleash unprecedented blows against the Japanese if they decide to stall indefinitely.

More atomic bombs are ready for use.

President Truman waited at the White House for the news which would mean that World War II was over—except for the final formalities of signing the surrender articles.

Ceylon, the British crown colony off the southern tip of India, is closely connected to the mainland by a chain of sand bars and reefs known as Adams Bridge.

55,000,000 Casualties Toll Of War; Many Still Prisoned

By Ralph Heinzen
United Press War Analyst
World War II has cost the peoples of this earth no fewer than 55,000,000 dead, wounded and missing by the most conservative but tentative and incomplete estimates from official statistics.

Behind barbed wire, as prisoners of war, are an additional 12,000,000 and they will be joined as soon as hostilities end by the rest of the Japanese armed forces—an additional 4,000,000.

By today, World War II has dragged to within 19 days of a full six years. Great Britain has been in it actively for that whole time. The United States has been at war with the axis for 3 years, 8 months, 6 days since Pearl Harbor, China, at war with Japan, continuously, since July 7, 1937, has been fighting for 8 years, 1 month, 6 days.

Trillion Dollars Cost

This war, almost twice as costly as World War I in lives and money, has cost the peoples of the earth at least a trillion dollars in monies actually spent, plus many times that in lost work-hours and property destruction.

The United States alone has spent \$300,000,000,000 so far and

REWARD OFFERED FOR CONVICTION OF HOAX SENDER

New York, Aug. 13—(U.P.)—Hugh Baillie, president of the United Press, last night offered \$5000 reward for the identification and conviction of the person who fed into the UP wire system shortly after 9:30 p. m. a false flash saying Japan had accepted the allies' surrender terms.

The UP immediately reported the case to the federal bureau of investigation and the federal communications commission. Charles R. Denny, general counsel of the F.C.C. said he would be glad to have all available information on the case.

The flash was fed into the UP's southern wire system at 9:34 o'clock last night. It carried a Washington dateline and said the Japanese had accepted the surrender terms.

Within two minutes the UP ascertained that the flash had not originated in its Washington bureau. A kill on the flash was then sent, but the erroneous information already had been broadcast by some radio stations.

Hook, Eye Makers To Get Priorities

Washington, Aug. 13—(U.P.)—Hook and eye fasteners for women's clothing, among the first casualties of war, are coming back.

The war production board said manufacturers of hook and eye tape for women's clothing will be given priorities assistance for cotton fabric.