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HARA-KIRI WAVE MAY BE SEQUEL IN CAPITULATION

Surrender Requires New Government With "Fresh Ideas" Tokyo Declares.

San Francisco, Aug. 15—(U.P.)—The Japanese cabinet resigned today and one member already has committed hara-kiri in the first of what may become a wave of suicides among Japan's beaten war lords.

The official Japanese Domei News Agency said War Minister Gen. Korechika Anami, 58, took his life at his official residence to atone for his failure in accomplishing his duties as his majesty's minister.

New Ideas Needed

Domei said Premier Kantaro Suzuki tendered the resignation of his cabinet at 3:20 p. m. Tokyo time (2:20 a. m. EWT) because of "the new situation created by Japanese acceptance of the Potsdam declaration."

Japan's surrender required a new cabinet of men "with fresh ideas," Tokyo said. The cabinet's decision was reached at an extraordinary meeting at the premier's official residence.

Disclosure of Anami's suicide touched off speculation that other members of the Suzuki and past cabinets similarly would "atone for their failure" to win the war.

San Francisco, Aug. 15—(U.P.)—Emperor Hirohito, in the first broadcast ever made to his 100,000,000 subjects, said today that the atomic bomb forced Japan to accept the first military defeat in the 2,805 years of her history. The bespectacled "Son of Heaven," speaking four hours after President Truman announced that the Pacific war was over, said that the atomic bomb, dropped for the first time only nine days before, was "new and most cruel."

First Time Heard

The Emperor spoke over the Japanese Broadcasting Corporation Network at noon Tokyo time (11 p. m. Tuesday EWT). It was the first time, with the exception of a few government and military officials and members of the royal family, that any Japanese had heard the voice of the emperor.

The enemy has begun to employ a new and most cruel bomb the power of which to do damage is indeed incalculable, taking the toll of many innocent lives," he said. "Should we continue to fight, it would not only result in an ultimate collapse and obliteration of the Japanese nation, but it would lead to total destruction of human civilization."

One Alternative

Faced with the alternative of capitulation or "ultimate collapse and obliteration of the Japanese nation," the emperor declared that "we have ordered the acceptance of the provisions of the joint declaration" of the United States, Great Britain, China and the Soviet Union.

"Indeed, we declared war on America and Britain out of our sincere desire to ensure Japan's self-preservation and the stabilization of East Asia, it being far from our thought either to infringe upon the sovereignty of other nations or to embark upon territorial aggrandizement," he said.

"But now the war has lasted for nearly four years. Despite the best that has been done by everyone—the gallant fighting of military and naval forces, the diligence and assiduity of our servants of the state and the devoted service of our 100,000,000 people, the war situation has developed not necessarily to Japan's advantage, while the general trends of the world have all turned against her interest."

Double Holiday Proclaimed By President and Governor

Washington, Aug. 15—(U.P.)—A lot of the U. S. A. is taking a couple of days off.

It's not strictly a legal holiday, but nobody is bothering much with technicalities.

Stock exchanges, department stores, all government offices, many war plants and most of the nation's business offices are tightly closed for today. Many of them will remain shut tomorrow, reopening Friday morning.

The banks, though, have to stay open because it isn't legally a holiday.

President Truman set the 48-hour victory holiday pace, with statements that:

1. Excused all government employes in Washington and throughout the country from work today and tomorrow, except for "skeleton forces" of key workers.

2. Provided that private industry employes working on government orders shall be paid time and a half if they have to work today or tomorrow.

Salem, Ore., Aug. 15—(U.P.)—Gov. Earl Snell today called upon the people of Oregon to give thanks "to Almighty God that this terrible and most devastating war that man and history have ever known has finally come to an end."

Today and tomorrow were proclaimed legal holidays in Oregon by the governor, who ordered closed all state and public buildings, stores and agencies. Local officials followed suit.

"Let us offer a prayer of comfort to the parents and relatives of those men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice in behalf of the great cause of liberty, justice and freedom," the governor said.

Few business offices or firms remained open today after a presidential proclamation by Harry Truman late yesterday declared a legal holiday for the nation. Some businesses are recognizing a two-day release from work, and will be closed today and tomorrow, while others will resume work Thursday.

Telegrams from Governor Earl Snell, confirming the legal holiday declaration, were received by officials of both the First National and U. S. National banks here, and those places are closed for two days, to resume work Friday. Most government employes were given a two-day release, including employees of the Medford post office. Windows of the post office are closed and no mail deliveries will be made until Friday, although a skeleton crew is maintained to handle necessary work.

Courthouse Closed

Judge J. B. Coleman stated this morning that in recognition of the governor's declaration, the courthouse offices will be closed both today and tomorrow.

Food stores were closed today, despite earlier decisions to remain open with holiday wage rates for employes due to the large stocks of perishable foods. William Gates said this morning that plans were changed with issuance of the governor's order, but the stores will be open tomorrow.

At a meeting late this morning, members of the Retail Merchants association decided to recognize the joint presidential proclamation and remain closed for two days. N. T. Vincent, president of the association, said the order includes retail stores, beverage shops and garages.

City restaurants are divided some closing today and others tomorrow in an attempt to alternate for the benefit of patrons.

Valley packing plants, which started operations this week, are closed today but will resume work tomorrow, various plants commencing work at different times according to pear picking schedules.

The Mail Tribune went to press at noon today, to allow employes a partial holiday, but will publish as usual tomorrow.

Auburn Cafes To Reopen Tomorrow

Auburn, Cal., Aug. 15—(U.P.)—This city's 15 restaurants, closed since Aug. 1 in a protest against insufficient ration points, will reopen tomorrow, R. W. Edwards, spokesman for the restaurant proprietors, announced today.

Edwards reported, after a conference of the restaurateurs and ration board officials, that the owners have accepted supplemental points issued by the food panel of the local board.

THOUSANDS PACK CITY'S STREETS IN CELEBRATION

Thousands of people filled about downtown streets of the city last night in a mass celebration of V-J day, but little or no actual property damage was caused, and no serious accidents were reported to city police.

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At least 400 persons crowded into the Baptist church, which seats normally only 275, for union worship services marking V-J day, it was reported today by members of the Medford Ministerial Association which sponsored the gathering. Several more stood outside while prayers were offered for the victory over Japan, and for the many servicemen who have taken part in the battles.

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Camp White—Col. John R. Young, commanding officer at Camp White, announced today that all government employes, both military and civilian, working at the camp, whose duties would permit, would be given a two day holiday starting today.

In making the announcement, Col. Young stated that many employes are key personnel and it is necessary that they remain on their jobs. The post commander added that those who must remain on their jobs will receive a two day holiday at a subsequent date.

It was requested by Col. Young that civilian employes at Camp White who did not report today but whose services might be needed in the next few days contact their duty officer at the camp.

CAMP EMPLOYEES RECEIVE HOLIDAY

Surrender Ends Suffering For Thousands Imprisoned

By Frank W. Hewlett United Press War Correspondent

Japan's surrender will end the prison suffering of thousands of American soldiers, sailors and marines headed by Lt. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright.

The suggestion has been made by some observers that the Japanese could evidence their good faith in surrender negotiations by producing Gen. Wainwright and returning him to the Americans forthwith.

Besides this great and beloved American general, who passed into enemy hands with the surrender in the Philippines, the Japanese should have about 15,000 Americans in their prisoner of war camps, but only time will tell how many survived more than three years of mistreatment.

Most in Philippines

The Japanese took the great majority of their American prisoners in the Philippines early in 1942. They also captured Americans on Wake and Guam, and a Texas National Guard regiment which surrendered in Java.

Latest reports from Japan indicated that Gen. Wainwright was in Manchuria with other high-ranking American and British officers. For more than a year he was on Formosa but was moved from there in the interests of "safety," according to the Japanese.

Wainwright as commander of corps No. 1 on Bataan and later as Gen. MacArthur's successor to

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CHIANG STRIVES TO AVOID CRISIS

Chungking, Aug. 15—(U.P.)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek offered to negotiate a settlement of his dispute with the Chinese communist party today in an apparent bid to ward off a threatened external crisis.

In a surprise peace overture to the northern communists, Chiang radiated an urgent appeal to the Red leader, Mao Tse-tung, to confer personally with him in Chungking.

We have many international and internal problems waiting settlement," Chiang's message said. "May I humbly invite you to come to Chungking immediately and discuss things in person?"

"This involves our national welfare; please do not decline."

The generalissimo's move came on the heels of a defiant communist proclamation announcing that the Chinese communist forces had rejected Chungking's orders forbidding them to take over Japanese-held areas of China.

command of the Philippines, became one of America's favorite generals.

This correspondent lived for months at Gen. Wainwright's jungle headquarters on Bataan.

On more than one occasion, Wainwright told me his ambition was to command the American Army of Occupation in Japan.

Long Planned

I have never written about Wainwright's "ambition" because it might have resulted in Japanese reprisals. But even during the height of the Bataan campaign the general was quietly "picking his sides" and adding Japanese words to his vocabulary.

The Japanese announced on Feb. 9 last that Gen. Wainwright and 176 other American army and navy personnel had been transferred from Formosa to Mukden, Manchuria. With Wainwright were five major generals and 12 brigadier generals.

The Japanese radio reported in June, 1942, that 25,000 American soldiers, sailors and marines had been captured. In addition, the enemy claimed 64,000 British troops captured (including Australians and Canadians) and 24,000 Dutch.

Approximately 1200 American military prisoners were liberated by Gen. MacArthur's forces in the Philippines last January and February. The remainder of the men of Bataan and Corregidor had died in prison or been shipped to Formosa, Manchuria or Japan proper,

MACARTHUR GIVES JAPS NOTICE FOR SURRENDER MEET

Washington, Aug. 15—(U.P.)—The world today entered a bright new era of peace in which Gen. Douglas MacArthur summarily ordered Japan to send representatives to Manila to receive allied surrender terms.

He acted as supreme allied commander.

MacArthur is expected to announce that Japan will sign on her home soil or in territorial waters—perhaps Tokyo Bay.

American forces were ordered to cease offensive action last night. Tokyo broadcast to Japanese troops at midnight EWT (1 p. m., Wednesday Japanese time) the announcement of agreement to surrender.

Hostilities End

MacArthur's message also "directed" the Japanese immediately to cease hostilities.

In his first radio message to Tokyo, MacArthur notified the enemy of his appointment as supreme allied commander and designated, pending further word from the Japanese, Tokyo's radio station JNR for communication with his headquarters in Manila.

MacArthur moved swiftly to force Japan's formal surrender after being notified of his appointment. His office bustled with activity.

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Other zone boundaries are approximately as previously announced.



GEN. MacARTHUR

Washington, Aug. 15—(U.P.)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur cabled President Truman today that he was "deeply grateful" for the appointment to receive the final Japanese surrender.

"The entire western world is unexpressedly thrilled and stirred by the early termination of the war," MacArthur said. "I shall do everything possible to capitalize this situation, along the magnificently constructive lines you have conceived for the peace of the world."

Demobilization Next Objective

ARMED SERVICES

Washington, Aug. 15—(U.P.)—The army, left only with the job of occupation, cut its draft requirements sharply today and began preparations to demobilize up to 5,500,000 men in the next 12 to 18 months.

The war department was expected to announce during the day its plans for dismantling the bulk of the huge land and air forces that were being assembled to crush the Japanese.

The navy's demobilization will be neither so rapid nor so broad as the army's.

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Control Continues On Shoes, Tires, and Meat, Butter, Sugar

Washington, Aug. 15—(U.P.)—Gasoline rationing is ended, the office of price administration announced today.

Nor will canned fruits and vegetables, fuel oil, and oil stoves be rationed any longer, OPA said.

Rationing stop orders are effective immediately.

But rationing of meats, fats and oils, butter, sugar, shoes, tires and other commodities will continue indefinitely, OPA said, until military cutbacks and increased production can balance civilian supply and demand.

UNABLE TO SAY WHEN ALL RATION OFF

Price Administrator Chester Bowles said that "right now it's impossible to say just when all civilian buying restrictions can be ended forever."

"It certainly can't come too soon as far as we are concerned," Bowles said. "You can be sure that these items will go off the list the minute we hear that supplies are anywhere near big enough to go around."

With the lid off gasoline purchases, motorists may now shout "Fill 'er up!" to filling station operators for the first time since rationing started on May 15, 1942.

The lifting of rationing on gasoline and fuel oil was made possible by tremendous cutbacks of military purchases. Reconversion Director John W. Snyder revealed earlier today that with the end of the war, the military will require 44 per cent less gasoline. And the army-navy petroleum board has announced it will reduce its fuel oil and gasoline supplies for the armed forces by about 565,000,000 gallons a month.

GAS QUALITY SOON TO IMPROVE

The petroleum industry is now operating at an all-time record rate. Not only will civilians get more gasoline, but the quality will return soon to peacetime standards with the cutback of military requirements for aviation fuel.

Removal of blue-stamp canned fruits and vegetables from the ration list was made possible by good crop prospects as well as by military cutbacks.

To keep these programs operating, Bowles asked members of the nation's 5,500 local rationing boards to stay on their jobs for the present.

"We will continue to need their help at least until meat, tire and shoe rationing can be eliminated," he said.

Tires, the first commodity to be rationed, may be among the next items to be removed from rationing. In any event, today's announcement could be depended on to make U. S. motorists happy.

BLAZE DESTROYS CHENEY BROTHERS CENTRAL PT. MILL

Fire of undetermined origin, which started yesterday evening while thousands of valley residents were celebrating V-J day, burned the Cheney Oregon Lumber company stud mill at Central Point to the ground in one of the largest fires in Southern Oregon for several years. Discovered shortly before 7 p. m., the flames burned throughout the night, consuming stock piles while crews from the Central Point fire department, state forest patrol, Medford fire department and Camp White battled to save nearby buildings.

Francis and Ben Cheney, brothers, are owners of the mill, and Francis Cheney is local manager. It was understood today that no estimate has been made on the damage, but the loss was covered by insurance and the mill will be rebuilt.

Wind Fans Flames

It was thought that the fire might have been caused by an overheated motor attached to the sawdust blower system, as the fire started at the north end of the mill near the motor. A north wind fanned the flames through the building within five minutes, and continued to burn for several hours among piles of lumber. Efforts of the firemen were directed toward saving the office building south of the mill, and protecting the Southern Oregon Sugar Pine mill just across the railroad tracks. One shed of the Sugar Pine mill was set afire, and a small office of the Central Point Fuel company was completely burned.

Cheney brothers, who own several other mills on the coast, suffered a similar loss in a fire at Tacoma, Wash., only a week ago. Principal work at the Central Point mill was cutting railroad ties and 2 by 4's.

FATE OF PETAIN UP TO DEGAULLE

Paris, Aug. 15—(U.P.)—The fate of Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, who was condemned to die by the Paris high court for treasonable intelligence with the enemy, rested today with Gen. Charles DeGaulle.

The jury, after finding Petain guilty, recommended that the sentence not be carried out because of the 89-year-old marshal's age. It was believed the mercy recommendation undoubtedly would be placed immediately before DeGaulle—the man who was once sentenced to death in absentia by a Vichy court.

Petain was found guilty on the charge of intelligence with the enemy, but not guilty of charges of plotting to gain power and against the security of the state. Thus he was guilty on one main charge and not guilty on two.

NAVY TO START RELEASING MEN

Washington, Aug. 15—(U.P.)—The navy announced today it will release 1,500,000 to 2,500,000 men and women in the next year to 18 months under a new point system.

Approximately 327,000 men and women are eligible for immediate discharge.

The Coast Guard demobilization will be handled on the same system.

The point system established by the Navy gives one-half point for each year of age, figured to the nearest birthday. One-half point for each full month of active duty since Sept. 1, 1939; and 10 extra points for dependents. This means 10 points for dependents in general, regardless of the number of dependents.

Loss 'Temporary' Tokyo Radio Tells Japanese Soldiers

San Francisco, Aug. 15—(U.P.)—Radio Tokyo told Japanese forces on the far-flung Pacific fighting fronts today that Japan's defeat was only "temporary."

Kusuo Oya, chief of the overseas bureau of the Japanese Broadcasting Corporation, exhorted the Japanese troops to "face defeat like a brave one."

"Let us all unite together and work to once again bring our nation up to stand as a strong and admirable nation," he said. "We have lost, but this is temporary . . ."