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TOKYO BAY ENTRY BY FLEET DUE

HALSEY FLAGSHIP TO LEAD MIGHTY NAVY PROCESSION

Minesweepers Clear Channel—Japs Pack Beaches—Entry Tonight

Manila, Aug. 27—(U.P.)—Admiral William F. (Bull) Halsey's mighty flagship Missouri, leading a 100-mile long procession of allied warships, anchored in the shadow of Fujiyama today and waited impatiently for minesweepers to clear a channel into Tokyo bay.

A dispatch from the 53,000-ton Missouri said Japanese could be seen through field-glasses jammed shoulder to shoulder along the beaches two miles away as the big battleship dropped anchor in Sagami bay at 1:30 p. m. (12:30 a. m. EWT).

Factories, barracks and other buildings clearly were visible behind the shining beaches, and not far away rose the quiescent volcano Fujiyama, snowless and smoky blue.

Sometimes tonight or tomorrow—depending on the progress of the minesweeping—Halsey's warships will sail through the narrow Uraga Suido straits into Tokyo bay in fulfillment of his long-dreamed goal.

More than 400 allied warships and supply vessels were arrayed off Japan under Halsey's command, but how many of them will enter Sagami and Tokyo bays was problematical.

The Missouri's sister-battleship Iowa, along with the British battlewagon Duke of York, anchored beside the flagship at a point some 45 miles south of Tokyo itself. No incidents were reported.

More than 1,200 carrier planes thundered overhead as the Missouri steamed into Sagami bay at 10:32 a. m. (9:32 p. m. Sunday, EWT) and took aboard 21 grumfaced Japanese envoys.

The enemy emissaries were given detailed instructions to prepare for the passage of third fleet units into Tokyo bay and for the landing of American occupation troops at Yokosuka naval base, 21 miles south of Tokyo, at 10 a. m. Thursday (9 p. m. Wednesday, EWT).

Rear Admiral Oscar Badger, who will command the first task force to move through the narrow straits into Tokyo bay, told newsmen with the third fleet that American commanders were taking no chances on possible Japanese treachery.

"Any violence will be met with definite and drastic steps," he said. "I will deem any such act mutinous and against the will of the emperor as well as contrary to the interests of the allied nations."

SIX KNOWN DEAD, DAMAGE HIGH IN TEXAS HURRICANE

Houston, Tex., Aug. 27—(U.P.)—A tropical hurricane, leaving in its wake at least six dead and uncounted thousands of dollars in property damage, today was reported centered on the coast near Port O'Connor.

The storm, which has been lashing the Texas gulf coast since yesterday with winds from 75 to 110 miles an hour, threatened the entire upper Texas coast area.

The weather bureau reported the storm was moving north northeastward about four to five miles per hour.

Port Lavaca reported winds between 75 and 110 miles an hour with tides rising seven feet above normal and still mounting.

Communications lines were down throughout the storm area and detailed reports on damage and loss of life were not available.

New York, Aug. 27—(U.P.)—Cotton futures opened 3 to 5 points higher today.

Leads Tokyo Flight



(Acme Telephoto) Col. John H. Lackey, Jr., Norfolk Va., who will pilot first American plane to alight at Atsugi airstrip near Tokyo. Lackey, who led flight of planes that dropped paratroopers on Corregidor, will be riding No. 1 position on a sky train that will include cargo planes protected by 8th and 7th Air Forces and by Navy and Marine Corps.

YANK VANGUARDS FLY TOMORROW AT DAWN TO ATSUGI

C-54s To Carry First Occupation Troops and Supplies for Main Force

Okinawa, Aug. 27—(U.P.)—The first planes of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's reconnaissance party—the vanguard of the Allied occupation of Japan—will land at Atsugi airstrip southwest of Tokyo between 9 and 10 a. m. tomorrow (8 and 9 p. m. today EWT).

Okinawa, Aug. 27—(U.P.)—The vanguard of American occupation troops will fly to Atsugi airdrome, 14 miles southwest of Tokyo, at dawn tomorrow.

Included in the aerial party will be engineers, communications and reconnaissance experts. They will make the trip to Atsugi in C-46s and C-47s and C-54s of combat cargo and troop carrier groups. All planes except communications aircraft are scheduled to return to Okinawa tomorrow afternoon.

Combat cargo and troop carrier groups will fly the most direct route from Okinawa to Atsugi, but ATC planes will make a short dogleg north east before heading directly for the airstrip.

C-54s will fly at a high altitude, with the C-46s and C-47s flying below. On their return, the C-54s will fly at a lower elevation, with other cargo planes above.

Reconnaissance planes will carry personnel, gasoline, oil, rations and communication equipment.

An elaborate rescue system has been set up for the operation by navy and army air forces. The navy has two destroyers stationed every 100 miles directly on the overwater route from Okinawa to Honshu. The destroyers will work in cooperation with navy Catalinas and army air forces air-sea rescue planes.

15 ODT Offices To Close in 2 Months

Washington, Aug. 27—(U.P.)—The Office of Defense Transportation announced today that 15 field offices of its railway transport department will be shut down within the next two months.

On Oct. 22 offices will be closed in Denver, Colo., and Kansas City.

The remaining seven of the railway transport department's field offices will continue for the time being. ODT said, they include Portland, Ore.; Seattle, Wash.; Los Angeles and San Francisco.

JAPAN SHORT OF FOOD, FUEL SAYS ENVOY OF ENEMY

People Unmoved By Occupation, Humbled By Defeat, States Kasuado

With U. S. Occupation Forces in Sagami Bay, Aug. 27—(U.P.)—Japan, humbled by defeat and food and fuel shortages, is now ready to accept the fate of the vanquished, a Japanese naval officer said today as American navy and marine forces steamed through the mine fields of Sagami Bay in the direction of Tokyo.

The Japanese officer, Lt. Cmdr. Z. Kusuado, skipper of a destroyer-escort anchored in Yokosuka naval base, came aboard this transport—the U. S. S. Grimes—at 1:30 p. m. He was ready to lead the U. S. naval flotilla to a safe anchorage.

Kusuado transferred from the destroyed U. S. S. Stockham off Oshima. U. S. sailors and marines stood on the deck watched as Kusuado came aboard on a breeches buoy.

He grinned once, then whipped out secret maps of the Sagami channel and went into conference with Cmdr. Roland M. Smoot, Coronado, Cal.

Kusuado said everything was in readiness to receive American occupation troops at Yokosuka. The Japanese people have "no particular feeling" about the occupation of their country, and have "just accepted it," Kusuado said.

Two-thirds of the personnel of Yokosuka base, including both high commanders, already have departed for Tokyo while others are standing by—awaiting the Americans.

Kusuado said the food situation in Japan was "very acute," and that the remaining Japanese war vessels virtually were forced to remain at anchor because of a fuel shortage.

POCATELLO WON'T HEAR BIG BLAST BUT COAST WILL

Pocatello, Ida., Aug. 27—(U.P.)—What probably will be the loudest explosion in the United States since the test-firing of the atomic bomb will be touched off 20 miles from here Wednesday, the navy disclosed today.

In Seattle, 13th naval district spokesmen announced that between 9:30 a. m. and 10:30 a. m. (mountain war time) naval ordnance crews will set off a blast of TNT that "may be heard along the Mexican border."

(The explosion, the navy said, is one of a series to determine the safest method of storing TNT and powder returned from overseas.)

Oddy, noise of the explosion may not even be heard in Pocatello, due to the skip-effect of such blasts.

"It's quite likely," a weather bureau official said, "that nobody within a radius of hundreds of miles around Pocatello will hear the explosion, although it may be heard along the west coast, in Canada and along the Mexican border."

Any west coast residents hearing an explosion, "or what they believe to be an explosion" Wednesday morning were asked by the navy to report it by postcard to the Chief of the United States Weather Bureau in Washington, D.C.

The card, the navy said, should contain the sender's name, address or location when the sound was heard, description of the sound's intensity and the exact time it was heard.

BACK FROM ALEUTIANS

Seattle, Aug. 27—(U.P.)—The first squadron of rocket-firing PV Vega Ventura bombers to serve in the Aleutians was back in the United States today after 10 months, the 13th naval district announced.

Siamese Twins Born

Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 27—(U.P.)—Siamese twin girls, delivered by their grandmother late Saturday, today were given a good chance to live, though physicians expressed doubt it would be possible to sever them.

The infants, born to Mrs. Rita Miranda at her home at Coldwater, a Phoenix suburb, with only her mother in attendance, weighed a total of eight pounds nine ounces and are of almost identical size.

The case did not come to attention of doctors until late yesterday when the father called one who immediately arranged for admission of the babies to St. Monica's hospital here. The mother remained home and was reported doing well.

'BATAAN BUTCHER' YAMASHITA SENDS SURRENDER WORD

Top Jap General Who Boasted Would Dictate Peace Terms Quits

With the 32nd Division, Northern Luzon, Aug. 27—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, commander of the Japanese forces in the Philippines, opened formal negotiations today for surrendering his forces in northern Luzon.

In a letter to Maj. Gen. William H. Gill, commander of the 32nd Division, Yamashita, who once boasted he would dictate peace terms to Gen. Douglas MacArthur, said he had received an order from Tokyo to cease hostilities and would be ready to negotiate as soon as authorized.

The message was delivered by a Japanese captain late yesterday.

The 59-year-old Yamashita, known to American soldiers as the "butcher of Bataan," was one of the top Japanese generals. He led Japanese forces on Bataan and captured Corregidor. As commander of Japanese forces in Malaya, he received the surrender of Singapore in February 1942. After General Homa's conquest of the Philippines bogged down in 1942, Yamashita was sent in from Malaya to take over the job.

When MacArthur returned to the Philippines in the Leyte campaign, the Japanese high command quickly returned Yamashita as commander of Japanese forces in the entire Philippines area, relieving Lt. Gen. Shigenori Kuroda. Yamashita made his main bid to defend the Philippines at Leyte, sending in thousands of waterborne reinforcements at Ormoc.

Losing at Leyte, he fought a retiring, defensive war on Luzon and finally withdrew to northern Luzon to retain active command of the Japanese garrison there.

Ward Store Test Case Not Likely

Washington, Aug. 27—(U.P.)—Government lawyers said today that the only attempt to test the president's wartime seizure powers probably would be frustrated by return to private ownership of Montgomery Ward & Co. properties in seven cities.

Federal agencies operating approximately 200 private establishments were to start returning the properties today under terms of a weekend executive order issued by President Truman. The order covered all properties taken since 1942 to halt strikes or force compliance with War Labor Board directives and up until last July 30. It did not include the Illinois Central Railroad taken over last week by the Office of Defense Transportation to halt a walkout of engine men and firemen.

AUTO PLUNGE KILLS

Everett, Wash., Aug. 27—(U.P.)—Two persons were killed and two seriously injured last night when the automobile in which they were riding plunged over a 200-foot embankment on a mile west of the summit on Stevens Pass, Wash., highway.

KNUTSON PREDICTS 20 PER CENT CUT ON INCOME TAXES

Business and Individuals to Benefit—Hold Down National Debt

Washington, Aug. 27—(U.P.)—Rep. Harold Knutson, of Minnesota, ranking Republican member of the house ways and means committee, predicted today that congress would cut next year's individual income tax about 20 per cent.

Knutson told reporters it was "his guess" that a 20 per cent reduction "across the board" in present tax rates would be made effective Jan. 1.

He believed that the government should be able to hold the national debt, now approximately \$263,000,000,000, below the present ceiling of \$300,000,000,000.

He said, however, that he thought it would be necessary to keep prices and wages up near present levels to avoid deficit financing in the postwar period. Knutson said the excess profits tax on corporations should end by next Jan. 1.

He also issued a statement expressing hope that the ways and means committee would "recognize that the payments to be made in 1946—that means the payment of 1945 corporation taxes and payments on 1946 income for individuals under our pay-as-you-go program—can speed up or retard the return of a prosperous peacetime economy."

That statement suggested Knutson might favor retroactive tax relief for business on 1945 taxes payable next year.

"When we consider corporate taxes we must keep in mind that payments in 1946 must be related to providing jobs in private industry and encouraging new industry to help take up any labor slack," he said.

As to individuals, any program must give them relief during 1946 both as to deductions from wages and total tax burdens. As to a postwar tax program covering three to five years, that will depend entirely on how large a budget the administration will prevail on congress to vote.

Knutson expected the government's peacetime budget to total approximately \$26,000,000,000—about \$6,000,000,000 each for debt service, veterans' benefits and national defense, and about \$8,000,000,000 for other functions.

KIN SEEK SPEEDY PUBLICATION OF CAMP NAME LIST

Berkeley, Cal., Aug. 27—(U.P.)—Relatives of American prisoners of war held by the Japanese today asked President Truman to authorize immediate release to press association and radio correspondents of names of Americans found alive in prison camps.

A telegram sent the president by H. E. Sorets, president of the East Bay Bataan Relief organization, urged that the names be made available immediately, without waiting for War Department notification of next of kin.

Sorets declared War department announcements have been delayed for days and even weeks and said that "as an act of mercy to hundreds of families living in hourly suspense" official channels should be by-passed.

Capture 1,259, Many Entombed, Iwo Jima

Iwo Jima, Aug. 27—(U.P.)—American troops on Iwo Island have taken 1,259 Japanese soldiers prisoners since the island was captured last March and an uncounted number of other soldiers are believed to be entombed in the island's extensive underground tunnel system, the United Press learned today.

Ready for the Senate



(Acme Telephoto) Maj. William F. Knowland (right), newly appointed United States senator from California, receives his discharge papers from U. S. Army from Col. H. L. Gallett, commanding officer of San Francisco, Calif., Presidio, just one and a half hours after he started through special separation center set up to rush him to civilian life so that he can prepare for new duties.

AMERICANS HELD IN TOKYO DANCE JIG FRENZIED JOY

By Ernest Hobercht United Press Correspondent

In a Helldiver over Tokyo, Aug. 27—(U.P.)—American prisoners of war, frenzied with happiness, jigged a war dance in their Japanese internment enclosure today as U. S. navy planes skimmed low overhead.

I flew with a navy pilot Ensign Merrill Skinner, Rte. 4, Buhl, Idaho, among the wrecked buildings of devastated Tokyo. For six hours we dived and banked at tree-top level over the sprawling metropolitan area where blazing flak once speared skyward at attacking American warplanes.

The biggest thrill of our sight-seeing tour was a view of American prisoners as they received parachuted bundles of food and medicine from other planes of Vice Admiral John S. McCain's task force 58.

As we swooped low over their prison camp, they danced and waved. Soon they will be freed.

We found Japanese coastal waters dotted with small fishing craft as we streaked through Honshu skies in advance of Adm. William F. Halsey's great victory armada.

Wrecked Japanese ships littered Tokyo bay. My pilot had a hand in sinking some of them.

Over Yokosuka naval base I saw many gun positions which had made this area the dreaded "flak alley" for pilots approaching Tokyo. I saw men working aboard the battered battleship Nagato.

Some of the planes on the Yokosuka runways seemed in good condition, but most of them appeared damaged.

The built-up residential areas around Yokosuka seemed to have escaped serious bomb damage, but military and industrial targets took a heavy beating.

Tokyo seemed desolate and devastated. Buildings still standing were burned out inside. There was some activity in the streets below us, but the city still has not recovered from the knock-out blows we delivered.

Acheson Sworn In As Undersecretary

Washington, Aug. 27—(U.P.)—Dean Acheson was sworn in today as undersecretary of state, succeeding Joseph C. Grew who recently resigned.

Acheson will serve on an interim appointment until congress returns next month and his nomination can be sent to the senate for confirmation.

Acheson took the oath in the office of Secretary of State James F. Byrnes.

ELLIOTT'S LOANS GIVEN CONGRESS FOR COMING QUIZ

Washington, Aug. 27—(U.P.)—The story of Elliott Roosevelt's financial transactions was laid before congress today. The treasury department gave the report to Colin Stam, tax expert for the house ways and means committee, which requested a far-ranging inquiry into the loan deals effected by the late president's son when he was a Texas radio-chain operator in 1939.

Treasury investigators have gone as far afield as Texas, New York and Chicago in their search for the inside story of Roosevelt's transactions.

Principal items they have checked include:

1. A \$200,000 loan from John A. Hartford, president of the great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., made in 1939 and reportedly settled for \$4,000 in 1942 by the then secretary of commerce, Jesse H. Jones, at the request of the Roosevelt family.

2. A \$70,000 loan from David G. Baird, New York insurance man, made in 1939 and reportedly settled in 1941 for about \$30,000.

3. A \$50,000 loan from Maxwell M. Bilofsky, New Jersey radio equipment manufacturer, made in 1939 and reportedly settled for \$20,800 in 1941.

Elliott Roosevelt at the time of the loans, was part owner of the Transcontinental Broadcasting System, Inc., which was formed in October, 1939, and went into receivership less than a year later.

BULLETIN

OKINAWA, Aug. 27—(U.P.)—A typhoon which was over the Japanese Inland sea at noon today was moving north at 12 to 15 miles per hour and will not affect tomorrow's reconnaissance landing at Atsugi airstrip, the Air Transport Command weather section reported.

San Francisco, Aug. 27—(U.P.)—Tokyo radio said today approximately 6,500 Allied internees have been set free in Shanghai. A Japanese broadcast recorded by United Press. San Francisco, said an American mission was "looking after the internees' welfare."

San Francisco, Aug. 27—(U.P.)—The Singapore radio said today Japanese troops there were suffering a "large number" of casualties attempting to preserve order.

The broadcasts said disturbances were "continuing" in the Malaya peninsula and that railroad facilities were being sabotaged.

PRESIDENT ASKS FOR CONTINUANCE OF DRAFT 2 YEARS

Men 18 to 25 Affected—Would Replace Veterans Keep Army at Safe Level

Washington, Aug. 27—(U.P.)—President Truman urged congress today to continue selective service inductions of men 18 through 25, but with a two-year limit on their period of service.

Mr. Truman said "the situation in the Pacific continues to have many elements of danger" and emphasized the danger in "a too early unqualified formula termination" of the war emergency.

"Tragic conditions would result if we were to allow the period of military service to expire by operation of law while a substantial portion of our forces has not yet been returned from overseas," he said. "I am confident that the congress will take no action which would place the armed forces in such a position."

The president set forth his views on continued selective service in identical letters to Chairman Elbert D. Thomas, D. Utah, of the senate committee on military affairs, and Chairman Andrew J. May, D. Ky., of the house military affairs committee.

On the day he announced Japan's agreement to surrender, Mr. Truman said that some 50,000 men a month would be drafted for the army indefinitely, primarily as replacements for veterans who have seen long service.

The president suggested that congress take additional steps to furnish inducements which will stimulate voluntary enlistments. The number of inductions will depend on the number of volunteers, he indicated.

The president said he wished it were possible for him to recommend the immediate cessation of the draft. He could not, he said, because he shared "the deep feeling of our people" that battle veterans should be returned to their homes with all possible speed.

In pointing out that world conditions will require during the transition period the maintenance of "a real measure of our military strength," the president declared that our occupation forces in Europe, as well as the Pacific, must be held "at safe levels."

He recommended that inductions continue until congress "shall establish the broad national policies to govern full demobilization, occupation and world security."

He said that most recent studies indicated that 300,000 would be the maximum number of volunteers to be expected by next July and that inductions, if continued at the present reduced rate, for the same period would produce approximately 500,000 men. On that basis, no more than 800,000 non-veterans and volunteers would be in the army next July.

SAILOR ON LEAVE KILLED IN CRASH CRATER HIGHWAY

PHM 2/e Bryan Milton Yorton, 23, was instantly killed about 2 a. m. today when the coupe he was driving sideswiped a car driven by Hollie Alvin Rhoads, 8 Berrydale avenue, about a mile north of Medford on the Crater Lake highway.

Yorton had been home on leave from the navy for the past three weeks and was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Yorton route 3 box 476.

Rhoads was taken to a local hospital in the Conger-Morris ambulance and is suffering from head injuries and lacerated knees, according to Deputy Coroner Carlos Morris.

Yorton's body is at the Conger-Morris Funeral Home awaiting funeral arrangements. The deceased was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.