

# JAPS WANT TO QUIT

## Fighting Continues As Allies Consider Offer Of Surrender

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (AP)—The White House disclosed today that the United States is in communication with its allies on the broadcast Japanese surrender offer.

This statement was made by Press Secretary Charles G. Ross at 12:28 p. m. (PWT) shortly after President Truman had conferred with his cabinet for an hour.

The statement issued by Ross said: "Our government through the regular diplomatic channels is in communication with Great Britain, soviet Russia and China regarding the Japanese surrender offer.

"That is all that can be said at this time." Ross called newsmen into his office after the cabinet had departed.

The cabinet session was held in the wake of Japan's offer to quit the war on condition that Emperor Hirohito continue his sovereignty. Ross later said there would be no further statements today. When asked whether that included tonight, he said it did.

His use of the expression "surrender offer" gave the impression that a formal proposal from the Japanese now had been received officially. Asked whether he still stood by the earlier announcement that no official word had come to this government, Ross said he had "no comment."

However long it might take the machinery of the allied nations to function on the peace offer, it was apparent from Ross' statement the consummation of an agreement to end hostilities could not be expected to be a speedy affair.

### By The Associated Press

Japan announced today she is ready to surrender under the Potsdam declaration if Emperor Hirohito can retain his power, but the White House made it clear that the offer had not been received officially and that the war was going on.

The offer was transmitted by the official Domei agency at 4:30 a. m., Pacific war time, and picked up in the United States by the Associated Press and government monitors. But it had not come through official diplomatic channels and the White House said at 10:40 a. m. that the United States was continuing to fight.

### Wild Celebrations Set Off

Despite this, wild celebrations had been set off on Okinawa and at other points throughout the allied world.

No. 10 Downing street said Britain was consulting with the United States, Russia and China about the broadcast. The Stockholm radio said the Swedish minister of foreign affairs had been handed a Japanese note to the British, American and Russian governments offering to surrender.

### Offer Sent Through Sweden, Switzerland

Japan, through her official news agency, said the offer was being transmitted via Sweden and Switzerland, and the Moscow radio said Russia's ambassador in Tokyo had been officially informed by Japan's foreign minister, Shigenori Togo.

Once the offer is transmitted through official channels, the condition imposed by Japan—that Hirohito remain in power—may prove a stumbling block to immediate acceptance by all the Potsdam signatories—the United States, Britain, Russia and China. The Potsdam declaration itself did not mention the emperor's status, but broadcasts of the U. S. office of war information have refrained from attacking Hirohito, Capt. E. M. Zacharias, in an official U. S. broadcast last month, told the Japanese they would be able to form their own government under the Atlantic charter, once the allies' terms of unconditional surrender were met.

### Speedy Answer Hoped For

The Domei agency broadcast that this offer had been communicated to the allies through neutral intermediaries and expressed hope that an answer will be "speedily forthcoming" thus ending the allied wrath which has unceasingly upon Japan the atomic bomb and the combined forces of the United States, Britain, China and Russia.

President Truman conferred hurriedly with part of his cabinet less than two hours after the original Domei broadcast at 7:30 a. m. (eastern war time). Secretary Byrnes said nothing official had been received from Japan. Secretary Forrestal expressed hope that the offer was genuine and said he expected a development soon.

### Britain Gets Ready To Celebrate

Britain got ready to celebrate. Prime Minister Attlee's office said he had received unofficial word of the offer, but had no further comment. Moscow broadcast the Tokyo offer on an "unauthoritative" basis. Japanese acceptance of the Potsdam ultimatum would mean that the nation would surrender unconditionally, disarm and give up her conquests, returning Manchuria and Formosa to China and paving the way to an independent Korea. She would withdraw from Malaya, The Netherlands East Indies and China.

### Broadcast Interrupted

The Domei statement first was heard in the United States by the Associated Press and government monitors. The last sentence was interrupted in this 7:30 transmission, but the full statement was given by Domei at 9:30 a. m. The gist of the statement was given also at 7:51 a. m.

To support its stand that the emperor should stay, Domei cited a United States broadcast by Capt. E. M. Zacharias as saying the Japanese would be free to determine their own government under the Atlantic charter once allied peace terms were accepted.

### Japs Originally Reject Offer

Japan had rejected the Potsdam declaration July 27, the day after it was issued. Use of the atomic bomb and the entry of soviet Russia into the war came after that.

Authoritative quarters in London said the petition "looks like the end of the war" and a British foreign office commentator said "it sounds authentic."

### Hirohito No Bar To Peace

There was general belief among London diplomats that the stipulation to retain the emperor would not prevent the British government from accepting, but some quarters suggested Russia might balk on this score.

Presumably a consultation of the United States, Britain, China and Russia would be necessary, London observers said. These nations are the signatories of the Potsdam declaration. Such a consultation would take some time.

Domei said the Japanese government acted in obedience to Hirohito, who, it said, "desires earnestly to bring about an early termination of hostilities."

The Japanese wireless transmitter went off the air in the middle of a sentence after transmitting 200 words of the announcement of the "desire" to bring about an end to hostilities.

FCC monitors said the transmission ended: "The Japanese government hopes sincerely that this . . . Domei waited a moment, FCC monitors said, and then said "Stand by."

In London the British foreign office said it had no knowledge of the report.

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# Lumber Strike Spreads

## Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
LONDON. If anyone doubts that new ideas are loose in England, he should pay a visit to Coventry, the city that was destroyed by the Germans as a deliberate act of terrorism, designed to frighten the British people into surrender.

Coventry was smashed in two night attacks, each lasting about 11 hours. Both times the bombers came over in wave after wave for hour after hour, raining down their bombs. Coventry is one of England's old walled towns. Within its ancient walls lay its 12th century cathedral and the whole of its commercial center. It was down one of its narrow, winding streets that Lady Godiva rode her white horse, attired only in her flowing hair. It has had its own charter for more than 600 years. It is literally steeped in tradition.

OUTSIDE this old walled city, practically circling it, a modern industrial city has grown up. There are motor plants, making complete automobiles, and the usual run of accessory plants, making parts, that cluster around automobile factories. There are textile plants. There are plants of all kinds. It is said that Coventry's factories make 1001 things. Because its industry is so peculiarly diversified it has been completely free from slumps. Naturally, this varied industry was turned more or less completely to war work.

The destruction-raining nazis bombers did practically no damage at all to the busy factories on Coventry's rim, but they wrecked the city inside so completely that it must now be rebuilt almost from the ground up.

IT is the plans for its rebuilding that about aloud of this new spirit that is abroad in these islands. The plans are so far along that a complete scale model has been completed. You look at it, and rub your eyes, telling yourself that it can't be true, that you must be seeing things.

The new city is to be completely zoned, with a retail area, a governmental building area, and a recreational and cultural area. The plans include a mall, with the city buildings at one end and the spire of the cathedral (which is about all that remained of it when the bombers left) at the other. But it is the buildings themselves that leave you dizzy. They are purely functional, which means that in appearance they are to be strictly MODERNISTIC. The scale models of them look like these "looking past tomorrow" ads one sees in the slick paper magazines.

BUT that's only the half of it. The retail area is to be built on the Wishire Boulevard with the buildings BACKING on the streets and fronting on landscaped parking areas. Immediately adjacent is an IMMENSE parking area for automobiles.

The whole plan is designed to make it possible to do your shopping, pay your taxes, your phone bill, your heat, light and water bills, get your lunch, go to the library and maybe take a swim in the municipal pool before tea with a MINIMUM number of steps. The old, narrow, winding streets are to be no more and their place is to be taken by wide

## Oregon's Fires Now Controlled

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 10 (AP)—For the first time in a month Oregon forest fires although still burning were fairly well in hand. Crews fighting the 4000-acre Old Mill fire inside the Warm Springs Indian reservation were transferred to the nearby 400-acre Cedar butte blaze in watershed pine and fire stands. They hoped to check it today.

Most of the huge Tillamook fire was inside trails but still burning furiously in some sectors. Higher humidity and lowering winds aided fighters on all fronts. Crew chiefs said that complete control can be achieved in all sectors if the weather remains favorable.

## 33 MEET DEATH IN N. DAKOTA TRAIN CRASH

Engine Plows Into Rear Of Empire Builder

MICHIGAN, N. D., Aug. 10 (AP)—Twenty-seven bodies were recovered today from the tangled steel wreckage of an observation car into which a locomotive plowed when the two sections of the Empire Builder, Great Northern trans-continental train, collided here Thursday night, killing an estimated 33 and injuring 50 more, 10 of them seriously.

Railroad officials said the bodies of six women, ten members of the armed forces and a negro porter were recovered. One of the women was identified as Mrs. L. H. Lofthus, wife of Ensign L. H. Lofthus, 27, of (box 281), Lowell, Wash. The porter was J. Pearson of Chicago, who was on duty on the combination observation-sleeping.

John Cameron, Dakota division superintendent, said he had seen the bodies of five other passengers in the wreckage. He said they were those of three women, four men and a child. This would establish the dead at 33.

A railroad spokesman said the collision occurred on a curve a short distance west of the Michigan station shortly before 7 p. m. (CWT) after the first section had stopped to cool a hotbox on the locomotive's fuel tank. With a population of less than 500, the speeding second section plowed into the rear end of the train.

The first section, which normally precedes the second by 25 miles (Continued on Page Two)

## Tacoma Drowning Baffles Police

TACOMA, Aug. 10 (AP)—Mystery shrouded today the deaths by drowning of C. J. Kernwein, 40, prominent Tacoma businessman, and his 22-year-old stepdaughter, Mary Kernwein, whose bodies were found floating in the Tacoma narrows yesterday by a fisherman.

Kernwein was owner of the Tacoma Truck Sales company and of the Marine Highway Bus company. He and his stepdaughter last were seen leaving the sales company's offices, where Mary was a truck Wednesday noon. Sheriff's officers in search for the bodies in an effort to find a clue to the drownings.

## Nagasaki Atomic Bombing Described As "Tremendous"

GUAM, Aug. 10 (AP)—Airmen 70 to 250 miles away witnessed the atomic bombing of Nagasaki and described it as "too tremendous to believe."

Associated Press War Correspondent Richard Cushing reported that Okinawa based fliers, attacking Japanese targets on the southern Japanese island of Kyushu, saw flames and explosions as the most destructive weapon of the war found its mark.

Smoke Column  
Fliers in the nearest plane reported a smoke column whirled 20,000 feet into the air. A crew member of a plane 250 miles away said he saw a fiery yellow orange ball shot into the sky by 8000 feet, followed by a column of smoke which rose to at least 20,000 feet.

These reports substantiated those received here. The pillar of smoke and dust prevented accurate assessment of the damage wreaked by the second atomic bomb dropped on the Nipponese.

Results "Good"  
The results of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki were described as "good" by General Spantz, chief of the U. S. Army

## Kesterson, Ewauna CIO Workers Stop; 1787 Men Now Idle

Work stoppage in this area spread today when the Kesterson Lumber corporation, the Kesterson box factory, and the Ewauna Box Co. were struck by CIO unionists, boosting the total number of strikers to 1787 in Klamath county.

A total of 237 men are out at Kesterson's and 450 idle at Ewauna. The strike figure zoomed to 1787 today after 1100 men had been reported out yesterday at Weyerhaeuser, Chiloquin Lumber company and Bly Logging company logging camps.

The Kesterson plant was picketed early this morning, joining the present strike at the huge Weyerhaeuser Timber company here, which is aimed at a 27 1/2 cents an hour wage increase and a union shop.

The union committee notified Ewauna plant officials at 11:30 a. m. that the workers would go on strike at noon. Strike votes were taken at both Kesterson and Ewauna last night.

Refusal of one man, a night watchman at Weyerhaeuser camp 4, to join the union, was reported as the immediate cause of the spreading strikes.

No violence was reported with the spreading of strike operations and further work stoppage.

100,000 Feet Cut Daily  
A Kesterson plant official said this morning that the lumber corporation had been cutting about 100,000 feet of lumber daily while the box factory cut approximately 80,000 feet per day.

Ewauna was said to cut 225,000 feet daily and was the most recent company to go out.

No Agreement Reached  
Vernon Chase, president of the Klamath basin district council, IWA-CIO, said this afternoon that a meeting between union officials and the Ewauna Box company was held this morning and that the strike was called because no satisfactory agreement was reached.

Chase said that "this is not necessarily a sympathy strike, but is an outright demand by the employees for a union shop and for action on a demand for wage increases which was placed a year ago. The strikes are due to a great many difficulties on union maintenance, safety conditions, and numerous minor grievances," he stated.

More Meets Set  
Chase declared that more meetings are scheduled in the next two or three days with other companies, including Pelican Bay Lumber company, Big Lakes Box company, and the Chiloquin Lumber company.

An official of the Chiloquin Lumber company declared this noon that a union meeting was held there last night but that no decision was reached and no strike vote was taken. The company is still in operation, he said.

Statement Refused  
Louis Zeman, commissioner of conciliation for the U. S. department of labor, again refused to make a statement to the press, but indicated that an announcement will be forthcoming soon. The question of prompt government action was not discussed. (Continued on Page Two)

(1) If the event occurs on a business day before 12:00 noon, stores will close immediately for the remainder of the day and will also be closed the following day.

(2) If the event occurs on a business day after 12:00 noon stores will close immediately for the remainder of the day and will also be closed the following day.

(3) If the news is officially announced on Saturday, stores will close immediately and will open Monday as usual.

(4) If the news is officially announced any time after midnight on Saturday, Sunday, or on a legal holiday, stores will remain closed the following day. Food stores will observe the following schedule:

(1) Stores will close at 3:00 (Continued on Page Two)

## C OF C ANNOUNCES V-J DAY OBSERVANCE

The Retail Trade committee of the Klamath county chamber of commerce met this afternoon to draw up its recommendations for local observance of V-J Day. The following schedule was adopted without a dissenting vote:

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strategic air forces, but he said that three and a half hours after the devastating weapon was dropped at noon yesterday, smoke still obscured the damage from a photo reconnaissance plane.

The new reports on the Nagasaki assault came as two flights of B-29s hit the Tokyo arsenal and Amagasaki, important oil refinery adjoining Osaka on Honshu.

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## EAST COAST ARRIVALS

By The Associated Press  
Jack Samson, 1st Lt., 148 E. Main, Klamath Falls, arrives on Marine Fox, due in New York August 10.

## Bone Of Contention



Emperor Hirohito, above, may be the stumbling block to allied acceptance of today's Japanese offer to surrender in accordance with the Potsdam ultimatum. The Japs ask that Hirohito be allowed to remain as the head of the empire. Fighting is continuing as the allies consider the offer.

## HONSHU RAID BAGS 259 ENEMY PLANES

By MURLIN SPENCER  
GUAM, Aug. 10 (AP)—American and British carrier pilots—ferreting Japan's grounded air force from its camouflaged hideouts—destroyed or damaged 259 Nipponese aircraft and gliders on northern Honshu island yesterday, a preliminary report from Admiral Halsey's third fleet disclosed today.

The bag, scored both on grounded craft and in the air, was the greatest yet reported for initial waves of carrier strike by Halsey, greater even than the damage reported for the same period of July 10 and 28.

Kamikaze Scores  
Eleven enemy aircraft at a small coordinated kamikaze attack on the fleet were shot down. (Continued on Page Two)

## Truman Warns Japs To Flee Cities In Pre-Surrender Report To Nation Speech

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (AP)—Word from Tokyo today that the Japanese want to surrender provided they can save their emperor follows fast on a warning by President Truman to Nippon's people to quit their doomed cities and flee for their lives. The president promised an atomic bomb campaign to wipe out Japanese war industry, city by city.

Barring surrender, Japanese industries are to be destroyed "to shorten the agony of war" and to save untold American lives, Mr. Truman said. That is the determined policy of this government, he declared, even though thousands of enemy civilians who fail to heed the warning will be killed.

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## Jap Surrender Will End Draft

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (AP)—A Japanese surrender will find congress ready to put an immediate end to the draft.

Congressional leaders dealing with military policy have disclosed that as soon as the current recess ends they will begin a drive to halt selective service inductions, barring an earlier call, the lawmakers are due to return to Capitol Hill October 8.

Meanwhile, Secretary of War Stimson reported that the war department will resurvey its manpower needs in the light of the new developments in the Pacific war.

Present plans call for an army of about 7,000,000 men next June 30.

## SOVIET SMASH NETS 100 MILES IN MANCHURIA

By The Associated Press  
The red army has smashed more than 100 miles into Manchuria from the northwest, the soviet communique disclosed today.

New holes were smashed into long-prepared Japanese border defenses on the north and east in an offensive that recalled the greatest drives of Marshal Zhukov through the Germans in Poland.

Down Train Line  
The greatest gain was down the Chinese eastern railway from Lupin (Manchouli) where the Japanese base and railway station of Hulin (Hailar) was captured, the Russian infantry and cavalry paced by heavy Stalin tanks moved 18 miles beyond.

South of Hailar the Russians drove in to the foothills of the great Khingan range from the area of Lake Bor, where they were reaching the chief natural defenses of the Manchurian plains on the west.

Over 100 miles into Manchuria.

Two Crossings  
The border was crossed at the two new points of Blagoveschenskaya, on the northern frontier, 375 miles west of Khabarovsk. (Continued on Page Two)

## BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	R	H	E
Chicago	1	3	0
Boston	2	11	1
Borowy and Livingston; Javery and Masi, Williams (7)			
St. Louis	4	11	2
Brooklyn	9	10	1
Bowman, Lisenbee (4), and Unser; Davis and Peacock.			
St. Louis	5	6	0
New York	2	10	2
Barrett and O'Dea; Voiselle, Maglie (3), Adams (8), and Lombardi.			

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	R	H	E
Washington	3	6	0
Chicago	6	10	1
Wolff, Ullrich (5), and Evans; Lee and Tresh.			
Boston	9	12	1
Heflin and Holm; Benton, Eaton (8), Houtteman (8), and Swift, New York	10	15	1
Cleveland	4	10	1
Gettel and Robinson; Reynolds, Salveson (4), Kileman (8), Center (8), and Hayes.			

## WEATHER (August 10)

Max. (Aug. 9) 89 Min. 56  
Precipitation last 24 hours .00  
Stream year to date 13.28  
Normal 12.34 Last year 10.62  
Forecast: Cooler Saturday.