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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
It is generally agreed that the housing scarcity had a large place among the irritants responsible for the upheaval in the British election. To understand the housing shortage in London, you simply have to see the situation in action. No mere words put on paper can picture it for you.

IN the background there is always the million houses destroyed by the nearly five years of bombing—blitz, fly-bombs and rockets—of which not more than a fourth have been repaired and made habitable. Even in this greatest city in the world you can't just wash out three-quarters of a million houses and forget about them.

Then there are the troops quartered here for various purposes—Americans in shoals and Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders and South Africans in lesser numbers, with a considerable fringe of Norwegians, Poles, Dutch, Czechoslovaks, Free French, etc. You can see almost every kind of uniform on earth here—except, of course, German and Jap. Trying to identify uniforms is in itself a fascinating pastime. To the foreign troops you must naturally add the British services, which are legion.

As to the American, British and Empire troops, leave and re-deployment accounts for the most of them. The mixed fringe is largely stuck here for one reason or another. There are hundreds of thousands of Poles (nobody seems to know the exact number) and what to do with them is a British problem. They and the Czechs, the French, the Norwegians, the Dutch, etc., were WELCOME in the days when anybody who could pull a trigger was an asset if the Germans should decide to invade, but they take up housing space and eat food. All but the Poles have a place of some sort to go back to, and are being repatriated slowly.

At the moment, the Poles look like men without a country and are in the way of being a British headache, for if they are absorbed they will come, after the war, into competition with British labor—which isn't going to be liked.

Yet, headache or no headache, the Poles are treated with the utmost courtesy and consideration, and as long as they are in uniform are paid out of the British treasury—paid, housed and fed. Nobody has yet caught the British welshing on an obligation.

TO these thousands upon thousands upon thousands of troops in uniform you must add the civilian employees of the various U. S. establishments having large war establishments here—quite a total in itself.

The troops, and to some extent the war-service civilians, are housed chiefly in billets and fed in messes. The number of these establishments is literally legion. Walking through the streets of London, or riding in cabs or buses, you seem to see one in every block and MANY in some blocks. To get even a glimmering of the housing situation, you must remember that all of these billets and messes occupy and consume food that Londoners would otherwise get.

YET, amazingly, in the face of this staggering foreign invasion, Londoners are as calm as courtiers, and when you break through the outer shell that is their peculiarly British armor they are uniformly friendly and helpful. One can't help wondering, for example, if our own San Francisco, now the No. 1 U. S. port of embarkation, could take on a foreign invasion such as London's and stand up under the (Continued on Page Three)

BULL HALSEY BLASTS DOCKS AT YOKOHAMA

Third Fleet Alerted For Predicted Jap Attack

GUAM, Aug. 13 (AP)—Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet blasted the Yokohama docks and submarine pens in a resumption of the assault on Japan today and stood alert for one last, desperate aerial blitz charge which the Tokyo radio impudently already had begun.

Domei agency declared Japanese planes had launched an attack on the great naval force, which had planned to hurl its air power at Tokyo targets but was balked by heavy weather.

There was no confirmation of this report, but Associated Press Correspondent Richard K. O'Malley with the fleet said such a blow was expected and that six enemy planes attempting sneak attacks already had been shot down.

Admit Damage
A Tokyo broadcast, recorded by the FCC, admitted "some damage" was caused by 800 carrier-based planes attacking the Kanto district of East Central Honshu. The attack, the Japanese said, lasted 12 hours and 17 planes were shot down and 25 damaged.

Possibility of a Japanese aerial blitz assault against the fleet was voiced by some officers, O'Malley said, because of persistent attempts by reconnaissance planes to locate the American force.

Turned back by heavy weather at Tokyo the carrier planes picked targets of opportunity. The Yokohama docks and submarine pens at Shimoda to the south along Sagami bay were hit hard.

Airfields Hit
Numerous merchant vessels and juggers were attacked. Returning fliers said the only two airfields inland on Honshu not shrouded by fog were Kiyu and (Continued on Page Three)

War Bulletin

JAPS GET REPLY
By The Associated Press
The Tokyo radio broadcast a Domei dispatch today saying that the official text of the allied reply to the Japanese government's message offering surrender was received today in Tokyo through the Swiss legation.

MIANTUHO TAKEN
LONDON, Aug. 13 (AP)—Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's trans-Baikal army driving through the great Khingan range into Manchuria from the northwest has captured Miantuho, on the Chinese eastern railway 350 miles from Harbin in another strong advance, the soviet communique announced tonight.

ISLANDS BLASTED
MANILA, Tuesday, Aug. 14 (AP)—Fighters and bombers of the Far East air forces unloaded hundreds of tons of high explosives and incendiaries Sunday on Kyushu and Shikoku islands in the non-stop aerial offensive against Japan, General MacArthur's communique reported today.

LASKI'S VIEWS
LONDON, Aug. 13 (AP)—A foreign office commentator said today Prof. Harold Laski represented only himself when he said that a socialist electoral victory was needed in France to bind Britain and France more closely together.

KF Has Jitters Waiting For News Of Jap Surrender

An air of tense expectancy has pervaded Klamath Falls along with the rest of the nation as news of the Japanese surrender was expected at any time during the weekend.

Only a few minor premature celebrations were set off here Sunday afternoon as a result of the United Press flash which was broadcast over the radios. In downtown streets several cars started honking as news was flashed over car radios but the noise stopped as soon as the correction came through loudspeakers.



Crowds gathered early today in front of the White House in Washington, D. C., anxiously awaiting announcements that the Pacific war was over. (NEA telephoto).

4-CAR SMASH PUTS 3 IN HOSPITAL HERE

Four cars were involved in a traffic smash-up near Henley last night about 9:30 o'clock and three people are in Hillside hospital today as the result of the accident.

Mrs. Ray LaPrarie was thought to have a broken pelvis and Mrs. Lawrence Birk suffered back injuries and severely lacerated legs. Both live on the Merrill road. Another woman is also in the hospital as a result of the accident, but her name was withheld by hospital officials.

Lawrence Birk, driver of one car, Roy LaPrarie and Mr. and Mrs. William Stone, passengers in the car, were also rushed to the hospital by the Klamath merchants' police ambulance, but were released after treatment.

The automobile driven by Birk was turning left into the LaPrarie driveway when the collision occurred.

Kenneth Snarr, operator of a (Continued on Page Three)

Federal Court Jurors Due Here

Trial jurors are to report here from Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties on Tuesday, August 21, at 10 a. m. for a federal district court term, according to word received from the district attorney's office this morning.

It is not yet known which judge will preside or what cases will be tried at that time.

Police Hold Man On Rape Charge

Laverne James Brown is being held in the Klamath county jail in lieu of \$2000 bail charged with rape. The complaint was issued by T. W. Chatburn, justice of the peace at Merrill.

Brown was arrested at Alturas, Calif., after a complaint had been signed by Marvel Brown, of Merrill, charging that Brown raped her 15-year-old sister on August 4.

It was alleged that Brown raped the girl while she was at home taking care of her sister's baby. When her two sisters arrived home they found the girl crying and upon questioning she stated she had been raped.

Marvel Brown is the husband of the defendant.

EAST COAST ARRIVALS

By The Associated Press
Walter E. Driscoll, S/Sgt., Bonanza. Arrived on Montclair Victory due in Boston August 9.
Blaine A. Brattain, T/4, Fort Klamath. Arrived on Marine Fox, due in New York August 10.
Russell Whitehouse, PFC, Yreka. Arrived on Mt. Vernon, due in Hampton Roads, Va., August 11.
Phillip G. Maupin, T/S, Merrill. Arrived on Mt. Vernon, due in Hampton Roads, Va., August 11.
William E. Sweet, Lt., 1340 Wilford, Klamath Falls. Arrives on Marchal Joffre, due in New York, August 13.

Awaiting Announcements



Crowds gathered early today in front of the White House in Washington, D. C., anxiously awaiting announcements that the Pacific war was over. (NEA telephoto).

False Flash Sweeps Nation Into Premature Celebrations

NEW YORK, Aug. 13 (AP)—Premature victory celebrations, springing from radio broadcast of an erroneous United Press news flash that Japan had accepted allied surrender terms, swept across the United States and Canada last night and awoke briefly jubilant echoes in central America and faraway Sydney, Australia.

The Canadian celebration was intensified by premature release of a recorded "victory" broadcast by Prime Minister Mackenzie King from Ottawa.

The United Press association (United Press) said the flash moved over one of its wires at 9:34 P. M. (EWT). The flash was ordered withheld from publication at 9:36 p. m. and was "killed" at 9:40 p. m.

The UP described the flash as "of mysterious origin" and said that while it moved over a Washington dateline it "was not transmitted by the Washington bureau of the United Press."

Hugh Baillie, United Press president, offered \$5000 reward for information leading to the identification and conviction of the person who transmitted the false flash.

The UP told its subscribers that the federal bureau of investigation and the federal communications commission had been asked to ascertain who had "cut in on the UP's wire to disseminate false information."

Although the long-awaited report of the war's end was killed quickly by UP and the major radio networks which had cut into their regular programs to carry it, the message: "Flash—Washington—Japan accepts surrender terms of allies" inaugurated hilarious celebrations that lasted for an hour or more in some cities.

A White House denial that a Japanese surrender had been received, following the UP's kill by about an hour, finally dimmed the enthusiasm of victory-breeters.

In the short interval between the false flash and its final denial, bedlam had its hey-day. The high squeak and baritone roar of ship whistles and horns sent up thunderous fanfares at New York City's East River, and in the harbors of Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Me., Honolulu and San Diego.

Big, good-humored crowds gathered in the city hall courtyard at Philadelphia, at Portland, Ore., Baltimore, Boston and other cities. In Washington, D. C., a cheering throng surged around the White House, but dispersed quietly upon denial of the surrender report.

A philanthropic bar-keeper in Battle Creek, Mich., had poured out \$32 worth of drinks "on the house" before he learned there was no occasion for it.

Searchlights flashed across the skies at Miami and Charleston, S. C. The Waterbury, Conn. "Democrat" and the Vancouver, B. C. "Sun" issued extras. Revelers snake-danced, exploded fireworks and built bonfires in the streets of several American cities. There were short, excited demonstrations in Havana, Cuba, and Caracas, Venezuela. Theatres emptied in Ft. Worth, Texas, and Portland, Ore.

City Building Inspector Admits 4 Fire Settings

Bail was raised this morning by Justice J. A. Mahoney for \$2500 to \$5000 cash bail on A. W. Downs, city building inspector, held in the county jail on a charge of arson. The bail was raised upon a motion from the district attorney's office.

Downs is charged with setting fire to a dwelling owned by D. L. Mosier, 324 Old Fort road, on July 18. District Attorney Clarence Humble said Downs signed a statement allegedly admitting entering the Mosier house sometime before the fire was set and taking a three or four-burner oil stove.

B-29s Hit Tokyo As Nips Ponder Terms

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—American bombers hammered at Tokyo's front door today while the Japanese dalled over a decision whether to surrender now on allied terms or continue a suicidal war.

The White House announced that no reply had been received at 10:45 a. m., today to Saturday's four-power dictate that Japan could keep an emperor who would take his orders from the victors' supreme commander.

Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross told a news conference "It is safe to say the war is going on" while negotiations continue.

More than four hours later there had been no further word from the White House on the subject.

No time limit was set by the allies for a Japanese response, Ross said. Nor did he know, he asserted, whether there might be another ultimatum.

A Tokyo broadcast said that the formal reply to Japan's conditional surrender offer of Friday was not received until today.

Hirohito Sees Togo
Emperor Hirohito received Japanese Foreign Minister Togo at the imperial palace, another enemy broadcast said, but no details as to its purpose were given.

Still another broadcast indicated the Japanese were suffering invasion jitters. Domei, Japanese news agency, quoted "military observers" as viewing renewed American carrier plane attacks and fleet operations off the coast as presaging a possible enemy landing.

Ross told his news conference at the White House: "I'm sorry, I have only the negative report to make that no word has been received from Japan. It was carried by the Tokyo radio that the allied reply had only been delivered today, Monday. If that is true, Japan has had our terms only a little over 12 hours. Perhaps that accounts for the delay."

"Might there be another atomic bomb?" he was asked. "I do not know," Ross replied. "If I did I wouldn't say."

His remark on continuation of the war was in reply to an inquiry whether it was safe to assume "there had been no interruption or letup in the war during the negotiations."

Carrier planes of task force 38 hammered today at Japanese coastal targets, including the docks of Yokohama, Tokyo's chief port.

Prolonged delay on the part of Tokyo appears certain to bring a resumption of American atomic bomb attacks.

"Yes" Or "No" Answer Wanted
There seems to be no disposition among officials here to engage in further exchanges regarding the meaning of unconditional surrender. What is wanted now is a "yes" or "no" reply.

President Truman and Secretary of State Byrnes were on the job early and late, and an air of tense expectancy was reflected by their associates. The White House perfected plans for the actual signing of surrender terms.

Ross said the arrangements might take two or three days after the enemy accepts. But if a Japanese agreement to surrender is forthcoming promptly, V-J Day still might be proclaimed in mid-week.

Presumably the fate of the mikado continues to be the central point of a situation which began developing Friday morning. Then the Japanese government sent word that it would like to surrender on the basis of the Potsdam ultimatum—but with the understanding that the emperor would retain his prerogatives as a sovereign ruler.

Truman's Reply
Mr. Truman, acting on behalf of the United States, Russia, China and Britain, replied in a note given to the Swiss legation for transmission to Tokyo at 10:30 a. m. Saturday. It said:

1. That after surrender the authority of the emperor is to be subject to the supreme commander of the allied powers who will tell the emperor what to do. (The White House said later this commander will be an American, and speculation is that it will be Gen. Douglas MacArthur.)

2. That the emperor must insure Japan's signing of the surrender terms and the actual surrender of all Japanese land, sea and air forces, now scattered from Manchuria to the Dutch East Indies.

3. That the ultimate form of the Japanese government will be determined by the people themselves at some future time. Although neither Mr. Truman nor Secretary Byrnes interpreted this reply, some of those close to the president construed it as acknowledging indirectly Japan's acceptance of the Potsdam terms but refusing the condition about the emperor remaining as sovereign ruler.

The Potsdam ultimatum provides for disarmament of Japan, breaking up of its empire, occupation of the country and the liberation of its people from ward control. The terms did not mention the emperor, and it was considered logical that the Japanese government should try to make a deal for him if it could.

Blaze Destroys Local Wood Yard

Heilbronner's wood yard on the Kesterson mill road was almost completely destroyed by fire Sunday evening and more than 100 cords of wood were burned by the blaze.

It is not known how the fire started, but employees of Kesterson Lumber company were the first to notice the fire and start combating it. Equipment from KPFA, the county shops, and Southern Pacific was brought to the scene, but the blaze had gained too much headway.

Bulletin FATAL CRASH

Officials from Klamath naval air station reported the crash of a plane Monday morning into Goose lake near Lakeview. The pilot was killed. Crews from the air station went to the scene of the crash this morning but had not returned by mid-afternoon.

INDIAN KILLED
Eugene Mecume, Coos Bay Indian who has lived several years on the Klamath reservation, was fatally wounded by a gunshot at 1 p. m. today at Chiloquin.

Police Chief Henry Johnson, of Chiloquin, arrested Ralph Tice, well-known Klamath Indian and veteran of this war, as Mecume's assailant. Officers said the two drove into West Chiloquin, got out, and Tice then shot Mecume with a rifle. Mecume died en route to a hospital.

Tice was placed in the jail at Chiloquin. Indian Officer John Arkel said Tice was drunk, and "passed out" in the jail so he could not answer questions.

On the same date, June 20, he set fire to an old dwelling at 511 Roosevelt and then went back and assisted city police to direct traffic at the scene of the garage fire, Humble said. He added that Downs took a toilet bowl from 511 Roosevelt the day before he set the house afire and sold it to the Wonder Second-Hand store for \$4.50.

Downs is being represented by U. S. Balentine and waived preliminary hearing in justice court Saturday.

WEATHER

August 13
Max. (August 12) 84 Min. 48
Precipitation last 24 hours 00
Stream year to date 13.28
Normal 12.26 Last year 10.62
Forecast Clear Tuesday.

V-J To Give Green Light To Reconversion Plans

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP) With the end of the war in sight, President Truman canvassed postwar labor and wage stabilization problems today with six top advisors.

Meeting with Mr. Truman were Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach, War Mobilizer John W. Snyder, Economic Stabilizer William H. Davis, Price Administrator Chester Bowles, war labor board Chairman George W. Taylor and John R. Steelman, former director of the U. S. conciliation service and now an advisor to Schwellenbach.

Their emergency plans ready, government agencies awaited the White House signal to start the American economy toward a goal of unprecedented civilian production.

The signal, due when Japan quits, also will serve to unveil programs for putting millions of released war workers in peacetime jobs as rapidly as possible and for gradual lifting of rationing and other wartime restrictions.

Homefront View
In the meantime, this is the homefront outlook as the war appears to be nearing the end: Rationing-elimination of gas line, fuel oil and tire program within a few days to six weeks after V-J Day; gasoline may be released within a week. Shoe rationing is due to go in two or three months. Food, especially (Continued on Page Three)