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Russians Set Jap Deadline

LONDON, Aug. 17 (AP)—The Russians, charging that the Japanese had launched a widespread counteroffensive in Manchuria at the same time its headquarters asked soviet troops to cease hostilities, today gave the Japanese until noon Monday to disarm and surrender.

(The Japanese government, in a broadcast recorded in the United States by FCC, "urgently requested" General MacArthur today to "take proper steps to bring about immediate cessation of the soviet offensive.")

(The broadcast said Japanese troops were unable to cease hostilities because Russian troops "are still positively carrying on the offensive.") The message did not mention the soviet charge that the Japanese were continuing to fight.)

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WORCESTER. Lower Wick farm, described in a previous column, is an exclusive dairy operation, with a little fruit or land best suited to it. The two rented farms run in connection with it absorb the "must" crops (chiefly grain) prescribed by the British war food program.

In the main, these regulations are designed to bring about production in Britain of as much as possible of the foods and feeds previously imported, thus saving shipping space. The net, broad result of these regulations, which have plenty of teeth, has been the plowing up of grass land to be put into the required crops. In the hard years following the last war British farmers learned that their best bet is running livestock on English grass, and it is probable that as soon as the war emergency is past they will seed their land back to grass and resume their former practices.

The great success of the war food program is indicated by the fact that before the war Britain fed herself one and three quarters days out of the week but now feeds herself FIVE days. That (Continued on Page Two)

TWO LOSE LIVES YESTERDAY IN COUNTY WATERS

Sailor Dies In Geary Canal; Sprague Boy Lost

Two drownings occurred in Klamath county yesterday afternoon when S/Lt Robert Hill, sailor stationed at the Klamath naval air station, died at mid-afternoon in the canal on the Geary ranch eight miles north of Klamath Falls, and the body of Ossie McNair, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert McNair, was found in Sprague river, two miles north of the town of Sprague river. The body of Hill was recovered at 11 a. m. today.

On Bicycle Trip Hill, in the company of two other sailors from the air station, started out on a bicycle trip Thursday morning. When they reached the Geary bridge slough, they decided to leave their bicycles and explore the surrounding country, according to (Continued on Page Two)

Sub Surrenders To Argentines

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentine, Aug. 17 (AP)—A German submarine surrendered here today to Argentine naval authorities. The 600-ton craft carried the number U-977 and a complement of 32, including four officers one of whom was Commander Heinz Schasser. The craft was similar to the U-530 which surrendered to Argentine authorities July 10. The navy ministry said the submarine was sighted by patrol boats off this Argentine submarine base at 9:20 a. m., this morning—102 days after Germany signed the unconditional surrender.

New Jap Premier Orders Army To Lay Down Arms As Postwar Cabinet Meets

FRANCISCO, Aug. 17 (AP)—Gen. Prince Naqukhiko Kuni was sworn in as Japan's new premier today and in his first official act as premier-war minister ordered the army to "strictly observe" an imperial rescript to lay down their arms. "The decision has been taken to cease fire and return to peace," he declared. The new postwar cabinet, in which the royal premier who may himself be tried as a war criminal retained the war portfolio, went into session immediately after it was sworn in. The Japanese Domei agency quickly went on the air with

JAPS ATTACK 4 YANK PLANES OVER TOKYO

OKINAWA, Aug. 17 (AP)—Four American B-24 bombers, flying a purely photographic mission over the Tokyo bay area today were attacked by 10 Japanese fighters and moderate to intense anti-aircraft fire. One of the big four-engined bombers was badly shot up around the wings, flaps and cowling, but none of the crew was hurt.

Two Japs Hit Four Nipponese fighters were sent down in smoke and listed as probably destroyed.

The engagement occurred around 20,000 feet at about midday. The attack followed by two days General MacArthur's communique announcing that offensive action in all sectors had been halted except for purposes of observation, which "will be necessarily continued," and after two Japanese Kamikaze planes crashed into Iheya island 30 miles north of Okinawa, injuring two garrison troops, one fatally.

Weather News

Table with weather data for August 17, 1945, including Max, Min, Precipitation, Stream, Normal, and Forecast.

General Sends Stern Message

LONDON, Aug. 17 (AP)—Japanese troops on some sectors of the Manchurian front began surrendering today and the red army took 20,000 prisoners, the soviet communique announced.

By RUSSELL BRINES

MANILA, Aug. 17 (AP)—General MacArthur today curtly ordered the Japanese to comply without further delay with his directive to send emissaries to Manila.

Tokyo, meanwhile, carried the quibbling over the preliminary peace conference into the second day.

The allied supreme commander did not set a deadline for the departure of the Japanese envoys but indicated definitely he would tolerate no extended delay without good reason. "The directive from this headquarters is clear and explicit and is to be complied with without further delay," the stern message said.

The Japanese wanted to know if the emissary would be required to sign surrender papers and MacArthur replied no.

The latest development in the tangled long-distance wireless negotiations occurred after Emperor Hirohito had strengthened his "cease fire" order with an imperial rescript to the armed forces to lay down their arms and had sent urgent messages on a number of points.

The Japanese emperor asked: (1) that the Russians halt their Manchuria offensive, (2) allied forces "refrain from approaching Japan proper temporarily and (3) the additional instructions regarding the preliminary conference.

Another message to the allied commander advised that imperial parties carrying the cease fire rescript to armed forces in China, Manchuria and "the south" had left Tokyo. The southern party left a day early to avoid possible delay by weather.

Japan said her planes inflicted some damage in attacks on a dozen allied transports yesterday because they "approached" (Continued on Page Two)

3000 FLIERS LOST IN B-29 RAIDS ON JAPAN

Aircraft Destroyed 59 Japanese Cities

GUAM, Aug. 17 (AP)—General Spaatz disclosed today that the year long operations of B-29s against Japan cost the lives of over 3000 American fliers, while more than 600 others were rescued by naval operations.

Combat operations resulted in the loss of 437 of the Superfortresses. Noncombat losses were not announced, but they are known to be considerable, particularly in the early months of the campaign when the crews were learning the capabilities of their planes.

Crews lost, averaging 11 men each, numbered 297. In addition, 106 Iwo-based long range fighters were lost.

On the other side of the ledger, the commander of the U. S. army strategic air forces said, the giant aircraft destroyed the major industrial productive capacity of 59 Japanese cities and partially destroyed six others.

Six cities more than 75 per cent destroyed were Numazu, (Continued on Page Two)

Russia-Poland Treaty Signed

LONDON, Aug. 17 (AP)—Russia and Poland have signed a treaty, the Moscow radio said today, establishing the Curzon line as the Polish-Soviet boundary except for a few deviations "in Poland's favor."

The treaty also included an agreement on compensation for damages caused by German occupation, the broadcast said.

Tice Hearing Set August 21

Ralph Tice, 34, Klamath Indian held on a charge of murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Eugene Mecume, 40, Coos Bay Indian, at West Chiloquin Monday, will appear before U. S. Commissioner Bert C. Thomas on August 21 for a hearing.

Tice is now lodged in the Klamath county jail. The charge of murder is not subject to bail, according to J. C. O'Neill, prominent local attorney who will represent Tice at the hearing.

Tice allegedly fired a shot from a 30-40 Craig rifle into Mecume's body just below the heart and Mecume died en route to the hospital.

80 MARINES ARRIVE AT LOCAL BARRACKS

The first group of marines to be transferred from naval convalescent hospitals to the Marine Barracks installation here arrived Thursday, according to word from the Barracks today.

Eighty men comprised the first large group to come here under the new movement, although there have been individual cases coming here for the last several weeks.

Over 300 more are expected Saturday morning and large groups are to be sent for some time to come. Men now arriving are all veterans of the Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns.

The original purpose of the Barracks installation, which was to take care of men with malaria and filariasis, has been altered and the new group is composed of men who have been wounded. Victims of malaria and filariasis are still being brought to this base however.

The barracks has been marking time for the last few weeks with key men being kept here to keep the installation going.

It is thought that the new program which will bring several thousand marines in this area will fill the Barracks to capacity.

Commanding officer at the Marine Barracks is Col. Charles Brooks and senior dental officer is Captain Lowell T. Coggeshall.

REPRESENTED SALEM, Aug. 17 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell said today he would not attend the hearings of the senate finance committee on broadening the unemployment compensation law, because a committee appointed by the national governors' conference will represent all governors.

Jap Balloon Sighted Here In January Gave U. S. First Complete Story Of Wafted Weapon

A Japanese balloon spotted over Klamath Falls on the afternoon of last January 10 gave this nation its first complete picture of the enemy's wind-wafted weapon.

That was big news in January that could not be told then, but with the war over, censorship has been lifted on the whole story of the balloons, of which more than a dozen landed or were sighted in Klamath county.

Although no more balloons are expected to float in here, local forestry officials emphasized today that Jap balloon bombs are unquestionably lying around in the Klamath country right now and will be a menace for

years to come. One such bomb blotted out six lives of Klamath county people when it exploded near Bly last spring, causing the only civilian casualties from enemy action in all continental United States.

The significance of the January 10 balloon was suspected by few people here. Wes Guderian, Herald and News representative, viewed the balloon after it was recovered and brought to the Klamath naval air station, but the Herald and News kept strict silence in compliance with censorship rulings.

This balloon was sighted on the afternoon of January 10, over Klamath Falls. Many local people saw it.

Calls were made to the Klamath naval air station. Only one Hellcat fighter plane was available at the station, and this plane and a station plane went up to attempt to ground the balloon.

It had moved in a southeasterly direction by this time, and had been sighted by Lakeview's naval air facility as well as Camp Tulelake. It was up about 12,000 feet.

The pilot of the Hellcat tried to shoot the balloon, but the guns froze in the extreme cold. The plane moved the balloon along in the slipstream, and a rent occurred in the paper bag. It then began to descend, with the air billowing into the bag to

form a parachute for the mechanism, which came down in the vicinity of Adin, Calif., 80 miles south of here.

Finding the balloon in the rough Adin country proved quite a problem. Planes from the air station here sighted it in a deflated condition on the ground, but could not make radio contact to help the ground searching parties. The hunt was unsuccessful until January 13, when a civilian plane from Alturas, using radio facilities provided by the Modoc forest service, directed the ground crew to the balloon.

The bomb-laden undercarriage was still intact. The balloon was picked up carefully, and was

brought to the Klamath naval air station. Col. G. F. Visenius, of army intelligence, arrived here, and a careful examination was made of the balloon. It was re-inflated, and photographed from many angles. It also had been photographed while in the air.

It was the first Jap balloon found intact, and the army officials were extremely interested in it. They removed it and used it as a model in the study of the mechanism. Since then, several other balloons were recovered intact.

Even more sensational was a subsequent balloon incident in this area which cost the lives of five children and an adult woman

on a creek just over the Lake county line near Bly.

This tragedy occurred on May 1. The Rev. and Mrs. Archie Mitchell of Bly on that day took five children with them on an outing. While the Rev. Mr. Mitchell was moving the car, Mrs. Mitchell and the children found a strange object lying in the woods. They called to the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, who had heard rumors of Jap balloons.

He shouted a warning, almost simultaneously with a loud detonation. Mrs. Mitchell and the children lay mutilated and dead on the ground. The children lost in this incident were Jay Gifford, Eddie Engen, Joan Patzke, Dick Patzke and Sherman

Shoemaker. It is believed none of them knew about the balloon menace.

This was the only balloon that landed in Oregon which caused any damage, but balloons were recovered in more than a dozen counties. It was only by good luck that other tragedies were averted.

There was the time, only this spring, for instance, when one of Ranger John Sarginson's Rogue river forest crews and a county road crew operating a snow plow on the Lake of the Woods road plowed into a balloon lying in the snow.

The men picked it up, put it on a pickup truck, and brought it into Klamath Falls. Nothing

happened, although bombs were set to go off at any minute. The army took it over.

Many false alarms were heard in this area as elsewhere. People saw the planet Venus and other objects in the air, thinking they might be balloons. Weather balloons started a lot of searches.

About three weeks ago lookouts at Shake butte saw a balloon come down in their area, but it has never been found. Two days later, a lookout reported seeing one near Olene.

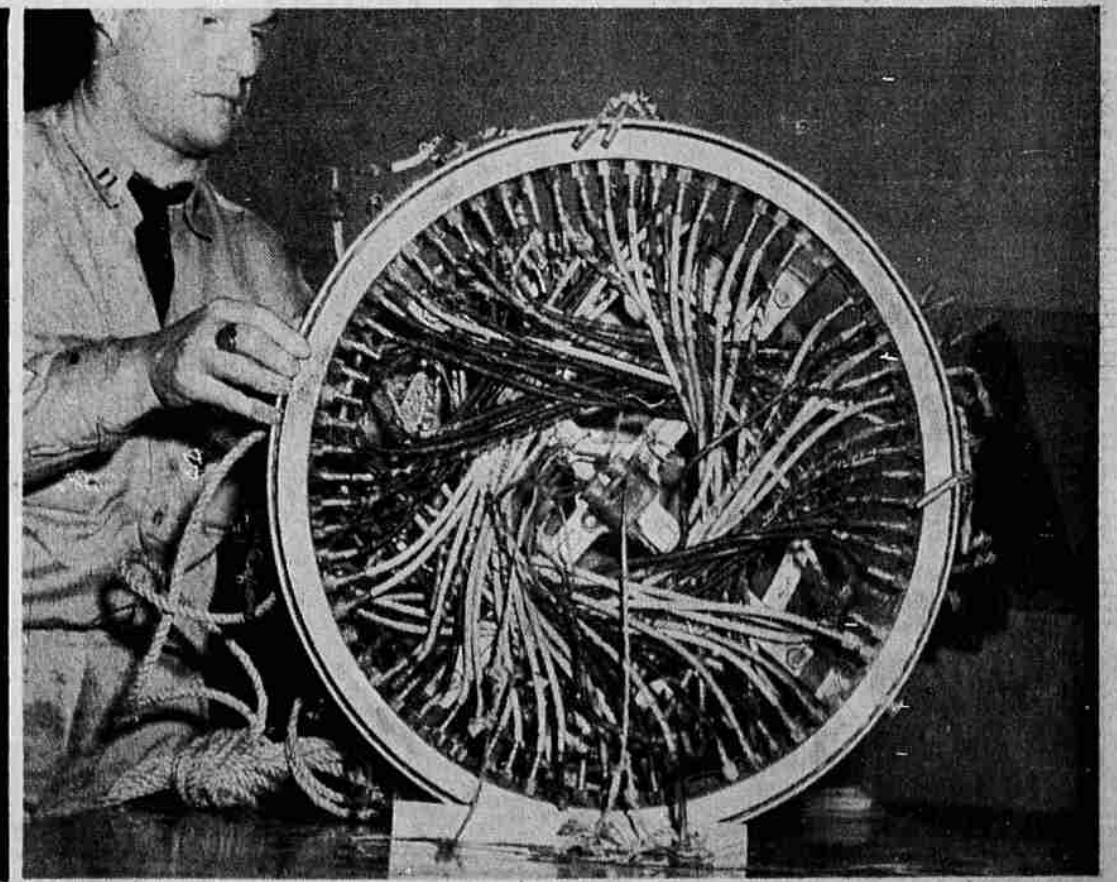
And so ends a sensational chapter of the war. But Klamathites were reminded that it still can have a tragic sequel.



This shows the January 10 balloon floating down near Adin, Calif., south of here, after a Klamath navy plane had rent the bag in the plane's slipstream. Wind billowed the torn bag and let the mechanism down, parachute fashion. The picture was taken from a plane. Ground crews did not find the balloon until three days later, bringing it to the station here.



This picture, taken in the parachute loft of the air station, shows the mechanism complete, just as it hung from the balloon. It includes on top a wet battery, and a two-pound TNT charge. Under that are three barometers which, when the balloon dropped to certain altitudes, would release weights carried by the circular mechanism on the bottom. Army intelligence men said today that this is the first mechanism found intact, and proved most helpful in early study of the fantastic weapons which Japan tried to send by the hundreds over the U. S.



A view of the bottom of the weight-dropping mechanism. Weights were attached to the outside of the wheel at the end of each of the cables. Sparks carried by these wires fired a shell, dropping an S-hook on which was attached the weight. Relieved of the weight, the balloon would shoot back up. After all weights were lost, the balloon was supposed to descend and drop demolition or incendiary bombs. After all bombs were dropped, the last charge was supposed to fire a fuse detonating the TNT charge next to the battery, destroying the mechanism and lighting a fuse to burn the paper bag.