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Tokyo Radio Says Nips Have Accepted Potsdam Ultimatum War Continues On

U. S. AWAITING JAPS' REPLY

Pacific Battles Rage Unabated

B-29s Hammer Foe; Soviets Drive Ahead

Paced by tank-led Russian armies, war flamed on every Pacific front and great waves of Superforts hammered Japan itself today as a Tokyo Radio report touched off peace celebrations from Guam to New York.

Tokyo's broadcast said "an imperial message accepting the Potsdam (unconditional surrender) proclamations will be forthcoming soon."

Paris Radio said the message had already been received by Switzerland for relay to the Allies.

But nothing short of a direct order from Allied overall commanders will stop the fighting.

THE SOVIET RADIO called on Red army forces which rolled through 22 Japanese strong points yesterday in the gigantic Manchurian offensive, to "pound the Japanese mercilessly."

Pacific fleet headquarters said Admiral Halsey's Third fleet prowling within easy reach of Tokyo bay wouldn't be called off until official word from Washington.

Superfort headquarters said B-29 attacks such as the 5,000 tons of explosives poured on southern Honshu island today would continue until peace is official.

Potential American occupation forces were ready on Okinawa, 225 miles south of Japan, in the Marianas islands and the Philippines. Closest were the Russians, reported by Tokyo to be pressing amphibious and land invasions of Karafuto, Japanese controlled southern half of Sakhalin island just off the northern tip of Japan proper.

TODAY'S SUPERFORTS strike made by at least 430 big bombers and possibly close to 700, was co-ordinated with rocketing and strafing raids by fighter planes. They blasted

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State Road Post Filled

ST. PAUL—(AP)—J. M. Evans, Morris, has been appointed head of the new county highway division of the state highway department, created by the 1945 legislature. He will serve as co-ordinator between the highway department and county highway authorities on projects financed with state and federal aid.

Evans, a native of Wabasha, formerly was Wabasha county highway engineer and had served as district maintenance engineer and acting district engineer at Morris since 1938.

Highway Commissioner M. J. Hoffmann also announced that A. O. Torgerson, district engineer of district No. 4 with headquarters at Detroit Lakes before entering military service, will be reassigned to that office and also will temporarily continue as acting assistant maintenance engineer.

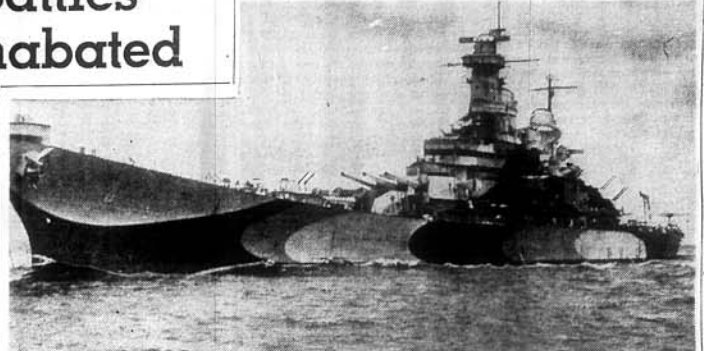
Cattle on Feed Show Increase

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The agriculture department reported today that the number of cattle on feed for market in the 11 principal corn belt states on Aug. 1 was 16 per cent larger than the relatively small number on feed a year ago. Although estimates of actual numbers on feed were not made, the department said available information indicated that the number this year, while larger than last, was smaller than the Aug. 1 number in any other year since 1937.

CONTINUED FAIR WEATHER IS SEEN

Continued fair weather today, tonight and Wednesday is forecast by the U. S. weather bureau for Duluth and vicinity. While skies will be sunny, temperatures will drop slightly tonight, and will remain lower tomorrow. A low of 52 degrees is expected tonight. Yesterday's highest temperature was 72 with a low of 65.

May Be Used for Peace Negotiations



The Allied high command, it was reported today, may be considering using the battleship Missouri, shown above, as the scene of negotiating surrender terms with the Japanese. This would be a tribute to President Truman, a Missourian.—(AP Wirephoto.)

Oath Rites Scheduled

Legal dignitaries of the state will assemble in Duluth Wednesday to honor Dennis F. Donovan, Duluth attorney, who will take his oath of office as a federal district court judge.

The ceremony will be conducted at 11 a. m. in the federal building here. Mr. Donovan will be sworn in by Federal Circuit Judge John B. Sanborn, St. Paul, and will receive his robes from Federal District Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye, Minneapolis.

The newly appointed judge will be honored at a luncheon at 12:15 p. m. in the Spalding hotel ballroom, given by the Eleventh Judicial District Bar association. Judge Sanborn will be the principal speaker.

Legal V-J To Be Fixed

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Attorney General Tom Clark said today he is drafting an opinion on the legal date of the end of the war.

After conferring with Judge Samuel L. Rosenman, one of President Truman's counsel, at the White House, Clark told reporters that because some government contracts would terminate within a specified time after V-J day it will be necessary to fix that date legally if the Japanese surrender.

Officials have pointed out that V-J day will be proclaimed by the President only after the formal signing of surrender terms by the Japanese. Many congressionally authorized wartime powers will expire six months after V-J day.

ALBERT LEA BOARD NAMES PRINCIPAL

ALBERT LEA, Minn.—(AP)—Forrest O. Willey, acting principal of the high school at Alexandria, Minn., has been appointed senior high school principal here by the Albert Lea board of education.

FRENCH PREPARE FOR SURRENDER

CHUNGKING—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Marcel Alessandri was prepared today to fly to Hanoi and renew French sovereignty over French Indo-China as soon as Japan surrenders. He recently escaped from the colony after being stationed there since 1939, first as chief of staff and later as commander of the Second brigade.

Crying Japs Voice Shame Before Emperor

By the Associated Press
Domei, Japanese news agency, said in a broadcast recorded by the FCC today that "on Aug. 14, 1945, the imperial decision was granted" and that weeping people had gathered before his palace and "bowed to the very ground" in their shame that their "efforts were not enough."

The broadcast did not say what the emperor's decision was.

Final Plea Made For Petain's Life

PARIS—(AP)—Fernand Payen, attorney for Marshal Petain, opened the last arguments of the old soldier's treason trial today by telling the high court of justice that "he constantly and scientifically tricked the Germans, but he never tricked the Allies."

The verdict will be handed down by 12 parliamentary jurors and 12 jurors drawn from resistance groups. Some jurors frequently have expressed antagonism during the trial to defense witnesses.

Payen, chief defense counsel, compared Petain to Pierre Laval in the Vichy regime. Laval, he said, was convinced that Germany would prevail and he worked for an intimate union with the enemy.

"But that was never Petain's policy," Payen declared. "It never was before and a man doesn't change in character and manner of thinking at 84. Documents and other evidence show that Petain fought the Germans as hard as he could from July 14, 1940, until the end."

Air Route Plea Denied

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Civil Aeronautics board refused today to reconsider its decision whereby air routes over the north Atlantic to Europe and beyond were divided among Pan-American Airways, Transcontinental and Western Air and American Airlines.

Pan-American, Pennsylvania Central, Northeast and U. S. Midnight Sun Airlines and Moore-McCormack Steamship Co. had petitioned for reconsideration.

The board said the petitions "raised no relevant issue which was not presented to the board before the present case was submitted for decision."

Proctor Exhibit Closes Tonight

Today is the last day of the annual St. Louis county fair in Proctor, and exhibits and shows will remain open until late tonight, according to Owen J. Larkins, publicity chairman. Highlight of today's program will be the annual 4-H club contests for boys and girls late this afternoon. Two grandstand performances will be given tonight, Larkins said.

JAPS MAKE CLAIM NEW DRUGS FOUND

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Japanese claimed today their scientists have developed two wonder drugs, "koha" and "shiko," which rapidly are curing thousands of persons burned in air raids. A Domei news agency broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications commission, said the pills also are good for chilblains.

FRENCH AND BRITISH CONFERENCE ON TANGIER

PARIS—(AP)—The French government consulted with Britain today after receipt of a Spanish note protesting the exclusion of the Franco government from the Paris conference to determine the status of Tangier, the international zone opposite Gibraltar which Spain occupied June 14, 1940. The Spanish note was handed to the French yesterday.

Delay Is Reported In Receipt of Note

TRUMAN, BYRNES SILENT PENDING DEFINITE WORD

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The White House announced today that Japan still has not replied to Allied surrender terms—but Tokyo radio reported almost simultaneously that the enemy note was "on its way."

HOWEVER, THE SWISS political department (foreign office) said officially at 5:15 p. m. (11:15 a. m. Eastern War Time), more than nine hours after the original Tokyo announcement, that no Japanese communication concerning surrender had been received.

At 12:08 p. m. Eastern War Time, the Japanese Domei agency once more asserted that the message was en route. The Swiss communicate cast doubt on the basis for a Swiss radio broadcast four hours earlier which asserted that "Japan has accepted the capitulation offer."

The confusion of the delay was brought to a new head when the Swiss legation in Washington received this message from Bern:

"Very urgent 760—Japanese legation reports that coded cables it received this morning do not contain the answer awaited by the whole world."

A Paris broadcast, originating with the French News Agency, said the Japanese communication was quite long. The time required for decoding and translating a lengthy message might account for any time lag in the capital of Switzerland—go-between government for the Allies and the Japanese.

If indeed the message was lengthy, the possibility emerged that the Japanese might be specifying interpretations of the Potsdam declaration point by point.

MEANWHILE WILD, SPONTANEOUS DEMONSTRATIONS—touched off by an early morning Japanese broadcast that an imperial surrender message was forthcoming—subsided in most cities, but gained momentum in New York where great crowds gathered, awaiting official word from the White House.

It was a nerve-tugging climax to long, suspenseful waiting—marked by premature celebrations last Friday, when the Japanese offered to quit if they could keep their emperor, and Sunday night, when a quickly killed false surrender flash moved on the wires of the United Press.

MOST WAR PLANT and other workers punched the time clock as usual today although 4,200 foundry workers at the Ford River Rouge plant left their jobs after an unidentified man blew the factory whistles. Army and navy inductions also continued as on any other day.

In contrast to the joyous outbursts on Pacific islands, Western cities and some East coast centers, most of the nation waited quietly, if not calmly, for a go-ahead from Washington before celebrating.

"The imperial decision was granted," said a Domei broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications commission. The Japanese radio pictured a mass of the Japanese people prostrating themselves before Emperor Hirohito's palace under dark clouds crying: "Forgive us, O emperor, our efforts were not enough."

The Japanese reply was expected in Washington before the end of the day.

President Truman and Secretary of State Byrnes conferred twice today as the White House made known that Japan's surrender reply is expected during the day.

The Domei agency started broadcasting its account of the scene in Tokyo at which "the imperial decision was granted," but broke off, instructing its editors to "hold this item."

Another Domei broadcast, sent to Japanese editors in advance, purported to be a message from the emperor expressing "extreme concern" for the "calamity caused by the United States."

REVELRY SWEEPS COUNTRY

V-J Celebrants Get Early Start on Thin News

By the Associated Press
The Tokyo radio announced shortly before 2 a. m. (EWT) today that "the text of an imperial message accepting the Potsdam proclamations will be forthcoming," and it spurred a sudden wave of early-hour victory celebrations from New York city to Manila.

The first Tokyo report produced impromptu parades in New York's Times square. Darkened windows lighted up, ticker tape streamed down and crowds of celebrants roared out patriotic and martial songs.

Rejoicing soldiers and sailors in San Francisco climbed to the tops of trolley and cable cars and clanged the car gongs as the vehicles nudged their way carefully through surging throngs of peace-greeters.

IGNORING a downpour at Salt Lake City, thousands of civilians and service men sang and cheered.

In night clubs at Albuquerque, N. M., patrons kissed one another.

Hilarious college boys at Los Angeles ignited a large bonfire and organized a shirt-tail parade.

Thousands of merry-makers packed the Randolph street rialto in Chicago. A false fire alarm added to the turmoil.

THE JUBILATION spread far beyond the United States. Manila was reported "going wild" with Americans and Filipinos flinging tons of Japanese currency into the air.

Honolulu literally lit up at the news in a colorful demonstration that included searchlights, tracer bullets, rockets and flares.

At Victoria, B. C., an out-of-hand crowd of several thousand civilians and sailors hurled rocks through the front windows of a liquor store and had to be dispersed by police.

Northampton county's historic old Liberty Bell rang out the report at Easton, Pa., and was echoed in a noisy public reception of the presumed victory.

Flashes

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—Governor Earl Warren today announced the appointment of Maj. William Knowland, Republican, former state senator, as successor to U. S. Senator Hiram Johnson, who died last week.

WINNIPEG—(AP)—Big export orders for wheat, the largest in many months, were placed today in early trading on Winnipeg grain exchange.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Legislation to ban forever use of the "astounding" atomic bomb as an instrument of warfare will be introduced by Representative Ludlow, Democrat, Indiana.

LONDON—(AP)—The World Zionist conference has asked United Nations' support for an unequivocal demand for the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine.



CHIANG KAI-SHEK Faces Grave Problem

CHUNGKING—(AP)—The grave situation between the Central government and Northern Communists now precludes the possibility of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek representing China at any Japanese surrender ceremony, it became known today.

An authoritative source reported the Chinese delegation would be headed by Gen. Hsu Yung-chang, chief of the board of military operations in Chungking since 1938. Previously it had been reported Chiang would lead the Chinese delegates.

The Communists, headed by Gen. Chu Teh, with headquarters at Yenan, were reported to be moving toward Shanghai and Nanking, key coastal cities, without which the national government's position would be seriously weakened.

Duke Calls On Truman

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Duke of Windsor, accompanied by an aide, called on President Truman at the White House today.

After seeing the President, the duke said he was just paying a courtesy call and that he had discussed the Pacific war and the atomic bomb with Mr. Truman.

He recalled he had first met Mr. Truman in 1919. "I met him when I was on an inspection tour with General Pershing in France. We inspected his battery, you know," he explained.

President Truman was a World War I artillery officer, and saw service in France.

40 Ships Enter Harbor in Day

The greatest number of incoming Great Lakes freighters for any one day this season was recorded here yesterday, the Union Towing & Wrecking Co. tug dispatcher's office revealed today. Exactly 40 ships entered the Duluth-Superior harbor in the 24-hour period. Eight carried coal, one stone, another salt and the remainder came in light to be loaded with iron ore and grain for down-lake shipment.

RED LABOR LEADER VISITS PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman saw Vasily Kuznetsov, representative of the All-Soviet trade unions, today in company with President Philip Murray of the CIO.

Murray said it was merely an introductory call for Kuznetsov who is returning to Russia after conferences here.

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TOKIO POSTMISTRESS HASN'T HEARD NEWS

TOKIO, Ohio—(AP)—The postmistress at Tokio early today had never even heard of the unofficial reports that Japan had surrendered.

Of course, it was Tokio, Ohio, a town of six houses and a general store which has a postoffice name of Tokio.

Postmistress Clara Metzger, reporting she had heard none of the surrender reports, said she had a large volume of mail to be sent out with the Tokio postmark whenever the war was declared officially ended.

The Potsdam demand for unconditional surrender would release Japan to her four main islands. An Allied note, under debate in Tokyo at least since Monday, would allow Emperor Hirohito to remain as a monarch committed to promulgate any edicts which the victorious Allies—the United States, Russia, Great Britain and China—handed to him.

The Swiss broadcast, as recorded by BBC, said: "Japan has accepted the capitulation order. The Japanese information bureau announced

"Honored with the imperial edict in the sublime palace grounds, the mob of loyal people are bowed to the very ground in front of the Niju-Bashi (the bridge which leads to the palace)."

"Their tears flow unchecked. Alas! In their shame, how can the people raise their heads?"

"With the words, 'Forgive us, O emperor, our efforts were not enough, the heads bow lower and lower as the tears run unchecked."

"Ever since Dec. 8, 1941, when we received the imperial rescript, causing his majesty deep anxiety. . . ."

IT WAS at this point that Domei broke its transmission to ask editors to hold it up.

Domei never resumed transmission of the dispatch, but subsequently put out a message to editors saying: "Tomorrow, Aug. 15, at noon sharp (11 p. m. Tuesday, EWT), an important transmission will be made."

"This transmission will be of unprecedented importance, so the 100,000,000 people without exception must listen attentively."