

Forecast: Showers. Moderate temperatures. High Monday, 72; low, 65. (Temperature at 1 a. m., 65.) Year ago: High, 74; low, 66. Details on Page 6.

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SPORTS GEMS These glowing sports gems of yesterday? Remember? Turn to Reg Buck's column on the sports page.

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Tokyo Radio Reports Allied Potsdam Edicts Accepted

Greatest of B-29 Blows Is Believed Blistering Honshu

By the Associated Press Superfortresses returned to the blasting of Japan today amid indications that it was the greatest strike of the war for the B-29s and the raids are continuing. The new attacks which the U. S. army strategic air force headquarters at Guam said "will continue" plainly showed the impatience of the Allies who have now waited more than two days for Jap answer to the surrender note.

The B-29s hit Marifu railway yards 14 miles southwest of Hiroshima, wiped out in the first atomic bomb attack. The American airmen returned to the attack while powerful Russian armies smashed ahead in Manchuria and fighting continued in China.

Japan's invasion fears flared anew on the heels of heavy strikes by Allied carrier planes against Nippon's main Honshu island.

Meanwhile, within four hours steaming time of Tokyo, America's and Britain's mighty Pacific fleets prowled Nippon waters, seemingly awaiting Tokyo's answer to Allied surrender terms.

The fleets were on guard against any Japanese suicide attacks. Six Japanese sneak planes were shot down as they approached the armadas. Domei claimed the Japanese air force was in action against the fleet off the Honshu coast.

BLAST YOKOHAMA Far East air forces struck against the Japanese homeland again yesterday after more than 1,000 carrier planes had hammered the Yokohama dock areas, and submarine pens to the south. The naval airmen also "attacked shipping. Bad weather caused them to swerve from the Tokyo area. They did hit two of Honshu's airfields, and it was estimated they destroyed or damaged scores of grounded planes.

Admiral Nimitz, in a preliminary report today, said his Pacific fleet carrier fliers yesterday destroyed or damaged 138 Japanese planes as they swept the Tokyo area and the Honshu coast. They shot down 21 planes, none of which reached fleet surface units off Honshu.

ACKNOWLEDGE ATTACK Tokyo acknowledged that six waves of carrier planes blasted airfields, war plants, communications and cities for 12 hours. It claimed 17 of the attackers were shot down and 25 damaged.

The Japanese radio also reported that approximately 30 American aircraft struck Waka-yama, Nara and other parts of the Osaka-Kobe sector.

General MacArthur's communication today told of blistering attacks on the Japanese coast. Continued on Page 3, Column 1

CONGRESS PREPARING FOR EARLY SESSION WASHINGTON (AP)—Senate committee hearings on the top postwar question of jobs and joblessness were scheduled yesterday in the first definite move toward reconvening congress early next month.

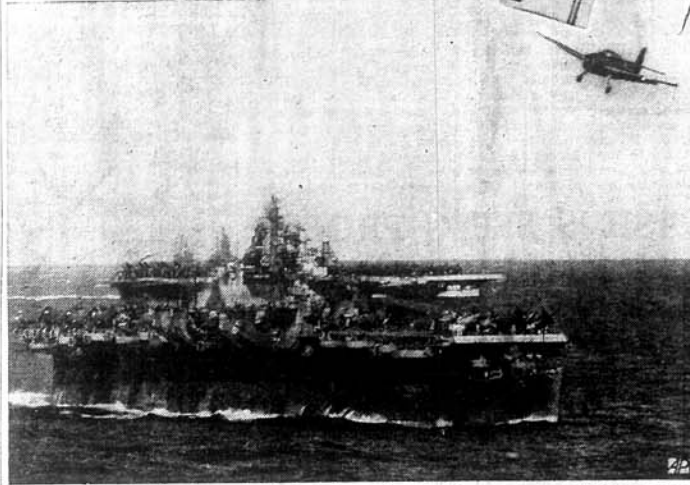
A banking subcommittee will resume hearings Aug. 21 on a sweeping economic measure called by its authors "the full employment bill." The finance committee is expected to meet Aug. 29 on expansion of the unemployment compensation system with maximum benefits of \$25 a week for 26 weeks.

Congress itself will convene probably Sept. 4 or 5, senate Majority Leader Barkley has announced. The plan is to process the most needed pieces of legislation through committees before that time. Then the lawmakers could begin considering them on the floor immediately upon their return from their bob-tailed vacation. The recess originally had been slated to last until Oct. 8.

Committee action had not been scheduled yesterday on three other legislative items Barkley put on his high-priority list.

Those include bills to authorize the President to reorganize the executive department, to create a surplus property disposal system headed by one man rather than a board as at present, and consideration of which war-time boards and agencies should be abolished and which continued when peace returns.

Navy Driving Home Persuasion



Shown are the lead carriers of a U. S. task force now sending home "persuasion" blows against the Japanese to help them make up their minds to surrender.

QUIET V-J DAY SET

Minnesota went ahead with V-J day plans yesterday under cover of a tension that mounted hourly in anticipation of war's end with the Japanese.

Quiet, thankful celebration of the end of the war by Minnesotans in their own homes and churches was being urged by state and civic officials. Virtually all churches and synagogues planned services to be held following announcement of Japan's surrender, while most business places were scheduled to close for a day. Many city and private offices were to give their employees a day off.

Gov. Edward J. Thye told the Associated Press last night he would be addressed by President Truman's official announcement. Continued on Page 3, Column 3

Peace Plans Are Rushed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Printing of new ration books designed for another year of wartime stringency was halted yesterday as government leaders rushed plans to hurry this country onto a peacetime footing.

President Truman conferred with six top advisers on reconversion problems. Two of the main problems they discussed were keeping wages and prices steady.

Their main worry on this score: To prevent peacetime inflation which could undo much of the good that came from the wartime controls on prices and wages.

Meanwhile these were other Continued on Page 3, Column 3

SEN. LANGER HAS BILL TO HALT DRAFTING WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Langer, Republican, North Dakota, announced yesterday that as soon as congress reconvenes next month he will introduce legislation to put an immediate halt to the drafting of men.

China-Communist Tension Is Rising

CHUNGKING (AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, U. S. Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer and Ambassador Patrick J. Hurley conferred again yesterday as tension between the Chungking government and the Chinese Communists increased.

The three Allied leaders conferred Sunday night and met again yesterday morning amid indications that plans were underway for a rapid re-occupation of Japanese-held China—position when Japan surrenders.

Swift occupation of key points by central government troops, carrying out the terms of the Potsdam declaration, would reduce the likelihood of any incidents. The deployment by air of veteran Chinese forces also would counter any move by the Communists in event the Yenan forces decided to make a complete break with the central government.

China's Premier T. V. Soong and Foreign Minister Wang Shih-Chieh presently are in Moscow. It is believed they are seeking clarification of Russia's attitude toward the Chinese Communists.

The gravity of the situation arising from the Aug. 10 order of the Communist commander Gen. Chu Teh to his forces to disarm the Japanese was admitted openly on all sides in Chungking, with no attempt being made by Chinese authorities

Japs Claim Carrier Hit

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The Japanese air force "carried out attacks on four enemy aircraft carriers 25 miles east of Kashiwanada," Monday afternoon Japanese time, Domei agency said last night. The enemy announcement, quoting a Japanese imperial headquarters communique, claimed one carrier and a cruiser were "heavily damaged and set ablaze."

The broadcast was heard by the Federal Communications commission.

Thye, Mayors Act to Speed Reconversion

Heads of the Minnesota Resources commission, Minnesota Postwar Planning council, Northwest Research committee, and Committee on Economic Development met with Governor Thye and representatives of various state and federal agencies in the Minnesota club yesterday noon to plan the program for the Aug. 20 conclave.

At the meeting, Governor Thye disclosed that 48,000 persons will lose their jobs in Minnesota within the 60-day period following V-J day on the basis of information furnished him by the War Manpower commission.

"It is imperative that job opportunities be obtainable for returning war veterans and discharged war workers. It is im-

AP Listening Post Reports Jap Message

By the Associated Press

The Tokyo radio, in a broadcast heard by the Associated Press said today "the text of an imperial message accepting the Potsdam proclamations will be forthcoming soon."

The broadcast was signed off at 1:50 a. m., eastern war time, and was preceded by a "flash" warning.

The statement was repeated a few moments later. No further details were given.

Only a short time earlier, however, Tokyo had reported that the Japanese cabinet had been in continuous session "until late Monday night" and indicated that the reply to the Allied unconditional surrender demand probably would be available "as soon as legal procedures are completed."

The Associated Press listening post in New York reported that the Tokyo Domei Morse stations—Jup and Jud—which sent the "flash"—remained "on call."

Both stations were sending their call letters preceded by the letters "CQ"—the international standby signal. This is usual procedure prior to transmission of Tokyo Domei Morse schedules, the listening post said.

The Domei text of the Tokyo "flash" as recorded by the Associated Press, said merely: "It is learned that an imperial message accepting the Potsdam proclamations will be forthcoming soon."

The broadcast made no reference to the Allied dictate with respect to Emperor Hirohito, contained in a special message dispatched to Tokyo Saturday by the United States, Britain, Russia and China.

The FCC recording of the Tokyo "flash" tallied word for word with the version recorded by the Associated Press. The broadcast was in the English language.

Guam Flash

GUAM (AP)—The communications room of U. S. Pacific Fleet headquarters flashed word over the Guam radio today that the Tokyo radio had reported Japan has accepted the Potsdam ultimatum to surrender. There was no announcement where the broadcast was picked up.

Fire Kills 13, Injures 52

DETROIT (AP)—A sudden fire, sweeping through a Detroit boxing factory yesterday, brought death to 11 women and two men and injuries to 52 other persons, several of whom are not expected to live.

The fire turned the plant of the Export Box & Sealer Co. at Grand River avenue and Fifteenth street into an inferno in a few seconds. The blaze broke out as the 180 employees, mostly women were in the midst of a rest period, listening to a juke box.

Apparently disbelieving a shout of fire from the first floor of the two-story factory building, the workers continued to listen to the music until flames began licking the stairway. Then came a rush for doors and windows. Most of the victims, seared by flames or maddened by the intense heat, died after leaping from second story windows and crashing on the sidewalk of one of Detroit's most heavily-traveled streets.

The exact cause of the fire has not been determined. Some Continued on Page 3, Column 1

Paris Press Is Paperless

PARIS (AP)—Afternoon newspapers will not publish here today because of the newspaper shortage, Editor Pierre Lazareff of Franc Soir said yesterday. If the shortage is not alleviated by today, Lazareff said, Wednesday editions of the Paris morning papers may be forced to skip publication, in which case they would miss the decision in the Petain trial. (The Paris radio said the French government blamed the shortage on the newspapers' decision to "appear every day in great size, contrary to government" rulings.)

Big Twins Born

MARTINEZ, Calif. (AP)—Twins weighing a total of 17 pounds 9 ounces were born in Contra Costa county hospital yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gonzaga of Pittsburg, Calif.

Social Security Winds Up 10th Year

WASHINGTON (AP)—The social security program wound up its first 10 years last night with a report that 4,250,000 persons are now receiving benefits.

And from President Truman came a statement that he will make specific recommendations to congress to make it "a more perfect instrument for the maintenance of economic security throughout this country."

In the past decade, Mr. Truman said, social security has become an essential part of the American way of life. Through it assistance is provided for the aged, for people left dependent by the death of workers and for unemployment insurance.

"Social security worthy of the name," he declared, "is not a dole or a device for giving everybody something for nothing. True social security must consist of rights that are earned rights—guaranteed by the law of the land.

"Only that kind of social security is worthy of the men and women who have fought and

are now fighting to preserve the heritage of America."

As of Aug. 1, Chairman Arthur J. Altmeyer of the social security board, said in the agency's 10th annual report, approximately 190,000 persons were receiving weekly unemployment compensation payments, twice as many as on VE-day. Benefits averaged \$18 a week, he said.

GUAM (Tuesday) (AP)—Adm. Nimitz's headquarters declined either to confirm or deny reports today that he had offered navy radio facilities to the Japanese government if it was having difficulty in transmitting a reply to the Allied surrender terms. Any radio communication, including an offer of facilities, would have to be sent in the clear, since the United States and Japan have no agreed code for exchange of messages.

The Tokyo radio said last night that the Tokyo evening tabloid newspaper Shimbun had called upon the Japanese to maintain national unity with the admonition "his majesty's decision on any matter is final and best."

The broadcast, heard in New York by the AP, quoted the newspaper as saying: "Undoubtedly worst has come to worst. As to how things have come to this pass it is natural that everyone of our nation has his or her own opinions. He or she may have indignation over the factors leading to the present situation. However, no amount of discussion is of avail in the present circumstances.

"His majesty's decision of any matter is final and best. And this decision from the throne is the final word spoken on a matter which, whether civilian or military, must be obeyed as a last resort. Even if such imperial command should not be in line with our individual desires the only thing left for us to do is obey; readily and without questioning the last word from the throne."

JAPS SAY 'WORST' IS HERE

By the Associated Press

Blasting bombs added an urgent R. S. V. P. yesterday to an Allied surrender note but Japan kept stalling off an answer.

Digging for explanations of the delay, Washington experts on Oriental affairs suggested two possibilities: 1. Squabbling in the Japanese cabinet. 2. Consultations with commanders of field forces to determine whether Tokyo could guarantee their surrender.

Tokyo radio said the Swiss legation hadn't delivered the surrender edict until yesterday.

The Swiss radio labeled the Japanese wrong on two counts: It said the Swiss legation in Tokyo didn't hand over the note—and it was received in the Nipponese capital at least by 2:25 a. m. (central war time) Sunday.

Neutral Switzerland has been serving as intermediary, and this was the play by play as called at Bern:

Allied note received from Washington at 2:05 p. m. (CWT) Saturday. Japanese minister notified 20 minutes later. Minister telegraphed his government at 10:25. Minister's telegram repeated at Japanese request at 1 a. m. (CWT) Sunday. Japanese station confirmed reception at 3:35 a. m. Sunday.

Tokyo withheld reaction to the new terms. President Truman broke the long wait with an answer with a mid-afternoon dip in the White House pool.

The White House announced 4:30 p. m. (CWT) yesterday that no response had come through. About the same time the state department closed for business until today.

Repeating last night's schedule, the White House arranged to stay on the alert until midnight, then open up shop again at 9 a. m. today.

Eleven p. m. CWT came and passed with no announcement. Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross announced late

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