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Japs Attack U. S. Fleet After Surrender

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Today's Weather
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Fair and warmer tonight and Thursday. Expected low tonight, 55; high Thursday, 85.
Hour ... 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
Temp. ... 55 54 54 54 59 64 67 69
Year ago: High 79, low 67.

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Bow At Sound Of Emperor's Voice— Jap Prisoners Weep At Defeat

GUAM (INS)—Japanese prisoners of war taken in the invasion of Guam more than a year ago broke down and cried today when they heard Hirohito's radio address on the empire's surrender.

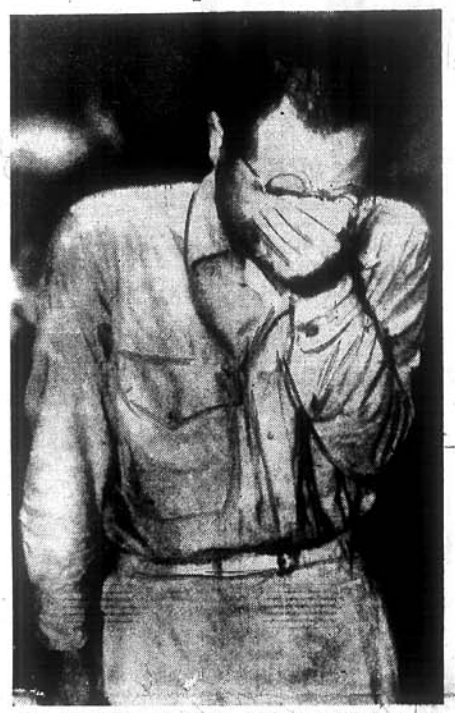
It was the first news they had had from their native land in quite a while.

The POW's assembled in the enemy stockade on the island and were told by the camp commander the emperor was about to talk.

When the mikado's voice came over the loudspeaker, all bowed low in the direction of the imperial palace.

Then as Hirohito spoke, the impact of the news filtered past their disbelief.

They sobbed loudly, waved their arms and showed great and visible grief.



JAP PRISONER ON GUAM WEEPS OPENLY AS HE HEARS HIROHITO'S SURRENDER BROADCAST — AP Wirephoto.

Trolley Collision Costs Man's Life

William F. Hohenauser, 36 years old, 1750 Lafond ave., died at 1:40 a. m. today in Ancker hospital as the result of injuries suffered when his auto collided head on with a street car at 9 p. m. Tuesday at Taylor and Snelling.

According to police, Hohenauser was driving south on Snelling avenue and the street car was proceeding north. His car, police said, hit the left front side of the car. John L. Newton, 818 Blair ave., was the motorman.

Hohenauser was taken to Ancker hospital in an ambulance, suffering serious internal injuries including a ruptured liver and spleen and multiple fractured ribs.

Nip Cabinet Quits; Suzuki Mournful

Resignation Accepted By Mikado After Request To Withdraw

(By Associated Press)
Emperor Hirohito accepted today the resignation of the cabinet which led Japan to defeat, shortly after personally informing the people that their nation was compelled to surrender to the Allies to escape obliteration.

A Domei dispatch recorded by the FCC indicated that Hirohito had requested the resignation of Premier Adm. Kantaro Suzuki and his cabinet. A later English language broadcast by Domei,

Hara-Kiri



Kurechika Anami, minister of war in the Japanese cabinet of Premier Kantaro Suzuki, has committed suicide, according to a dispatch by the Japanese Domei agency recorded by the FCC in New York.—AP Wirephoto.

Yanks Down 5 Nipponese Warplanes

Tokyo Warns Allied Warships Not To Enter Home Waters

By WILLIAM F. TYREE
GUAM (U.P.)—Japan sent planes against the U. S. Third fleet today—as late as eight hours after her surrender was announced. At the same time, Tokyo warned Allied warships not to enter Japanese home waters pending an official Japanese "cease fire" order.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced at 4 p. m. (Tokyo time) eight hours after he had ordered his Pacific forces to cease offensive operations—that the Third fleet had shot down five approaching Japanese planes off Honshu since noon.

The five planes—a bomber and four zero fighters—were shot down during an "obtrusive enemy aircraft assault" that lasted fourteen minutes, a fleet dispatch said.

The Third fleet was 110 miles off the Japanese coast at the time, and ready, in the words of its commander, Adm. William F. Halsey, "to take

Hirohito Weeps

SAN FRANCISCO (INS)—Radio Tokyo said today that tears streamed down Emperor Hirohito's face and his ministers and privy councilors were "soaked in tears" when he announced to them his intention to surrender his nation.

A Tokyo broadcast said the mikado began weeping when he declared that he could no longer "endure to see subjects killed in the fire of battle."

Then, said Radio Tokyo, Hirohito lifted "his pure, white glove" to brush away the "tears that streamed down his face."

Russ Continue Far East Drive

LONDON (U.P.)—Marshal Alexander M. Vassilievsky announced today that he had ordered his Soviet Far Eastern armies today but gave no "cease fire" order and hostilities apparently still continued.

London sources believed the Soviet armies will continue their advances in Manchuria, Korea and the Japanese half of Sakhalin island at least until Japan formally signs the Allied surrender terms.

Russia's Trans-Baikal army already was threatening Manchuria's inner citadels of Harbin, Mukden and Changchun after caving in the enemy's western defenses with a 53-mile advance in the past 24 hours.

More than 8,000 Japanese prisoners were taken in the first six days of the Far Eastern campaign, a Moscow communique said.

Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Trans-Baikal army swept 62 to 93 miles across western Manchuria along a 300-mile front.

Overrun in the advance were Taonan, 185 miles west of Harbin; Chanyu, 135 miles northwest of Changchun, capital of Manchuria, and Linco, 200 miles north of the Chinese border and 263 miles north of Peiping, ancient capital of China.

Tokyo broadcasts said another Soviet spearhead was 140 miles northwest of Mukden.

Marshal K. A. Meresikov's First Red banner army in eastern Manchuria crossed the Mutaunkiang river and captured a town of the same name 170 miles southeast of Harbin.

To the northeast, the second Red banner army advanced 25 to 31 miles south along both flanks of the Sungari river.

It captured the railway junction of Hingshanchen, 40 miles south of the Amur river and 211 miles north of Harbin.

In Korea, Soviet Pacific fleet marines captured the naval base of Seishin, 56 miles south of the Soviet border.

Peace Holiday Report Corrected

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—The White House today retracted a statement that this day and Thursday are legal holidays and explained that President Truman merely intended to excuse government employees for this period.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross said Wednesday night's statement which held the import of creating two legal holidays for purposes of overtime pay was issued in error. Ross said in a statement.

"Today is not V-J Day nor is tomorrow. As the President stated yesterday 'The proclamation of V-J Day must wait upon the formal signing of the surrender terms by Japan.'"

"Therefore the executive order does not apply in any way to Aug. 15 and 16. Aug. 15 and 16 are not intended to be legal holidays. The President merely excused government employees from work on those two days."

"The executive order will be applicable on V-J day when it is proclaimed. Before that date the secretary of labor will issue a clarifying statement as to its effect."

The executive order that Ross referred to was a decision by Mr. Truman to grant a holiday to war workers with pay when the war is at an official end. It is intended that this will be done when V-J day is formally proclaimed.

Prior to today's clarification, it was generally taken for granted that most war workers would have a two-day layoff—with pay—along with the government workers whom Mr. Truman excused from working.

Army Bill Slashed 23 Billions

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—A 23 1/2-billion-dollar-a-year cut in procurement of munitions and supplies was announced today by the War department.

The department said that as soon as President Truman announced the Japanese surrender Tuesday night, telegrams went out to prime contractors notifying them of cutbacks reducing Army procurement from \$2,400,000,000 to 435 millions a month.

Of the procurement which is continuing, the department announced, 268 millions monthly represents food purchases.

Reduction of most types of weapons and equipment has been halted entirely. Those which are still being manufactured on a "limited basis" are primarily experimental items.

Further reductions will be made as the Army is demobilized, the department said.

The percentage cut-backs by item will follow:

Aircraft, 94 per cent; artillery and tanks, 98; ammunition, all types, 98; construction equipment, including tractors and bridging equipment, 100; medical supplies, including drugs, pharmaceuticals, hospital equipment and supplies, 50; food, 20; clothing and equiptage, including shoes and textile items, 75; locomotives and railroad cars, 100; telephone and telegraph equipment, 100; radio and radar equipment, 80; tires, 100; and gasoline, 44.

Death Stand' Nips On Luzon Kill Yank

MANILA (U.P.)—One American was killed today in a sharp skirmish with counterattacking Japanese holed up in the Caraballo mountains of northern Luzon.

The fight, between 32 division troops and followers of Gen. Yamashita, occurred west of Kiang-an where Yamashita's has been making a death stand.

The skirmish raised again the question of whether isolated bands of Japanese would observe the surrender order. American troops already had been instructed by their commanders to refrain from aggressive tactics to avoid casualties.

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One-Day Victory Celebration For St. Paul Follows Surrender Night's Blow Off

Tuesday night was filled with impromptu celebrations of the end of the war but today and Thursday were set aside by President Truman for a more sober evaluation of what is to come.

Governor Thye and Mayor McDonough, while agreeing that the President might have something with his two-day celebration, announced that "only one day had been agreed on and that day is today." So state and city workers must return to work Thursday while government workers will remain away from work.

St. Paul's biggest event today is to be the parade through the loop, starting at 1 p. m. C. N. Toomey, general chairman of parade arrangements, began his work by telephone before he had his breakfast when his first reservation for space came from "a car of women who want to ride."

Then in rapid succession came the requests from other large organizations and small bands and drum corps, marching groups organized for Winter carnival affairs, civic and getting groups, all intent on getting into the line of march that is to follow the usual route.

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—OPA today announced immediate termination of the rationing of gasoline, canned fruits and vegetables, fuel oil and oil stoves.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles said that meats, fats and oils, butter, sugar, shoes and tires will stay on the ration list "until military cutbacks and increased production brings civilian supplies more nearly in balance with civilian demand."

"Nobody is any happier than we in OPA," Bowles said, "that as far as gasoline is concerned, the day is finally here when we can drive our cars wherever we please, when we please and as much as we please."

The OPA chief said "right now it's impossible" to estimate when other commodities can be removed from rationing. He added:

"It certainly can't come too soon as far as we are concerned. You can be sure that the other items will go off the list the minute we hear that supplies are anywhere near big enough to go around."

Gasoline rationing began in the East May 15, 1942, and was extended throughout the nation Dec. 1, 1942.

The canned fruits and vegetables program began in March, 1943, while fuel oil rationing came to the East in October, 1942, and to the rest of the nation in March, 1943.

Bowles said that while immediate removal of several major civilian commodities from rationing may mean local shortages for a while, "the supply agencies assure us that the return to normal channels of distribution will take care of these trouble spots promptly."

As far as the OPA was concerned, the rationing of gasoline, canned fruits and vegetables and oil stoves ended when the announcement was placed in reporters' hands shortly after 11 a. m. today.

No attempt will be made to notify each filling station operator and grocer.

"When he reads it in his newspaper or hears it on his radio, that's it," an official said.

All field offices, however, will be notified officially. This is to enable them to answer questions, rather than to carry out the end of rationing.

The formal order already has been signed by Price Administrator Bowles and it will be printed in the federal register. That is the only formality, and OPA said the order is legal even in advance of its publication.

M'ARTHUR ORDERS JAP FORCES TO END FIGHTING AT ONCE

By WILLIAM C. WILSON
MANILA (U.P.)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, taking over as Allied supreme commander, ordered Japan to cease hostilities immediately and send a "competent representative" to Manila to receive surrender terms.

MacArthur already has established radio communication with Emperor Hirohito and the Japanese government, a spokesman revealed.

Allied forces throughout the Pacific and Far East will be directed to cease hostilities only after the enemy has complied with similar orders, MacArthur said in a radio message to Tokyo.

Allied forces already have been ordered to cease offensive operations but no formal order to cease all fire has been issued.

MacArthur ordered that, weather permitting, the Japanese representative and advisers from the Japanese army, navy and air force fly from the southern tip of Kyushu to an Allied airfield on Ie island, just west of Okinawa, on Friday between 8 and 11 a. m. (Tokyo time) and 9 p. m. (Thursday, St. Paul time).

From Ie, the Japanese delegation will be taken to Manila in

Kamikazes Defy Truce, Crash Island

OKINAWA (U.P.)—A pair of bomb carrying Kamikaze suicide planes crashed into Itha island, 30 miles north of Okinawa tonight, injuring at least two American garrison troops in a futile raid which left Okinawa fuming with fury.

The raid came twelve hours after President Truman's announcement of Japan's surrender was made known. It caused a two-hour blackout alert over Okinawa and nearby islands.

The alert, following by hours General MacArthur's communique declaring "offensive action in all sectors has been halted", stunned Okinawa troops. They thought that at last they would be able to see a movie or play cards uninterrupted by enemy air action.

GI's muttered vivid impressions over Japan's integrity. The Kamikaze planes, something rare at Okinawa since the large scale raids during the campaign for the island, flew in under a bright moonlight about 8 p. m. to strike the astounding blow.

Raids on Okinawa in the past two months have been chiefly high altitude reconnaissance and bombing missions aimed at shipping and airfields. They have caused almost nightly alerts. No Kamikaze attacks, however, had been launched for many weeks.



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No Lengthy Periods Of Unemployment, Snyder Declares

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—Reconversion Director John W. Snyder said today that sudden ending of most of the nation's war contracts will cause "an immediate and large dislocation of our economy" with sharp but temporary unemployment.

Parliament Sits; Reforms Asked

LONDON (U.P.)—Britain's new Labor government called formally for state ownership of the Bank of England and nationalization of the coal-mining industry today as King George opened the new Parliament.

Outlining the Labor government's program, the king said peacetime legislative powers would be sought "to insure the right use of our commercial and industrial resources and the distribution and fair prices of essential supplies and services."

As Britain hailed the return of peace amid scenes of unprecedented, tumultuous elation, her hereditary ruler said that "bringing relief to those who have suffered under Japanese tyranny and disarmament and control of the enemy will continue to impose heavy demands on my forces."

Then he turned directly to the problems and projects confronting the new government in the period of transition from war to peace.

Although the voice was that of the king, the words were those of Prime Minister Clement Attlee, for precedent rules that the premier prepares the speech for the opening of Parliament and the king presents it.

The new government promised:

1. Orderly release of those

'Quit Fighting At Once', Chiang Said To Tell Japs

SAN FRANCISCO (INS)—Chungking radio declared today that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has sent a message to Gen. Yessuji Okamura, supreme commander of Japanese forces in China, ordering him to "cease hostilities immediately."