

Minnesota Weather
Mostly cloudy with moderate temperatures Tuesday. Occasional showers in extreme east Tuesday night.

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JAP SURRENDER REPORTED

Jap Suicide Planes Attack Halsey's Fleet

Reds Capture Rail City In Flank Drive

By-Pass Strong Jap Position in 120-Mile Thrust in Manchuria

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By BRUCE W. MUNN LONDON—(U.P.)—A powerful combined force of Russian tanks and Mongol horsemen has advanced more than 120 miles across the waterless wastes of western Manchuria to capture the rail city of Wangyehmia, 220 miles west of Harbin, in one of the great surprise assaults of the five-day-old Manchurian war, Moscow disclosed Monday night.

The new Russian offensive burst out of the Nomonhan area of Outer Mongolia, by-passed the heavily fortified Japanese railroad at Wenchuan and smashed the enemy with a flanking attack along the Korean-Mongolian railway.

The drive cut the railroad 65 miles southeast of Wenchuan at Solun and swept on another 60 miles to take Wangyehmia, completely outflanking the Khingan mountains and the ancient Manchurian wall to the north. The assault was made by (Please Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

13 Dead, 52 Injured In Blast And Fire In Detroit Plant



Bodies are removed from the Export Box & Sealer Co., in Detroit, Mich., where an explosion killed thirteen and injured 52 Monday.—AP WIREPHOTO.

DETROIT—(P)—A sudden fire, sweeping through a Detroit box factory Monday, brought death to eleven 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 ave. and Fifteenth st. 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 and were listening to a juke box.

Thye And Mayors To Meet Saturday

Mayors of St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth will meet with Gov. Thye Saturday morning to formulate a program to speedily effect reconversion from wartime to peacetime activity, in anticipation of the prompt end of the Japanese war. The governor also has asked C. C. Ludwig, executive secretary of the League of Minnesota Municipalities, to attend the conference, which follows on the heels of a preliminary meeting Monday to map the agenda for another session with the governor Aug. 20 to discuss post-war plans.

Mayor McDonough of St. Paul, Mayor Humphrey of Minneapolis and Mayor George W. Johnson of Duluth have been asked to attend. Heads of the Minnesota Resources commission, Minnesota Post-war Planning council, Northwest Research committee and Committee on Economic Development, met with Gov. Thye and representatives of various state and federal agencies in the Minnesota club Monday noon to plan the program for the Aug. 20 convocation.

At the meeting, Gov. 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.

"During the war" the governor said, "unemployment virtually disappeared, with all of its attendant problems, such as relief, made-work problems and large numbers of persons receiving compensation. Millions of Americans have enjoyed a better standard of living during the war than ever before in their lives. Consequently, it is imperative that job opportunities be available for our returning war veterans and discharged war workers which will insure an adequate standard of living for them and their dependents."

German PW Wearing Reich Uniform Nabbed

MEMPHIS—(P)—A German paratrooper, wearing his military uniform complete with the Swastika and German eagle, was arrested on Main street Monday. The prisoner gave his name as Sgt. Heinz Heimman and said he escaped from the prisoner of war camp at Crawfordville, Ark. He said he wanted to see the city but was afraid to fear his army clothes for fear he would be shot as a spy.

Carrier And Cruiser Hit, Nips Report

Yanks Blast Radar Factory In Capital, Down 138 Foe Fliers

FROM LATE DISPATCHES Tokyo said Japanese kamikaze "suicide" planes are attacking the U. S. Third Fleet only 25 miles off eastern Honshu today after Adm. Halsey's carrier aircraft ripped up a vital radar plant in Tokyo Monday and destroyed or damaged 138 planes despite earlier futile aerial assaults against the naval force.

Enemy broadcasts said the special attack corps were attacking the Third fleet at 12:30 p. m. today (Tokyo time). An imperial headquarters communique earlier had claimed that the fleet was 25 miles east of the Honshu coast, in the Kashima sea, which would place it within 80 miles of Tokyo. The enemy asserted that one Allied aircraft carrier and a cruiser had been damaged during Japanese air raids Monday.

Suicidal enemy planes attacked the Allied fleet in what might be one final, furious banal charge before Tokyo signals for peace in the Pacific.

Tokyo said the fleet's renewed assaults might preclude invasion in "the near future," that more than 400 ships crowd waters around Okinawa and that land forces on this island dagger point thrust closest to Japan have been "drastically increased" by troops from the Philippines.

More than 600 land-based bombers and fighters—the greatest armada ever sent out by the Far East Air Forces—destroyed or damaged 43 Japanese vessels, including a cruiser, during a heavy attack on shipping and rail facilities at Kyushu island (Please Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Farm Chiefs Set 4-Point Price Plan

By ALFRED D. STEEDMAN Farm leaders of the Midwest held the U. S. government responsible for preventing a slump in farm prices, in statements to the Pioneer Press Monday. These leaders are convinced that only aggressive government action can make its guarantee to maintain farm prices at 90 per cent of parity for two years after the war emergency protect the farmers effectively. Absolute unanimity on both these points by executives of the general farm organizations and of the farmers' cooperatives was revealed by the Pioneer Press interview. Here are specific steps advocated by spokesmen of one or more farm organizations to do the job:

1. Upward revision of the parity price level for dairy and livestock products. Unless this is done, a return to 80 per cent of parity from present price levels will mean substantial drops in prices of these products.
 2. Rapid step-up in purchases of American food, especially cereals, by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. This is urged to avert wheat surpluses in the United States and starvation in Europe.
 3. Consolidation of overlapping bureaus in the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This is expected very soon in an administration order by Secretary Anderson.
 4. Later, for long-time use, development of improved national program for agriculture.
- National leaders of one farm organization, the National Farmers Union, who are in St. Paul for a directors meeting, urge that price ceilings be maintained during the reconversion period. They advocate this to protect (Please Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Motorcycle Hits 2 Trees; Two Injured

A man and a woman were injured Monday afternoon when a motorcycle on which they were riding jumped a curb on the curve in Como Blvd. near Victoria and crashed into two trees. The victims were Walter J. Morton, 29 years old, 1904 St. Anthony ave., a recently released overseas veteran, and Mrs. Edith Kopschke, 27, of 459 Fuller ave. The motorcycle, driven by Morton, failed to make the curve and plowed into a tree 50 feet beyond the curb and then smashed into another 30 feet farther on, throwing Mrs. Kopschke, who was on the rear seat, 50 feet. Morton suffered a fractured right collarbone, right arm and right leg, and Mrs. Kopschke multiple bruises and possible internal injuries. Both were taken to Northern Pacific hospital.

Adolf May Be Alive In Reich, Brits Say

With BRITISH FORCES IN GERMANY—(P)—Those British staff officers who lend credence to stories that Adolf Hitler may still be alive believe it most likely he would be in Germany, possibly in the Schleswig-Holstein area with bogus army papers awaiting normal discharge as a technical or farm worker. They say that if he is alive he most likely would have altered drastically his appearance and would try to slip out with false papers expertly prepared by forgers. British authorities now have information that a large-scale Nazi program of producing false army papers was carried out in the last days of the Third Reich. A gift to give or a gift to keep—at Schneider's Gift Shop, 64 E. Sixth st.—Adv.

Gov. Warren Refuses Hiram Johnson's Post

SAN FRANCISCO—(P)—Gov. Earl Warren said at a press conference here Monday he will not resign to be named United States senator but that he probably will name the appointee today at a press conference in Los Angeles.

Mother Pleads By Phone For Baby She Left Here

By ELLIOTT TARBELL "A young mother pleaded over long distance telephone with the Pioneer Press Monday night to help her regain her baby whom she said she abandoned in the St. Paul Union depot June 20. Only a sudden infant, caused by belief the infant, then less than a month old, was dead, caused her to flee and leave it in the arms of another at the station, she said. The young mother is Mrs. Boyd Blevins, 18 years old, now employed in the Grand Trunk luncheon room at Durand, Mich. Called over long distance by this reporter, she told him the story in anxious, broken phrases. "IS MY BABY REALLY ALIVE?" she cried, not even answering the first question as to whether she had written a letter received by the St. Paul city clerk Monday, saying she was the twin sister of the dead mother of the child. "Then it really is you who are the baby's mother?" she was asked. "Yes, I am—how can I get my baby back?" The voice was high-pitched, pleading. "And it was you, then, who left the baby in the station?" "I only did it because I thought she was dead—several people on the train told me she (Please Turn to Page 3, Col. 2)

B-29's Strike To Prod Nips On Surrender

GUAM—(U.P.)—Three fleets of Super fortresses struck at Japan today for the first time in four days, blasting the vital Marifu railroad yards 22 miles west of devastated Hiroshima on the main home island of Honshu. The renewed superfortress assaults on the bomb-blasted Japanese home island ARE CONTINUING, Gen. Spaatz, strategic air forces chief, announced.

After four days of peace negotiations between Japan and Allied powers, the B-29's winged over Honshu in a heavy demolition-bomb attack believed designed to PRODUCE THE ENEMY INTO ACCEPTING BIG FOUR SURRENDER TERMS. The Superfortresses are giving the Japanese a taste of what they may expect, in the event Japan should refuse peace.

Marifu lies on Hiroshima bay, an arm of the inland sea. The vital rail yards are near Iwakani and are on the main railroad link between Shimonoski and Kobe. The line passes through strategic industrial centers Fukuyama, Okayama, Kaitachi and Kakegawa.

De Gaulle To Visit Truman In Week

By R. H. SHACKFORD WASHINGTON—(U.P.)—French provisional president Gen. Charles De Gaulle will arrive here Aug. 22 to discuss with President Truman France's future role in the Far East and plans of the big powers for western Germany. It will be De Gaulle's second visit to Washington. A year ago last month his talks here with President Roosevelt resulted in U. S. recognition of the French provisional government.

The White House made the formal announcement of the De Gaulle visit Monday night. It had been planned ever since Mr. Truman became chief executive but the time was left for "when circumstances permitted."

Original plans for the Truman-De Gaulle meeting were made last May when French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault conferred with Mr. Truman on his way back to Paris from the San Francisco area.

1. What role will France play in the future of the Far East now that Japan is ready to quit?
2. Does the United States intend to keep its air and naval base at Noumea, on New Caledonia island, and maybe seek others in liberated French territory?
3. Will the United States, Britain, Russia and China let France sit in on the actual Japanese surrender?
4. What are the Big Four plans for western Germany—a territory which was not mentioned in the Potsdam communiqué?
5. What sort of economic and financial help is the United States prepared to offer France for reconstruction and rehabilitation?

Million Reward For Hitler Planned

POPLARVILLE, MISS.—(P)—Senator Bilbo said Monday he will introduce a measure in Congress when it reconvenes offering a million-dollar reward to anyone capturing Hitler alive. "I don't believe Hitler is dead. I feel he should be captured, tried and shot as a war criminal. However, if there are any folks who object, if they will let me know I will be glad to pay their share of the million," he said. When QUALITY comes FIRST... Come first to Silver Jewelers, 14 W. 7th St.—Adv.

Potsdam Edict Accepted, Says Tokyo Radio

WASHINGTON—(U.P.)—The Japanese Domei agency said early today that the Japanese government has accepted the Allied surrender formula embodied in the note dispatched to Tokyo by the United States.

The broadcast was recorded by the FCC. "It is learned that an imperial message accepting the Potsdam proclamation is forthcoming soon," the English language wireless dispatch said, as directed to the American zone. The Domei dispatch was transmitted at 1:49 a. m. EWT.

Earlier the Tokyo radio had said that an imperial message accepting the Potsdam declaration was forthcoming soon. The Tokyo flash said: "Flash—Tokyo—148 learned imperial message accepting Potsdam proclamation forthcoming soon."

The broadcast was recorded by United Press in San Francisco. The fateful announcement came at 2:49 p. m. Tuesday, Tokyo time—90 hours, 19 minutes after Tokyo radio first broadcast Japan's surrender offer.

It came 63 hours and 49 minutes after United States Secretary of State Byrnes replied to the Japanese government with the stipulation that the emperor must be subservient to the Allied supreme commander. Tokyo reported Japan's decision to accept the Potsdam surrender proposal only 22 minutes after it was announced that the cabinet had been deliberating the Allied terms throughout Monday.

The Domei flash was repeated twice after the first sudden announcement. The earlier announcement, strongly suggesting that the decision would be told soon to a waiting world, follows: "Immediately upon receipt of the Allied reply Monday, the Japanese government started deliberations upon its terms, which as a Reuters diplomatic correspondent points out, 'created a very serious problem' for the Japanese people. 'The cabinet has been in continuous session until late Monday night. It is understood the Japanese government's reply probably will be available any time as soon as legal procedure is completed.'"

As of midnight Monday—82½ hours after the terms were transmitted—the White House still had not received an answer. This and other Allied capitals went right ahead with plans for victory and for meeting the inevitable great problems to follow. President Truman retired at 10:30 p. m., apparently convinced there would be no further developments on the Japanese surrender situation before morning. Repeating Sunday night's schedule, the White House arranged to stay on the alert until midnight, then open up shop again at 9 a. m. today. In Bern, the Swiss foreign office established an all-night watch. A foreign office spokesman said "We will transmit it to Washington in the middle of the night if it comes."

King George To Open Parliament Wednesday

LONDON—(P)—Parliament Wednesday will have its first ceremonial opening since before the war. King George VI is scheduled to begin the brilliant proceeding at 6 a. m., Eastern War time, with a speech from the throne in the House of Lords. There was hope that for the first time in six years the session may begin with the world at peace, giving Prime Minister Attlee's Labor government an opportunity to turn at once to the great problems of reconstruction. The ancient spectacle will get under way at 5:26 a. m., Eastern War time, when the crown will be driven to Westminster in an automobile escorted by four troopers of the royal cavalry. The troopers will be mounted on motorcycles this year instead of horses as in the past. The royal procession will leave Buckingham palace twenty minutes later. An escort of the household cavalry—611 in all—will escort their majesties, but instead of the scarlet tunics and shining breastplates of former years they will wear khaki battle dress. The house will meet Thursday and Friday and probably four days next week. Cushing & Driscoll, Realtors, Managers of Property. Listings for sale or rent solicited.—Adv.

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