Ultimatum Issued To Japan To Quit Or Be Destroyed

Carnera Happy

Big Primo Carnera is well and happy in his $100,000 home in Italy, despite all the hardships his country has gone through in the past few years. Former News Sportswriter Dan Poller, now an overseas correspondent for Yank, the Army Weekly, tells the big man's story on the sports page today.

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CHURCHILL RESIGNS AS GOVERNMENT DEFEATED

Signs In The Pacific

Embattled Japan Shows Marked Interest In Peace

By JAMES D. WHITE

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Japan backed against the ropes in a fight she started some time back, today spoke of quitting the war as a definite possibility.

This is the central fact which observers are able to pick out of the Tokyo radio's startling broadcast today urging the United States to take a more lenient attitude about this business of peace.

The appeal was carefully hedged about with qualifications which fitted it neatly into Tokyo's usual propaganda line. Nevertheless it gave the impression that Japan would be definitely interested in peace if only the unconditional surrender formula could be softened.

The broadcast, heard by the Federal Communications, came on the heels of the most disastrous two weeks the empire has undergone.

Mammoth Superfort raids, paralyzing land-based aerial strikes from Okinawa, and the great fleet bombardments and carrier attacks since July 10 have ripped the empire from stem to stern and further mangled the Japanese war machine in China and elsewhere.

So much so that rather today Tokyo radio agreed with Admiral Halsey that American sea and air power indeed had opened the pre-invasion phase of warfare against the Japanese homeland.

The Japanese peace feelers said their leaders are no problem because a "liberal America" and Japan and claimed that a liberal America has never given consideration for Japanese militarists to use her as a tool of unconditional surrender.

The implication is that America is not now "liberal" and that the unconditional surrender formula is an outgrowth of the lack of what the Japanese consider liberality.

In short, this Japanese attempt at friend to make out such a hard proposition that the Japanese people are more determined than ever to unite and resist as a united mass of 100 million souls and will so continue as long as American minds remain dictatorial and oppressive, declared the Japanese communication.

"Should America show any sincerity of putting into practice what she preaches as to the Atlantic Charter, excepting the punitive clause, the Japanese nation in fact the Japanese military would automatically, if not willingly, covered words missing follow in the stopping of the conflict and then and then only.

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Nip Warships Blasted

Fleet Deploying For Next Strike

By HAMILTON W. FARON

GUAM—(AP)—The taunting U. S. Third Fleet which smashed 24 Japanese warships in the 17 days it has made the home waters of Nippon its own, moved menacingly off the Mikado's islands today, deploying for its next blows at the enemy's stunned cities and shattered ships.

As Admiral Halsey pulled back to sea for a breather there was no indication that he intended to let up in his steady pounding of war plants, coastal defenses, airfields and the remnants of the Japanese Fleet.

Halsey continued to move his ships about the enemy home waters as he chose with no resistance on the sea. The Nippon navy hastily pecked up a little in the air but the few planes it put aloft were almost lost among the Allied hundreds. Nineteen were shot down.

SITTING DUCKS

Latest reports on Tuesday's strike indicated that enemy warships caught like sitting ducks at Kure naval base probably would be on the repair list for long period.

Rocked as hit by torpedoes, bombs and bullets from 1,200 carrier-based planes that damaged them from "heavily" to "slightly" were twenty warships, including six aircraft carriers, three battleships and five cruisers.

British planes probably sank an escort carrier of the Kaiko class and damaged an old destroyer.

The bag of enemy vessels was

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U. S. Policy Unchanged

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Acting Secretary of State Grew declared today that the policy of this Government toward ending the war with Japan remains unconditional surrender—regardless of the latest enemy peace-feelers.

Grew was asked for comment on the enemy broadcast last night in which the Japanese in effect begged for more lenient terms of surrender.

Through his press officer, Grew replied that he had no comment to make directly on the broadcast but that his July 10 statement reiterating the United States Government's position still stands.

NO COMPROMISE

In that statement he repeated previous warnings against what he called a compromise peace with Japan no matter how alluring such a peace may be or how dangerous we may become of ending this terrible conflict.

He also declared in that statement:

"Japanese militarism must and will be crushed. The policy of this Government has been, is, and will continue to be unconditional surrender."

To this he added that such a policy does not mean destruction or enslavement of the Japanese people.

Tokyo Radio's bid for a soft peace found universal rejection among Congressmen but provoked some demands that the United States fix more exact terms for a Japanese surrender.

Democrats and Republicans alike said there ought to be no temporizing with the Japanese on the

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B-29's Drop Fire Bombs

By AL DOPKING

GUAM—Friday—(AP)—A 881 fleet of more than 300 Superfortresses dropped more than 2,200 tons of fire bombs today on three industrial cities scattered over three Japanese islands of Japan.

Splitting into three task forces the Superforts in the early morning darkness soared in at medium altitude and showered their incendiaries on these three priority targets.

Omuta one of the Empire's most important chemical centers on the southernmost island of Kyushu.

Matsuyama, important port city on the western shores of the neighboring island of Shikoku.

Takayama, another chemical center as well as refining city on the main home island of Honshu.

It was the third time this week that the silvery giants of the sky had paid devastating respects to the enemy homeland.

America, Britain & China Act

Issue Joint Proclamation

POTSDAM —(AP)— The United States, Britain and China tonight issued a joint proclamation to Japan to cease resistance or see its homeland utterly destroyed.

(It said that President Truman, Premier Churchill and President Chiang Kai Shek had conferred "and agreed that Japan shall be given an opportunity to end this war.")

(The broadcast said the leaders of the three powers have issued an eight-point declaration to the Japanese people to desert their leaders and give in against the "prodigious power" arrayed against Japan.

(One point of the proclamation, the radio account said, demanded that "Japan must accept unconditional surrender now.")

South Hit By Shocks

(Local Story on Second Front)

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

A slight but well-defined earth tremor shook thousands of Carolinians into an early awakening today but did no damage of consequence.

Dishes danced on their shelves, the walls of buildings rattled, and a few chimneys were reported cracked as the earth swayed to the accompaniment of a rumbling sound for about a minute at about 6.30 A. M.

Newspapers were swamped with telephone calls seeking information from residents who were jarred out of their slumbers.

The shock was reported generally from points in upper South Carolina, and extended into the fringes of Georgia and North Carolina.

Reports from various points:

Greenville: Shocks lasting about ten seconds felt at 6.30 well-defined and accompanied by rumbling sound. No tangible damage.

Spartanburg: Windows rattled, many housewives aroused.

Anderson: Buildings jarred, many awakened, pictures shaken from walls.

Columbia: Buildings shaken, chimney reported to have fallen.

Camden: Dishes danced and rattled, some chimneys reported cracked.

Lancaster: Dishes rattled, tremor accompanied by roaring sound.

Sumter: Shock felt for about 45 seconds, shaking houses.

Rimberg: Deep rumbling sound in the distance accompanied tremor which rattled windows slightly.

Charlotte: Thousands awakened by tremor. Buildings rattled.

Augusta: Suburban residents said houses vibrated, dishes and windows rattled downtown.

Aiken and Langley, S. C., and Blythe and Hephzibah, Ga., in the Augusta area, reported feeling the tremor.

Mecklenburg's Casualties

Stories Inside

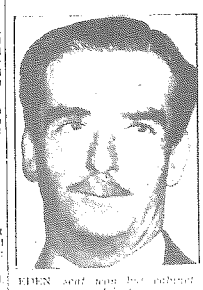
MISSING

T. Sgt. James R. Byars

WINSTON CHURCHILL
His Government Thrown Out

ATTLEE—*New Prime Minister*

BEVIN—*probable Foreign Secretary*



EDEN *sent home for cabinet post too*

MORRISON *may be chancellor of Exchequer*

British Shakeup

Bevin Expected To Succeed Eden

By W. W. HERCHER

LONDON (AP) At least 20 leaders of the Labor Party gained Cabinet stature today in their overwhelming victories in the general election. Foremost, of course, was the quiet, determined head of the party, Clement R. Attlee, who will succeed Winston Churchill as Prime Minister.

The next name on many lips is that of Ernest Bevin, which has been Minister of Labor in the wartime Cabinet and who probably will succeed Anthony Eden as Foreign Secretary if his health permits. Bevin had the extraordinary task of marshalling the country's manpower during the war in Britain.

DALTON MENTIONED

Hugh Dalton, president of the Board of Trade in the Churchill Cabinet and has been mentioned for the Foreign Office, but it remains to be seen. Dalton is a brilliant economist.

Herbert Morrison has been mentioned for the Exchequer. The chief job he is doing is Home Secretary and was reelected in his London seat.

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Labor Party's Clement Attlee Made Premier

Churchill Wins Own Seat But Leftist Tidal Wave Engulfs Conservatives

LONDON—(AP)—King George VI tonight commissioned Clement R. Attlee to form a new Labor Government.

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Winston Churchill designed tonight as Prime Minister in the wake of a voting tabulation which showed the strongly socialistic Labor Party had won a 2 to 1 landslide over Churchill's Conservatives in the July 5 election.

Clement R. Attlee, who spearheaded the Labor Party triumph in the first general election Britain has had in ten years, was due to succeed Churchill.

LABOR WINS 381 SEATS

The count showed the Laborites had won 381 seats in the 640-seat House of Commons, to the Conservatives' 193, as the wartime leader presented his resignation at Buckingham Palace.

King George VI immediately accepted the resignation of the 70-year-old statesman.

Churchill went to Buckingham Palace at 7 P. M. (2 P. M., Eastern War Time).

Churchill gave his last V-sign as Premier when he drove through the palace gate, sitting alone in the back seat of his automobile. His grave face was broken by a brief smile for a little crowd which greeted him as the sentries saluted.

Attlee faces twin tasks of leading Britain's part of the war on Japan and reconstructing this war-torn nation under a program that calls for nationalization of much of its industry.

Britons had their first chance in ten years to vote in a general election July 5 and they veered strongly to the left, defeating 27 members of Churchill's "caretaker" government but reselecting Churchill himself and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden to their own constituencies. While Eden will no longer be Foreign Minister, few changes in Britain's foreign policy are expected. Attlee has been attending the Potsdam conference and probably will return there tomorrow.

The British Press Association noted Labor gains were the most astounding and significant of the century. There were many efforts to explain the upset, one of the most prominent being that people were tired of wartime restrictions and eager for a change.

Attlee served until June 15 as Deputy Prime Minister in Churchill's wartime coalition Government. He resigned then to call early elections to implement the policy of the Labor Party.

For the first time in the history of the country that Labor polled a majority of all votes cast, commented

[illegible] for "co-operation [illegible] other nations, particularly Great Britain, the United States, Russia and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."

These clever clever people of the Conservative Central Office with Mr Churchill and his political aprons have proved much too clever. The 63-year-old Laborite said. "The country however has been wise and sound in its outlook."

The business of the Labor Government will be bold, determined sound and sensible to carry through their program. We have a combination of boldness and good sense."

[illegible] Labor Party pledged itself in this manifesto to support a program of nationalization of heavy industries, including mines and the Bank of England.

The first thing Attlee and his party [illegible] to do was to take over the government. Some of the nationalization measures including the iron and steel industry and all forms of insurance.

"Which monopoly gets into **the hands of a few men, then the only safe monopoly is a monopoly of the community," Attlee has declared.**

He has promised political liberty for India "if they can achieve it for themselves" and he has declared for the closest possible relations with the United States and Russia.

There has been little outward difference of opinion between the Labor and Conservative parties on foreign policy, as shown by Attlee's willingness to accompany Churchill to Potsdam. The Laborites did challenge Britain's position in Greece.

Charlotte Returnee

By special arrangement with the Associated Press, The News today is publishing the names of Charlotte Army men returning from overseas. The list is compiled by the AP from an advance passengers list of the returning troops and the AP advises that it is not a corrected list as of the date the ship docked in New York. The New York Port Authority suggests that relatives or friends of those listed should not contact the Port for further information, as such information is not available. Nor does The News have additional information.

Charlotte men listed as scheduled to arrive in New York today are:

Cpl John Bayne, 145 Brevard St.

Man-In-The-Pub's Idea

'Winnie' Should Have Walked Off Stage Right After V-E Day

By GLENN WILLIAMS

LONDON — (AP) — The general reaction of London's man-in-the-pub to the election returns today was admiration of the Labor victory, but regret for the blow to Prime Minister Churchill.

"Well, Old Winnie is out and that's a shame that's summed up the sentiment of them who'll get plenty all right."

A tall man in a black derby said Churchill whose stubby and tam-jutted "V" sign were whiplash and symbol of the British war effort would need more [illegible] for his "that and walked out on V-E day."

"He'd done his job well and might have gotten out gracefully," the tall man commented.

A pale barmaid came up to [illegible] affected but not bitter for a fat man on the other side of the room who was loudly celebrating the Labor Party victory.

"We showed the blasted Tories," he said.

"Yes, you showed them," retorted the barmaid. "After poor Mr Churchill took us all through the war, you showed him. Go."

"Too bad about Old Winnie, of course," the fat man rebuked. "But he couldn't have whipped Hitler alone, you know. It took a little help from the rest of us and all that, and he had bitter parties in his war cabinet."

When the mid-afternoon closing hour came the barmaid said: "Come along now. Get to close up. You know, and all this argument is today no good to anybody. It makes no difference who won. Well, get along like we always have."

But another worker added: "Poor Old Winnie. I bet he could stand a double scotch right now."

Charlotte Weather

Partly cloudy, not much change in temperature today and tonight with afternoon and evening thundershowers tonight and tomorrow.

Temperature at 2:30 Today [illegible]
High & Low Last 24 Hours 86 [illegible]
Sunset Today [illegible]
Sunrise Tomorrow [illegible]