

Japs Surrender Offer Conditionally Accepted

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surrender terms necessary to carry out the provisions of the Potsdam Declaration."

In line with the Potsdam Declaration, the four governments specified that the Japanese people must be permitted ultimately to choose their form of government.

MILLION OCCUPATION TROOPS

The Allied demand for occupation of Japan presaged immediate movement of upwards of a million American troops into the Japanese home islands if the surrender terms are accepted.

The reference made by the Allied powers to the Potsdam ultimatum reaffirmed their proposals to dismember the Japanese empire.

Under the terms of this declaration, Japan would lose all of the islands it has seized or occupied since the beginning of World War I in 1914.

Manchuria would be returned to China. Korea in due course would become a free and independent state.

In their message offering surrender, the Japanese had expressed hope that the understanding that the Emperor should remain "as a sovereign ruler" was warranted. They specified a wish that "an explicit indication to that effect will be speedily forthcoming."

The counter offer of the Allies did not give any assurance that the Emperor would be a "sovereign" ruler. It proposed, in effect, that the Allied Supreme Commander should be substituted for the Japanese military leaders who have actually directed the government of Japan through the Emperor.

WONT MAKE POLICY

Observers said that if the Japanese accept the Allied proposal the supreme commander instead of the Japanese militarists will lay his orders before the Emperor for the latter's formal signature. It was made plain, however, that the Emperor himself will have nothing to do with policy making so long as the Allies retain control of the country.

The reference in the Allied document to "the supreme commander of the allied powers" indicated a plan for placing one military leader at the top of the Allied military set-up occupying Japan and directing its activities. This would differ from German occupation where an Allied control commission representing the five powers rules that country.

There was no indication here immediately whether American officials believe the Japanese might accept the terms.

If these terms are not acceptable, it is regarded as doubtful here that any further compromises will be forthcoming. The Allied proposal thus took on, in speculation at least, the aspects of a final ultimatum.

The communication to the Japanese was delivered to the Swiss Legation at Woodstock, Wallner, Foreign Service officer for the State Department.

EARLY MORNING FALLS. As the British Ambassador stood by in London, President Truman held an early morning discussion with Secretary Byrnes, then went to the State Department and talked with Chairman Connally, Democrat, Texas, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Connally told reporters the Allied proposal was "acceptable" to him although he said he did not know how it would be received generally in Congress. Congressional opinion has been sharply divided on the question of keeping an Emperor on the throne.

U. S. Statement

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Following is the text of the statement by Secretary of State Byrnes to Max Gramsci, chargé d'affaires ad interim of the Soviet Union, relative to the Japanese surrender terms:

"I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your note of Aug. 9, 1945, in which you informed me that the President of the United States has accepted my note to send to you for transmission to the Japanese Government, setting forth the terms of the unconditional surrender of the Empire of Japan, and that the Government of the Soviet Union has accepted those terms."

"The Japanese Government has agreed to the terms of the Potsdam Declaration, and has accepted them, and I have directed that they be transmitted to the Japanese Government."

"From the moment of surrender the authority of the Emperor and the Japanese Government to rule the state shall be placed to the Supreme Commander of the Allied powers who will take such steps as he deems proper to execute the surrender terms."

"The Emperor will be required to authorize and ensure the signature by the government of Japan and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters of the surrender terms necessary to carry out the provisions of the Potsdam Declaration, and shall issue his commands to all the Japanese military, naval and air authorities to hand over to all of the forces under their control wherever located to cease active operations and to surrender their arms, and to issue such other orders as Supreme Commander may require to give effect to the surrender terms."

"Immediately upon the surrender the Japanese Government shall transport prisoners of war and civilian internees to places of safety, as directed, where they can quickly be placed aboard Allied transports."

"The ultimate form of government of Japan shall, in accordance with the Potsdam declaration, be established—by the freely expressed will of the Japanese people."

"The armed forces of the Allied powers will remain in Japan until the purposes set forth in the Potsdam declaration are achieved."

"At once, sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration."

JAMES F. BYRNES, Secretary of State.

Congress May Fordham Records Meet Sept. 1 Three Quakes

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—A record number of members of Congress attended the Fordham records meeting yesterday, the largest assembly of Congressmen ever held in New York City.

Rep. John E. Buckley, of New York, chairman of the House Select Committee on Small Business, presided.

He said it was the largest attendance ever at a Fordham meeting.

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