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# Soviet Might Thrown The Pacific War

WASHINGTON -- (AP) -- President Truman announced today that Rusand the new bornstools and the

Mr. Truman made the momentous announcement to a hurriedly summonand assess amount or one service.

He said he had only a simple statement to make but it was so important The result made delice it.

Then with a broad grin he declared:

"Russia has just declared war on Japan. That is all."

The disclosure that the Soviet Union at last had pitted its enormous might alongside Britain and the United States against the Pacific enemy had not been unexpected.

When it would come, however, had been a matter of conjecture for

# Moscow Announces War With Japan

I.ONDON—(AP)—The Moscow radio announced tonight that Russia was at war with Japan effective Aug. 9.

The announcement was broadcast at 10 P. M. Moscow Time (3 P. M. Eastern War Time), two hours before midnight.

It quoted a statement from Soviet Foreign Commis-sar Vyacheslav Molotov.

## No Respite

# Superforts Lash Japanese Bases

Official Washington at once took this development, along with the unleasing of atomic bombing against the Pacific enemy, as a sure sign that Japan cannot long continue to resist.

The President sat behind his desk for a minute until the 30 or so correspondents all were gathered around him. Then he arose, flanked on the right by Admiral of the Fleet William Leahy, his personal chief of staff, and on the left by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes.

The President was wearing a light gray tropical suit and blue and white four-in-hand necktie.

He explained that he had no intention of holding a news conference but this mat-ter was so important he felt that it couldn't

Mr. Truman then made the simple one sentence announcement of Russia's declara-tion of war. He added that was all he had

The short announcement brought a gasp from reporters who had rushed to the White House in a stream of taxicabs and an exclamation of "My God" from some.

Voumber of naval aides and State Department attaches.

The President's usual smile was absent as he made the

Whether the arrangements for Russian entry into the on Lapan were fashioned at Potsdam was not disclosed.

The Unif Executive may throw light on that tomor-tion in a report to be broadcast to the nation at 10 Pr Ms Listern War time.

A communique signed by himself, Generalissimo Stalin and Prane Minister Attlee, released when the Polsdam meet-ing ended, made no specific mention of Japan. But it earted the stemferant statement that chiefs of staff bad studied military matters "of mutual interest."

There had been multiple hurs that the Soviets would align themselves with the Western Mies in crushing the Nipolices Perhaps the most pointed was Russia's demonstration mouthly ago of its non-aggression part with

Even while Russia and 19 other nations were striving perfect a plan for ultimate, lasting peace at San France, there were signs that Russia might strike in the

timerded indications pointed to the fact that the