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JAPAN BOMBERS WHILE TOKYO DELAYS REPLY

Mighty New Red Drive Is Reported

Great Offensive In Manchuria

LONDON (AP)—Tokyo reported a vast new Soviet offensive in Manchuria which threatened to cut off possibly a half million Japanese troops in China and split an estimated 1,500,000 enemy forces on the Asiatic mainland into two massive pockets.

There was no immediate Soviet confirmation of the Tokyo report, which originated at Command Headquarters of the Japanese Kwantung Army in Manchuria. A Russian communiqué, fourth of the Soviet-Japanese war, told of Soviet gains of nine to 22 miles toward the central Manchurian arsenal city of Harbin.

The Soviet bulletin also announced that Russian forces invading Korea under the guns of the Pacific Fleet had seized the vital port of Pusan and Yaku on the Sea of Japan, after Admiral Yamamoto's ships bombarded the bases and land forces planes cascaded tons of explosives on the wharves and harbors in a three-day aerial bombing.

The Tokyo Radio heard by the FCC reported a sea-borne Soviet force had begun landings on the southern part of disputed Sakhalin Island. Tokyo previously has reported an invasion of the territory known to the Japanese as Karafuto.

The Domei dispatch said the Russians were under way at Amur and Koryu in the latter about 60 miles south of the border on the west coast. Amur is just across the Soviet-Manchurian border.

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ATOMIC BOMB BLASTS JAP CITY OF NAGASAKI—Smoke columns more than 20,000 feet high rise above the Japanese city of Nagasaki three minutes after an atomic bomb was dropped there by American B-29 Superfortresses Aug. 9. Thirty per cent of the city, including nearly all of its industrial district, was reported destroyed. (AP Wirephoto from Strategic Air Forces via Navy Radio from Guam.)

Nip Minister Is Received By Emperor

Report Made To The Throne

By ASSOCIATED PRESS.—Japanese Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo was received today by Emperor Hirohito at the Imperial Palace, and reported to the throne on matters under his jurisdiction, a Tokyo radio broadcast announced.

The broadcast, received by the Associated Press, said the emperor was at 10:15 P. M. Eastern War Time. No other details were given.

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No Answer Received At The White House

By John M. Hightower

WASHINGTON (AP)—American bombers hammered at Tokyo's front door while the Japanese dalled over a decision whether to surrender now on Allied terms or continue a suicidal war. The White House announced that no reply had been received at 10:45 A. M., today, to Saturday's four-power dictate that Japan could keep an Emperor who would take his orders from the victors' supreme commander.

Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross told a news conference "it is safe to say the war is going on" while negotiations continue.

Japs Ponder Fate Tokyo Gets Text Of Allied Reply

By ASSOCIATED PRESS.—The Tokyo radio broadcast a Domei dispatch today saying that the official text of the Allied reply to the Japanese Government's message offering surrender was received today in Tokyo through the Swiss Legation.

The Domei message was recorded by the Associated Press in New York from an English language wireless transmission at 9:04 A. M. Eastern War Time.

The dispatch was sent by Domei as a bulletin. It gave no additional details.

The Allied reply to the Japanese, making it clear that Emperor Hirohito would have to be substituted to an Allied Supreme Commander, was dispatched to Japan Saturday at 10:30 A. M., Eastern War Time, through the Swiss Legation in Washington.

Text of the Domei transmission: "BULLETIN: "The Tokyo 13 (Aug. 12) "Authentically disclosed official text Allied reply to Japanese Government's message was received in Tokyo.

Halsey Planes Attack Fleet Alerted For Jap Aerial Banzai

By MORRIS LANDSBERG.—U. S. Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet blasted the Yokohama docks and submarine pens in a resounding of the assault on Japan today and stood alert for one last, desperate aerial banzai charge which the Tokyo radio implied already had begun.

Domei agency disclosed Japanese planes had launched an attack on the coast today, but which had failed to land in any power at Tokyo targets, but was backed in heavy weather.

There was no confirmation of this report but Associated Press correspondent Richard K. Milder said the third such banzai charge was expected and that six thousand planes attempted to land on the coast today.

Ration Book Press Halts

WASHINGTON (AP)—The OPA has ordered printing of 12,000,000 new ration books for food, shoes and gasoline, it was learned today.

The stop order covers War Ration Book No. 4 for meat, fats, dairy products, canned foods and sugar and a new "X" gasoline book. Both had been ordered for distribution in December.

The order halts work on the books pending outcome of peace negotiations. If Japan cuts the stop order will become permanent.

Invasion Fears Grip Japanese

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Still withholding from the Japanese people the knowledge that their self-sought war was lost, the Japanese Domei News Agency today reported new fears of an American invasion of the homeland.

Domei in a broadcast mentioned that the Associated Press quoted Nipponese military observers as viewing the increased American aircraft activity as a harbinger of invasion of the coast might mean a possible landing on the Japanese mainland in the next days.

Occupation Maps Of Japan Rushed

By ASSOCIATED PRESS.—A rush of occupation maps of Japan is being made by an Army engineering brigade today.

The Col. M. C. Shaffer, Clinton, Iowa, ordered his engineers in making occupation maps after they already were well into preparing the first of the maps and had completed maps and bombardment charts for the United States Army's Third Fleet.

Three shifts daily are working on the maps and charts.

False Peace Flash Starts Celebrations

NEW YORK (AP)—Premiere survey celebrations stemming from radio broadcast of an erroneous United Press news flash that Japan had accepted Allied surrender terms, swept across the United States and Canada last night and today.

The Canadian celebration was interrupted by premature release of a reported British broadcast in Hong Kong that the Japanese had accepted the terms.

The United Press Association (United Press) said the flash message was one of its wires at 9:41 P. M. The flash was ordered deleted from publication at 9:56 P. M. and was "killed" at 9:58 P. M.

The UP described the flash as an act of mysterious origin and said that while it moved across a wide section of the world, it was not traced to the Washington bureau.

Hugh Bailey, United Press president, called for information leading to the identification of the person who transmitted the false flash.

The UP told its subscribers that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Communications Commission had asked to ascertain who had sent in the UP's wire.

No details were given as to the source of these detachments.

French Take Over Zone Of Occupation In Berlin

BERLIN (AP)—French troops in Berlin took over the zone of occupation in the western part of the city today.

The French army will include the French zone of occupation in the western part of the city.

Col. Roosevelt Out Of Marines

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Col. James Roosevelt of the Marine Corps has been released to his private life by order of Navy officers who said that combat duties had aggravated a recurring stomach disorder, necessitating a complete rest.

The 35-year-old son of the former President was admitted to the Naval Hospital in San Francisco several weeks ago for rest and treatment. He is now in terminal leave at his Beverly Hills home.

Mecklenburg Casualties
Roster Inside
MISSING
17-C Frank McKinnon.

WEATHER
Considerable cloudiness and moderate temperatures tonight and tomorrow. Light rain and drizzle showers this evening and again late Tuesday.

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