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HEAR AN ON INQUIRY SOLD Premier Says U. S. Power Slugged Japs Into Defeat

Lawmakers Told Japan No Match For Allies

Speaks Frankly Of Surrender

By RUSSELL BRINES TOKYO — (AP) — Premier Naruhiko Higashi-Kuni bluntly told the Japanese Diet today that "enormous" military losses were "inevitable" and exhaustion at home had forced Japan to surrender.

Speaking separately before the House of Peers and representatives, the Premier said Japan had been cut off from her overseas empire and was "losing" war losses, while her cities were systematically destroyed by bombing.

The Premier said that American aerial attacks burned 2,200,000 homes, killed or wounded hundreds of thousands of persons, and that 10,000,000 were "war sufferers" in one form or another.

The Premier said that "choking" power, his speech concluded, that "even" communications with the China continent were rendered extremely hazardous.

"There is little use of going back to the past, trying to put the blame on one person or another," he remarked, pointing out that "general factors which had brought Japan to this point were the result of 'improvement and exhaustion' to meet steadily rising demands."

"Especially after the loss of the 'Marina Islands' because of the Allied forces because progressively 'rapid' while air raids on Japan proper were intensified, causing disastrous damage that mounted as the days went by."

"Production of military supplies, which has been affected by curtailment of our marine transportation facilities, and almost insuperable difficulties began to multiply."

Finally, he reported, the country's production capabilities had declined to about one-fourth of what it had at the beginning of the war, and that "increasing loss of ships and diversion to the South Sea area."

After Three Years Singapore Again In British Hands

SINGAPORE — (AP) — Indian troops landed at Singapore today and began occupation of this one-time bastion of the British Empire which was surrendered to the Japanese Feb. 15, 1942.

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The directive demanded forthwith all information — including radio — necessary for swiftly determining Japan's war machine, and ordered the nation to place its facilities at the disposal of the United States and its allies.

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Japanese General Headquarters must provide MacArthur immediately with designations and code names of all Japanese military and naval units, their strength, location and commanders.

Japanese works areas must be marked with runway improved, are to be turned over for occupational usage as quickly as possible.

Army Moves To Attract Volunteers

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Legislation intended to encourage enlistments in the Regular Army was approved today by the House Military Committee.

Permits enlistments for two or three-year terms. Enlistees are entitled to obtain their mustering-out pay immediately without waiting for their discharge to end.

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Move Is Made As Congress Gathers For New Session

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman sounded an economy note today as Congress reassembled.

The President sent to Capitol Hill recommendations for cutbacks of \$5,500,000 in appropriations for civilian war agencies.

At the same time Congress received a resolution calling for an investigation of the Pearl Harbor attack, Representative Lynn, Republican, Ohio, who announced introduction of the resolution, said that "no one is satisfied with the recent Army-Navy report."

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Japs Will Be Punished For Brutality In Prison Camps

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Japanese troops captured an American flier forced to parachute into the sea off New Guinea.

They beat him with sticks virtually all that day, throughout the night, and until 3 o'clock the next afternoon.

The State Department told about that incident and others like it today in a report it would not issue during the war, for fear the Japanese would increase their butchery and shut off all shipment of relief supplies to Allied prisoners.

U. S. Flag Raised Japs Give Wake Back To Marines

WAKE — (AP) — The American flag was raised on Wake Island—Symbol of Marine greatness—at 1:50 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The Japanese, now thoroughly subdued, assumed an attitude of perfect politeness. There were no protests, fireworks, bows and salutes.

Commanders of all six Marine Divisions in the Pacific have requested the assignment to occupy Wake.

Don't Discard Your Draft Card

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Selective Service headquarters today advised men over draft age to retain their registration cards.

Present draft age is 18 through 25, but Selective Service pointed out, in response to inquiries about older men, that the law says all registrants, regardless of age, must carry their cards. It will take Congressional action to change this.

Italian Seize Girls From American Jail

ROME — (AP) — Jealous Italian youths seized two Italian girls from an American jail today, and said they would return them to their parents.

Other cases have been reported, but no names or details were reported there were no casualties among the 2,500 who crowded the Piazza Colonna.

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Harry Hopkins Awarded DFC

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Harry L. Hopkins, long-time White House aide, was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by President Truman today for "selfless courage and objective contribution to the war effort."

Reported Dead But In Jap Prisons

Robert A. MacDowell of Soughter, N. Y., had been "taken care of" by the Japanese.

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Mecklenburg Casualties

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A one-pound "bomb" containing DDT, which was developed by insect killers, will cost \$4 at retail.

The OPA fixed this ceiling price today, explaining that small volume production will begin late in the summer.

Yokosuka Food American Food

A Dome dispatch broadcast over the Tokyo radio today that American occupation troops were distributing food to the residents of Yokosuka, including candy and chewing gum for the children.

The broadcast said 36 tons of medicine, blankets, tea, straw, wheat, canned goods and dried edibles, seaweed were distributed among the citizens yesterday and today.

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