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Carrier Pilots Destroy, Damage 259 Nip Planes

By Murlin Spencer

GUAM, Aug. 10.—(AP)—American and British carrier pilots—ferreting Japan's grounded airforce from its camouflaged hideouts—destroyed or damaged 259 Nipponese aircraft and gliders on northern Honshu island yesterday, a preliminary report from Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet disclosed today.

NAGASAKI BLOW TOO GIGANTIC TO BELIEVE

Airmen 70 To 250 Miles Away Saw Flash Of Atomic Bombing

OBSCURED BY SMOKE

GUAM, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Airmen 70 to 250 miles away witnessed the atomic bombing of Nagasaki and described it as "too tremendous to believe."

Associated Press Correspondent, Richard Cushing, reported that Okinawa based fliers, attacking other targets on the southern Japanese island of Kyushu, saw flames and explosions as the most destructive weapon of the war found its mark.

Fliers in the nearest plane reported a smoke column whirled 20,000 feet into the air. A crew member of a plane 250 miles away said he saw a fiery yellow orange ball shot into the sky for 8,000 feet, followed by a column of smoke which rose to at least 20,000 feet.

The results of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki were described as "good" by General Spaatz, chief of the U. S. Army strategic air forces, but he said that three and a half hours after the devastating weapon was dropped at noon yesterday, smoke still obscured the damage from a photo reconnaissance plane.

First reports from Hiroshima, which later was shown to be 60 per cent destroyed, also were merely that the military city of 343,000 was blanketed by smoke and dust. The world's first atom bomb smashed 4.1 of Hiroshima's 6.9 square miles Monday. Radio Tokyo added that "practically every living thing" there was destroyed.

FIFTH DAY Spaatz' Superforts carried their devastating blows against Japan into the fifth consecutive day with a 70-plane strike that poured 2,000 pound demolition bombs onto the Tokyo arsenal area.

Crewmen's radioed reports said results were excellent.

More than 60 Mustangs and Thunderbolts from Iwo accompanied the B-29's, which bombed both visually and with precision instruments at targets.

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THREE OFFICES ARE ENTERED BY THIEVES

Thieves broke into three offices in the Gardner building after 3 o'clock this morning and took \$100 from one of them, the Service Finance Co. Nothing was missed from the other two offices, the Shelby Rationing Board and the Carolina Motor club.

In each instance the glass in the front door of the office was broken. In two of the offices, the Carolina Motor club and the rationing office it is believed the thief did not actually enter as nothing in either office was disturbed. However in the Service Finance office the cash drawer was broken open and approximately \$100 was taken.

At police headquarters it was stated that the doors to the offices in these buildings were checked and found O.K. at 3:30 a.m.

Emperor's Removal Would Be Ultimate Disaster To Japs

By The Associated Press To the leaders of Japan the removal of the emperor apparently would be the ultimate disaster which they are not yet ready to accept, despite the hopelessness of the empire's situation.

The Domei broadcast, making retention of the emperor's sovereign rights a condition of otherwise total surrender, emphasizes the unique position Hirohito holds among the world's rulers.

Truman Reviews Conference, Will Safeguard Bomb

By The Associated Press

President Truman in his report to the nation last night: Warned the Japanese people that if they do not surrender thousands of civilians will be killed.

Promised that steps are being taken to safeguard use of the new atomic bomb. Declared his great objective to be that "there shall be no next war."

Said this country will build the military bases it needs on captured Pacific islands. Gave assurance that the only secrets at Berlin were military ones.

Disclosed that Russia agreed to declare war on Japan before it learned of the atomic bomb. Stated that the agreement to give Russia the northern third of East Prussia was agreed upon secretly at Yalta.

Said the allied press would have "full freedom" to report on happenings in Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Finland and Poland. Disclosed that a United States proposal for free use of European waterways was referred to the foreign ministers' council.

Promised that this country will help "to the limits of our strength" to prevent Europe from going cold.

Many Dead, Injured In Train Wreck

17 Bodies Recovered, Dead Estimated At 25, 50 Hurt As Locomotive Plows Into Observation Car

MICHIGAN, N. D., Aug. 10.—(AP)—Seventeen bodies were recovered today from the tangled steel wreckage of an observation car into which a locomotive plowed as the two sections of the Empire Builder, Great Northern trans-continental train, collided here Thursday night, killing an estimated score and injuring 50 more, 15 or them seriously.

John Cameron, Dakota division superintendent, said the bodies recovered, all unidentified as yet, included those of six women, ten members of the armed services and one of a negro porter.

Cameron said he had personally seen in the wreckage the bodies of three more women, four men and a child yet to be released, which would establish the death toll at 25.

With a crash which shook every house in this community of less than 500 population, the speeding second coach section plowed into the leading pullman section which had been halted here unexpectedly by a hot box on the locomotive tender shortly before 7 p. m.

The rear car of the standing train, a combination sleeper and observation car, was telescoped, its furnishings and berths jammed into a compact mass at its front while the car's steel shell remained superimposed on the locomotive of the following train.

Train attendants estimated 27 persons occupied the car's two porches.

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RUSSIANS MAKE BIG ADVANCES IN MANCHURIA

Units Of Soviet Pacific Fleet Reported In Action

MONGOLIA AT WAR

By The Associated Press The Red army's Stalin tanks, infantry and massed cavalry rolled through numerous gates in Manchuria's defenses with sensational advances today, Moscow dispatches reported, and Tokyo announced the broadening of the Soviet attacks to Korea and Sakhalin island.

Soviet correspondents said units of the Soviet Pacific fleet had gone into action. The Moscow radio announced that Outer Mongolia, a protectorate of Russia's adjoining Manchuria and Inner Mongolia on the west, had declared war on Japan.

Moving toward the heart of Manchuria along three main routes of invasion, the former Chinese eastern railway from Lupa (Manchouli) in the northwest, the Mongolian caravan trail from Lake Bor in the west and the Sungari river valley from Khabarovsk in the northeast, the Russians had opened up "numerous gates" in the enemy's carefully prepared defenses and apparently were bent on a non-stop offensive. Moscow dispatches said. These advances disclosed gains of up to 60 miles yesterday were being enlarged sensationally today.

EFFECTIVE BLOW The first Soviet blow was so well prepared along the pattern of the Red army's European offensives that the Japanese were unable to hold a single defensive line along the frontier, one Soviet dispatch reported.

The western and northwestern vanguards were driving hard for the city of Hailar (Hailar), Japanese forward base on the Chinese eastern railway, 90 miles distant. Ahead was the difficult Takhangian Shan range which cups the Manchurian plain to the east and runs south toward Peiping in China.

In the northern sector, where the Russians struck from the maritime provinces to protect their important naval and air base of Vladivostok, the Russians also were making steady progress from Khabarovsk and captured Fu Yuan toward Harbin, rail heart of Manchuria 400 miles distant.

Moscow dispatches said the weight of the Russian attack in the east apparently had not been fully developed, and this offensive from Khabarovsk appeared to be only the forerunner of strong blows any day.

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DEATH CLAIMS W. F. LOGAN

Retired Kings Mountain Business Man; Masonic Rites Saturday

William F. Logan, 66, a member of one of Cleveland county's best known families, died suddenly at his home in Kings Mountain Thursday night about 8:30 following a heart attack. He had shown no signs of ill health and death was a shock to his family and friends.

Funeral rites will be held Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home on Gold street in Kings Mountain.

A son of the late Marlon Logan and Elizabeth Herndon Logan, he was a native of Cleveland county and had lived in and near Kings Mountain all his life. For many years he operated a dry cleaning business in Kings Mountain but at the time of his death had retired from active business life. He was a member of Bethlehem Baptist church and a Mason, serving as treasurer of the Kings Mountain lodge for the current year. Masonic rites will be held at the grave.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Mary Little; two sons, W. Lawrence Logan of Kings Mountain and Flight Officer C. Elmer Logan of Wayne, Mich.; and two daughters, Mrs. Gerald Lackey of Winston-Salem and Mrs. Charles Sams of Mars Hill. Also surviving are ten grandchildren.

Mr. Logan was a nephew of the late Sheriff H. A. Logan of this place.

Shelby Celebrating Unofficial Victory

City, County Offices, Stores Await Official Confirmation Before Closing

Shelby unofficially celebrated the victory in the Pacific today as merchants, banks, city hall and courthouse and other business houses waited official confirmation from Washington before closing their doors in celebration.

If confirmation comes prior to 3 o'clock this afternoon the business houses will remain closed for the rest of today. If it comes after 3 o'clock they will close for the rest of today and all day tomorrow. Charles G. Dilling, who has supervision of the courthouse said offices there would follow suit and banks and building and loan associations announced they will observe the same hours.

As the Star's Extra, radio and sirens announced at 8 o'clock this morning Japan's offer of surrender, enthusiasm of the crowds gathered on the streets was unbounded.

"Praise the Lord," "Thank God" and other ejaculations of similar nature were heard everywhere. TELEPHONES HUM Telephones began ringing in the Star office almost immediately when the radio announcement came about 7:40 a.m. Every question was "Is the war over?" When whistles were blown at 8 a.m. the rush of calls so jammed the telephone switchboard at the central office that operators had an estimated 10 times the number of calls they could handle with every position as well as military needs.

Mill managements gave the double-holiday shutdown order despite the fact the War Production Board had been insisting that production continue as uninterrupted as possible on V-J day because of the vast need for textiles for civilian as well as military needs.

Mill men said they foresee less reconversion problems for the textile industry than most lines because of the ease with which shift to civilian production can be made. An unprecedented backlog of orders will keep textile plants humming for months and even years to catch up the shortages that have attended the war as mills converted entirely to production for war.

Congress Ready To End Draft When Surrender Is Official

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—A Japanese surrender will find Congress ready to put an immediate end to the draft. Congressional leaders dealing with military policy disclosed today that as soon as the current recess ends they will begin a drive to halt selective service inductions. Barring an earlier call, the lawmakers are due to return to Capitol Hill October 8.

Meanwhile, Secretary of War Stimson reported that the war department will re-survey its manpower needs in the light of the new atomic bomb and Russia's en-

try into the Pacific war. But Stimson emphasized that the army will not reduce its forces "by even one man" below the number it considers necessary to defeat Japan "with the least possible loss of American lives."

Present plans call for an army of about 7,000,000 men next June 30. Some congressional leaders believe the draft act should be terminated no later than November 1, regardless of whether fighting still is continuing in the Pacific.

GI'S CELEBRATE ON OKINAWA

Jubilant Soldiers Fire Guns Of War In Celebration

By ROBBIN COONS OKINAWA, Aug. 10.—(AP)—This American-held island, only 325 miles from the Japanese homeland, kicked over the traces of war in a wild fireworks celebration as first unofficial word spread that the Japanese are ready to quit.

Soldiers who only three nights ago shot flak upward against enemy raiders let loose their guns in celebration. The island and naval anchorage rocked with gunfire, cheers and the air raid sirens wailed a prolonged "all clear" signal. PICTURE FORGOTTEN One outdoor movie, showing "Captain Eddie" the story of the life of Eddie Rickenbacker, had reached a sequence where the hero, just back from the first World War, tells his bride he bets millions of other former soldiers are going fishing. At that moment distant cries and cheers echoed above the soundtrack and the GI's, on edge since the first atomic bomb dropped and Russia entered the war, yelled for word.

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WHITE HOUSE BACKING: Bowles Determined To Go Ahead With Clothing Program

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—With tacit White House backing, Price Administrator Chester Bowles today bluntly rejected industry demands for abandonment of the government's low-cost clothing program.

Submarine Largato Is Presumed Lost

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—The U. S. submarine Largato is overdue from patrol and presumed lost, the Navy announced today. The next of kin of casualties have been notified.

Some WPB officials favored replacing its drastic clothing order, officially M-388, with a more lenient program keyed to a brighter fabric supply outlook.

LOW-PRICED M-388, worked out early this year by WPB and OPA, was in-

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Sweden, Russia Have Received Surrender Terms

LONDON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—The Stockholm radio said tonight that Japan had handed the Swedish minister of foreign affairs a note to the British, American and Russian governments offering to surrender.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—A Moscow broadcast said today the Japanese premier had informed the Soviet ambassador that Japan was ready to accept the Potsdam terms.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—President Truman assembled his cabinet in an atmosphere of official expectancy today, but the war raged on in the Pacific as hours slipped by without official confirmation here of a broadcast Japanese surrender offer.

The first cabinet meeting since the President returned from Potsdam was set for 2 p. m. (EWT) at the White House.

As the day wore on, there was no word from either the President or Secretary of State Byrnes across the street that a formal Japanese surrender proposal had been laid before this government.

This did not indicate any lack of intense consideration of the Domei news agency broadcast that Japan was ready to accept the Potsdam ultimatum with the condition that the emperor's sovereignty should not be compromised.

Prime Minister Attlee reported in London that the British government was consulting its allies on the Tokyo broadcast although it too lacked an official communication.

A little earlier, press secretary Charles G. Ross told reporters Mr. Truman was not then in contact with the allied governments.

Byrnes, who had conferred with Mr. Truman and the war and navy secretaries at the white house early in the day, returned shortly after 1 p. m. and had lunch with the president in his office.

There was no indication whether he had any new information on the Japanese offer. If such an offer is received officially, Ross said, he assumed the allies will be consulted before any action is taken.

Ross said he knows of no plans to summon congress into session. Asked about the purposes of President Truman's conference earlier with Secretary of War Stimson, Navy Secretary Forerster and Secretary of State Byrnes, Ross said: "Naturally they are interested in possible developments."

Ross told reporters: "The President has received no official word of a surrender offer by Japan. Like all of us he has just been waiting."

(Shortly before this announcement the Moscow radio reported that the Japanese premier had informed the Soviet ambassador that Japan was ready to accept the Potsdam terms.)

There were these immediate developments as Tokyo broadcast a Domei news agency that Nippon would quit if she could keep her emperor:

1. President Truman called in Secretary of State Byrnes, Secretary of War Stimson and Secretary of Navy Forrestal. Departing, Byrnes said there still had been no official surrender offer and that even when it came it would be a matter for allied consideration—not U. S. consideration alone. Forrestal said he expected a development "soon".

2. At the Swiss and Swedish legations it was explained that the reported Japanese offer—which Domei said would come through those neutral governments—would not be given out by them here, but would be handed to the allied diplomatic representatives at the Swiss and

Government Speeds Plan To Cushion Reconversion

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—The apparent imminence of Japan's sudden capitulation led the government today to rush finishing touches on an emergency reconversion plan.

Hustling to keep pace of climate developments in the Pacific, the war production board put in secret circulation among top officials a special program to speed complete transfer of industry from war to peacetime output.

In preparation some time for use on V-J day, the plan has been pushed rapidly into its final stages since it appeared

that the atomic bomb and Russia's entry into the war might end hostilities sooner than had been expected.

WPB withheld details until it could be approved by John W. Snyder, director of war mobilization and reconversion. But officials familiar with it said the plan is designed to cushion as much as possible the impact of a sudden surrender on industry.

NO PAINLESS WAY "There is no plan that would eliminate all the industrial aches

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