

WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness and cool today and tonight. Saturday, partly cloudy with higher temperatures in afternoon. Showers today.

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'Comply Without Delay' Japs Told

New Jap Premier Backs Up Imperial Rescript To Lay Down Arms

Impatient Russians Give Japs Until Noon Monday To Disarm And Surrender

LONDON, Aug. 17.—(P)—The Russians, charging that the Japanese had launched a widespread counteroffensive in Manchuria at the same time its headquarters asked Soviet troops to cease hostilities, today gave the Japanese until noon Monday to disarm and surrender.

(The Japanese government, in a broadcast recorded in the United States by FCC, "urgently requested" General MacArthur today to "take proper steps to bring about immediate cessation of the Soviet offensive."

(The broadcast said Japanese troops were unable to cease hostilities because Russian troops "are still positively carrying on the offensive." The message did not mention the Soviet charge that the Japanese were continuing to fight.)

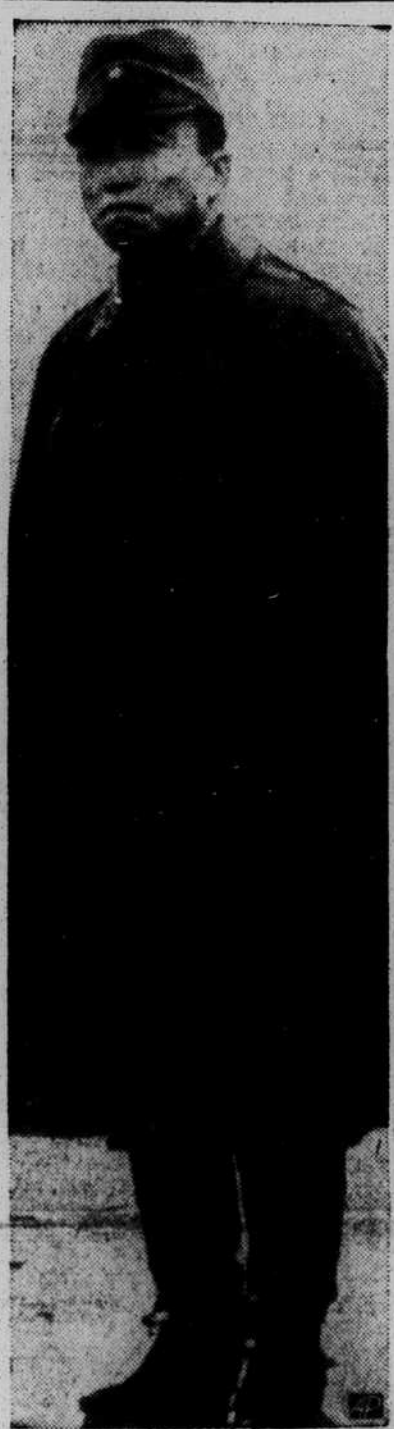
Marshal Alexander M. Vassilevsky said in a broadcast order "as soon as the Japanese troops begin surrendering their arms, Soviet troops will discontinue war operations."

given the added time so that he could communicate with all of his troops.

A Soviet communique said the Japanese counterattacks were made at three points and were repulsed with the Russian capture of the key communication cities of Wang-ching, Kiamusze and Taon.

The counterattacks were the first they had encountered, the Russians said, since they began their massive armored drive into Manchuria a week ago today.

The Russians reported also that they were pushing closer to the major general Manchuria arsenal and communications center of Harbin with the Amur river fleet joining in the battle against the Japanese in the Sungari river valley.



NEW JAP PREMIER—Gen. Prince Naruhiko Higashi-Kuni (above), uncle of Empress Nagako, has been named by Emperor Hirohito to form a new Japanese cabinet and become premier, the Japanese Domei news agency reports in a broadcast recorded by the FCC.—(AP Wirephoto).

FIRST DUTIES OF CABINET TO SIGN TERMS

New Premier Himself May Be Tried As War Criminal

URGES COOPERATION

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—(P)—Gen. Prince Naruhiko Higashi-Kuni was sworn in as Japan's new premier today and in his first official act as premier-war minister ordered the army to "strictly observe" an imperial rescript to lay down their arms.

"The decision has been taken to cease fire and return to peace," he declared.

The new post-war cabinet, in which the royal premier who may himself be tried as a war criminal retained the war portfolio, went into session immediately after it was sworn in.

The Japanese Domei news agency quickly went on the air with the announcement that the first duties of the new cabinet would be the signing of the surrender, or "the peace terms," and "fulfillment of the Potsdam declaration to be enforced."

The first meeting of the cabinet lasted an hour and a half, Domei reported, and was taken up principally with the premier's plea for full cooperation from his ministers.

"Once we have laid down our arms," said the broadcast recorded by FCC, "we must take up matters with absolute calmness. If there should be any incident in violation of his majesty's command, we will lose the confidence of the world. The new cabinet must see that the work is carried out with great care."

"The second thing which we must bear in mind is that we must recover ourselves from the ravages of war and plunge into the work of reconstruction at the earliest possible moment."

Higashi-Kuni "announced to his cabinet a three-point basic policy—respect of the constitution, control of the military and maintenance of order."

The policy, Domei quoted the See FIRST Page 2



VIENNA HOMELESS COOK OUTSIDE—Typical of thousands of homeless families in Vienna, this mother (left) and her children are cooking outdoors on a home-made stove in the street. Their sleeping quarters are in a dugout beneath a train platform in Vienna's southern station. This picture was made by Frank Noel, Associated Press photographer formerly stationed in AP Bureaus at Atlanta, Tampa, and Miami.—(AP Wirephoto)

Grew-Acheson Move May Signal Shake-Up

Acheson Elevated To Undersecretary Of State Succeding Joseph C. Grew

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(P)—Further changes in the top control of this country's foreign policy appear in the offing today, following Dean Acheson's elevation to succeed Undersecretary of State Joseph C. Grew.

It is possible, however, that Secretary of State Byrnes may delay a final decision until he returns next month from the council of foreign ministers meeting in London.

President Truman late yesterday announced the appointment of Acheson, an assistant secretary who first came to Washington in early New Deal days. Simultaneously Mr. Truman accepted Grew's resignation marking the close of a 41-year foreign service career.

Ambassador to Tokyo from 1932 until Pearl Harbor, Grew is credited with formulating allied policy toward the Japanese empire which figured in Nipponese surrender earlier this week. The 65-year-old veteran diplomat advocated an open minded approach to permit the allies to make any possible use of the throne, with a final determination to be left to the Japanese people.

President Truman announced the new policy late yesterday in a statement in which he also called upon labor to continue its wartime no-strike pledge.

The new wage stand authorizes the War Labor Board to permit voluntary wage increases without WLB approval so long as employers certify that such increases will not lead to price increases. It also

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WHAT'S DOING TODAY 7:00 p.m.—Masonic Fellowship dinner in lodge room at Masonic Temple. 8:15 p.m.—Broadcast begins of Shelby-Norfolk Junior Legion game at Sumter, to be broadcast from Star Office.

Game Broadcasts Will Continue Broadcasts of further play by Shelby Junior Legion team in the regional competition at Sumter will be provided from The Star office this afternoon starting at 3:15 p.m. and, if a second game becomes necessary, tonight at 8:15.

Arrangements are being made to bring local fans reports of the sectional at Charleston, S. C., starting Sunday as far as Shelby goes toward the national championship which many fans and sports writers are predicting the locals should win.

Contributions by fans together with The Star are making possible the special wire and play-by-play reports which have attracted thousands here for each time Shelby has played at Sumter.

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MacARTHUR CURT:

Tokyo Carries Quibbling Over Preliminary Peace Meet Into Second Day

MANILA, Aug. 17.—(P)—General MacArthur today curtly ordered the Japanese to comply without further delay with his directive to send emissaries to Manila.

Tokyo, meanwhile carried the quibbling over the preliminary peace conference into the second day.

The allied supreme commander did not set a deadline for the departure of the Japanese envoys but indicated definitely he would tolerate no extended delay without good reason.

"The directive is clear and explicit and is to be complied with without further delay," the stern message said.

The Japanese wanted to know if the emissary would be required to sign surrender papers and MacArthur replied no.

The latest development in the tangled long-distance wireless negotiations occurred after Emperor Hirohito had strengthened his "cease fire" order with an imperial rescript to the armed forces to lay down their arms and had sent urgent messages on a number of points.

The Japanese emperor asked: (1) That the Russians halt their Manchuria offensive, (2) Allied forces "refrain from approaching Japan proper temporarily and (3) the additional instructions regarding the preliminary conference.

Hirohito backed up his order to cease fire with an imperial rescript, which radio Tokyo said "called upon the army and navy to lay down their arms." The rescript carries more weight with the Japanese than his previous order.

IMPERIAL PARTIES Another message to the allied commander advised that imperial parties carrying the cease fire rescript to armed forces in China, Manchuria and "the south" had left Tokyo. The southern party left a day early to avoid possible delay by weather.

Japan said her planes inflicted some damage in attacks on a dozen allied transports yesterday because they "approached extremely near the coast of Kochi, Shikoku."

These startling developments were the latest to come out of long distance wireless negotiations in which the Japanese already have made it necessary to put off the Manila meeting, scheduled for today, until at least some time next week.

The messages were sent on the frequency designated by MacArthur for official communications.

One "urgently requested" MacArthur to "take proper steps to bring about immediate cessation of the Soviet offensive."

(Moscow broadcasts said the Soviet commander, Marshal Alexander M. Vassilevsky, had instructed the Japanese commander in Manchuria to arrange for surrender by next Monday and said the Russians would prosecute the offensive vigorously until the Japanese threw down their arms.)

No immediate official condemnation was forthcoming to the Japanese radio report that Nipponese

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4 U. S. BOMBERS ATTACKED OVER TOKYO BAY AREA OKINAWA, Aug. 17.—(P)—Four American B-29 bombers, flying a purely photographic mission over the Tokyo bay area today were attacked by 10 Japanese fighters and moderate to intense anti-aircraft fire.

One of the big four engines bombers was badly shot up around the wings, flaps and cowling, but none of the crew was hurt.

Two Nipponese fighters were sent down in smoke and listed as probably destroyed.

The engagement occurred around 20,000 feet at about midday.

The attack followed by two days General MacArthur's communique announcing that offensive action in all sectors had been halted except for purposes of observation, which "will be necessarily continued," and after two Japanese kamikaze planes crashed into Iheya Island 30 miles north of Okinawa, injuring two garrison troops, one fatally.

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Meat Rationing May End In September

Secretary Anderson Says Supplies Not Needed For Military Rising Rapidly

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(P)—Secretary of Agriculture Anderson said today he believes it may be possible to terminate meat rationing in the "very near future"—possibly as early as September.

Mao Tze-Tung Will Not Meet With Chiang

CHUNGKING, Aug. 17.—(P)—It was reliably reported here today that the Communist leader Mao Tze-Tung had declared an invitation of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek to come to Chungking to discuss a settlement of differences between the Chungking government and the Communists.

It was understood that Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, U. S. ambassador to China, at whose suggestion Chiang was reported to have extended the invitation, would fly to Yenan to urge Mao to reconsider, and that if the Communist leader changed his mind, Hurley would accompany him back to Chungking.

Chiang and Hurley conferred over lunch today, presumably with this mission as one of the principal topics.

Meanwhile, confidence mounted here that the government's forces would successfully recapture Shanghai and Nanking before the Communists were able to seize control of those vital ports.

ACCEPTS TERMS On the heels of reliable reports that the Japanese commander in China had sent word to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek accepting the Chinese terms for surrender arrangements, unconfirmed but credible reports were cir-

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Vice Chief Of Jap Navy General Staff Commits Suicide

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—(P)—The Japanese navy ministry announced Friday afternoon (Japanese time) that Vice-Admiral Takijiro Onishi, vice-chief of the navy general staff, had committed suicide, leaving a note which said he wanted to "make atonement to the souls of my former subordinates and to members of their bereaved families," the Tokyo radio said.

Onishi was the originator of the kamikaze (suicide) special attack corps and since May 29 was commander of the naval suicide forces.

In an exclusive interview, the secretary stated that an examination of demand and supply prospects as of today indicated that supplies not needed for military and other non-civilian requirements are rising sharply.

Anderson said that latest figures indicate that civilian meat supplies for the October-December quarter will be at the annual per capita rate of 145 pounds, compared with less than 120 pounds so far this year.

"The supply will be even greater, he said, should there be an "excessively heavy" run of cattle to market this fall.

MILITARY CUTBACKS Improvement in the meat situation, he said, reflects the cutback in military needs, uncertainty as to whether financial arrangements

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German Submarine Surrenders In Argentine Port

MAR DEL PLATA, ARGENTINA, Aug. 17.—(P)—A German submarine surrendered here today to Argentine naval authorities.

The 600-ton craft carried the number U-977 and a complement of 32, including four officers one of whom was Commander Heinz Schasser. The craft was similar to the U-530 which surrendered to Argentine authorities on July 10.

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Textile Industry Promises More Civilian Goods Soon

CHARLOTTE, Aug. 17.—(P)—The textile industry of the Carolinas looked today to a quick re-conversion to civilian production, even as the government cancelled orders for millions of dollars worth of cotton products for military purposes.

Charles A. Cannon of Concord, chairman of the board of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, said there was no possibility of serious disruption of the industry's activities as a result of the shift.

Many of the mills, he explained, have been making products almost identical with their pre-war production, and consequently these plants can continue to operate with

little interruption.

Some others, however, will have to make readjustments in their equipment, but ordinarily these changes can be made in a short time.

POLAND, RUSSIA SIGN TREATY

Curzon Line Established As Approximate Boundary

LONDON, Aug. 17.—(P)—Russia and Poland have signed a treaty, the Moscow radio said today, establishing the Curzon line as the Polish-Soviet boundary except for a few deviations "in Poland's favor."

The treaty also included an agreement on "compensation for damages caused by German occupation, the broadcast said.

One deviation gives Poland about 30 kilometers in "territory situated east of the Curzon line up to the western Bug river and the Solokai river south of the town of Krylow," according to the broadcast text of the treaty.

Poland was given "part of the territory of Bjalowies Forest in the section of Wierow-Jalowka situated to the east of the Curzon line" in another deviation.

"Pending a final decision on the territorial question at the peace

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B-29 Raids Cost Lives Of 3,000 American Fliers

By VERN HAUGHLAND GUAM, Aug. 17.—(P)—General Spaatz disclosed today that the year long operations of B-29s against Japan cost the lives of over 3,000 American fliers, while more than 600 others were rescued by naval operations.

Combat operations resulted in the loss of 437 of the Superfortresses. Noncombat losses were not announced, but they are known to be considerable, particularly in the early months of the campaign when the crews were learning the capabilities of their planes.

Crews lost, averaging 11 men each, numbered 297.

In addition, 106 two-based long range fighters were lost.

On the other side of the ledger, the commander of the U. S. Army Strategic Air Forces said, the giant aircraft destroyed the major industrial productive capacity of 59 Japanese cities and partially destroyed six others.

Six cities more than 75 per cent destroyed were Numanu, Fukui, Hitachi, Takamatsu, Kuwana and Himeji.

A total of 581 important factories engaged in production of war materials has been either totally destroyed or severely damaged. Included in this number are 23 major factories of Japan's aircraft industry

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