

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and mild today, tonight and Wednesday except for scattered showers over the coastal area today.

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FIRST OCCUPATION OF TOKYO SCHEDULED FRIDAY

SEVENTH FLEET FORCES ENTER PORT OF DAIREN

Search For 123 American War Prisoners So Far Unsuccessful

MET BY RUSSIANS

By John Grover
DAIREN, MANCHURIA, Sept. 3.—(Delayed)—(P)—U. S. Seventh fleet forces entered this modern port city today and found it completely under Russian control and virtually undamaged.

In their thus-far unsuccessful search for a party of 123 American navy prisoners of war from Guam, Wake and Corregidor, some of whom are high-ranking officers, the destroyers Evans and Hubbard made a high-speed run across the Yellow sea to this port. The prisoners now are believed to be in the vicinity of Mukden.

The Russian commandant at Dairen and Capt. Chester C. Wood, Seventh fleet task unit commander, are cooperating in the continuing search.

Dairen is filled with blond, stalwart Russians. Parked at strategic points are low, heavy Soviet tanks.

Russian officers rode in American staff cars and numerous lend-lease jeeps were evident.

The American landing party, in two whaleboats, was photographed by friendly Russians at the dock.

Almost every building flies a Red flag. Civilians, including an estimated 60,000 Japanese, produced bolts of red silk which they converted into Russian flags. Both Russian and Chinese government flags flew from Chinese establishments.

NO OPPOSITION
The Russians exhibited virtually no interest in the civilian population, and the Japanese garrison offered no opposition when the Soviet forces came in through Dairen with machinegun like efficiency.

The Tokyo radio already had broadcast accounts of the surrender when the Americans reached Dairen. Many Russians had been celebrating. They waved their bottles, grinned and asked the Americans to join them. The offer was declined, however, because of the Americans' desire to locate their prisoner comrades without delay.

Commercially, Dairen has been a dead city for two years, except for black market activities.

It boasts large dock installations, however, which Russians and Chinese—under their new 30-year friendship treaty, will share.

The population is restless and its most evident attitude is one of "what's going to become of us?" It results from Manchuria's uncertain post-war status.

DISCHARGE OF FATHERS ASKED

Sabbath Urges Return To Civilian Ranks Of Five Categories

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—(P)—Immediate discharge from the armed forces of almost all married men with families was urged today by Chairman Sabbath (D-Ill) of the house rules committee.

In letters to Secretary of War Stimson and Secretary of the Navy Forrestal, Sabbath said these five categories should be returned to civilian life at once:

1. Men who have families and have been in service abroad.
2. Men with families and who have been in uniform at least two years, regardless of place of service.
3. Students under 20 who were attending school at the time of their induction and who will resume their schooling if discharged.

NEEDED EXECUTIVES

4. Owners, part owners, executives and supervisors whose services "are vitally needed in their businesses and their plants in reconstruction to civilian production." (Included would be men in professions, in which manpower is short.)

5. All limited service men except those serving in administrative jobs in separation centers.

To provide sufficient personnel and at the same time permit the discharge of those he listed, Sabbath urged an intensive recruitment program with the difference in required numbers to be made up by continuing inductions of men between 20 and 26, family men excepted.



RUSSIAN SAILORS TAKE OVER PORT ARTHUR—Russian sailors raise their naval flag over Port Arthur after the Soviet forces had occupied the Far Eastern port south of Manchuria. Russia lost Port Arthur to the Japs in the war of 1904.—(AP Wirephoto via radio from Moscow).

Peacetime Congress Convenes Tomorrow

Body Will Wrestle With Full-Employment Bill, Termination Of Draft Law, Etc.

By William F. Arbogast
WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—(P)—Congress starts its first peacetime session in almost four years tomorrow.

It will be the "reconversion congress" as distinguished from the war congresses that have been in almost continuous session since late in 1941.

Facing the lawmakers returning from vacations cut short by war's end will be five administration-tagged "must" proposals dealing with:

1. Jobs for everyone willing and able to work. Congressional committees have been grappling with this one—the so-called "full employment bill"—for some time. They hope to work out a plan of cooperation between government, labor, industry and agriculture to create work for the millions idle or facing idleness because of the shutdown of war industries.
2. Unemployment compensation. Senate and house committees are working on proposals to pay as much as \$25 weekly for 26 weeks to workers unable to find jobs. The administration is behind the plan, but Congress is cooling off on it. The issue may touch off President Truman's first big battle with Capitol Hill.

SURPLUS PROPERTY
3. Surplus property disposal. A bill to substitute a single administrator for the three-man board now in charge of getting rid of war-born surpluses will be ready for house action next week. There

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Women Guards At Ravensbruck Report 200,000 Slain There

BAD OBERNHUSEN, Germany, Sept. 4.—(P)—The French war crimes commission arrested two S.S. women guards of the notorious Ravensbruck concentration camp today and heard from them that 200,000 women and children were slain there during the war.

The camp was northeast of Berlin. Officials said the women told calmly of the camp's methods. Feeble inmates were made to stand in water to their necks for 24 hours. The captives were quoted as saying many bodies were taken daily from the "pool of death." Thousands of French girls were sent to the camp.

REFORMS PROPOSED: Progress Noted In Talks Between Chinese Factions

By DEWITT MacKENZIE, AP News Analyst

There are some signs—which one notes with extreme caution—of progress in the Chungking peace-parley between the Chinese communists and the nationalist government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

A communist spokesman in Chungking said yesterday that the talks were still in a "preliminary stage" and that no agreement had yet been reached. However, any progress—no matter how small—is encouraging when we are dealing with the bloody quarrel which long has threatened to plunge China's millions into civil war.

The generalissimo, yielding somewhat to his opponents, has issued a striking V-J day message to the nation, declaring that now the Japanese war is over "we shall permit no further delay in the inauguration of constitutional democracy." He therefore proposes to summon the national assembly to get the reforms under way.

EQUAL STATUS
Chiang promises equal legal status to all political parties and says the government is prepared to consider an increase in the

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BRITISH SHIPS AT SINGAPORE

Occupation Forces Expected To Land momentarily

KANDY, Ceylon, Sept. 4.—(P)—British warships rode at anchor in the harbor of Singapore today for the first time in more than 3½ years, and word was expected here momentarily that occupation forces had landed to take over the once mighty naval base from the surrendering Japanese.

Triumphant entry of the British vessels was announced last night by the southeast Asia command, which said that landing forces would go ashore as soon as preliminary arrangements had been completed.

Leading the squadron into the bay was the cruiser Cleopatra, flying the flag of Admiral Sir Arthur Power, commander of the East Indies station.

MORE ARRIVALS
Additional naval vessels, including the cruiser Sussex, are expected to arrive in Singapore today under Rear Adm. C. S. Holland, who has been named commander of the naval occupying force. The commander of the army occupying force also is aboard the Sussex.

Singapore, one of the great outlying bastions of the British empire, has been in Japanese hands since Feb. 15, 1942, when Gen. Percival surrendered his garrison to the forces of Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita.

Yesterday Percival—recently released from a Japanese prison camp—witnessed Yamashita's surrender to Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright at Baguio, Luzon.

U. S. Not Dropping Treason Charges Against Ezra Pound

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—(P)—The justice department said today it does not plan to drop treason charges against Ezra Pound, American writer held by the U. S. army in northern Italy.

A spokesman said the department recently received a lengthy memorandum on Pound from military authorities in Italy and added that his case is being studied "intensely."

A Rome dispatch recently suggested that Pound might be released for lack of evidence. Pound was indicted July 26, 1943 for allegedly giving aid and comfort to the enemy by acting as a propaganda broadcaster.

Careful Thief Breaks Into Drug Store

It was a careful thief who broke into the Paul Webb and Sons drug store some time last night and took his stock of morphine. The intruder after breaking a window light to get in replaced the light with a piece of pasteboard when he left.

According to report made to police this morning the thief evidently had the key to the land for he took the key to the cabinet where the narcotics are kept from the place where it was concealed behind a medicine bottle and unlocked the supply.

This is the second narcotics theft committed here within recent weeks. Suttler's store having been entered and robbed of morphine only a short time ago.

HIROHITO OPENS SESSION OF JAPANESE DIET

Peers Resolve To "Acknowledge Reality Of Our Defeat"

'REBUILD NATION'

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—(P)—The Japanese house of peers this afternoon resolved "to acknowledge the reality of our defeat," and "to cut a way out of the present situation and embark upon a new course of national rebuilding."

Emperor Hirohito himself opened the parliamentary session this morning, calling for the Japanese to "surmount the manifold hardships and trials attending termination of the war, make manifest the innate glory of Japan's national policy, win the confidence of the world," and "devote ourselves to reconstruction in every field."

The resolution adopted later by the house of peers expressed determination to rebuild the nation "with a view to safeguarding the age-old national structure and contributing to world peace, in order that his majesty's mind may be put at rest."

Hirohito had terminated the war, the resolution said, "in profound consideration of the welfare of his subjects."

AVOIDS WORD
The emperor, who appeared briefly in person at the opening session, did not once use the word "surrender" in the imperial rescript as broadcast by the Domei agency, but merely referred to "termination of the war" and "cessation of hostilities."

All Japanese were called upon to "unite in service to the state with greater zeal than ever."

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Chinese Fly To Nanking For Jap Surrender

By SPENCER MOOSA
CHUNGKING, Sept. 4.—(P)—Troops of the American-trained and American-equipped Chinese Sixth Army, which helped drive the Japanese from North Burma, will fly to Nanking today for the formal surrender of Japanese forces in the China theater scheduled for Thursday, the high command announced.

The movement was scheduled to start several days ago, but was held up by bad weather.

The high command reported the junction of forces under Gen. Yen Hsi-Shan from Shanxi province and Gen. Fu Tso-Yi from the Inner Mongolian province of Suiyuan at Tating in northern Shanxi. The juncture took place Saturday. A number of other towns were recovered peacefully, including Paoching in Hunan, once an American air base.

Gen. Ho Ying-Chin, commander of Chinese field forces, who will accept the Japanese surrender, sent a memorandum to Japanese commander Yasuji Okamura, listing 15 representatives who will receive regional surrenders, and the points at which these will be received.

INDOCHINA
The list included Gen. Liu Han, commander of the first area forces, who will accept the surrender of the Japanese in northern Indochina at Hanoi.

The others are: Gen. Chang Fah-Kwei, commander of China's second area forces, for Canton; Gen. Yu Han-Mou, commander of the seventh war area, Swatow; Gen. Wang Yao-Wu,

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BIRDEYE VIEW OF HIROSHIMA: U.S. Newsmen Tells Of Destruction And Death In Wake Of First Atomic Bombing

HIROSHIMA, Japan, Sept. 4.—(P)—Street cars rattle along the streets where not a single building stands. A few deadpan civilians paddle slowly through the rubble.

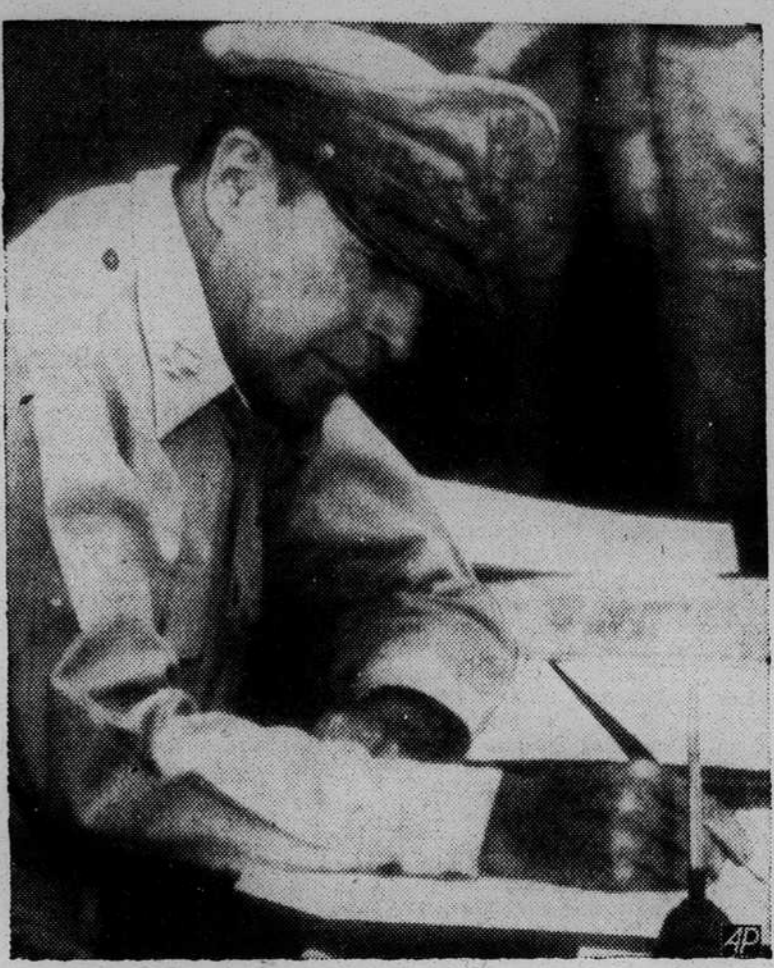
Block after block contains only a thin covering of rusting tin, a few stones and some broken bricks. The twisted frames of less than a dozen buildings stand forlornly alone in the midst of ruin that was once touted as Japan's most modernized city.

That was the Hiroshima I saw today with the first American post-war visitors to the world's first target of the atomic bomb.

We landed in a B-17 at the 2,000-foot Kure airstrip and drove in cars provided by the Japanese for the 12 miles to Hiroshima.

For its size, no city in the world was so completely wiped out by bombs as this war-swollen metropolis of 400,000, whose heart was smashed completely by a single application of atomic bomb. The buildings, once the most modern of Japanese empire, were simply smashed—not split apart as from an ordinary demolition raid—but leveled over the ground.

By contrast, Bremen, Hamburg



CLOSE UP OF MacARTHUR SIGNING—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, military ruler of Japan, uses one of five pens in signing the Japanese surrender papers aboard the U. S. S. Missouri in Tokyo Bay. This is one of the first original photos of the surrender ceremony to reach the United States. It was flown from Japan to Seattle, Wash., aboard a C-54 Army transport.—(AP Wirephoto).

List Of Jap War Criminals Grows

Released Prisoners Continue To Tell Stories Of Starvation, Brutality, Torture

By Spencer Davis
YOKOHAMA, Sept. 4.—(P)—Americans freed from the hellholes of Japan told their stories of starvation, brutality and torture directly today to Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, commanding Eighth Army occupation forces—and names of Japanese responsible were added steadily to a growing war-criminals list.

The navy simultaneously sent a hospital ship, four transports, a cruiser and four rescue destroyers to Hamamatsu, 120 miles southwest of Tokyo, to evacuate other hundreds of allied prisoners. These ships earlier had helped evacuate approximately 1,500 from the Tokyo area.

Due this afternoon were 462 others being brought to Yokohama from the Ashio prison camp, and 3,000 more at Niigata, a west coast port. In Northern Honshu and northernmost Hokkaido an estimated 11,500 await liberation.

Eighty percent of the 2,000 already examined here are in "serious" condition, medical officers said.

Carrier planes of the U. S. Third fleet searched Japan for others, and spotted 60 excited prisoners waving wildly from a camp at Hikone village, 50 miles west of Nagoya. One man was waving the tricolor of France.

BRITISH ALSO
Adm. Sir Bruce Fraser, commanding the British Pacific fleet,

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Delivery Of Ashes Of War Dead Delayed

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—(P)—Delivery of the ashes of Japanese war dead in Tokyo, Yokohama, Chiba and Ibaragi which had been set for Sept. 7 has been indefinitely postponed as a "precautionary measure," Tokyo radio said today.

The broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications commission, implied, but did not state, that Japanese authorities feared the delivery of the ashes might lead to trouble between the people and allied occupation forces.

Madame Chiang On Way To Chungking

LONDON, Sept. 4.—(P)—The all-India radio said Mrs. Chiang Kai-Shek reached Calcutta today, enroute from New York to Chungking.

Death In Wake Of First Atomic Bombing

And Berlin seem almost untouched. Of the few recognizable pieces of buildings still standing, only one remains of possible service. In it Hiroshima's banks have set up counters and there several hundred Japanese waited to do business.

FULL OF HATRED
The Japanese newspapermen who had visited the city shortly after the leveling told me that the residents of Hiroshima "hate you and think you the most fiendish, cruel people on earth."

Hirokuni Dada, chief of the police

AMERICANS' GRIP ON AREA IS EXPANDED

Yanks Authorized To Requisition Anything They Need In Japan

MAY ATTEND DIET

By The Associated Press
YOKOHAMA, Sept. 4.—(P)

New landings today expanded the American occupation forces' powerful grip on the Tokyo area, and General MacArthur, in a general order, gave his armies authority to requisition anything they need in Japan.

First occupation of Tokyo itself, scheduled for Friday, is to be outlined in detail at a meeting of the Japanese first army command with Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, American Eighth Army commander, at Yokohama Wednesday.

MacArthur instructed the Japanese to turn all existing prisoner of war camps over to the highest ranking officer interned in each, and gave him authority to demand of the Japanese whatever food and medical care is necessary for his camp.

The initial Tokyo occupation force will number only 3,350, said the Japanese government communique announcing that the entry was scheduled Friday, (Thursday night, U. S. time.)

The communique said policemen would be detailed to maintain law and order in all areas of occupation; government organs and public organizations would continue to function as usual, and all negotiations between American forces and Japanese authorities would be conducted by liaison officials.

Preceding the occupation of Tokyo, General MacArthur's troops were to half-circle the capital with new landings today, while 120 miles southwest naval forces landed at Hamamatsu and other landings were being made at Takuso, port city of Yushu island, 600 miles southwest of Tokyo, and at Kanoya airfield, also on Kyushu.

American correspondents were to be permitted to attend tomorrow's Diet meeting after General

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REVIS HUSS BOUND OVER

Alleged Paramour Sentenced To Nine Months Imprisonment

NEWTON, Sept. 4.—(P)—Revis Huss, 27-year-old Banook farmer, charged with choking his wife to death, was bound over to Superior court on a second-degree murder charge today.

His alleged paramour in a rustic love nest, Mrs. Phoebe Sue Hildebran of Valdeese, was found guilty on a morals charge and sentenced to nine months imprisonment.

Judge Eddy S. Merritt who heard both cases in Catawba county recorder's court, ruled that the state had failed to offer sufficient evidence to hold Huss on a first degree charge, which was lodged against him in the arrest warrant. He fixed bond at \$20,000.

Judge Merritt said there was no evidence of premeditation on the part of Huss. On the other hand, he continued, it appeared that he killed his wife in the heat of a quarrel and threw her body into Lake Hickory without even attempting to weight it down.

CHIEF WITNESS
Sheriff Ray Pitts was the chief witness against Huss at the preliminary hearing. He said the accused had signed a confession admitting that he choked his wife, Lorene, after they had quarreled because she upbraided him for going out with other women.

At Mrs. Hildebran's trial several neighbors testified that she and Huss had occupied an apartment near Hickory for a period last July. They said the defendant told them he was married to Huss.

Mrs. Hildebran, wife of an overseas soldier, did not testify. She gave notice of appeal when the sentence was announced but later indicated she would serve her term.

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