

## IMPERIAL FAMILY TO ENFORCE SURRENDER

### 'Invaded' Japan



LT. VERNON T. COUMBRE



ST. RALPH J. JACOBS

ALTHOUGH Japan is reported ready to surrender to forestall invasion of her home islands, she didn't make the decision in time to stop Lt. Vernon T. Coumbre (top), Lombard, Ill., and Lt. Ralph Jacobs (bottom), Chicago, from making their own private involuntary "invasion." When Coumbre's plane was shot down on a mission, he spent the night in Japan. Jacobs attempted to rescue him and also lost his plane. Another Navy flier finally picked 'em up. (International Soundphoto)

## Truman Thinks Japs Will Never Be Able To Stage Comeback

### Says Atomic Bomb Will Be Developed To Benefit Mankind

Washington, Aug. 16.—(AP)—President Truman said today he does not think the Japanese people will ever have a chance to obtain revenge for their defeat in this war.

In his first peacetime news conference, the President declared that if Congress goes along, the scientific discoveries which made possible the atomic bomb will be turned to the welfare and benefit of mankind.

Commenting on the situation in the Pacific since he announced the Japanese acceptance of Allied peace terms, the President said: "The surrender will not be complete until 2,000,000 Japanese lay down their arms. General Douglas MacArthur will announce the signing of the surrender, which will take place at a point MacArthur designates."

"There is no apparent necessity for dividing Japan into occupation zones, although troops from all the Allies will be under MacArthur's command."

"Congress will decide when to end the wartime draft," Mr. Truman said.

The President will make a recommendation to Congress on a universal peacetime military program shortly after it meets again.

There has been no decision yet on combining the Army and the Navy in peacetime, he said.

The President's declaration that Japan will have no chance to obtain revenge for its defeat came in response to a reporter's question.

"The reporter said most Japanese radio pronouncements since acceptance of the surrender terms seemed to indicate the Japanese are planning a military comeback in the future."

Nearly every defeated people felt that way about it, the President remarked. But, he added, he did not think the Japanese would ever have a chance to obtain revenge.

The President opened his conference with the remark that he had no particular news, but thought reporters ought to have a chance to look him in the face and ask him pertinent questions. He grinned as he said this.

### American allies.

Churchill's outline of the opposition's attitude will touch off the traditional debate on the government's program as presented in the king's opening message yesterday.

According to custom, Churchill's Laborite successor, Prime Minister Clement Attlee, will reply in support of the program.

The Bank of England and the coal mines were slated as first to be nationalized in the king's speech, which, according to custom, was prepared by the new prime minister and outlined the Laborite plans.

Predictions were that the Conservative opposition—badly outnumbered—would avoid an early vote by refraining from proposing any amendments to the king's message, which is the traditional way for the opposition party to launch its attacks.

### Targets with several naval bombardments.

Only a single ship—a light American unit—was damaged. The roster of the mighty armada included eight American and one British battleships; 16 American and four British aircraft carriers; 19 American and seven British cruisers; 62 American and 17 British destroyers.

Attached to Nimitz' honor roll was a statement of high praise for the hard working service forces which carried the supplies of war across thousands of miles of ocean and delivered them at sea to the fuel and ammunition consuming fighting ships.

Even in its formidable array, however, the listing of the third fleet's ships failed to show the entire strength of the Pacific fleet. For instance, the super-battleship New Jersey and the older Washington did not operate with Halsey during the period mentioned in the communiqué.

### Possible Regents



PRINCE NOBUHITO TAKAMATSU



PRINCE CHICHIBU

Speculating on the possibility that Emperor Hirohito of Japan may abdicate, U. S. and foreign diplomats say a regency might be established under Prince Nobuhito Takamatsu (top) or Prince Chichibu, younger brother of the present Japanese emperor. (Anternational)

## Answer Of Japs Slow In Arriving

### Tokyo Says Order To End Hostilities Was Met, However

Manila, Aug. 16.—(AP)—The Japanese had not replied to General MacArthur's message to surrender instructions tonight, almost 24 hours after receipt was announced in Tokyo.

MacArthur yesterday demanded that Tokyo order all Japanese troops to cease hostilities and give instructions for sending a representative of Emperor Hirohito to Manila to receive surrender terms.

The Japanese Domei news agency reported earlier that Emperor Hirohito had complied with MacArthur's instructions that imperial troops be instructed to cease fire.

Headquarters of American forces in the Pacific told correspondents at 9 p.m. (3 a.m. EWT), however, that no word had yet been received. The mystery of the prolonged silence caused talk here of a detailed statement on Japan's acceptance of plans of sending a representative to headquarters.

MacArthur, obviously impatient that fighting continued in scattered pockets in northern Luzon mountains, asserted the Japanese had held up their reply for hours.

(An Okinawa report said the Japanese envoys would reach Ie Shima tomorrow, in compliance with instructions, but no word was received in Manila of such plans.)

### ANOTHER HIGH JAP BUMPS HIMSELF OFF

London, Aug. 16.—(AP)—British press dispatches from Switzerland today reported that Lt. Gen. Tokamoto, Japanese naval attaché at the embassy in Bern, had committed suicide at Zurich.

Tokamoto was the second prominent Japanese official reported to have taken his own life since the Japanese surrender.

## Long Delay Is Likely Before End

### Emperor Will Send Relatives To Stop Far-Flung Warfare

(By The Associated Press) Emperor Hirohito will send members of the imperial family to the various fighting fronts to assure that his orders to "cease fire" are carried out by the Japanese troops, the Japanese government said in a message today to General MacArthur, which was recorded by the Federal Communications Commission.

The message advised the Allied supreme commander that the order suspending hostilities had been issued as he directed, and added that members of the imperial family would enforce it personally, although in some isolated instances it might take as long as 12 days.

The message in English, estimated that six days would be required to make the messages entirely effective in China, eight days in Bougainville, and twelve days in New Guinea and the Philippines.

The message expressed great embarrassment, but said "it is impossible for us to arrange for the flight of our representatives on August 17," as demanded by MacArthur, "due to the severity of time."

"We will, however, proceed at once with the necessary preparations, and notify General MacArthur as to the date of such representatives, which will take place as soon as possible," the message said.

The type of plane ordered to make the flight by MacArthur also was questioned. The Japanese explained they did not understand the designation and asked the Allied commander to repeat the entire message of instructions to them.

## Civil War In China Is Developing

Chongking, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Unofficial reports today said Chinese communist troops, apparently bent on seizing control of all key cities north of the Yellow river when Japanese lay down their arms, had clashed with central government guerrillas at several points near Tsingtao and Tientsin.

Previous unconfirmed reports had said the communists were moving to seize both these cities as well as Peiping, Hsuehow and other strategic centers in defiance of orders from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Chinese communist leaders formally rejected today Chiang's orders to remain at their posts and take no independent action against the Chinese, saying the order was "definitely contrary to the interests of the Chinese nation."

### SURRENDER EVENT ABOARD BATTLESHIP

Guam, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz has sent messages to General Spaatz and Lt. Gen. Roy Geiger inviting them and their aides to be his guests on his flagship at Japanese surrender ceremonies.

The invitation implied that Admiral Nimitz will be present at ceremonies for the United States and that the ceremony will take place aboard a warship.

## Jap Puppet For China Dissolving

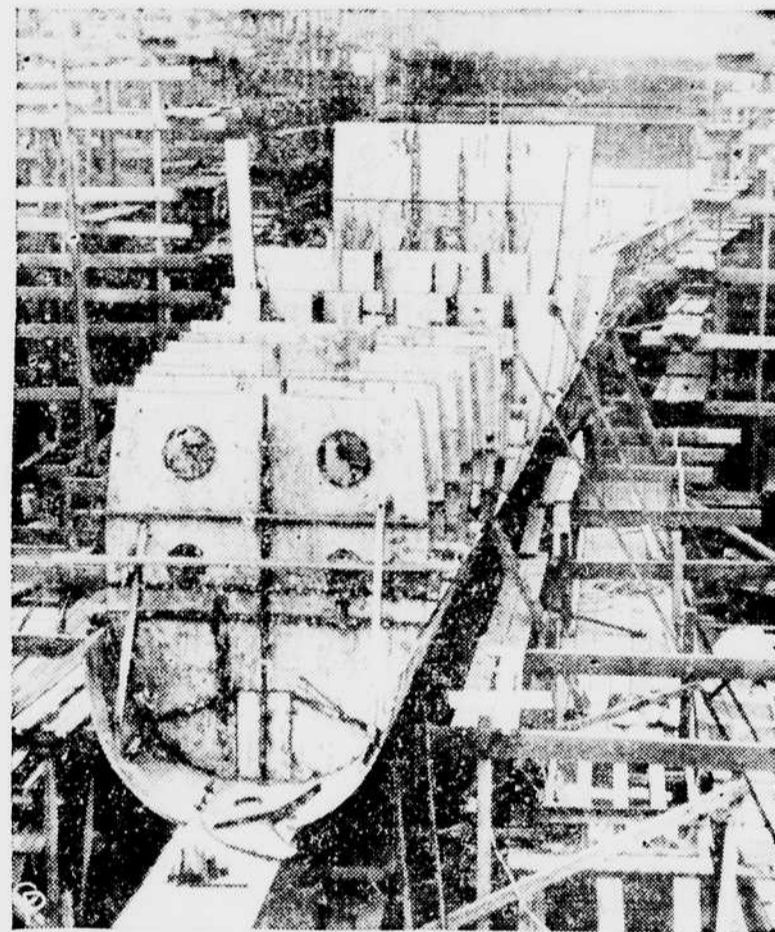
### (By The Associated Press)

Japanese broadcasts said today that the Nanking puppet government of Japanese-occupied China had decided to dissolve, and that Emperor Hirohito's Kwantung army had appealed to the Russians to

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## Emperor Names Cousin Head Of Japan's New Government

### WORK HALTED ON CARRIER IWO JIMA



SCAFFOLDING SURROUNDS THE KEEL AND PART OF THE HULL OF THE Essex-class carrier Iwo Jima as she stands unfinished in the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. yards at Newport News, Va., after the Navy had cancelled the order for the vessel following Jap surrender proposals. This is an official U. S. Navy photo. (International)

## MacArthur Criticizes Jap Delays

### New Cabinet Will Be Formed Quickly To Direct Nation

(By The Associated Press) Emperor Hirohito ordered his defeated forces to stop fighting today, Japanese broadcasts reported, and simultaneously named a royal blooded general to head Japan's peacetime government.

The mikado's belated "cease fire" order was issued only after General MacArthur, supreme Allied commander, from whom the new premier will take his orders, sharply criticized Tokyo for unnecessary delay in replying to his surrender instructions.

The government controlled Domei news agency said it will still take several days for the emperor's order to reach all of his widely scattered 3,000,000 soldiers, many of whom are still fighting.

Hirohito named one of his cousins, General Prince Naruhiko Higashi-Kuni, to form Nippon's new government. It was an unprecedented step. Never before, Domei said, has a member of the royal family headed the government of Japan.

Higashi-Kuni was one of Japan's directing wartime generals, and once was reported to have threatened trial and possible death to captured Allied airmen.

He began forming his peacetime cabinet by calling in key members of Premier Kantaro Suzuki's last wartime cabinet, which resigned yesterday.

Among members of Suzuki's fallen government who called at the new premier's headquarters in Akasaka detached palace were former Premier Prince Konoye; Admiral Konai, who is navy minister; and Lt. Gen. Wakamatsu, vice minister of war. War Minister Anami has committed suicide.

Domei said because of "the gravity of the situation," formation of the cabinet will be rushed, and "may be completed by tonight."

Hirohito's selection of a prince as premier, the news agency said, "indicates that His Majesty regards the present situation as one of unprecedented importance in national history." He reportedly made his choice without following the usual practice of consulting senior statesmen.

Simultaneously, Domei said that Japan's latest totalitarian party was

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## Income Tax Cut Coming Next Year

### Several Millions May Be Relieved Of All Obligation

Washington, Aug. 16.—(AP)—All Americans seem likely to get a cut in their income taxes after January 1. Perhaps several million will have to pay no income taxes at all next year.

Congress is coming back September 5 in a tax-cutting mood. Some of the best informed tax experts in Washington think a reduction in personal income taxes will be enacted before Christmas—with administrative approval if the cut isn't too drastic.

People in the lowest income groups would be the ones whose income taxes might be wiped out entirely.

A survey of congressional and other tax authorities today produced the following picture:

1. No tax reductions are likely on 1945 income. The expected cut would be felt first in smaller payroll reductions starting January 1.

2. Federal taxes on such items as alcoholic beverages, furs, luggage, jewelry, theatre tickets and telephone calls will drop back down automatically to 1942 rates six months after the official "termination" of hostilities.

3. The 95 percent excess profits tax on corporations is due to be killed.

The size of any reduction in the personal income tax will be settled by Congress, maybe after a knock-down fight.

The administration certainly will oppose any drastic slash in the income tax for next year, but there are strong signs the administration will not oppose a moderate reduction, for example, repeal of the "normal tax." This normal tax—three percent of net "income"—used to be called the "Victory tax."

If the "normal tax" were repealed, what is known as the "surftax" would be the only income tax left.

To put it on a weekly basis, the man with a wife and one child earning up to around \$30 a week would see his withholding tax disappear.

## WEATHER

### FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Partly cloudy and a little cooler today and tonight, except continued warm in southeast portion today. Few scattered thundershowers in coastal section today. Friday partly cloudy, moderate temperature.

## Russians Press Manchuria Drives Against The Japs

Moscow, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Russian forces continued today to drive deeper into Manchuria, where it was said last night Japanese troops are still offering resistance.

Front dispatches indicated Red army mobile units were spreading out rapidly over hundreds of square miles of territory, with three main columns driving steadily toward Harbin.

The nearest of these columns was the one advancing from the east, which had taken the rail hub of Mutaikiang, 165 miles from Harbin, and was pushing on to the west.

### JAPS TO CONTINUE EVACUATING CITIES

San Francisco, Aug. 16.—(AP)—"In view of the food situation in the cities and the present transport capacity," Japan will continue its evacuation of metropolitan localities, the Japanese news agency Domei reported today in a broadcast recorded by the Federal Communications Commission.

San Francisco, Aug. 16.—(AP)—President Truman, seeking to smooth the transition to peace, today moved to promote harmony between business and labor.

At the same time, realizing that millions soon would be jobless, he told a news conference that a bill assigned to steer the country into full employment, now in Congress, is "most" legislation.

Mr. Truman said he would call a conference of capital and labor as soon as Congress reassembles. He did not explain what he hoped to achieve by this, but the government has been eager for management and labor to continue into the peacetime years the cooperation by which they helped win the war.

The President said the War Labor Board would be continued as long as there is necessity for it. The board has been the government's big stick in keeping industrial peace.

Other top developments on the home front:

1. Tax authorities said all Americans seem likely to get a moderate cut in their income taxes by January 1.

2. The Maritime Commission said building would be stopped on some ships but that others, far along in construction, would be continued.

3. With gasoline rationing now finished, petroleum officials said the fuel would soon be back to pre-war quality.

4. The House Appropriations Committee is asking all Federal agencies how much money they can turn back into the Treasury, now that peace is here.

5. The Army Air Forces cancelled production of 31,000 planes. The pattern for the vast reconversion task took clearer form today. It was bolstered on all sides with official warnings that lessons learned from World War I must be heeded.

Today, two days after victory, the home front situation took on this shape:

The country had its instructions. Government agencies have issued their policy statements. Industry has a green light to produce in unlimited quantities. All sorts of wartime controls are crumbling. The consuming public threw its gasoline coupons and blue ration points into the waste basket.

Even reconversion director Jonh W. Snyder:

"The greatest single danger to an orderly reconversion lies in the threat of inflation. We cannot and must not repeat our folly after World War I."

## Surrender Not Known At Potsdam

### Churchill Relates To Commons Some Of Inside Discussions

London, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Winston Churchill, leader of the Labor government's Conservative opposition, told Commons today that he and President Truman did not know at Potsdam how long Japan could hold out, and said that plans were made then for an unsurpassed investment in "life and treasure" for victory.

Rising from the opposite bench, he told the House of Commons, which he led in Great Britain's darkest days, that the experiments with the atomic bomb in New Mexico were attended by "success beyond all dreams, which crowned the sombre, magnificent venture of our

## Nimitz Proudly Records Service Of Third Fleet

Guam, Aug. 16.—(AP)—Admiral Nimitz today proudly named 105 of America's newest and fastest warships, and 23 British vessels, as forming the powerful Allied Pacific fleet, which helped push Japan over the brink of defeat with continuing naval blows in the final weeks of the war.

The American vessels, operating as the third fleet from July 10 to August 15, were joined by the British men of war on July 15.

The special communiqué identified for the first time the full strength of Admiral Halsey's task force 38, a powerful striking arm that packed a wallop of more than 1,000,000 tons of fighting steel.

The mighty concentration of American and British warships destroyed or damaged more than 1,500 Japanese planes and nearly 1,000 ships and small Japanese craft. In the 37-day span of operations, it struck Japan from the air on 14 separate days and pulverized land