

RUSSIA DECLARES WAR ON JAPS

Hiroshima Nearly Wiped Out By Atomic Bomb Word Is Flashed To World Shortly After 3 o'Clock Wednesday

4 Square Miles Are Blasted Into Utter Ruin

Guam, August 8. — Tokyo conceded today that most of Hiroshima had been destroyed completely by a single American atomic bomb Monday and said blasted and blistered corpses "too numerous to count" littered the ruins.

"The impact of the bomb was so terrific that practically all living things, human and animal, literally seared to death by tremendous heat and pressure created by the blast," one broadcast said.

American reconnaissance photographs confirmed that four and one-tenth square miles — 60 per cent of the built-up area — of Hiroshima had vanished almost without trace in the world's greatest explosion.

Unofficial American sources estimated Japanese dead and wounded might exceed 100,000.

Five major war plants and scores of smaller factories, office buildings and dwellings were known to have been leveled. Only a few skeletons of concrete buildings remained in the obliterated area. Additional damage outside the totally destroyed section still was being assessed.

Radio Tokyo, breaking its silence of more than 60 hours after the raid, said the "indescribable destructive power" of the bomb had crushed big buildings and small dwellings alike in an unparalleled holocaust.

Inhabitants were killed by blast, fire and crumbling buildings, Tokyo said. Most bodies were so badly battered that it was impossible to distinguish between the men and women.

As Tokyo painted a fearful picture of the catastrophe, some sources saw a possibility that Japan might reconsider her rejection of the Allied demand for her surrender before she is invaded.

"It shouldn't take the Japanese long to think this over," one ranking officer said. "We plan to present them with bursting atoms as often as possible."

Preparations were continuous through the Pacific for an invasion of Japan if necessary, however. Everywhere transports were on the move with supplies and troops.

Radio Tokyo said both the dead and wounded had been burned beyond recognition and confessed that authorities still were unable to obtain a definite check on civilian casualties.

"Those outdoors burned to death, while those indoors were killed by the indescribable pressure and heat," Tokyo said. It called the city a "disastrous ruin."

OVERSEAS GIFTS TO TAKE POINTS

Rationed Items Sent To Civilians Abroad No Longer To Be Point-Free

OKEY FOR SERVICEMEN

It has been officially announced by OPA directors that rationed food to be shipped to civilians abroad may no longer be had without points. This also applies to rationed shoes.

Gifts of rationed food may still be sent ration-free to servicemen overseas, but our food situation is so tight at home that gifts sent overseas to civilians must be paid for with ration points.

The sugar shortage has resulted in one bright spot for housewives, at least, with OPA announcing that canned fancy and choice fruits will drop two cents apiece in retail listings on the new 1945 pack. Such fruits as yellow cling peaches, Bartlett pears, and apricots must be packed in light syrup instead of heavy syrup as before, and the result will be a lower net cost to the buying public.

A recent directive by another Federal agency apparently "gave the impression that fur and fur garments had been released from price control. OPA announces that price ceilings on furs still remain. The announcement is made to clear up any misunderstandings about the matter.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

STATE

RALEIGH, Aug. 7—An investigation of alleged irregularities in Davidson county during the last general election "disclosed the fact that many ballots were forged, that many ballots were acknowledged before a notary public without the voter being present and in several instances where the voter actually voted in another county, the official report said. The report, lent to the Associated Press by a state official who asked that his name not be used, was forwarded to Solicitor J. Lee Wilson at Lexington July 15. Wilson said yesterday he had been in court two weeks since that time and had not had time to give it sufficient study. Chairman W. T. Joyner of the state board of elections, which originally investigated the charges and recommended a detailed probe, said last week that he had read the official report made by the state bureau of investigation and pledged the support of his office in any possible prosecution.

RALEIGH, Aug. 7 — Governor Cherry today announced the appointment of Lt. Col. Howell J. (Doggie) Hatcher, of Morganton, to the newly-created combination post of major of the state highway patrol and director of the division of highway safety. Hatcher, who was scheduled to be discharged from the army at Ft. Bragg today, thus will assume the post previously offered, tentatively accepted, and then declined by Chief Walter Anderson, of the Charlotte police department. Anderson declined the post on the ground that he was more needed in Charlotte. Governor Cherry did not say when Hatcher would report for duty. Presumably, he will report for work Monday.

NATIONAL

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Aug. 7 — President Truman returned to this country today, exactly a month after he left to attend the momentous big three conference at Potsdam. The cruiser Augusta, bearing the President and his party, docked at a pier of the army port of embarkation at 5 p. m. EWT. The President soon disembarked and left for Washington by train. Accompanying Mr. Truman, among others, were his chief of staff, Fleet Adm. William D. Leahy, and Secretary of State James F. Byrnes. It was on July 7 that Mr. Truman embarked on the Augusta for his first big three meeting. He landed at Antwerp, Belgium, on July 15, and the conference began on the 17. Following the close of the conference, he flew to England on August 2, lunched with King George, and then sailed for home.

INTERNATIONAL

LONDON, Aug. 7 — The revolutionary atomic bomb might become the peace-enforcing weapon of the united nations through a special air police force equipped with the secret, terrible missile by the United States and Britain, some diplomats suggested tonight. They also speculated that the bomb would raise the question of putting all militarily-important scientific inventions under control of the united nations security council when the new world organization is born. While authoritative officials would not comment on the question whether Russia had been kept informed of the developments, most unofficial sources expressed belief

C. W. MARTIN DIES IN CRASH

Aviation Cadet Victim of Airplane Crash At Pensacola, Fla., Tuesday

RITES ARE INCOMPLETE

A/C Charles Wendell Martin, 20, was killed in an airplane crash at Pensacola, Fla., Tuesday, according to a message received by his parents, in this city.

Martin volunteered for the naval air corps in May, 1943, and was called into service in September, 1943. His boot training was received in Pensacola, Fla., the University of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C., Petersburg, Fla., Athens, Ga., Memphis, Tenn., and he had returned to Pensacola for advanced training expecting to receive his commission in October of this year.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Martin; three sisters, Mrs. Bernard Jordan, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Frederick Reese and Miss Sara Martin, of the home; two brothers, Wilbur Martin, of Taylorsville, and Edwin Martin, of the home. A grandfather, Dolphus Martin, State Road, also survives him.

Funeral services are incomplete, pending the arrival of the body in Elkin.

JAYCEES HOLD BOSSES' NIGHT

Employers And Business Associates Are Guests At Meeting Here Monday

DISCUSS PARK PROJECT

The Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce met Monday night at the Y. M. C. A. with the bosses and business associates as guests. Thirty-one members were present in addition to the honored guests. The feature of the program was a panel discussion of the proposed Municipal Park and Playground Project. The discussion was led by Hubert Parker, Garland Johnson and J. W. L. Benson who are members of the Elkin Post-War Planning Committee. The various phases of the Park and Athletic Program were discussed with regard to combining the projects into one overall plan. Much interest was manifested by the Jaycees at the athletic field and school playground phases of the project.

VACCINATION CLINIC HERE

Parents Urged To Have Small Children Vaccinated Before School Starts

SCHEDULE IS GIVEN

The Surry county health department has called attention to the fact that under North Carolina law, all children entering school must be vaccinated for diphtheria, whooping cough and smallpox.

Inasmuch as there remains only one month until school opens this fall, parents are requested to either take their children to their family physician or to the county health department and have these vaccines administered.

Vaccination clinics are to be held in the following places: Elkin, Thursday (today), from 11:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.; Dobson, Friday from 11:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon; Pilot Mountain Friday, 2:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.

It is important that children between the ages of six months and six years have these vaccines as soon after six months of age as possible, county health authorities said. It is advisable that whooping cough vaccine be administered even earlier than six months of age. All of these diseases are preventable, it was pointed out, and it is inexcusable for children to have any of them.



AWARDED PURPLE HEART—Private First Class Leon J. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Hall, of Yadkinville, has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in Germany in November, 1944. Entering service in January, 1944, he trained at Camp Wheeler, Ga., before going overseas the following June. At present he is stationed in France with the Military Police.

TERM OF COURT IS CALLED OFF

Commissioners Cancel September 17th Term; Mixed Term September 24th

JURY ANNOUNCED LATER

The Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session at Dobson Monday cancelled the term of court scheduled to be held the week of September 17. This term was ordered cancelled by Governor R. Gregg Cherry, due to the fact that farmers are busy with their crops at this time, and also due to the opening of the tobacco markets.

It was announced however, that a mixed term of court will be held the weeks beginning September 24th and October 1, and that a jury will be drawn at a later date. Other business transacted was of a routine nature.

Kiwanians To Hear Musical Program

A musical program is being arranged for the meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis Club at the Gilvin Roth YMCA this evening at 6:30 o'clock, under the direction of Program Chairman Clifton Leary and Kiwanian Robert Boles.

Last week's meeting featured a humorous talk by Robert Ormsby, which was highly enjoyed by all present.

Next week the Kiwanians, with their wives, will hold a picnic somewhere along the scenic highway, this meeting to be held Wednesday.



GRANDDADDY OF TREES — Shown above is part of the venerable logs which were cut by the firm of L. A. Norman & Son, of Elkin, Route 1, from a poplar tree on the farm of R. J. Reynolds at Devotion. This is said to be the largest tree ever cut in this section, 11 6-foot cuts being made, the largest of which measured about six feet across. The tree contained about 6,000 feet, 4,400 feet of which were marketable veneer. The Lenoir Company stated that it was the largest ever brought to their plant. The tree is shown loaded on two trucks en route to Lenoir. The Norman firm stated that it was impossible to cut it with their machinery and it was cut with hand saws. — Photo by Redmon.

YADKIN COURT TO BEGIN 20TH

Session For Trial of Criminal Cases To Be Presided Over By Bobbitt

LARGE NUMBER CASES

Superior court for the trial of criminal cases will begin in Yadkinville on August 20th, with Judge W. H. Bobbitt of Charlotte presiding. Solicitor Avalon E. Hall will represent the state.

A large number of cases are docketed for trial at this term, but no cases of major importance. It will take several days to dispose of the docket.

Jurors have been drawn and summoned for jury duty at this term, and they are as follows:

Osoce Haynes, Hamptonville; Henry Brown, Jonesville; James H. Dobbins, Boonville; Paul Douglass, East Bend; William F. Ashley, Hamptonville; Frank Caudle, Yadkinville; M. F. Spann, Cycle; Arville H. Norman, East Bend; D. M. Brendle, Boonville; Frank H. Hennings, East Bend; T. Montgomery Arnold, Hamptonville.

Roy J. Angell, East Bend; Everette H. Hoots, East Bend; Edward D. Sale, Yadkinville; Dalt M. Smittherman, East Bend; Jerry Mitchell, Union Grove; W. T. Vestal, Boonville; Beach M. Bell, Jonesville; Clement Finney, East Bend; Vance Calloway, Boonville; James H. Reese, Boonville; J. T. Wall, East Bend; C. R. Transon, Boonville; I. S. Calloway, Boonville; W. G. Hutchens, East Bend; Walter Durham, Jonesville; Marvin H. Renigar, Hamptonville; Charlie Taylor, East Bend; Dallas Mendenhall, Jonesville.

Edgar P. Swaim, Cycle; R. B. Wood, Jonesville; Richard Draughn, Jonesville; John Robertson, Jonesville; John W. Mitchell, Union Grove; C. E. Mace, Jonesville; Henry Kimmer, Yadkinville; Clyde H. Wooten, Yadkinville; R. E. Wooten, Mocksville; Tom A. Murphy, Boonville; Will E. Wooten, Yadkinville; Clifton Casstevens, Yadkinville.

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AWARDED CROIX DE GUERRE — Captain LeGrand Johnson, husband of the former Miss Lesbia Graham, of this city, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre for meritorious service, according to notice received by Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Graham, 371 Gwyn Avenue. At present Captain Johnson is stationed at Avon School, Avon, Conn. He returned to the States in December after more than a year's service in Holland and France. He was wounded in France soon after the invasion on D-Day. All members of his division were presented this award by the French, this being the highest honor that they give for military service.

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Word Is Flashed To World Shortly After 3 o'Clock Wednesday

President Truman Makes Dramatic Announcement From White House

Soviet Russia has declared war against Japan!

This dramatic news was given to the nation Wednesday afternoon shortly after 3:00 o'clock by President Harry S. Truman, who had just returned to the White House from the Potsdam conference.

It was just one minute after 3:00 p. m. when Washington newsmen were summoned to the oval room adjoining the President's executive office. They were not kept waiting long, but were ushered into Mr. Truman's office, where he awaited them with a grave expression.

"Gentlemen," he said, "Soviet Russia has just declared war on Japan."

Newsmen were momentarily taken by surprise by the startling and dramatic news, but quickly recovered to rush to the nearest telephones.

Later news bulletins from Moscow stated that Premier Molotov announced that Russia considered herself at war with Japan as of 5:50 p. m. e. w. t. Wednesday.

Comment in the nation's capital following President Truman's disclosure of the news of

Russia's entry into the war expressed the opinion that this act on the part of the Reds, plus the dropping upon Japan of the atomic bomb, would bring a quick end to the Pacific war, for the Japs now face the greatest military combine in history, plus the most terrible weapon in the history of the world.

Many observers stated that events at the Potsdam conference, near Berlin, hinted at Russia's early entry into the war. The fact that the combined military staffs of the U. S., England and Russia met there was an indication that the Reds would soon take up arms against the Japs. Military needs in the occupation of Germany was not thought sufficient to call for the presence of high Russian military figures at the conference.

It was also disclosed that the Russians have many divisions along the Manchurian border, which have been increased since the end of the European war. Japan, too, it was stated, also has a large force along the frontier in anticipation of a move by Russia.

Observers in Washington were of the opinion that the entry into the war by the Soviets would mean that the United States would be spared the burden of fighting on the Asiatic mainland, where large forces of Japanese troops, fighting the Chinese, remain to be reckoned with.

Asks That Public Observe OPA Hours

Mrs. Roy H. Kane, secretary of the local OPA office, requests that the public take note of office hours and abide by them.

The office is open to the public at 10:00 a. m. each working day. On Wednesdays and Saturdays the office closes at noon. Afternoon hours for every day excepting Wednesday and Saturday are 1:30 and 4:30 p. m. The office is closed to the public on the first working day of each month.

CAR IS STOLEN AND STRIPPED

Coupe Owned By Miss Lois McKnight, Taken From Street Near Home

RAINCOAT IS TAKEN

A coupe of popular make, the property of Miss Lois McKnight, was stolen sometime after midnight Monday from its parking place near the Handy Apartments here, where she makes her home.

According to police, the car was driven to within five miles south of Wilkesboro, where it was stripped of all tires and wheels, and abandoned.

Police stated that the car was left on the property of a Mr. Hugh Waugh, who said it was driven there about 3:00 a. m. He said the barking of his dogs at that hour of the night awakened him. However, he had no idea who might have been driving the machine.

Theft of a valuable raincoat, the property of Dave Reid, of the Chatham Manufacturing Company, from his car while it was parked on Main street has also

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