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Answer Delivered to Japan on Sunday; World Awaits Reply

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The Tokyo radio asserted Monday that the official allied report of Japan's surrender offer only reached the Japanese government Monday through Swiss channels.

The disclosure that the official allied answer had not been delivered until nearly 48 hours after it was dispatched from Washington was seen as an explanation of the delay in Tokyo's response to President Truman's message.

Whether further delays will now result was not known. The Japanese have been in possession of the allied terms since Saturday when all American radio transmitters in the Pacific beamed them to Japan.

Presumably Japan's consultation on the allied terms has been under way since then. Emperor Hirohito received the Japanese foreign minister, Shigenori Togo, at the Imperial palace Monday afternoon—possibly after receiving the official text of Truman's message.

If the Japanese follow the same procedure as in the case of the surrender offer, they will broadcast their reply to the allies over the Tokyo transmitters at the same time they hand it to the Swiss for transmission to Washington.

The Melbourne radio reported that Tokyo had broadcast that news of "important developments" was impending. This broadcast was heard by Australian department of information listening post shortly before a Tokyo transmission reported the arrival of the allied answer.

The Swedish foreign office announced it had been officially authorized to deny reports that Emperor Hirohito had approached King Gustav with a request that he attempt to mediate peace. No such approach was made through members of the Swedish royal family, the foreign office said.

The Tokyo Domei agency said Togo reported to the throne on "matters under his jurisdiction."

A Japanese reply to the Big Four would come within that category and it was possible that Togo was submitting the text of the reply to the emperor for final approval.

No further details were given in the enemy broadcast, which was recorded by the United Press in San Francisco. It was Togo's second audience with the emperor in a little more than 24 hours. He also was received by Hirohito at 11 a. m. Sunday Tokyo time.

At 2:20 p. m. Tokyo time (12:20 a. m. cwt), FCC monitors heard a Tokyo wireless station call a Swiss station with a request to stand by for an expected message. Any Japanese reply to the United States on the surrender demand would be transmitted via Switzerland.

"Still coming," the Tokyo request said. "Please wait. How are receiving conditions?"

Some eight hours earlier, Tokyo had broadcast a similar request to a Geneva station. The earlier request, however, specified that an "important message" was expected, supposedly during the morning.

The Japanese people apparently still were not aware of their government's offer to surrender. Japanese domestic broadcasts made no mention of the peace (Turn to Page 2, Number 1)

Pilot Wings Awarded To Carl J. Morehead

ENID ARMY AIR FIELD, ENID, OKLA., (Special)—Aviation Cadet Carl J. Morehead, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett L. Morehead, Plattsmouth, Neb., has been awarded his silver pilot's wings and appointed a flight officer in the army air forces upon completion of his twin-engine advanced training at this advanced unit of the AAF central flying training command.

FBI Called Into Investigation of Dynamite Blasts

Federal bureau of investigation agents Monday were seeking persons who Sunday caused dynamite explosions about two miles west of Louisville along the Platte river and abandoned nine full cases of dynamite near the scene of the explosions, Sheriff Mrasek said Monday.

Sunday noon Marshall Max Welton and George Dolan of Louisville started investigation of explosions heard west of Louisville. They were unable to locate the persons responsible for the explosions but found th dynamite.

Sheriff Mrasek said Monday that ten cases of dynamite apparently had been in the hands of the persons who set off the explosions. One case had been used by them.

Sticks of dynamite had been tied to trees, then exploded by bullets fired from high-powered and .22 calibre rifles. Some of the explosives had been used on an island in the river, more on the bank.

The dynamite was found along C. B. & Q. railroad property, the sheriff said. Eight cases bore a manufacture date of Jan. 3, 1945 and was 45 per cent. The ninth case was made on Aug. 23, 1944 and was 40 per cent. Mrasek and Deputy Sheriff Doody, who were called to Louisville Sunday to investigate, turned the investigation over to the F. B. I.

Plattsmouth Man Escapes Saturday At Reformatory

The Cass county sheriff's office Saturday night was asked to be on the lookout for Stewart Anderson of Plattsmouth and Donald Wallace, Omaha, who escaped from the men's reformatory Saturday.

Both men were serving sentences for automobile theft, Sheriff Joe Mrasek said Monday.

Saturday night Mrasek made a trip to Weeping Water to aid in the search for the two escapees. Accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Emery Doody, he went to Weeping Water again Sunday but was unable to contact the two men.

They had not been apprehended, according to Mrasek, Monday noon.

Sheriff Finds Lost Springfield Youth

Sheriff Joe Mrasek was called to Louisville Saturday to aid in the search for 11-year old Ronald Fritz who disappeared from his Springfield home Friday noon. The boy was found hiding in weeds on the south side of the Platte river, near a bridge.

The youngster had been without food since noon Friday, and was turned over to his parents by Mrasek, after he located him. He is the son of Ed Fritz, Springfield.

Commissioners Plan Budget Tuesday

County commissioners planned to discuss the county budget here Tuesday and do necessary work on it in preparation for adoption of the budget either Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.

As soon as work has been completed on the budget, it will be adopted by the board, county officials believed Monday.

Memorial Services to Be Held Next Sunday



S-2c KENNETH CARNICLE

Memorial services for S-2c Kenneth Carnicle, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carnicle of South Bend, who was killed in action on May 4 off the shores of Okinawa, will be held at the Methodist church in Ashland next Sunday, Aug. 19, at 2:30 p. m. The family requests no flowers.

Two Hundred Less Farms in County Now Than in 1935

The number of farms in Cass county, as shown by the preliminary count of returns of the 1945 census of agriculture was 1,857, as compared with 1,983 in 1940, and 2,051 in 1935. This was announced by Chet L. Steen, supervisor for the 1945 farm census in the second Nebraska census district with headquarters at Lincoln, Neb.

The total land in farms in Cass county, according to the preliminary 1945 census count, was 335,795 acres, as compared with 339,939 acres in 1940, and 339,482 acres in 1935. Average size of farms shown in the preliminary census count for Cass county was 181 acres, as compared with 171 acres in 1940, and 166 acres in 1935.

In announcing the 1945 census totals of farms and land in farms in Cass county, Supervisor Steen pointed out that the figures are preliminary and subject to correction. Final tabulations of farm census returns will be made by the bureau of the census and announced from Washington when completed, Steen said.

Major Ryan's Unit Given Citation for Meritorious Service

SUPPLY SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, KUNMING, CHINA (Delayed)—The meritorious service unit plaque has been awarded the station hospital near here, according to orders issued by Maj. Gen. H. S. Aurand, commanding general of the supply services in the China theater.

The award stressed the maintenance of high standards covering a period from Oct. 15, 1944 to Feb. 15, 1945. All personnel attached to the unit during that time are permitted to wear a laurel wreath on the sleeve of their uniforms.

Major William V. Ryan, 711 Avenue C, Plattsmouth, Neb., is among Nebraskans at the hospital.

THE WEATHER
NEBRASKA: Partly cloudy to cloudy, scattered rain showers and thunder storms Monday, Monday night and Tuesday. Not quite so warm east and central Monday. High middle 80's; slightly cooler in extreme east Monday night and Tuesday.

Burglars Fail in Safe Try; Steal Cash, Appliances

Burglars who broke into two Murdock business places early Monday morning apparently were frightened away before their pilfering was completed at Paul Stock's implement store, Sheriff Mrasek said Monday. Although they made away with about \$23 in cash, a Zenith electric portable radio, and two electric fans taken from Stock's, they had attempted to cut into his safe but were unable to complete their work.

The Murdock Mercantile store owned by Gus Wilkins was broken into early Monday but nothing apparently was taken by the thieves.

The burglaries were believed to have been made at about four o'clock Monday morning, Mrasek said. A Murdock man who lives near the implement store drove his car into his yard at about that time, parked it for the night. He saw two men enter a car and drive away from near the Stock business place, but gave no thought to burglary.

The safe had been nearly opened which led Sheriff Mrasek and Deputy Sheriff Doody to believe the burglars had been frightened away.

The break-ins were discovered when the business houses were opened Monday morning. Mrasek and Doody were immediately called to investigate.

Fight Resumed By Third Fleet Carrier Planes

GUAM, (U.P.)—Carrier planes from the third fleet destroyed or damaged several score enemy aircraft parked on airfields in the Tokyo area Monday and pilots reported only light Japanese anti-aircraft fire.

Striking while Japan still debated whether to surrender, hundreds of American and British carrier planes also bombed, rocketed and strafed a submarine base, shipping, railway targets and other military objective in a sudden resumption of their assault on the enemy homeland.

A Japanese announcement said 800 carrier planes attacked the Tokyo-Yokohama area for 12 hours and caused "some damage." The broadcast claimed 17 planes had been shot down and at least 25 others damaged.

Radio Tokyo said the third fleet was cruising off the Tokyo area and speculated that the allies were preparing for landing operations in the "near future." (As quoted by the exchange telegraph agency in London, the broadcast said the landing might come "at any moment.")

More than 400 allied ships have been concentrated at Okinawa and ground forces there have been "drastically increased" by the transfer of troops from Leyte in the Philippines, Tokyo said.

South and central Japan also were under attack by Okinawa-based planes of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's command. Tokyo said 30 allied planes, presumably from Okinawa, raided Wakayama and Nara, 35 miles south and 20 miles east respectively of Osaka, and other areas of southwest Honshu about 11 a. m.

A dispatch from Admiral William F. Halsey's third fleet quoted pilots who participated in the days raids as saying that the Japanese were not putting up anywhere near so much opposition as in the past.

Neither were any Japanese (Turn to Page 2, Number 2)



POSSIBLE JAP HEIR—Should the Allies reject Hirohito but agree to the continuation of the institution of Empress with limitations, he Japanese throne would go to 11-year old heir apparent, Crown Prince Kotachi Akihito, shown, right, in his latest picture to the U. S. before the war. At left he is shown on his 6th birthday. (NEA Telephoto)

Legion Program Headlines V-J Day Program Locally

Hurried plans were being made Monday for observance of V-J Day in Plattsmouth. The Business Men's Ad club, American Legion, and churches were planning special observance for the time when President Truman will officially proclaim V-J Day.

That time might be hours, perhaps days, after the surrender has been announced, since the president will not make a V-J Day proclamation until the actual signing by Japanese emissaries—if they sign.

John Bissing, vice-president of the Ad club said that if the announcement is made before noon, stores will close the rest of that day. If the proclamation comes after noon stores will close the rest of that day and all the next. If the proclamation comes on Sunday stores will remain closed the next day, Bissing said.

The Ad club sets the closing days for Plattsmouth for both its own organization and the chamber of commerce, it was pointed out.

Plans had not been completed by the ministerial association Monday but it was believed probable that they would observe V-J Day with special church service at 8 p. m. of the day proclaimed, at the Methodist church.

No special observance will be held by the Catholic churches of the city, Father Tucheck said. Holy Rosary church is undergoing repairs and Msgr. Agius of St. Hohn's church is out of the city.

The American Legion has arranged a special observance at the Cass theater for one hour after the fire siren announces the victory proclamation.

The Legion service will be in the spirit of thanksgiving to God for victory in the Pacific, and asking divine guidance in the preservation of world peace, the Legion announced.

The program will be held here at the Cass theater one hour after the fire siren announces the news that war with Japan is ended, provided the announcement comes before 6 p. m. In case the news comes after 6 p. m. the program will be held the following morning at 9:00 a. m. If the announcement should come on a Sunday morning the service will be held at 1:30 p. m.

All churches will be open for prayer during the day.

All business houses will be closed in accordance with the federal suggestion.

The Legion Program: Presentation of colors by Legion color guard; "Star Spangled Banner" led by Frank Clويد; Invocation, Rev. J. W. Taenzler; Roll of local service men and women who (Turn to Page 2, Number 3)

False Flash Sets Off Celebrations In U. S., Canada

NEW YORK, (U.P.)—Hugh Bailie, president of the United Press Sunday night offered \$5,000 reward for the identification and conviction of the person who fed into the U. P. wire system shortly after 9:30 p. m. a false flash saying Japan had accepted the allies' surrender terms.

The UP immediately reported the case to the federal bureau of investigation and the federal communications commission. Charles R. Denny, general counsel of the F.C.C. said he would be glad to have all available information on the case.

The flash was fed into the UP's southern wire system at 9:34 (cwt) o'clock Sunday night. It carried a Washington dateline and said the Japanese had accepted the surrender terms.

Within two minutes the U. P. ascertained that the flash had not originated in its Washington bureau. A kill on the flash was then sent, but the erroneous information already had been broadcast by some radio stations.

Shortly after 10 p. m. Charles G. Ross, White House secretary, issued this statement:

"President Truman went to bed about an hour ago. If anything comes in he'll be notified. There is absolutely no word of truth in the report that the president has announced that Japan has accepted the allied surrender terms."

The flash set off celebrations in some places. In Washington a crowd of 7,000 in front of the White House sang patriotic songs. In New York whistles blew and motorists sounded their horns. A speech which Prime Minister Mackenzie King had prepared for the day of victory over Japan was broadcast by transcription in Canada.

Two Hundred Attend Community Sing Here

Nearly 200 attended the community sing on the lawn of the Masonic home here Sunday evening. Songs were led by Lester Thingan with Mrs. Jess Hodge accompanying at the piano. Slides were used to project the words of the songs on a screen. William Evers used his screen and projector, which were set up on the east side of the home. Caldwell's loud speaker system was used.

Special numbers were given by a quartet composed of Mrs. Edgar Glaze, Mrs. Earl Carr, Mrs. Edgar Newton, and Miss Ethel McCamley. They sang "Slumber Boat" and "Irish Lullaby". A trumpet solo "Holy City" was given by Ruth Nelson.

Another community sing is planned for next Sunday.

ZURICH—(U.P.)—Communications with Japan were functioning normally Monday but it was understood no communication from Tokyo to the allies had been transmitted.

(The FCC quoted the Swiss radio at Schwarzenburg as reporting at 6:30 a. m. (cwt) that no reply had been received from Tokyo up to that time. Swiss officials were said to be standing by ready to relay any communication with utmost dispatch.

BERN—(U.P.)—An authoritative Swiss source said Monday night that the Japanese statement that the allied reply had been received in Tokyo only Monday was not correct and that the reply actually had been in Japanese hands since Sunday morning.

WASHINGTON—(U.P.)—The hours—and the war—dragged on Monday. At 1:15 p. m. nearly 52 hours after the allied reply to Japanese surrender offer had been dispatched, the White House had received no official word of acceptance from Tokyo.

White House secretary Charles G. Ross said the allies had placed no time limit for an answer to the note dispatched at 10:35 a. m. (ewt) Saturday.

Asked whether a third atomic bomb would be dropped on Japan if no report were forthcoming soon, he said:

"I do not know. If I did I wouldn't say."

The Chinese ambassador Dr. Wei Tao Maing, conferred with president Truman briefly shortly after 10:30 a. m. (cwt) and told reporters later he personally believed that the "good news will come at any moment." Asked on what he based his belief, he replied:

"On many things, but I'd better not say. But it will come—I believe it will come."

Ross noted a Tokyo broadcast that the allied communication arrived in the enemy capital on Monday Japanese time. (Monday in Tokyo begins when it is about noon Sunday here.)

"If that is true," he said, "they have had our terms only 14 hours." "But," he added in apparent reference

to the fact that the allied reply has been repeatedly short waded to Japan, "they certainly knew what was in our terms." Meanwhile, the allies were prepared to unleash unprecedented blows against the Japanese if they decide to stall indefinitely. More atomic bombs are ready for use.

President Truman waited at the White House for the news which would mean that World War II was over—except for the final formality of signing the surrender articles.

At No. 10 Downing Street in London, Prime Minister Clement Attlee went to work early to be ready for the expected word that Japan was ready to endorse her defeat.

In Switzerland where the Japanese message will be relayed to Washington communications were functioning normally and no delay was anticipated when the time comes.

A radio service message from Tokyo to Switzerland intercepted by the federal communications commission at 12:20 a. m. cwt., Monday indicated that the Japanese reply to last Saturday's surrender note shortly would be on the way.

"Still coming," the message said. "Please wait. How are receiving conditions?"

Meantime the war goes on. The White House announced that President Truman will not proclaim V-J day until the surrender articles are signed by Japan's emissaries.

Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross estimated that two or three days might elapse between receipt of Japan's surrender agreement and signature of the articles—assuming that the little men do surrender. There is abundant confidence here that Japan will quit now.

Democratic leaders have agreed to recall congress from vacation recess on September 4 or 5. Reconversion plans and legislation are lagging far behind events. Congress must move quickly to cope with domestic problems—mostly the problem of unemployment.

Surrender signatures will be affixed somewhere in the Pacific—Manila, Okinawa, or, perhaps, aboard one of the vessels of Admiral William F. Halsey's brawling third fleet.

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Last-Minute BULLETINS

CHUNGKING, (U.P.)—A spokesman for Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek has warned the Japanese that they will be held accountable if they surrender their arms to Chinese communists. The warning followed Chiang's sharp command Sunday to Chinese communist leaders over whom he has only nominal control, to "remain at their posts and wait for further directions."

SAN FRANCISCO, (U.P.)—After nearly five years of service Col. James Roosevelt has accepted a release to inactive status because of a recurring stomach disorder, the marine corps announced Monday.

PARIS, (U.P.)—Defense council in the trial of Henri Philippe Petain charged Monday that the fallen leaders of the third republic were seeking the aged marshal's death to cover their own responsibility in the defeat of France.

CHUNGKING, (U.P.)—The Chinese government, in apparent expectation of an imminent Japan surrender has appointed mayors for the occupied cities of Shanghai, Peiping, Tientsin and Nanking, it was learned in reliable quarters Monday.

WASHINGTON, (U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration said Monday that it had stopped printing on 50,000,000 new ration books and 37,000,000 new "A" gasoline ration books. The agency said the hold-up order was issued Friday and would be in effect "until we see where we are about the end of the war."

By United Press

The Japanese Domei news agency said Monday that the mayor of Hiroshima and two other high government officials (Turn to Page 2, Number 4)