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LONDON and all of EASTERN  
ENGLAND, S.E. SCOTLAND  
Warm possible Thunderstorms.  
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WALES and WESTERN  
ENGLAND  
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# Swiss Call In U.S. Envoy After Receiving Jap Note

## 1,000 Planes Renew Attack On Honshu

More than 1,000 planes of the U.S. Strategic Air Forces, including 800 Superforts, hammered Japan with 6,000 tons of high explosive and fire bombs during the last 24 hours, 20th Air Force Headquarters announced in Guam today, underscoring warnings given the Japanese that the Allied assault would continue until an official "cease fire" was received.

The first wave of B29s in the 24-hour attack struck the Marifu railway yards, 14 miles southwest of atom-bombed Hiroshima, at noon Tuesday (Japanese time), while other bombers went for shipping off Kure naval base, the Hirari naval arsenal and an army arsenal at Osaka.

## Soviet Troops Gain 94 Miles In Manchuria

Gains up to 94 miles into Manchuria, confirmation of the Soviet advance into the Jap-held area of Sakhalin Island and capture of more than 8,000 enemy troops were reported in last night's broadcast communique from Moscow.

Troops of the Trans-Baikal command, under Marshal Rodion Malinovsky, thrusting eastward after piercing the Kinghan Mountains, gained 94 miles and captured several important towns, the communique said.

While the Red Army air force continued to raid rail targets in both Manchuria and Korea units of the Soviet Pacific Fleet captured the Korean port of Seishin, 124 miles southwest of Vladivostok. This was the second such port since Russia's entry into the Pacific war. Earlier this week Pacific Fleet units had captured the port of Rashin, 25 miles north of Seishin.

The prisoner toll of 8,000 Japs covered the period from Aug. 9 to Aug. 13, the communique said.

The Japanese had reported a Soviet move into the southern half of Sakhalin, but not until last night did the Russians confirm the enemy announcement. Moscow said the Soviet troops had broken through the enemy's frontier defense zone and gained from 10 to 12 miles.

## May Asks End Of Draft on VJ

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—Legislative action to halt Selected Service immediately after Japan falls was promised today by Chairman Andrew J. May (D-Ky.) of the House Military Affairs Committee.

May said he would introduce legislation with the reconvening of Congress next month, and would discuss with President Truman the possibility of an early declaration that hostilities were at an end.

Such a declaration, he said, would mean that conscripted men would be discharged not later than six months after its effective date.

(Under the Selective Service Act soldiers are signed to serve for the duration of the emergency plus six months. The emergency state conceivably could last several months beyond the cessation of hostilities in Japan before being ended by either the President or Congress.)

## Stern Allied Policy Planned for Japan

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (UP)—A plan outlining a stern policy for the government of Japan during the initial stages of military occupation has been completed in Washington and is now being circulated among the various government agencies for approval, it was learned today.

The formula was described as "corrective but not punitive."

It was suggested that the Big Four may undertake joint occupation of Japan, with each power responsible for one of the main islands—Honshu, Hokkaido, Shikoku and Kyushu.

Honshu, it was believed, would be assigned to the U.S.

## U.S. Censorship to End

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter)—Censorship of news from the U.S. to Europe, Latin America and Asia will end one hour after President Truman announces victory over Japan, it was officially stated today.

## Reports, Denials Flood Confused, Eager World

BULLETIN

Leland Harrison, U.S. Minister to Switzerland, was called into conference at the Swiss Foreign Office late last night, according to news agency dispatches from Berne, immediately after Shunichi Kase, the Japanese minister, had delivered a note at the Foreign Office which he had just received from Tokyo.

The world last night was still nervously waiting for the Japanese to say whether or not they accept the Allied surrender terms transmitted to them last Saturday.

The only fact that stuck last night—after a jumpy day during which nervousness and tension mounted as report and denial vied with each other for public relief—was that Tokyo radio had broadcast the statement:

"It is authoritatively learned that the government's reply to the four powers' message is

## 9 Million Idle Feared in '46 Unless U.S. Acts

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—peace-time basis today saw provision that 7,000,000 persons would be unemployed by Christmas.

Federal economists said temporary mass unemployment was sure to come regardless of anything industry could do. They added, however, that if this mass unemployment was only temporary "it will not be alarming."

Unemployment may rise to 8,000,000 or 9,000,000 next year unless the government moves to prevent it, the economists said.

The economists said that unemployment should begin shrinking late in 1946 or early in 1947 but they emphasized that no one could estimate the extent of shrinkage.

Reconversion developments today included these:

1—It was learned that John W. Snyder, Director of War Mobilization and Reconversion, was preparing a general statement on reconversion policy. It would set the pace for specific pronouncements from Federal agencies to be released after peace is proclaimed.

2—Officials said wage controls might be eased somewhat in the near future but that no radical revision of the Little Steel Wage formula was likely.

3—War agencies continued to relax restrictions a little at a time. Used truck tires were removed from rationing. So were passenger car tires made of reclaimed rubber and house slippers of the moccasin type even though they may have light leather soles.

now en route to the Japanese minister in Berne."

Up to the time this edition went to press last night, however, no Japanese communication, according to the Swiss Foreign Office, had been received there.

During the day, however, the cation with Tokyo, several reports, and on the basis of this, evidently, the White House in Washington had confidently announced that the Japanese reply was on its way.

But this statement had to be withdrawn later in the day when the Swiss legation in Washington telephoned Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and told him that the Japanese communication received in Berne was not what everyone was looking for.

The Swiss legation transmitted this cable from the Swiss political bureau in Berne:

"Very urgent. Japanese legation reports coded cables it received this morning do not contain answer awaited by whole world."

That climaxed a day in which the report had been made, based on a Tokyo Radio broadcast, that the Japanese had accepted the Allied surrender terms. New York, Washington, Paris, Guam and Berne reports jibed. It looked as though everything was over but the technicality of getting the reply coded and decoded and transmitted to Washington and other Allied capitals.

Then the denials and the contradictions started flowing, and the world's hopes began to sink again, as dispatches re-

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## Limit Placed On Amount GIs May Send Home

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer  
BERLIN, Aug. 14—In an effort to send home in a single month more than their full unallotted pay, plus 10 per cent, it was learned today.

The order applies to all of the ETO, but an officer at Berlin district HQ said the situation in Berlin, where soldiers have been selling watches, cameras and other personal items to Russians for large sums, prompted the theater-wide ban.

The officer said that before the new order was promulgated the U.S. really paid the profits on such sales by converting unbacked marks received for goods into dollars in the form of money orders, war bonds, personal transfer accounts and soldier's deposits.

In effect, the officer said, American taxpayers were redeeming marks issued by other governments merely to finance the cost of occupation. The Army has no objection to soldiers making money, the officer said, and men still may sell personal belongings, but to protect the taxpayers, profits no longer may be sent home.

Send Much More Home  
The ban followed disclosure that in July 33,000 U.S. troops in Berlin, although paid only about \$1,000,000 in cash through the 27th of the month, sent home approximately \$4,000,000.

The Army reasoned that at least \$3,000,000 of the money sent home represented the dollar value of marks that soldiers received from barter and black market operations. These marks were not issued by the U.S. and their conversion into dollars meant that America was redeeming marks issued only for expenditure in Germany.

For example, Col. Bernard Bernstein, U.C. Control Council finance officer, pointed out that Russian soldiers are not allowed to send occupation marks home, but must spend them in Germany.

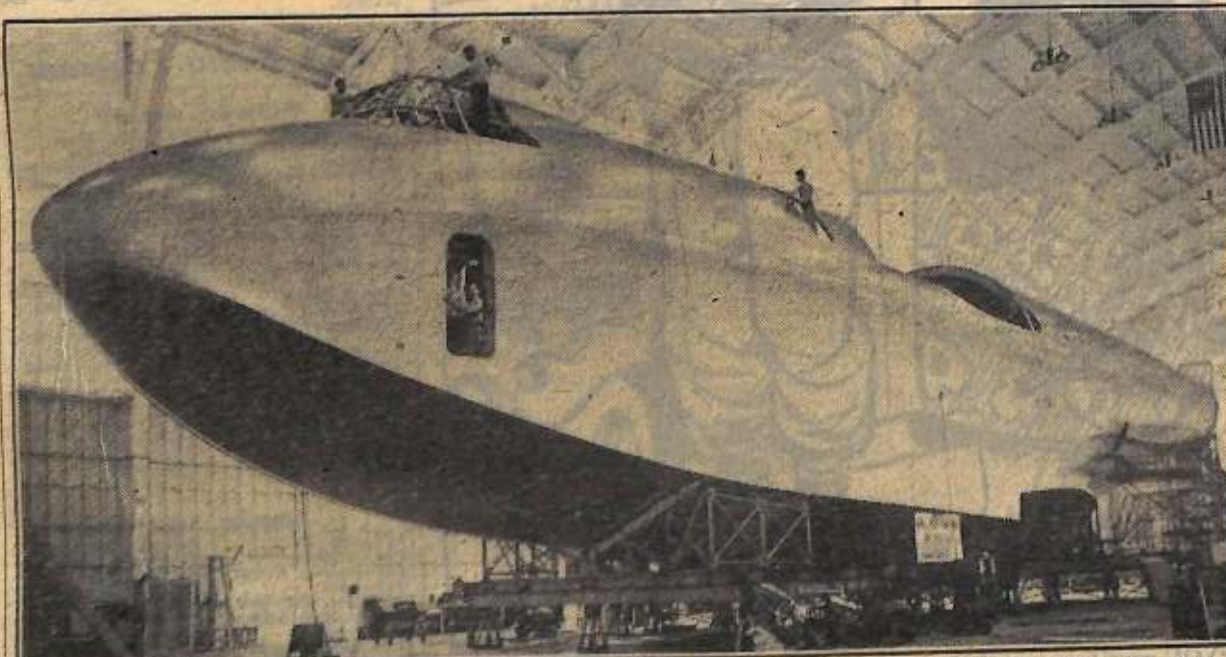
To enforce the ban the Army has ordered that all enlisted men and officers below field grade must submit applications to send money home to their commanding officer, who is charged with determining that the applicant has not transmitted in one month more than his unallotted pay plus ten per cent.

Field grade officers must certify that they have complied with regulations when transmitting funds.

Bernstein granted that some soldiers might have accumulated their pay over a period of time, and he said some provision would be made for them to transmit money.

## Windsor Visits Truman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—The Duke of Windsor called on President Truman today. The Duke previously saw Secretary of State James F. Byrnes before arriving at the White House.



WINGED GIANT: Men work high under the ceiling of a special giant hangar on the hull of the Hughes Hercules, new all-wood seaplane called the world's largest plane. Plane weighs 213 tons.

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NOTE: Lack of space forces us to limit all letters to not more than 200 words.

Overseas Troops

To the B-Bag: Now that both wars are won, the Army had better realize that overseas troops have "had it," and that a plethora of recreational and educational facilities are no longer an answer.

It appears that the ETO always was over-manned, but now there is positively no excuse for a "margin of waste."

The soldier would profit by having his dream of home come true; there he could sweat out a peace-time job.

The Army would profit by having one-third or one-half its useless payroll eliminated and it would have a lot less men to feed, clothe, and shelter.

Hirohito

To the B-Bag: The term browned off has been quite popular in B-Bag, but I'm not browned off; I'm completely blacked out with purple rage upon discovering that there is a question as to whether Hirohito shall be classed as a war criminal.

German Feelings

To the B-Bag: Since when have we been afraid to hurt the Germans' feelings? Do you think they regard us as most human and very considerate when we by-pass their clean and luxurious homes to billet our troops in a bug-ridden factory, ex-concentration camp, or in tents?

Recently my company was living in a factory which was filthy, full of bed bugs and stifling hot.

"We thought American troops were going to be stern and take the best of everything. Now here you are living like our laborers were a few months ago," they say.

I was an infantry rifle platoon leader in combat and dammit to hell, my men and myself fought like hell for this country.

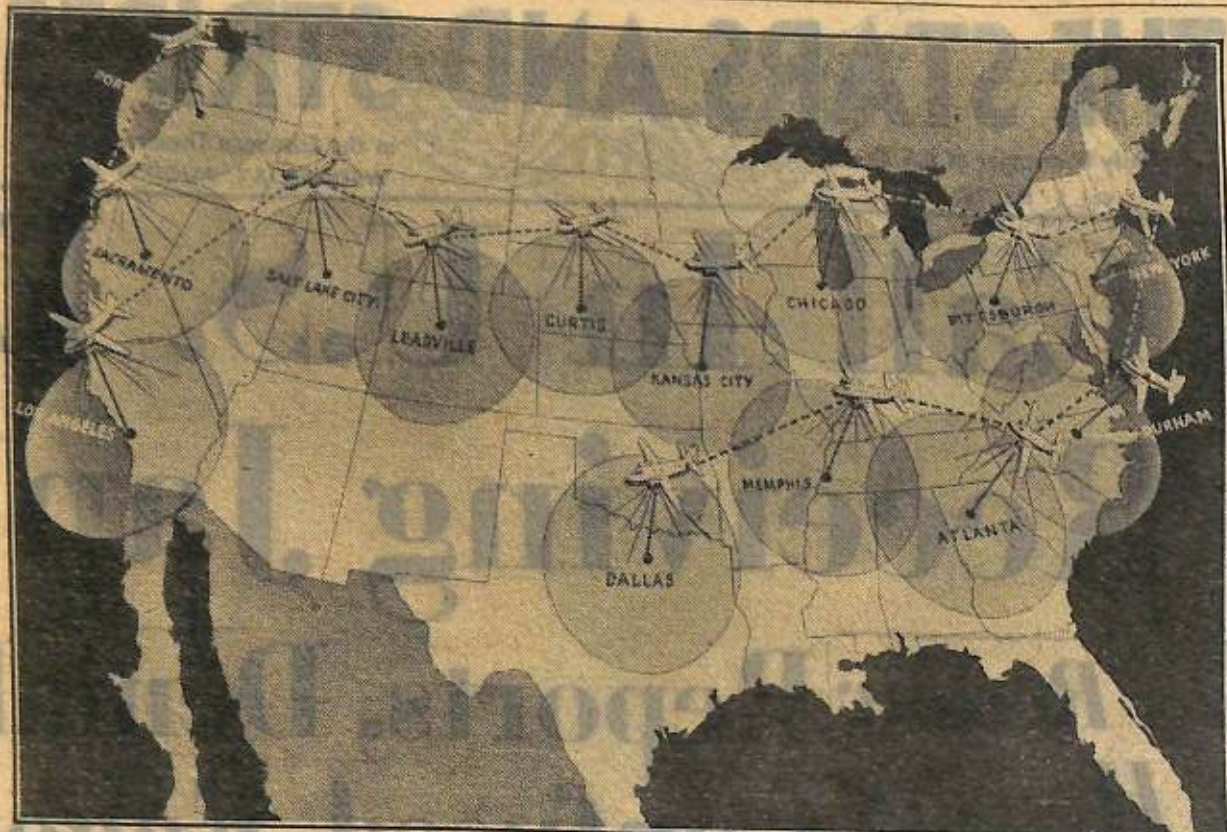
Jacket Changeover

To the B-Bag: You know we all realize that the Army is in the process of a tremendous change-over. I refer to the new battle jackets that we are trying like hell to get to fit.

Efficiency

To the B-Bag: Following a recent article in The Stars and Stripes, I wrote to the QM Effects Depot Q-290 asking them to locate my footlocker left in England on D-Day.

My thanks and salute to the efficiency and super service of the personnel of Dept. Q-290.—Capt. J. J. Greden, 131 LS Center.



TELEVISION BY PLANE: Here's how the new scheme to make networks of planes will work. Planes would fly six miles high, pick up straight FM and television signals for retransmission over earth's curved surface.

Keitel Remains Loyal to Hitler On Eve of Trial

By James F. King Associated Press Correspondent

FRANKFURT, Aug. 14 (AP)—Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, former chief of staff of the Wehrmacht and Hitler's personal military adviser, who is now in Nuremberg for his trial as a war criminal, is still proclaiming his loyalty to the Fuehrer, it was learned today from a reliable Czech source.

At the same time, Keitel has made it clear that his defense would be that he was merely a puppet of Hitler, that the Fuehrer alone gave all commands and that he himself did not know of the atrocities committed in Nazi concentration camps until after Germany's surrender.

"At heart I am a faithful follower of the Fuehrer, even today," Keitel was reported to have told an interrogator. "My political conviction is National Socialist."

Keitel declared that he had never formally proclaimed himself as a member of the party, but admitted that the Nazis "considered" him a member. In the autumn of 1944 he contributed to the party fund after being decorated by Hitler, he said.

He asserted that Heinrich Himmler, Hitler's hangman, had admitted to him before Germany's collapse that he considered himself a "war criminal." Himmler had made plans, if caught, to try to get an interview with Gen. Eisenhower and wanted to "argue" this point, Keitel said. "But he committed suicide," he remarked, with a shrug.

Keitel was among the 16 Nazi leaders, including Goering and Ribbentrop, who were flown from Luxemburg to Nuremberg on Sunday.

Allies Talk at Last of Radar And Its Role in War and Peace

The full story of radar, one of the war's most highly secret and important inventions, was revealed yesterday in simultaneous announcements from the Allied governments.

At a press conference in London yesterday Sir Stafford Cripps, new president of the British Board of Trade and chairman of the radio board for the past three years, said that radar "has played a greater part in the war than the atom bomb itself," and, more than any other scientific factor, "contributed to the final victory over Germany."

Senators Called On Benefits Bill

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14—Chairman Walter F. George (D.-Ga.) today summoned the Senate Finance Committee to meet on Aug. 29 to consider a bill that would assure unemployed war workers maximum benefits of \$25 weekly for 26 weeks.

The measure is designed to supplement unemployment compensation payments of states, which have built up reserves of several billions of dollars during the war. If the states fail to make full payment to workers the Federal Government could pay the money directly to individuals.

Meanwhile, Chairman Harley Kilgore (D.-W.Va.) of the Senate Small Business Committee inserted in the Congressional Record an outline for a post-war reconversion plan calling for the expansion of foreign trade and long-term loans for foreign rehabilitation.

Kilgore suggested that the U.S. should look to expanded foreign trade for "jobs and an increasingly high standard of living at home and abroad." A system of "insured private capital loans and investments abroad," he said, supplementing the Bretton Woods agreement and the Export-Import Bank program, would aid foreign industrial development and lead to "increased trade with the U.S."

SWEATIN' IT OUT

By Mauldin



"YOU must know somebody in Washington. My Junior can't come home, and he's been gone for months."

Around the 48

15 Die as 180 Stampede in Detroit Fire

DETROIT, Aug. 14 (ANS)—A sudden fire, sweeping through a Detroit box factory yesterday, brought death to 11 women and two men and injuries to 52 other persons, several of whom are not expected to live.

The fire turned the plant of the Export Box and Sealer Co. at Grand River Ave. and 15th St. into an inferno in a few seconds. The blaze broke out as the 180 employes, mostly women, were in the midst of a rest period and were listening to a juke box.

Apparently disbelieving the shout of fire from the first floor of the two-story factory building, the workers continued to listen to the blaring of the mechanical player until the flames began licking the stairway. Then came a rush for the doors and windows. Most of the victims, seared by flames or maddened by the intense heat, died after leaping from the second storey windows and crashing on the sidewalk.

Court Bars Allotments to Wife Of Legless Vet Pending Suit

CHICAGO, Aug. 14 (ANS)—Superior Judge Edwin A. Robson today issued an injunction restraining Mrs. Henrietta Heck, 26, from collecting any further allotments from her husband, Cpl. Stanley Heck, 30-year-old infantryman, who lost both legs in a mine explosion in Germany on April 6.

Heck, now convalescing in the McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Tex., filed suit for divorce July 31, charging his wife with adultery, and at the same time filed a \$50,000 alienation of affections suit against Alvin C. Schupp, his former employer, who hired Mrs. Heck as typist when her husband went into service.

Mrs. Heck also was restrained from disposing of any furniture or use of a joint bank account. Heck also asked for the return of \$1,900 which, he said, his wife had received as allotments and gifts from him since he entered the service.

Social Security Praised As It Ends Tenth Year

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (ANS)—The Social Security program wound up its first ten years yesterday with a report that 4,250,000 persons now were receiving benefits.

And from President Truman came the statement that he would make specific recommendations to Congress to make it "a more perfect instrument for the maintenance of economic security throughout this country."

In the past decade, Mr. Truman said, Social Security has become an essential part of the American way of life. "Social Security is worthy of the name. It is not a dole or device for giving everybody something for nothing."

As of Aug. 1, Chairman Arthur J. Altmeyer of the Social Security Board said in the Agency's tenth annual report, approximately 190,000 persons were receiving weekly unemployment compensation payments, twice as many as on VE-Day.

VFW Apologizes to Nisei, Censures Offending Post

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (ANS)—The VFW today apologized to Pfc Richard Naito, Japanese-American, for the rejection of his application for membership by the VFW Monaghan post at Spokane, Wash.

"We wrote Naito that we didn't want him to hold the Spokane action against the organization as a whole," John Freeman, public relations director, said. "We have 4,000 posts, and most of them would be proud to have him."

Freeman described the Spokane post's action as "stupid," and said a letter to that effect was being sent to the post.

Selectees Hut Hup into Army A Little Way from White House

NEWS IN BRIEF: The air in Washington may have been filled with peace talk, but a short distance from the White House 57 selectees still marched off to join the Army. Typical comment of the group: "We feel gyped that we didn't get in earlier." ... Ex-soldier William Boan arrived in Danville, Ill., after pushing his crippled wife in a wheelchair 65 miles in six days "so we could see more of the country and I could look for a job while en route" from Terre Haute, Ind.

Pending the outcome of the Jap peace negotiations, OPA halted the printing of 187,000,000 new ration books for food, shoes and gasoline. ... In Monticello, N.Y., Frederick Shafer, 17, was arrested for the sex murder of Irma Gamba, 23, a Sunday school teacher.

At Memphis, German PW Heintz Heilmann was arrested on a street decked out in his military uniform complete with a swastika. He said he feared to discard his uniform because he then might be shot as a spy.

To collect a \$10 bet, Pvt. John Melker jumped overboard into the Hudson River and swam ashore as the transport Sea Porpoise neared its New York dock. ... In Roosevelt, Cal., Elwyn Hoffman was told to get rid of \$200 worth of his \$800 in war bonds in order to continue to receive his old-age pension.

Because her "unprofessional husband" couldn't sympathize with her career, Actress Ella Raines announced she had separated from ex-Maj. Kenneth Trout on a trial basis. ... The latest Gallup Poll showed that 51 per cent of those asked answered that their state should not recognize divorces granted in Reno. Thirty-four per cent said the divorces should be accepted; 15 per cent had no opinion.

AFN Radio Program

Table listing AFN radio programs for Wednesday, Aug. 15 and Thursday, Aug. 16, including program names and times.



# Case in Petain's Trial for Life

By Richard Lewis  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PARIS, Aug. 14—A verdict in the treason trial of Marshal Henri Philippe Petain was expected early tomorrow as the defense, in its closing plea today, denied that Petain had played "a double game" in the complicated maneuvers of the Vichy government.

"He played the game of France against Germany," defense counsel Fernand Payen asserted. "What else was there to be done? Revolt was impossible, acts of terror against the Germans brought only terrible reprisals."

Rather than enter into sporadic resistance Petain tried to hold the state together under the crushing weight of enemy occupation, Payen argued.

Defense attorney Jacques Isorny, who followed Payen in the series of rebuttal speeches, denied the prosecution's charge that the Marshal had sponsored a program of anti-Semitism. It was Petain's bargaining ability which saved the Jews of France from the fate of Polish Jews, Isorny said.

## 21 BLA Troops Killed in Crash

21st ARMY GROUP HQ, Aug. 14 (AP)—Twenty-six Allied troops were killed and about 50 injured in a head-on crash between two BLA leave trains near Goch, Germany, on the Munster-Calais line early yesterday, 21st Army Group HQ disclosed today.

The official statement added that no Americans were aboard the trains, and that most of the casualties were British, Belgians, Poles and Canadians.

Field Marshal Montgomery's headquarters is conducting an investigation of the crash, presumably acting on eyewitness reports of a British Army captain, returning from leave in the Brussels area, who said the trains were "criminally overloaded with troops."

The impact of the crash interlocked the locomotives, caving in the first two steel carriages, he said. Many casualties were said to have been caused when several wooden coaches splintered, trapping the sleeping troops.

An official statement said that the trains were manned by Dutch crews. The Munster-Calais line reopened for service this morning.

## China Communist Planning Civil War

CHUNGKING, Aug. 14 (AP)—The Chinese Communists criticized Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek through their news agency today for his orders yesterday designed to insure that Japanese and puppet troops surrender only to accredited representatives of the central government. The Communists declared that the orders were "further proof of Chiang's preference for the Japanese and their puppets to the democratic forces in his own country, and for his active preparation for civil war."

The Communists urged the Chinese and the Allied nations "to oppose Chiang's plans for civil war." They said that "the armies in the liberated areas, who have borne the main burden of the war in China, should participate in receiving the Japanese surrender, in the military control of Japan and in the coming peace conference."

### Oh, Happy 800,000!

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (ANS)—The Army said today that 800,000 servicemen already were home or en route to the U.S. from the ETO. The Army added that 175,000 were in assembly areas, being processed for departure and 113,000 were in staging areas waiting to board ships.



**HITS BIG TIME:** Capt. Robert De Haven, 23-year-old former Pacific fighter pilot, has been signed by Columbia Pictures to a long-term contract, one of first servicemen to get a crack at a Hollywood career.

From The Stars and Stripes Staff Bureau  
PARIS, Aug. 14—Theater service forces announced tonight that redeployment was continuing as scheduled. This meant that despite all indications that the war was over troops bound for the Pacific were still sailing from Marseille and troops destined for redeployment through the U.S., most of them low-score men, were still sailing from Le Havre, Antwerp and the U.K. TSF said that no change in the redeployment schedule would be made until other orders had been received from the War Department. It was understood that new plans affecting movement of troops from this theater were in preparation and would be put into effect upon receipt of orders from Washington.

## 71,000 of Foe In SW Pacific

MELBOURNE, Aug. 14 (ANS)—There still are an estimated 71,000 Japanese troops in the southwest Pacific, according to a report today by the Australian Army, which is trying to figure out how to round them up.

The Army estimated there are 13,000 Japanese in the Solomons, 9,000 in New Guinea, 40,000 in New Britain and 9,000 in New Ireland.

Compounds are being constructed in southwest Pacific battle zones. Australian officers expect many enemy troops will commit suicide and that responsible Japanese emissaries will be necessary to help communicate surrender terms verbally to isolated groups.

Fighting had been reduced to a game of wait and see, with an occasional shot and an abundance of leaflets telling the enemy he was beaten.

An Army bulletin said there was no official word that the Japanese on Bougainville, largest island in the Solomons, had surrendered, as reported in New York by radio yesterday.

In Manila, Gen. MacArthur's HQ announced that Japanese casualties on Borneo had mounted to 6,229 dead and captured. Allied ground force losses were 436 killed, three missing and 1,460 wounded.

## Sailor Wins Plea For Brother's Life

HARTFORD, Conn., Aug. 14 (ANS)—A sailor, who was given special leave to travel home from the South Pacific, won a plea for his brother's life.

In an unprecedented second hearing before the State Board of Pardons, Seaman 1/c Roger Peterson, 19, made an eloquent plea for the life of Royal Peterson, 21, who was to have died this week for the first degree murder of Matthew Wior, Manchester jeweler.

A previous plea by Royal Peterson for commutation was denied by the board chairman, who is Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin, himself a Naval lieutenant in World War I.

## Hirohito Must Go To Insure Peace, Chennault Warns

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14 (UP)—Emperor Hirohito must be removed if Japan is to be permanently restored to a peaceful ideology, Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, former 14th Air Force commander, said today.

On his way back to the U.S. from China, Chennault said, "Final victory over Japan is now assured, but I don't know about the victory of our ideals. . . . I do not think the Japanese have changed their ideology or their political principles. I don't think they've repented."

"The Emperor is the symbol behind the Japanese ideology, and unless the imperial family is removed completely the Japanese will retain their symbol of hero worship."

As long as the imperial family remained it would be impossible to get down to the principles of equality of men, freedom of worship, and all those ideals for which he had been fighting for eight years, he added.

## America Rings the Welkin in Wild Spree of Joy

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (AP)—Hilarious singing crowds formed impromptu parades in Times Square early today when they learned Tokyo radio had said the acceptance of the Potsdam proclamations was forthcoming soon.

Windows opened in the darkened buildings and ticker tape came floating down as girls shouted and cheered, and turned to kiss the nearest sailors and soldiers.

Chinatown and "Little Italy" in Lower Manhattan were awakened by a parade of honking motor cars. Children woke up first and ran into the streets, followed by their parents who lit sky rockets and fire crackers and blew bugles.

In San Francisco, where it still was Monday night, shouting and cheering crowds surged into the streets touching off a wild, spontaneous celebration. Sailors and soldiers climbed on top of



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

**BEARDING THE BARD:** Having crashed the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London under the Army's theater education program, S/Sgt. Leon Drew and Sgt. Dorothy Thomson go over a scene from Shakespeare's "Henry V" as part of their dramatic training.

## Swiss Call In U.S. Envoy After Receiving Jap Note

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vealed them. But a firm confidence remained that the reply would come through and that it would be the news the world is waiting for—the end of the war.

This confidence was fed somewhat by a strange Japanese radio broadcast which told of crowds of Japanese bowing their heads before the Emperor at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo.

"How shall 100,000,000 people," this broadcast said, "filled with trepidation, reply to the Emperor? His Majesty's subjects are moved to tears by his Majesty's boundless and infinite solicitude. On Aug. 14, 1945, the Imperial decision was granted. The palace grounds are quiet beneath the dark clouds. Honored with the Imperial edict in the sublime palace grounds, a crowd of loyal people are bowed to the very ground in front of the palace and the closest the public is permitted to approach the palace.)"

"Tears flowed unchecked. How can the people raise their heads? With the words, 'Forgive us, O Emperor, our efforts were not enough,' heads bow lower and lower as tears flow unchecked. Ever since Dec. 8, 1941, when we received the Imperial rescript causing his Majesty deep anxiety. . . ."

### Broadcast Broken Off

Here the broadcast was broken off. What the Imperial decision had been was not disclosed. The broadcast was not continued again throughout the day.

The day of confusion, rumor and speculation, all fed by conflicting reports from various sources all over the world, began shortly before 7 AM (British time) when news agencies monitored a broadcast Japanese news agency flash from Tokyo saying that the Japanese Cabinet had been in session all night and that the reply to the Allied note would be available as soon as the legal procedure was completed.

Immediately thereafter, OWI in New York flashed the report that the Japanese government had accepted the surrender formula set forth in the Allied note dispatched to Japan last Saturday. OWI made it clear, however, that this was its own interpretation of the Tokyo broadcast.

Then, in the middle of a talk on chilblains, Tokyo radio broadcast a flash: "It is learned that an Imperial message accepting the Potsdam declaration will be forthcoming soon."

From Guam the U.S. Fleet HQ communications room flashed the news over Guam radio immediately after the Tokyo flash had been heard there. However, Fleet HQ announced that U.S. naval forces would not accept any Japanese broadcasts as authentic and would

## King George to Open Parliament Today

The first Parliament in British history in which the Labor Party has a powerful working majority—390 seats out of 640—will be opened by King George VI today. Debate on the nationalization of certain key industries is expected to form an important part of the proceedings.

## Recognize Only Official Orders from Washington Relative to the Cessation of Hostilities

Swiss radio also broadcast the information that Tokyo had accepted the Allied surrender formula and that a statement was on its way. The radio later said—and the die was immediately cast—that "competent sources" in Berne had said that the Japanese reply had been received there and that the document, a long one, was being desoded.

### Reports Reply in Berne

Evidently on the basis of these reports, Charles G. Ross, the President's press secretary, told White House reporters during the morning that the Japanese reply was in Berne and was expected in Washington during the day.

Shortly after Ross' statements had been flashed throughout the world the Swiss Foreign Office in Berne issued a denial that the Japanese reply had been received. The Swiss legation in Washington telephoned this information to the State Department, explaining that the Japanese minister in Berne might have received some message but the Swiss had not.

Shortly after 11 AM (British time) broadcasting company monitors in New York were reported as having heard Japanese radio stations trying to contact all Japanese ships at sea. The Japanese were using the call letters "MAM" reserved by the government for emergency communications.

During the afternoon the confusion mounted. Tokyo Radio was reported saying that all programs of music were going off the air and that only news would be broadcast henceforth. Then it was reported broadcasting that an important announcement would be made at 1 PM (British time) and later changed this to 2 PM.

During the afternoon Tokyo Radio broadcast that "the Japanese government's reply to the four powers is now on its way to the Japanese minister in Berne." The broadcast was made in English and beamed to North America. Two hours later the Swiss said again that no reply had been received.

# Leaves Today For Europe

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—Eight members of the House Committee on Post-War Economic Policy and Planning will leave for Europe tomorrow to study economic conditions as they will affect U.S. foreign trade, Chairman William Colmer (D-Miss.) announced today. The Congressmen expect to discuss with officials in all countries they visit the problem of reconversion and any demands foreign governments may have for surplus U.S. ships.

### AWOLs Rounded Up

NICE, Aug. 14—Military police conducted an eight-hour checkup for AWOLs in southern France Sunday, it was revealed today. Restees in the Nice area were barred from the beaches and were not permitted to leave their billets without a special pass. In the staging areas near Marseille soldiers were confined to company areas.

### Zionists Criticize British

The World Zionist Conference has condemned the British White Paper of 1939 on Palestine in a resolution which noted "with deep regret and resentment" that the paper was still in force after the war's end, United Press reported.

The resolution, passed in London Monday, charged that but for the White Paper hundreds of thousands of Jews who perished in Europe could have been saved by being admitted to Palestine. Recalling that only 60,000 Jews escaped from Europe to Palestine during the war while about 6,000,000 were put to death, the resolution said such a fate could not befall any people with a country and state of its own.

"There can be no solution to the inseparable twin problems of the Jewish people and Palestine except by constituting Palestine undivided and undiminished as a Jewish state in accordance with the purpose of the Balfour declaration," the resolution declared.

### EAM Accuses Greek Regent

ATHENS, Aug. 14 (Reuter)—The EAM Central Committee yesterday led other opposition parties in accusing Greek Regent Archbishop Damaskinos of "infringement of the Varkiza agreement" and of "siding with the extreme right by calling on Admiral Voulgaris to form a new caretaker government."

The Varkiza agreement provided for the laying down of arms by ELAS (armed force of EAM) troops, a plebiscite on the question of King George's return to the throne, abolition of martial law and the re-establishments of the regular courts.

### Eisenhower at Kremlin

MOSCOW, Aug. 14 (UP)—Gen. Eisenhower said today that during his talks with Premier Stalin the Russian leader asserted that American and Soviet friendship "must be perpetuated."

Stalin gave a dinner last night in honor of Eisenhower at the Kremlin, where the achievements of the Allies in Europe and the Pacific were toasted.

### Change in MAAF Command

ROME, Aug. 14 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Charles T. Myers was today named commander of the American Army Air Forces in the Mediterranean theater, succeeding Brig. Gen. James A. Mollison, who assumed that post less than two weeks ago.

### Acheson Resigns State Post

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (Reuter)—Dean Acheson has resigned as Assistant Secretary of State, a post he had held since January, 1941, the New York Times reported today. His resignation has been accepted by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, said the report, which added that other resignations are expected soon.

### Mountbatten Returns to HQ

KANDY, Ceylon, Aug. 14 (AP)—Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten, supreme Allied commander in southeast Asia, returned today from conferences in Potsdam and London.

### Relief Ship Hits Mine

ROME, Aug. 14 (AP)—A merchant ship bringing UNRRA supplies for Yugoslavia from New York struck a mine about nine miles off Trieste and sank, the Italian news agency ANSA reported today.

### Germans May Organize

FRANKFURT, Aug. 14 (UP)—Germans in the U.S. occupied zone can now apply for permission to form political parties, unions and to hold public meetings, it was announced today. Authorization has been given to U.S. local military authorities by the American HQ to act on applications by Germans.

Stringent precautions will be taken to insure that Nazis or other undesirables do not use these privileges as a shield for their own politics.

### CIOers to Visit USSR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (ANS)—An official delegation of the CIO will visit the Soviet Union soon at the invitation of Vasily Kuznetsov, chairman of the All-Union Central Committee of Soviet Trade Unions, CIO President Philip Murray announced today. Kuznetsov is leader of a group of ten Soviet trade unionists visiting the U.S. as guests of the CIO.