

Breakfast News

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YOKOHAMA: September 1st.

The attention of the world focused Sunday on the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay where at nine A.M. Japan will sign the articles of surrender formally ending the costliest war in the history of human conflict. General MacArthur will stand by as one by one the plenipotentialies of the emperor step forward and sign the document that blights their dreams of an empire built on bloodshed and tyranny. Premier Prince Maruhiko Higashi Kuni summoned by the throne to rule a better nation after atomic bombings and other allied onslaught robbed her of the power to resist is expected to sign for Japan. After his signature and those of representatives of the imperial staff MacArthur will sign as supreme allied commander followed by the representatives of all other powers against which Japan waged war in the orient. In thirty minutes the ceremony will be over and a nation that once boasted it had never been beaten will be under full allied military control. There are no broadcasting facilities aboard the Missouri and the recording will be rushed to the nearby navy communication ship the U.S.S. Ancon and to radio Tokyo for a world wide broadcast beginning at about ten A.M. The broadcast will lead off with the surrender ceremonies to which MacArthur will preside then swing to Washington for an address by president Truman in which he is expected to proclaim VJ day then the program will switch back to Tokyo Bay where MacArthur will make a triumphant VJ day address to be followed with one by admiral nimitz commander of the Pacific Fleet that smashed Japan as a naval power.

Tokyo: Undated.

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By Sunday liberated allied prisoners of war Sunday recited more instances of beatings, hunger and humiliation including tigerish attacks by Japanese women on helpless fliers, but there was no indication of deliberate scale of mass extermination. One prisoner was openly beaten to death by a brutal guard known to the prisoners only as "kango". Seven died of malnutrition. Approximately 4200 Americans, British and Dutch remain in camps in the Tokyo-Yokohama area, commander Harold Stassen of Admiral Halsey's staff reported as he conferred with international Red Cross officials on evacuation plane. More than 1490 have been brought aboard U.S. Navy hospital ships and transports in Tokyo Bay. Officials estimate that thirty six thousand prisoners including eight thousand Americans were in camps in Japan. Many thousands of others were held on the Asiatic mainland, Formosa and the East Indies.

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Manila: Sept. 2nd

The highest ranking Japanese yet taken in the Philippines are five Generals and two Admirals, were in the hands of American forces Saturday night. Six of the Japanese military leaders were brought in a few hours after Japanese Vice Admiral Furuse, who commanded the defenses of Manila, surrendered at Infanta on the East coast of Luzon. The other prisoners who refused to disclose what their commands were, identified themselves as Lt. Gens. Kata-tkoa and Shanpei, Maj. Gen. Manome Hira and Yoshiki, and Rear Admiral Harada. They were taken to new Bilibad prison south of Manila.

Chungking: Undated.

Capt. Arthur W. Wermuth, "one man army of Bataan" who is credited with killing 116 Japs, has been taken to Mukden after being liberated from a Manchurian prison camp, headquarters of U S forces in China announced Saturday.

Tokyo: Undated.

Money has little value in Japan because this country is embroiled in its worst black market in its history. Barter goods are far more valuable than cash.

Washington: Sept. 2nd

President Truman said Saturday night in a Labor Day statement that the nation recognizes the importance of labor and the right of every American to a wage that will permit a decent living standard. The President's comment was echoed by other leaders in the country as the United States prepared to celebrate the Labor Day holiday. Concern was voiced by some leaders however lest the proceedings of reconversion and attention to employment might not be promptly solved. Meanwhile, the nation's workers who had been urged since the start of the war to regard Labor Day as just another working day, were told to have fun on Monday. In his tribute to labor, Mr. Truman said "today we stand on the threshold of a new world. We must do our part in making this world what it should be, a world in which the bigotries of race and creed shall not be permitted to warp the souls of men".

Washington:

The former Japanese surrender falls in American time on the sixth anniversary of the start of hostilities in Europe. The first Nazi troops moved into England September 1st, 1939 as a nonsequence England declared war on Germany two days later and World War Two was on. The Japanese surrender actually was on September second Japanese time.

Washington: September 2nd.

A poll of the House military committee showed Saturday that the campaign for immediate end of the draft has lost its charm. Fourteen committee members told a reporter they believed selective service will be allowed to continue at least for a few months. Likewise they say it probably will be necessary to continue inducting eighteen and nineteen year olds. Most of the committeemen said they would like to see the draft abolished or modified but expressed belief it must be kept for a while for two reasons first to guarantee the replacement of veteran fighting men second to insure an adequate number of occupation troops.

Washington: September 1st.

President Truman Friday ordered the office of war information to go out of business by September 15th and transferred the information functions of OWI and the office of interamerican affairs to the state department. By executive order Truman created an international information service office between now and the end of the year.

Vienna: Undated.

The United States assumed administrative control of six of Vienna's twentyone districts Saturday, General Mark Clark announced.

Special Notice..... To all hands!!

Beginning Monday, September 3rd, 1945, a class in simple Japanese will be conducted in the Junior Officers Wardroom each morning from 0900 to 1000 until further notice. All Staff and Ship's Officers are welcome.

Similar classes will be held for Staff and Ship's enlisted personnel from 1400 to 1500 in the No. 1 messhall.

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Staff Intelligence Officer

Washington: Sept. 1st

Some five million boys and girls of high school age now in the labor market were urged Saturday to return to school this fall. War manpower Commissioner Paul McNary in a letter addressed to high school age workers asserted that their responsibility now is to "prepare for the postwar and the duties of citizenship."

New York: Sept. 2nd

The Japanese Cabinet declared Saturday a general election will be held in Japan Jan. 20 to 21 and the Tokyo newspaper Yomiuri Hochi urged "spontaneous and vigorous action" to forming a democratic government. Tokyo radio broadcasts heard by the FCC approved the cabinet's election decision.

London: Sept. 2nd

Edward R. Stettinius Jr., former U S Secretary of State said Saturday discovery of the atomic bomb and collapse of Japan made more necessary than ever the speedy creation of the United Nations security organization. He gave these views at a press conference after arriving in London as American delegate on the United Nations preparatory commission.

Washington: Sept. 2nd

An official call went out Saturday for the reconvening Wednesday of Congress. The big job of course will be to remodel old laws and enact new ones to help ease the country to a peacetime way of life. Eventually, Congress may get around to lowering taxes but in the more immediate picture, and here where trouble for the administration comes in, are such items as more unemployment compensation for idle workers, opportunities for jobs, continuing the draft, helping veterans back to their old jobs and determining who gets fired.

Rome: Sept. 2nd

The Italian news agency ANSA reported Saturday that German diplomats who were accredited to the vatican had decided to waive their diplomatic immunity and surrender themselves to the allies.

San Francisco: Sept. 1st

A CIO international longshoremen and warehousemen union voted today for a new contract demands which would limit operating hours of pacific coast shipping to a sixty hour work week. A base pay of one dollar seventy five cents per hour against the previous one dollar fifteen cents also is sought.

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Washington: Sept. 2nd

A new record for non-stop flight from Honolulu to Washington was set Saturday when a B 29 landed at the capital seventeen hours and twenty one minutes out of Hawaii. The previous record was twenty hours and fifteen mins.

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Washington: Sept. 2nd

The Navy told Saturday how the submarine Sailfish, the former Squalus dared overwhelming Japanese power and mountainous seas to sink a 22,500 ton aircraft carrier of the Kasuga class. As the Squalus, the vessel almost came to an end May 23, 1939 when she sank in 240 feet of water off Portsmouth, New Hampshire during diving exercises. She was refloated, however, refitted and recommissioned as the Sailfish. For the ten hour battle which sent the Japanese Carrier to the bottom, the Sailfish received the Presidential Unit Citation and her commanding officer, Commander Robert E. Ward won the Navy Cross. The action occurred during Commander Wards first war patrol.

San Francisco: Undated

Climaxing a bitterly contest hearing Harry Bridges today was awarded a divorce from Agnes Bridges, whom he charged was an habitual drunkard. Superior Judge Frank T. Deasy ordered the CIO labor leader to pay her eighty-five monthly with the court order that payment stop if the money is spent for liquor.

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31st Division-Mindanao: Undated

American doughboys could hardly believe it. Thirty Japanese prisoners of war short of food and all of the comforts of life for months at bed time pulled suits of pajamas from their packs. They were the first pajamas the Americans had seen since leaving the states.

Charlotte, North Carolina: Sept. 2nd

Baseball Commissioner Chandler said here Saturday the coming world series would open with three games on the home lot of the American League winners. The next three games are scheduled for the home town of the National League champion. In the past the order was usually two and three.

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