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Tomorrow's Tides
(Pacific Standard Time)

Tuesday, August 28, 1945

High	4:30	19.6 feet
	16:54	20.1 feet
Low	10:41	5.0 feet
	23:25	4.4 feet

Temperature

Temperatures for the Prince Rupert district during 24 hours ending 5 a.m.

High	57
Low	51

Important Russo-Chinese Accord

RRENDER AND OCCUPATION OF PAN IS GETTING UNDER WAY

Great Allied Naval Force Assembling at Tokyo — Capitulation in Burma, Singapore and Hong Kong Are Near

EIGHTH ARMY'S JOB

MANILA, Aug. 27—The responsibility for the upation of Japan will rest with the American ghth Army, it was announced today by General uglas MacArthur. Landings will be made at kohama and Takeyama as well as the two pre-usly designated points near Tokyo—a naval base an air field. Engineers will land at Izuki air d tonight in preparation for the main landings e 36 hours later.

Allied war vessels on Sunday entered Sagami , just outside of Tokyo, only a few miles from peninsula where the occupation forces of Japan to commence their landings on Tuesday. The at Allied naval force consists of an estimated 400 els including twelve American and two British leships, 18 aircraft carriers, escort carriers, 22 cruisers 100 destroyers. They will into Tokyo Bay Tuesday at h time the first landing of 10,000 United States nes and British bluejackets be put ashore.

e Third United States fleet the naval force which, in mi Bay, is a mere fifty miles the centre of the Japanese al city of Tokyo.

rty-eight Allied planes will the first landings at the o air field on Tuesday in aration for mass landings llow on Thursday.

ndreds of big guns will be to blast Tokyo on the first of any Japanese treachery. ever, no such treachery is ipated as aerial reconnais-nce indicates that the Jap-e are complying with pre-upation instructions of Gen-l Douglas MacArthur, the Al-commander-in-chief.

Next Sunday has now been set the date for the formal sign-of the Japanese surrender. is stated in authoritative rters at Washington that at half a million American ops will be put ashore on n as an occupation force in the coming five months. In spite of typhoons, Allied naval and aerial forces are continuing a steady patrol of the shores of Japan. High winds and heavy rains have not been preventing the dropping of relief supplies for Allied prisoners of war.

Islewhere In Southeast Asia

A Japanese surrender delegation has arrived at Rangoon to capitulate as far as southeast Asia is concerned to Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten.

A British fleet is steaming down Malacca Straits towards Singapore.

Lieut.-Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, conqueror of Singapore, Malaya and Corregidor, has opened formal surrender negotiations with Gen. MacArthur's forces on northern Luzon, National Broadcasting Company's radio correspondent Merrill Mueller said in a broadcast today.

General MacArthur has directed the Japanese at Hong Kong to surrender to British Admiral Harcourt.

Another surrender development is the entry by Generalissimo Chiang's Chinese forces of Shanghai and Nanking. Americans have also entered Shanghai.

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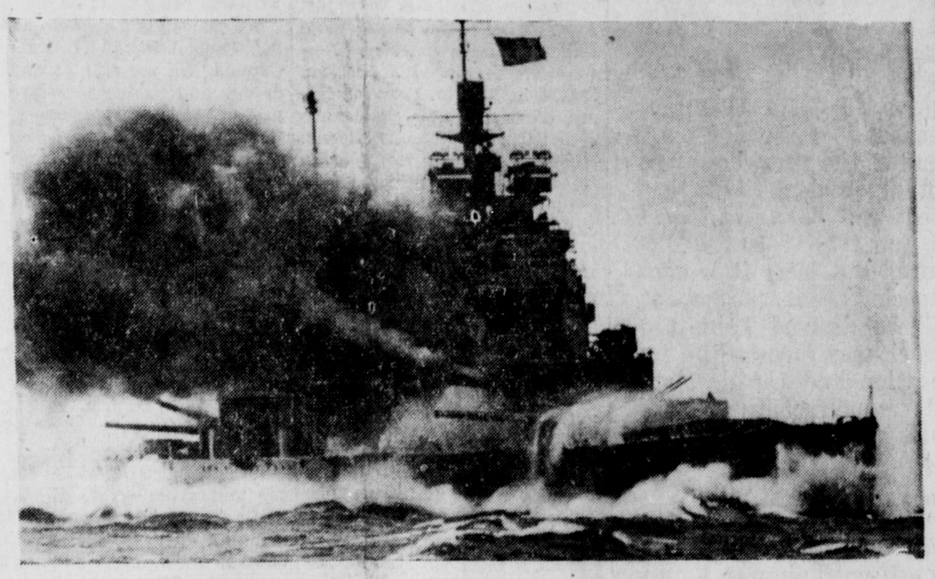
Atomic ... peror's Love of ... Says

SAN FRA... Aug. 27 (CP)—Destruc...ess of America's atomic bomb, coupled with Emperor Hirohito's "love of the people," was the reason for Japan's surrender, Premier Prince Higashikuni told the Japanese cabinet and members of the House of Representatives today, according to a Domei News Agency dispatch.

One purpose of the forthcoming extraordinary session of the Japanese Imperial Diet, the Premier declared at today's conference, is "to clarify" reasons for capitulation.



H. M. S. DUKE OF YORK — Symbolic of the power of the British Navy which helped end the war in the Pacific, the great battleship H.M.S. Duke of York comes into the Japanese capitulation picture as one of the great array of Allied naval strength which will accompany General Douglas MacArthur as he goes to Tokyo this week to take over control of Japan. This is the flagship of Sir Bruce Fraser, chief of the British Pacific fleet.

REDS OCCUPYING KURILE ISLANDS

TOKYO, August 27 — Russia has occupied three more of the Kurile Islands and is penetrating further into the Japanese half of Sakhalin Island.

Peace River Flier Is Presumed Dead

Previously reported missing on active service, Pilot Officer Richard Albert John Bennett, son of G. W. Bennett of Dawson Creek, is now for official purposes presumed dead in a recent casualty list of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Charles Svedmark Dies In Hospital

Charles Svedmark of Third Avenue East, a resident of Prince Rupert for 32 years, died at the hospital this morning at the age of 81. A former fisherman, he had been in failing health for some time. There are no surviving relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. William Reid sailed Saturday night on the Prince George for a trip to Vancouver.

Soviet To Withdraw From Manchuria, Status of Ports And Railways Agreed On

Soviet Will Render Complete Co-operation to Chiang Kai-Shek's Regime—Reds to Quit Manchuria

CHUNGKING, August 27—Terms of a new pact between Russia and China were disclosed at Chungking Sunday. In the event of attack by Japan, one country would come to the aid of the other. The Soviet will deal entirely with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

Under the 30-year pact Russia agrees to withdraw from Manchuria within three months.

While promising military support to Chiang Kai-Shek, the Soviet promises to keep hands off China's internal affairs.

Darien is to become a free port and there will be joint use and control of Port Arthur by Russia and China.

The Manchurian Railway will be operated jointly by Russia and China.

China agrees to recognize the independence of Outer Mongolia.

The Chinese Communist leader has agreed to come to Chungking to confer with Chiang Kai-Shek, indicating that China's internal crisis is coming to a satisfactory settlement.

SEVEN NAZIS ARE EXECUTED

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Aug. 27—Seven German prisoners of war were executed here Saturday for the murder of one of their number whom they claimed was a traitor to Nazi Germany. All were naval prisoners of war.

DeGaulle Coming To Ottawa Soon

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27—General Charles DeGaulle left Washington today for Canada following his meetings during the past few days with President H. S. Truman. In a joint statement on Saturday, Truman and DeGaulle said that they had discussed subjects of immediate interest. DeGaulle arrived in New York today and will be at Ottawa tomorrow.

Bulletins

SITUATION DANGEROUS

WASHINGTON—The situation in the Pacific is still dangerous, said President Truman today in recommending continued military training for young men between 18 to 25.

TWO MORE SENTENCES

FARNSBOROUGH, Eng. — Two more Canadian soldiers have been sentenced as a result of the Aldershot riots. Private John Clifford of Ontario gets sixteen months and Private Florian Richards of New Brunswick, six months.

NANAIMO PROTESTS

NANAIMO—The city council is protesting at the suspension of construction of the minesweeper Willow Lake here.

CHURCHILL INVITED

CANBERRA—The Australian cabinet has invited Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill to visit Australia. It is expected he will accept.

GULF COAST HURRICANE

HOUSTON, Texas—A hurricane, sweeping the Gulf Coast, has already caused six deaths and heavy damage. A velocity of 110 miles per hour has been reached.

QUISLING HOME INSPECTED

OSLO—The judge and jury at Vidkun Quisling's treason trial today inspected the castle and retreat of the former Nazi fuehrer of Norway.

EQUIPMENT DESTROYED

CALGARY—Arthur Ray, M.L.A. for Banff, has complained to Ottawa at "wanton destruction" of Royal Canadian Air Force equipment at Penhold station.

British Financial Delegation Coming

LONDON, Aug. 27—A British delegation is to be sent to Washington to discuss the possibility of further financial aid to Britain by the United States following the sudden termination of lend-lease arrangements.

LAST APPEAL OF QUISLING

Again Asserts His Innocence of Treason Before Oslo Court

LONDON, Aug. 27 (AP) — The leader of the Norwegian puppet government under the Nazis, Vidkun Quisling, has again asserted his innocence of treason before a court in Oslo.

On trial for his life, Quisling told the court yesterday that he had never sought to obtain conscription of labor in Norway and the deportation of Norwegian army officers to German concentration camps. Those charges were laid against Quisling by Major Fridtjof Hammersen, who was aide to the German commander in Norway.

Quisling also declared before the court that he talked the Germans out of fighting on in Norway after the other German forces on the continent had surrendered.

NORWEGIAN HEARTHS ARE NOW COLD BUT FUTURE IS BRIGHT

Fuel is Most Pressing of Norway's Problems Now That Food Situation Improved

LONDON, Aug. 27 (AP) — Three months of peace finds Norway a politically united nation which expects to get back on its feet in one or two years.

Five years ago Norway's political parties pledged themselves to co-operate for the best interests of their people while under Quisling and the Germans. That pledge will hold good at least until next October's elections.

Under this unity and with outside aid, the food distribution is already greatly improved. All Norwegians are receiving 1,400 rationed calories or more a day. All families now are able to draw such food as butter for the first time since last December, and there is unrationed fresh fish for the first time since 1940. Food is coming from America and Denmark, a little from Britain, and some wheat from Canada and Argentina, but Norway is stocking 70 percent of its own larder.

Main Problem Lack of Fuel

Norway's greatest problem, as in nearly all newly liberated countries, is lack of fuel.

Preparing for a hard time this winter, the government is having as much wood as possible cut for civilian heating and cooking purposes. In the fear of a labor shortage Germans may be drafted for wood chopping. What coal is brought into the country will be used for traffic and industry.

Norwegian government and industrial leaders assert that the outlook for a general economic comeback is good. Industry, somewhat worn down under the Germans, is not too badly off. Many industries already are coming back, although others like textiles and consumer goods lack raw materials. Canneries are reviving rapidly, with their freezing equipment greatly improved under the Germans.

There is no export trade, but the nation hopes soon to be making regular deliveries of fish and pulp in exchange for coal from Poland, Britain and America.

Norwegians believe there will be no hampering of their efforts to re-establish the merchant fleet and old pre-war contracts.

Most needed in Norway are consumer goods and industrial and agricultural machinery.

Politically, a popular swing to the left is so slight that experts will make no prophesy on the October elections.

Wartime Development of Royal Canadian Air Force On This Coast Revealed

Story Now Told of Defences Built to Meet Japanese Threat, Including Those in Prince Rupert Area

At the beginning of the war, the Royal Canadian Air Force on the west coast consisted of a small permanent force unit at Jericho Beach. From small beginnings, big things develop, strategic necessity having been the whip behind west coast development.

R.C.A.F. planners foresaw the entry of Japan into this war, and saw an undefended coast lying along the Great Circle approaches from Japan to the North American continent. Hence, by the time Japan entered the war, via Pearl Harbor, the R.C.A.F. had developed Patricia Bay as a land plane and seaplane base, and Ucluelet, Coal Harbor, Bella Bella, Aliford Bay and Prince Rupert as seaplane bases.

These bases were all constructed and occupied and operated before Japan entered the war, a considerable number of Stranraers having been flown from the east coast via the United States, to augment the Sharks, Vedettes, Vancouvers, Fairchilds and Deltas then operating from R.C.A.F. coast bases. All of these types have long since been relegated to the limbo of forgotten aircraft, even though they served excellently an initial purpose.

Also prior to the Japanese entry, the Permanent Joint Board on Defence, Canada and the United States, was formed. Their first task was a strategic survey of hemisphere defence requirements. This included a comprehensive study of the west coast and the development of defence plans for both coasts in the event of the United States coming into the war. Developments at that time were most meagre in Alaska—in fact, almost negligible. Plans, however, were extensive, and pushed forward apace, as Alaska, in itself, was most vulnerable and dangerous as a stepping-stone to Canada and the United States. Hence, the support of Alaska by both Canada and Continental United States was recognized as a prime requirement, which a line of seaplane bases on the west coast could not fully meet. Nor could seaplanes be expected to meet any carrier plane threat the Japanee might make along the coast. Therefore the Joint Board and the R.C.A.F. planners foresaw and provided for an continuous chain of land plane bases from United States to the northern tip of Alaska. At Tofino and Port Hardy, modern land plane bases were therefore constructed to make it possible to move large numbers of land planes northward, as well as to augment our own Canadian coastal defences.

In addition to Sea Island, three suitable aerodromes were developed for training purposes and for availability to back up the Vancouver defences, namely, Boundary Bay, Abbotsford and Comox.

In support of these bases, Jericho was developed into a modern repair depot, with Sea Island as a satellite, a large equipment depot was established in Vancouver below the Burrard Bridge, and an explosives depot at Kamloops.

Weather Is Main Consideration

In all coastal defence situations, weather conditions are a main consideration. Bad conditions may favor attack and hamper the movements of aircraft for defence. Hence, when for a time the Japanese were masters of the Pacific, it was imperative for the support of both Prince Rupert and Alaska that a line of inland aerodromes be developed. Therefore, an inland line of aerodromes was built, including Dog Creek, Prince George, Vanderhoof, Smithers and Terrace, with landing strips at Quesnel and Woodcock, all on a limited and emergency basis except Prince George, which was a most important link with the Northwest Staging Route from Edmonton to Whitehorse.

Landing strips and radio facilities have also been developed at Massett and Sandspit on the Queen Charlotte Islands, the latter having saved many U.S. and Canadian land planes caught out under difficult weather conditions and being unable to reach other land plane bases, either in the Panhandle or Canadian territory.

This system of aerodromes was useless with the then limited communications facilities. Hence a most comprehensive communications system wa developed between Vancouver and Prince Rupert, including Vancouver Island and the Queen Charlottes, and linking up all the stations named above into an efficient system whereby all defences could be controlled from

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Large Number of Japanese Taking Their Own Lives

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (AP)—The Tokyo radio has broadcast a report that Japanese in large numbers are killing themselves around the grounds of the imperial palace in the Japanese capital. The broadcast was recorded in New York.

AUTO WORKERS STRIKE VOTE

WINDSOR, Ont., August 27—United Automobile Workers of American union mass meeting here yesterday decided to ask for permission to call a strike vote among employees of the Ford Motor Co. The meeting rejected a collective bargaining agreement as proposed by the company.

Repatriated Air Force Personnel Homeward Bound

Repatriated personnel of the Royal Canadian Air Force for this area arriving a few days ago at Quebec City aboard the Duchess of Richmond included the following:

Corporal D. A. McKinnon, 1340 Fifth Ave. E., Prince Rupert.

Warrant Officer S. R. Frost of Massett, wireless air gunner.

Flying Officer A. W. Beilos, Prince George.

Warrant Officer D. A. McDonell, pilot, McBride.

Leading Airwoman M. G. Gaen, Vanderhoof.

D.F.C. FOR LOCAL MAN

A list issued by the Royal Canadian Air Force of those to whom the Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded includes the name of Flying Officer Douglas G. Kerr of Smithers who was a member of the Post Office staff here before the war and who was prominent in amateur dramatics.

D. R. Scott of Queen Charlotte City and W. Gormeley of Bella Bella are named as having been mentioned in dispatches.

Mrs. W. D. Lambie and son, John, sailed Saturday night on the Prince George for a visit to Vancouver.

One Canadian at Least in Japan's Occupation Force

OTTAWA, August 27—At least one Canadian will take part in the occupation of Japan. He is Staff Sergeant Bernard Longpre of Quebec who is with the United States Army.

HOW FRANCE GETS COAL

Soldiers Will Guard and Direct GermanWorkers

ILLE, France, Aug. 27 (AP) — France has taken a new step in assuring her coal supply for the coming winter. It is announced in Lille that more than 20,000 French troops have been mobilized to work in the mining region of the Lille area. The men are members of the French reserve army, and their job will be to help in planning and directing the production of coal. More specifically, they will guard and direct the estimated 45,000 German prisoners who are destined to work in the mines.

Fish Sales

SUNDAY

American

(15c and 13½c)

Vansee, 45,000, Storage.

Sunset, 46,000, Edmunds and Walker.

Canadian

(18¼c and 16½c)

Domino II, 10,000, Royal.

MONDAY

American

(15c and 13½c)

Sanak, 45,000, Pacific, Royal.

Canadian

(18¼c and 16½c)

Signal, 42,000, Atlin.

Zapora, 38,000, Storage.

Weather Forecast

Today and Tuesday—Light to moderate winds, overcast with light rain, becoming cloudy in morning Tuesday. Partly cloudy in afternoon, mild.

L. M. Felsenthal sailed Saturday night on the Prince George for a business trip to Vancouver.

HOW SECURITY CONFERENCE WAS PROTECTED—Now it can be told—and details of the extraordinary security precautions taken during the United Nations conference have been revealed. Here a .50 calibre machine-gun is mounted atop a downtown San Francisco building.

TRUMAN REPLIES TO PREMIER KING

Acknowledges Great Part Part Canada Shares in War and Peace

OTTAWA, Aug. 27 (AP)—President Truman has replied to a message sent him by Prime Minister Mackenzie King on the conclusion of the war with Japan. The President declared in part:

"My fellow citizens and my colleagues in this government share with me pride and gratitude in the accomplishments of the Canadian nations during this most terrific of wars. They share also my determination that in peace, as well as in war, we shall keep our Canadian-American relationship on the same high basis of mutual confidence and co-operation."

NAZI SECRETS ARE UNEARTHED

Were Working on Atomic Bombs and Long Distance Rockets

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 27—Among German secrets now being unearthed by Allied scientists as the occupation continues is one that indicates significant progress was being made in the development of atomic bombs. Another concerns a rocket with a range of 3000 miles which could cross the Atlantic Ocean in 17 minutes.

It is also disclosed that the Germans were perfecting processes of making butter and also gasoline from coal.

Having been delayed because of mechanical reasons in connection with the naval gate at the entrance of the harbor, C.P.R. steamer Princess Norah was delayed for several hours in arriving in port today, finally arriving at 2 p.m. The vessel is northbound from Vancouver to Skagway.

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