

JAPAN

R.I. - Sunoco. Friday, August 17, 1945.

Tokyo informed General MacArthur today that the surrender envoy will proceed to Manila on Sunday. This followed a terse demand by General MacArthur, which said in effect - cut out the delay.

For days the surrendering Japanese have been holding out on one of the first requirements made by MacArthur - the sending of a surrender envoy to make arrangements for carrying out the capitulation under the Potsdam ultimatum. It isn't quite clear just what the Japs have been up to - whether they have been stalling or whether they may be faced with possible difficulty in getting their many military forces to lay down their arms and yield.

Another message from Tokyo to General MacArthur stated that imperial envoys had left for such occupied areas as Manchuria, parts of China, Indo-China and Malaya. These are members of the Imperial Family who have been sent to force the Jap Military Commanders to obey <sup>the</sup> Imperial surrender order.

That order has now been repeated in the most

authoritative style - in the form of an "Imperial Rescript". Tonight's dispatch from Manila states: "This rescript is absolutely mandatory."

At the same time, Tokyo complained to General MacArthur <sup>again</sup> today about the Soviet offensive in Manchuria - the Russians keeping the ~~xx~~ war going in a big way, with a full dress drive. Tokyo asks MacArthur to intervene - as Supreme Allied Commander of the Far East.

The word from Manila tonight is that MacArthur is addressing an urgent communication to Moscow concerning the continued warfare that the Red Army is waging in Manchuria. "This", said a MacArthur spokesman today, "is a most important matter and requires immediate action."

The situation in Manchuria is confused - with the Japs complaining that the Red Army is still attacking and the Soviets complaining that the Japs are still resisting. Each side blaming the other for fighting. The Russians are particularly angry because the Japs made a strong counter-attack, which appears to have

halted the Soviet offensive. And today the Red radio in the Far East, issued a ferocious proclamation to the Red Army Troops, the gist of which was - "kill without mercy."

The complication becomes more intricate with word that the Russians have been joined by the Chinese Communists in a drive against the Japs. Chiang Kai-Shek ordered the Chinese Reds to halt offensive operations, but they refused to obey - which brought the feud between the Nationalists and the Communists to a new point of gravity. And now the Chinese Communists, continuing their <sup>dis</sup>obedience ~~to~~ the Nationalists Government, have joined with Red Army Forces in the offensive.

The news is all the more critical because of the announcement that Chinese Communists and Soviet Russians have driven to within ten miles of Peiping, the former capital of China. That raises the question - who's to get Peiping. We hear that the Chinese Communist and Soviet drives has reached the historic Marco Polo Bridge, the place where the Chinese--Japanese

war began. An incident, a skirmish, near the Marco Polo Bridge, started hostilities - in nineteen thirty-seven.

The question of continued Japanese resistance, after surrender, was sharpened today with news of a Jap attack on an American Air Squadron. American reconnaissance planes flew over Tokyo Bay, and were assailed by anti-aircraft fire and Japanese fighter planes. The anti-aircraft fire damaged one of the American aircraft, and our own fighters shot down two Jap planes.

As a rather remote addition to all of this, we have a statement that one of the puppet governments set up by the Japs is going to resist the Allies. In French Indo-China, the Province of Anam, the puppets today announced that they would, in the words of the statement, "Refuse to be subjugated again by France, under whose fetters they suffered so long."

I don't imagine this petty outfit in Indo-China can do anything formidable, but its defiance may indicate a state of mind among the peoples of Southwest Asia, a reluctance to accept again the authority of European <sup>nations.</sup> ~~nations.~~

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A strange turn of the Japanese mind is to be noted in the suicide of the Chief of Staff of the Japanese Navy - Vice Admiral Onishi. He organized the Suicide Air Corps, and before taking his life presumably by Hari Kari, he addressed a message to the spirits of the Kamikazes who died in suicide attacks.

The message stated: "Ever convinced of final victory, you fell gallantly, as human bullets. But that conviction has not been fulfilled. With my death," he added, "I aspire to make atonement for you candidates."

In other words, the Kamikazes had been given the belief that ~~xxx~~ their ~~xxxx~~ suicide tactics would win victory. They were deceived and the Commander who organized them, makes atonement.

But there's another angle to the suicide of Admiral Onishi. The Navy Chief-of-staff joins Army Chief-of-staff General Anami, who committed Hari Kari shortly after the surrender. In other words, the heads of both the Navy and the Army taking the traditional Japanese way out.

PETAINE

The death sentence imposed on Marshal Petain has been commuted - as was expected. Today General DeGaulle followed the recommendation made by the court that condemned the aged Marshal for treason. He commuted the death sentence to life imprisonment - which is not likely to last long, considering the great age of the one-time hero of Verdun, condemned for ~~xxx~~ treason as the head of the Vichy government.

Marshal Petain will spend the rest of his days on an island off the south coast of France, where his wife will be allowed to be with him.

SUBMARINE

*Curious*  
~~Surprising~~ news from the Argentine - another  
*in there*  
German submarine has come and surrendered, three months  
and a week after the end of the European war. ~~This is~~  
The second U-boat to give up to the Argentinians -  
the first having put into Buenos Aires more than a  
month ago.

This latest is the U-Nine seventy-seven,  
which had aboard a crew of thirty-two. The story from  
Argentina is that the craft showed the effects of a  
long period at sea - as why wouldn't it. We can only  
wonder what that U-boat was ~~gax~~ doing, what the men  
aboard were thinking - delaying surrender and staying  
out at sea until three months and one week after the  
end of the war.

## SCIENCE

Stories of scientists who worked on the Atomic bomb are still being revealed. Today's account discloses that two of the technicians were Drs. E. D. Tillyer and Alexis Pincus, members of the scientific staff of an optical company. So the Atomic bomb had to do with optics, lenses, glass. The secrecy is still on, and today the two optical scientists would only say that the War Department had requested what they most ambiguously call "certain glass for certain purposes."

Dr. Tillyer states that, during the research, he was depressed by the thought of what was being done - the fearful instrument of destruction that was being developed, the ultimate consequences of which nobody could foresee. He couldn't mention to his family what he was working on, and he says: "My wife couldn't imagine what was wrong with me. But, as the realization of what the atomic bomb would mean became clear, I became depressed - and wished that nobody had ever thought of it, and that the efforts to develop it would fail."

His colleague, Dr. Pincus, made similar



reflections today, and added - "If the British and American scientists had not discovered it, the atomic bomb would have been developed in time by some other nation."

In Washington - the word is that the Bureau of Science that presided over the development of the bomb will be continued. This was stated by Dr. Vannevar Bush, Chairman of the Office of Scientific Research and Development. He ~~explained~~ explained that a whole series of scientific ideas were in process of research when Japan surrendered, with important new results about to be achieved."

~~"It just doesn't make sense," he argued, "To conduct research for three years and then drop it in fifteen minutes." He adds that the Office of Scientific Research has many ~~many~~ contracts with universities and industrial firms and laboratories, and these developments will be completed - before the science agency will be abolished.~~

This thought is echoed by the Commander of

the Army Air Forces, General ~~W.H.~~ Arnold, who today stated that the security of the United States and the peace of the world depend upon the continuance of the wartime research by American Scientists. This General Arnold applied pointedly to air power - laboratory work to do its part in maintaining the supremacy of this nation in the skies.

The General stated that the development of the Atomic Bomb showed what American scientists could do when they were given the money and the facilities.

*Also,* he disclosed new marvels of air power which hitherto have been concealed by military secrecy.

General Arnold stated that ~~the army has~~ *we have* developed a new super-bomber with a range from two and a half to three times greater than the range of the B-29's. He declared that the new super-bomber, flying from bases that this nation now possesses, could cover all of Asia, all of the Pacific, and all of the Atlantic.

General Arnold spoke of rockets that are drawn automatically to a target by the presence of heat, light

or metal in the target zone. In other words, rockets that make a sort of "homing" flight to the target. And he spoke further of that principal of - "Homing."

"The time is coming," said he, "When we will not have any men in bombers. The bombers will be directed from distant bases until they approach their targets, and then they will "home" on ~~to~~ their targets automatically." In other words, pilotless planes striking automatically at targets <sup>a</sup>round the world - with atomic bombs, perhaps. To which the Air Force Commander added -  
"that there had better not be any more wars."

General Arnold, by the way, told newsmen today that he will soon retire. With victory won, the Commander of the triumphant American Forces of the sky feels that ~~his~~ his job has been done. ~~The word has been~~  
*General* Arnold has been *working day and* ~~sitting a bit~~ ~~as why wouldn't~~  
*night since this war began* -  
~~he, after the stupendous burden of directing American~~  
*giving everything he had. End,*  
~~Air Power in the greatest of wars.~~

<sup>^</sup> Today he said: "I'm going to step out - and sit under an Oak tree. I don't know when, but it is not

too far off. And, " he added, "If any airplanes fly over the Oak tree, I'm going to shoot them down."

A picture of a retired Army Air Force Commander sitting under an Oak tree with an anti-aircraft gun.

## GASOLINE

The government today removed restrictions on the manufacture of high test gasoline for civilian motorists. The news from Washington is that the oil refineries have been notified that many of the controls have been raised - though not all. Some controls will continue for thirty days.

In comment on this, I have a reminder from J. Howard Pew, President of the Sun Oil Company, that gasoline rationing was only one of the many wartime restrictions imposed on the petroleum industry. There were others which limited the quality, <sup>supplies</sup>~~supplies, and,~~ ~~tools and so on - and, in fact,~~ <sup>still</sup> transportation of gasoline. ~~and~~ these remain in effect in certain areas.

J. Howard Pew says further that these restrictions will be ended, <sup>so states</sup>~~according to~~ the petroleum administration for war, as quickly as the necessary transportation and distribution adjustments can be made. That means as soon as American tankers get back

from various war zones. It also means when pipelines have been reconverted for normal use, and when ~~xxxx~~ civilian warehouses are refilled. The Marcus Hook refinery, Sun's great catalytic plant, and the Sun catalytic refinery at Toledo, Ohio, are now ready for the production of gasoline of ~~superior~~<sup>a</sup> quality <sup>superior</sup> to any we have ever had.

The quality of Sun's output during the war has demonstrated the ability of that great concern to lead in these days of peace. For instance, more one hundred octane aviation gasoline was shipped since Pearl Harbor, by the Sun ~~at~~ Marcus Hook refinery, than by any other refinery in the world. And the refining facilities that produced that flood of vital fighting fuel, when released from wartime restrictions, will go to work producing finer, better automobile gasoline than ever before.

Sun will have an announcement of great importance to make - when the day comes - the day when the gasoline and oil ~~xxxx~~ business is actually back on a peacetime basis.

## BABY DUMPLING

In Detroit, a kidnaping case has turned into a curious twister. ~~A young woman, charged with kidnaping, is highly indignant, and in a prison cell today she was furious - angry with the mother of the child she took away. Said she'd like to scratch her eyes out.~~

It is all a rambunctious climax to an exceedingly human story. It began when a soldier named Watson, about to go overseas, thought it would be a good thing if his wife, left with a three yearx old child, had the companionship of another woman while he was away. He met Alva Reynolds, thirty years old and divorced, and thought she would be the right one to live in his home with Mrs. Watson and the child - Alva Reynolds was obviously fond of children.

That was just the point. The child in the household was a little girl whom they called - Baby Dumpling. For a time all went well - the soldier away and the two women living together. Then Mrs. Watson began to think that Alva Reynolds was becoming too

fond of Baby Dumpling.

That was the state of affairs when, on Tuesday night, the child vanished - and so did ~~Alva~~ <sup>the</sup> woman named Alva. Mrs. Watson put in an agitated complaint to the police.

This produced kidnapping headlines in the newspapers, and early this morning Alva, carrying the baby, burst into the Watson apartment, and yelled at the mother: "Why did you put all that stuff in the papers?" The alleged kidnapper raising Cain with the mother <sup>- wanted to scratch her eyes out!</sup> Mrs. Watson called for help - thoroughly frightened.

The police intervened, and Alva Reynolds was taken off to jail. She declared she carried the child away because Baby Dumpling wasn't being properly cared for. She claimed that she, in reality, was entitled to the child, on grounds of "superior affection."

All of which provides quite an argument - two women claiming Baby Dumpling. One - because she is the mother. The other - because she says she loves the child the most.

message <sup>2</sup> And now H - ~~what~~ weekend  
from you? <sub>1</sub>