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JAPAN ACCEPTS POTSDAM TERMS

DESIRE ONE CONDITION: EMPEROR TO REMAIN ON THRONE

At 0145 this morning the Domei News Agency announced to the peoples of the world that the Japanese Government had agreed to accept the Potsdam Surrender Ultimatum providing that Hirohito be allowed to retain his sovereignty as Emperor of Japan.

This announcement stated that Hirohito personally requested this declaration in order "to expediate the end of hostilities". The broadcast added that Switzerland and Sweden would be asked to mediate in the negotiations with the United Nations.

Washington became a virtual turmoil as this history-making proclamation was picked up in Manila and relayed through San Francisco to the capital early this morning. Fifteen minutes after the CBS report was received the President and a number of high ranking officials went into a secret conference.

A number of late shortwave reports have just come in --- San Francisco noted that the four major leaders are talking by phone --- The Guam Radio said that a large force of attacking Superforts was ordered to return to their bases --- The press secretary in Washington said that no official word has come from President Truman concerning the broadcast --- The Tokyo Radio went off the air early this morning.*