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STOP PRESS - JAPAN CRACKS

Ninety Two Days after VE Day, and here we go again in Piccadilly. After four years of war with Britain and America and 37 hours after Russia joined in, Japan cracked. For Chinese the world over it marked the virtual end of an eight year war. Crowds jumped the gun on the official victory declaration when news flashed across the World that the Japs accepted the Potsdam surrender terms. But There was an "IF" tacked on to the request; they wanted their Son of Heaven preserved... Emperor Hirohito, in whose presence no Japanese is supposed to lift his eyes. A news flashback to Pearl Harbour on December 7th 1941 gives a picture to remember when reading the Emperor's Peace talk which said he was "ever anxious to enhance the cause of peace"

Two Atomic bombs were enough to seal the fate of Japan... Two explosions which heralded the birth of the Atomic Age. Back-Room boys at a British secret experimental station test the armour piercing qualities of the 12,000 pound bomb even as scientists were outdating them with Uranium. Blast effects in slow motion are shown in these first pictures made available to Pathe.

Spontaneous remarks of men and women in the street as the rising Sun went down in the East.

Crowds rushed No.10 Downing Street where Service Chiefs and Cabinet Ministers were in consultation with the Prime Minister. The new weapon and total victory elbow each other for headlines. The Atomic bomb harnesses the power of the universe. This Newsreel interviewed the man who supervised research in Britain on the Atomic Bomb, Sir John Anderson, Scientist and Statesman.

SIR JOHN ANDERSON

"The coming of this new weapon will effect profoundly all ideas of military strategy, but we must pray that the statesmen of all nations will see here not a terrifying edition to the panoply of war, but a compelling reason for working out new safeguards for world peace and security."

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"If the limitless possibilities of the Atomic Bomb can be kept for preserving peace and not as a means of waging war more efficiently the whole world will have gained immeasurably from this stupendous scientific discovery - Nor is this all for there will still remain great scope to further wealth, find ways of using Atomic energy as a means of heat and power for the benefit of mankind. First thing will be to see whether the necessary material cannot be produced more cheaply and efficiently. Then means must be found of controlling and applying the energy made available. This may be a long business, but all experience of scientific progress justifies the belief that the time will come when Atomic energy will compete, for at any rate many important purposes, with any source of power already known.