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TRUMAN PROCLAIMS GERMAN DEFEAT

BULLETINS

PARIS, May 8 (AP)—Gen. Charles DeGaulle told the French people today that "the war is won" and the "victory of the Allied nations is the victory of France."

LONDON, May 8 (CP)—Field Marshal Montgomery said today the mighty weapon of airpower "has enabled us to win a great victory quickly and secondly to win that victory with fewer casualties than would otherwise have been the case."

STOCKHOLM, May 8 (AP)—Swedish mounted and foot police charged repeatedly with drum sabres last night in an effort to break up a crowd of thousands of Swedes deliriously celebrating the peace.

WITH THE BRITISH 2ND ARMY, May 8 (AP)—Col. Anatoly Plugin, war correspondent of Tass, Soviet news agency has said a Russian general had stated that the body of a man identified as Adolf Hitler had been found in the ruins of Berlin.

WITH THE US 7TH ARMY, May 8 (AP)—King Leopold of Belgium and his Queen have been liberated it was announced today.

They were found near Strobl, eight miles east of Salzburg. All were in good health.

COPENHAGEN, May 8 (AP)—Norwegian patriot prisoners were released from Quisling concentration camps and jails in Norway today as the Norwegians awaited official confirmation of their liberation.

STOCKHOLM, May 8 (AP)—The newspaper Aftonbladet said today a British fleet was at anchor 10 miles from Oslo.

An Aftonbladet correspondent went to Oslo during the night and returned to Sweden today in order to telephone one of the first eyewitness reports of the fleet's arrival. The story has not yet been confirmed elsewhere.

TARAKAN FIELD IN USE
MANTUA, May 8 (AP)—Allied planes already are operating off the captured Tarakan airfield just off northwestern Borneo but fighting still is in progress on the little island invaded by Australians just a week ago.

On Okinawa, American troops advanced in all sectors of the southern front yesterday.

Heavy bombers ranged targets on the Borneo mainland, hitting Kenlingan airdrome northeast of Brunei Bay and harbor facilities and shipping along the west coast.

In the Philippines Americans on Mindanao fought into Japanese hill positions west of fallen Davao City, while other troops in the center of the big island advanced eight miles toward the big Del Monte air center.

On Luzon patrols reached the edge of the highway leading over Baltebe Pass, one of the last major points of Japanese resistance in the entire archipelago.

LONDON, May 8 (CP)—Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, Germany's current Fuehrer, announced today that all German guns would be silent by 11 PM (3 PM, MDT) today.

He said in an address over the German-controlled Flensburg radio that the Germans would lay down all their arms in accordance with the unconditional surrender terms he had ordered.

In slow, deliberate terms, he told the Germans the Nazi party had been severed from the German state and that "the party has left the scene of its activities."

Doenitz, addressing the German people, said he ordered the High Command to surrender unconditionally the night of May 6-7 on all fronts.

Doenitz warned the German people that the "power is with the occupying authorities," and he urged them to walk the difficult "path united in the hope that our children in Europe may one day have a free and secure existence."

WASHINGTON, May 8 (AP)—President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill, in simultaneous announcements today proclaimed the unconditional surrender of Germany to the western Allies and to Russia. (Texts of their messages will be found on page four.)

Allied radios flashed orders to all German and German controlled ships at sea to go to the nearest ports and await further orders.

Last ditch enemy holdouts in Bohemia surrendered unconditionally today, the Czech controlled Prague radio said, sounding on V-E Day the death rattle of the once mighty army which set out almost six years ago to conquer the world. Their capitulation saved them from the U.S. 3rd Army which had driven north-east from captured Pilsen to the outskirts of the Czechoslovakian capital and from three Russian armies driving toward the same goal from the north and east.

The patriot broadcast said German Gen. Ferdinand von Schoerner, commander in Bohemia and Moravia, signed unconditional surrender terms at 1:30 AM (battle-front time) and that units were to cease fire as soon as they received word of the capitulation.

STATUS OF ISOLATED FORCES LISTED
As for the other German pockets this was their disposition as the Russians and the western Allies began the final roundup:

Norway — German troops remained in their barracks awaiting the Allied will as British ships were reported steaming into Norwegian harbors.

Latvia — Estimated 300,000 German, Latvians and Quisling Russians were pocketed against the sea faced with the choice of surrender or annihilation.

Yugo-Lavla — German radio at Flensburg said withdrawals from Yugoslavia continued as the Yugoslav radio announced the liberation of Ljubljana, capital of federal Slovenia, 74 miles northwest of Zagreb.

Eastern Moravia and the adjacent areas — Fighting still was reported by the Germans as Russian armies began the mop-up.

The French ports — Isolated German forces in Dunkerque, La Rochelle, St. Nazaire, Bordeaux and Lorient were expected to lay down their arms without further trouble.

Channel Islands — Germans, cut off hopelessly for months, were reported ready to give up under unconditional surrender terms.

FIGHTING CONTINUES IN MORAVIA
Despite Von Schoerner's capitulation, Germans apparently still opposed the Russians in eastern Moravia and adjacent sectors. The German controlled Flensburg radio said "our troops are fighting hard to save Germany from Bolshevism in the last few hours."

As fighting dwindled on the continent, the Allies were not overlooking the U-boats on the high seas. These were presumed to be returning to their bases after Doenitz's cease activity order. But naval patrols were out and the Orkeny Islands fishermen continued their anti-submarine vigil.

NEW YORK, May 8 (AP)—The BBC informed the German High Command in Norway today that Allied plenipotentiaries for surrender discussions would fly to Norway this afternoon in two British planes.

Markings on the planes were described along with the route they would take and the signals they would give. The German High Command was asked to acknowledge receipt of the message with an assurance of safe conduct.

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, May 8 (AP)—Leon Degrelle, Belgian Fascist leader, and five companions landed on a beach here today after a plane trip from Germany.

The identity of the five men with De Grelle was not learned immediately, but it was believed they were German.

All were interned by the Spanish pending investigation.

Spanish authorities here said De Grelle like Pierre Laval would be held.



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TAKE A HINT, JAPAN

The last bits of the Nazi empire now lie crushed in the dust and rubble of devastated Germany. Levelled, body-littered Berlin, with its beautiful boulevards turned to canals of blood, glares forth as a monument to the futility of senseless resistance once all hope of victory is gone.

The German High Command undoubtedly saw the imminent defeat of Germany long before the final doom descended. But the German people were exhorted to fight with idiotic fanaticism under the promise of final victory. Triumph would be brought about, they were told, by "secret" weapons. That these weapons were secret cannot be doubted. In fact they were so secret that their identity still has not been divulged, although Germany has suffered complete and shattering defeat. Indeed, none of the many wild promises of eventual glory have materialized.

The German people now must realize the horrible foolishness of their gullibility. They were goaded on, not to victory, but to death and destruction. A healthy nation has become anemic and there are no friends to offer a transfusion. Germany's place in the world of nations has been carved out for generations to come.

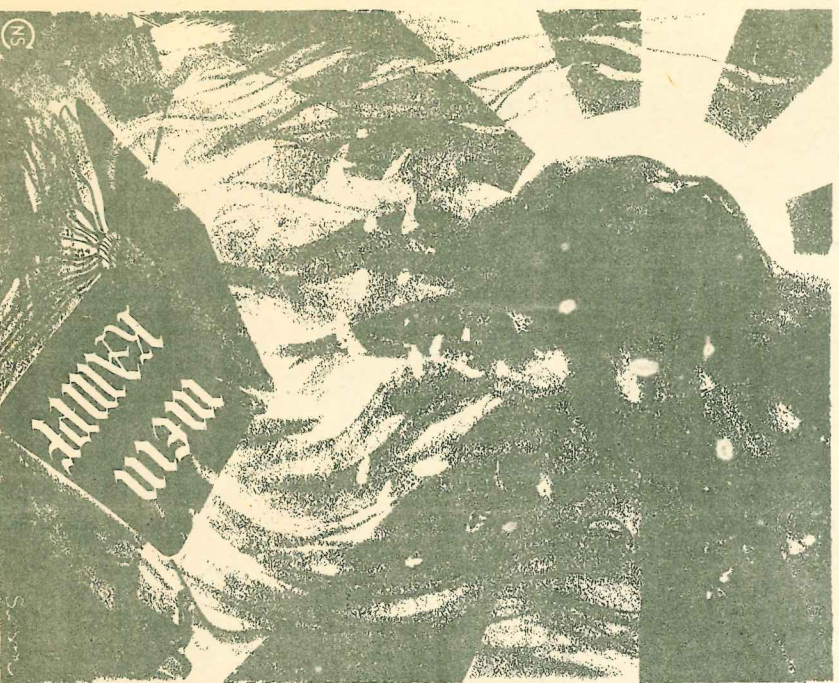
The Germans must now be mattering, "If only we could have known..." Well, they could have, had they not closed their eyes under the glare of ambition fostered by greedy, lustful leaders.

What is done cannot be undone for the German people. The losses are permanent and irretrievable. But for Japan it is another story. There is time to think.

The Japanese people are in line for the same ration of destruction and terror. The entire island faces the fate of Berlin. Continued resistance won't often the consequences for them either.

MIps could do well to profit by the experience of Germany.

—R.K.E.



ECLIPSE OF THE RISING SUN

News in Brief

Major Charles F. Weddington, formerly Executive Officer for the Alaska Highway Maintenance, has transferred to Great Falls, Montana.

T/4 Merle J. Trafion, of 2410 SCU, has transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington for the purpose of being discharged from the Army.

The following men, of 2440 SCU, Skagway, Alaska, have transferred to Fort Dix, New Jersey: S/Sgt. Howard V. Oct, Sgt. Edward T. Slater, T/4s Chevrolet T. Arthur, Norman K. Emerick and Robert W. Stoner.

Sgt. William R. King, of 2440 SCU, Skagway, Alaska, has transferred to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

The following men, of 2410 SCU, Whitehorse, have been transferred to 2430 SCU, Edmonton: T/Sgt. Alexander Jorgens, T/3 Robert A. Sosa and T/4 Gay R. Knowles.

T/4 Homer H. Boyd, of 2440 SCU, Skagway, Alaska, has transferred to Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The following men of 2440 SCU, Skagway, Alaska, have transferred to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas: Sgt. Sherman L. Piggott, T/4 Carl V. Devore and T/5 John H. Phillips.

T/4 Ross A. Wern, of 2440 SCU, has transferred to Fort Douglas, Utah.

The following men, of 2440 SCU, Skagway, Alaska, have transferred to Camp Atterbury, Indiana: S/Sgt. Victor Bailey, T/4 Joseph F. Lavalotte and T/5 Russell C. Kelmuck.

MOVIES

T.D. #1: No Show
T.D. #2: "Practically Yours"—Claudette Colbert, Fred McElurray and Robert Benchley.
T.D. #3: No Show
WHITTHORSE: "Passage to Marselle"—Humphrey Bogart, Claude Rains, Sydney Greenstreet and Peter Lorre.

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass., May 8 (AMS)—The WAC Private who wed an Arkansas convict and overstayed her extended honeymoon furlough was confined to quarters Monday awaiting Army disposition of her case.

Radio Station
CFWH
 1240 K.C.

- 5:00 United Network News
 - 5:30 G I Jubilee
 - 6:00 Sportscast
 - 6:05 G I Jive - Jill
 - 6:15 Melody Round-Up
 - 6:30 Spotlight Band
 - 6:45 Supper Club - Como
 - 7:00 Amos & Andy
 - 7:30 Personal Album
 - 7:45 News
 - 8:00 Fibber McGee
 - 8:30 Kay Kyrer Kollege
 - 9:00 Bob Hope Show
 - 9:30 Jubilee
 - 10:00 Village Store
 - 10:30 Boston Symphony
 - 11:30 Joe Belcman Orch
 - 12:00 United Network News
 - 12:05 Goodnight
- WEDNESDAY NOON
- 12:00 Melody Lane
 - 12:35 NEWSCAST News
 - 12:50 Man About Town
 - 12:55 Off The Record
 - 1:00 United Network News
 - 1:15 Good Afternoon
- News on the hour in the afternoon.

MORE FUN ON TAP

The Special Services Section with the cooperation of the local Motor Pool once again announces Sunday bus excursions for Sunday, 13 May 1945.

Buses will depart for Carcross Loop, Lake Klunane and Lake Teelin. Make reservations by calling Sgt. Jay Lee, Special Services Section, 183.

Remember you must bring your own food and carry an identification card.

Buses will depart from Hq., NWSC at 8AM, Standard Old Rec. Hall at 8:10AM and McGrae, except Klunane bus, at 8:30AM.

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**Inquiring
 Mind**

Q. I am under age and have been informed I cannot marry without consent of my parents. My parents refuse to give me permission to marry a girl by whom I have had a child. What I want to know is: If I acknowledge that I am the father of the child, will I be able to get a family allowance for my child's support?

A. Yes. The child of a soldier is eligible for a family allowance if the soldier is willing to submit a certified statement of paternity.

Q. Some of the men in my regiment say that a soldier will get extra credits on a Federal Civil Service exam if he has served overseas. Is that right?

A. No, it is not right. The fact that a soldier has served overseas will have no bearing on his preferences under the Federal Civil Service Regulations. All veterans, whether they have had overseas service or not, will get an extra Service credit on Federal Civil Service exams. However, disabled vets—those who have service-connected disabilities, whether received overseas or within the continental U. S.—will get 10-point credit on the exams. That is the maximum any veteran will get.

LARGE FORCE READY SOON TO HIT JAPS

HEADQUARTERS, PACIFIC OCEAN AREA May 8 (ANS)—The United States will have a "sizeable" force of Army troops in the Pacific within three to four months after V-E Day to speed the realization of V-J Day, Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, commanding Army forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas, said yesterday. He pointed out that previous victories in the Pacific will provide staging bases for the huge new army.

"Achievement in the Pacific has been extraordinary" he said. "Instead of assuming strategic defense as the events may have called for, we have been on the offense all the way. We now find ourselves at the gateway to Japan. Our power is growing and our supplies are unlimited. I'd say the outlook is very promising of success."

MORNING FOR HITLER

NEW YORK, May 8 (ANS)—Here are two interesting items in relation to Hitler's death:

Prime Minister Ramon De Valera of neutral Eire expressed condolence for the death of Der Fuhrer in a personal call to the German Embassy in Dublin. Flags at the Embassy building flew at half-mast.

In Lisbon, Portugal, the government decreed a two-day period of mourning. All flags were lowered to half mast.

ANOTHER NAZI BIGGIE SAID DEAD

PARIS, May 8 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Kurt Dittmar, former German High Command commentator, said recently that he believed Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler may have been assassinated "for the stupid way he handled peace negotiations."

Himmler's whereabouts since he conferred with Count Folke Bernadotte on surrender terms at Luebeck on April 24 have been a mystery. Dittmar said he believed the Gestapo ax-man had joined Hitler, Goebbels and Goering in death.

MOSCOW, May 8 (ANS)—Russian investigators combed Berlin again yesterday for evidence of Adolf Hitler, and although a group of German generals insisted anew that he was dead by his own hand there was no indication that the Soviets are any closer to the final solution of his reported death.

LAVAL UNDER CLOSE GUARD IN SPANISH PRISON

MONTJUCH CITADEL, Spain, May 8 (AP)—Pierre Laval, Vichy's former chief of government who sought refuge in Spain, listened to the "Voice of America" broadcast in French today for outside news in this stone military prison 600 feet from Barcelona harbor.

He entered the fortress in an American automobile which brought him from the airport where he landed in a German bomber recently. He surveyed impassively the massive walls of the prison where he was brought to await disposition by the Allies at American demand.

The car, belonging to Barcelona's civil governor, took him into the citadel. There the manager of Barcelona's Ritz Hotel inspected the beds and furniture and prepared food, all brought to the prison from his hotel. This grim fortress is not famed for such luxuries.

Laval did not expect to be treated as a prisoner. A suite at the Ritz still is reserved for him and his wife. A protest by American Consul General David M. Key on behalf of the embassy, blocked Laval's request to go to the Ritz to rest before his imprisonment at Montjuch.

The troops of Montjuch garrison, acting under orders from Madrid, kept close guard on Laval. Correspondents were refused permission to see him.

Laval expressed fears to Spaniards that he would be taken to France to be judged.

SGTS. TO HAVE DANCE

The Hq. MWSG Sergeants' Club is sponsoring a dance at their club room Wednesday night, 9 May 1945. Dancing from 9:00 PM until 1:00 AM to the music of the Alcañears. Fried chicken will be served during the intermission. All members and their lady guests are invited. There will also be a War Bond drawing.



The Jap believes he is destined to rule the world. The title of a Shinto hymn he sings before going into battle is "Hereafter, there shall be naught but Japan."

MOSSOLINI HAD JUST AN ORDINARY BRAIN

MILAN, May 8 (AP)—Doctors said yesterday that Benito the extraordinary dictator, had a very ordinary brain.

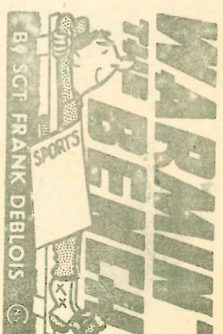
"His brain showed no special trait," said Professor Mario Cattabeni, director of the University of Milan Medical Institute. "For a man of his age and considering the amount of work he did, his health was perfect," Cattabeni said. "His lungs, heart, and liver all were in excellent shape. If he had not met the fate he did, he would have lived to 100 years."

PULTZER PRIZE AWARDS ANNOUNCED; MAULDIN WINS NEW HONORS

NEW YORK, May 8 (ANS)—Hal Boyle, Associated Press war correspondent, won the Pulitzer Prize yesterday for distinguished correspondence during 1944. Another \$500 award went to Joe Rosenthal, Associated Press photographer, who made the picture of Marines raising the United States flag on Iwo Jima.

The Pulitzer Prize for the most distinguished novel of the year went to John Hershey for "Bell for Adam" and the best original play award went to Mary Chase for "Harvey".

Sgt. Bill Mauldin, Stars and Stripes Mediterranean cartoonist, won the newspaper cartoonist award.



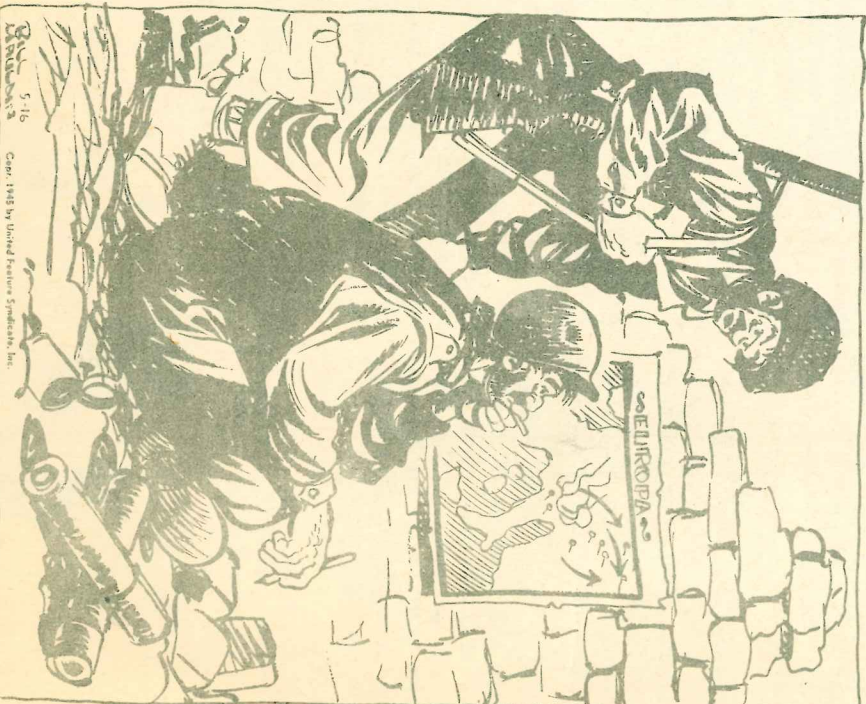
By Sgt Frank DeBosis

Are Ball Players People? Ted McGrew, the Brooklyn Dodger scout who discovered Pee-wee Reese and Pete Reiser, knows good ball players when he spots them, but his judgment isn't very good in other respects. Once, for instance, he left his 6-year-old son in the care of a couple of umpires. When he returned for the kiddie he learned, not without dismay, that the boys in blue had taken the manly little fellow to a burlesque show.

10-in-One Ration

Happy Chandler, baseball's new commissioner, has received his first protest. Naturally it was filed by Leo Durocher, the dandy little manager of Branch Rickey's Brooklyn Dodgers. Notified of Chandler's appointment the dandy one sent the "following wire: 'Dutch Nieman hit 9th inning homer that beat me today. Hereby file protest. What do you intend to do about it?' ... Lipdy Leo. incidentally, has signed a contract to play in a 'food-music' next season. ... More Dodger news: M/Gen Clare Chennault, who turned in a one-hit shutout for his 14th AAF team to open the China season, wouldn't mind a job with Our Bums when the war is over. Write to Rickey: 'I am leading the team in batting with a .667 average and I wonder if the Dodgers are not losing a good bet in not signing me up. I am looking for a place to settle down in my old age.' Sgt Harry Danning, N.Y. Giants catcher, has been discharged from the Army with a CDD, but isn't planning to return to big league ball. Harry has had knees. CPO Bob Feller made his debut as pitcher and coach for the Great Lakes Bluejackets by fanning 7 in 3 innings against Northwestern. ... Named to baseball's hall of fame at Cooperstown, N.Y., were 10 old-timers: Roger Bresnahan, Giants; Dan Brouthers, Brooklyn; Fred Clarke, Pittsburgh; Jimmy Collins, Red Sox; Ed Delahanty, Philis; Hugh Duffy, Cubs; Frigie Jennings, Baltimore; King Kelly, Cubs; Jim O'Rourke and Wilbert Robinson, Dodgers. Granddads saw them play

UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



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BRIEFLY

WASHINGTON, May 8 (AP)—Uncle Sam is holding \$22,666 in royalties earned in this country by Wittke's book, "Mein Kampf."

LONDON, May 8 (ANS)—King George VI yesterday sent a message to Gen. Eisenhower congratulating him and his aides on the "complete and crushing victory" in Europe.

GUAM, May 8 (ANS)—About 50 Superforts bombed airfields on Kyushu, southernmost of Japanese homeland islands, yesterday, with "good" results.

LONDON, May 8 (AP)—Minister of State Richard Law indicated recently that the British government would favor visits to German horror concentration camps by Vatican officials.

WITH THE 7TH ARMY, May 8 (ANS)—Hungarian crown jewels were in custody of the American army yesterday after their capture in Frahan where they were being guarded by a detachment of Hungarian troops.

WASHINGTON, May 8 (ANS)—Soon after V-E Day, the 48-hour week will be suspended in plants and areas where the labor market has "loosened" the War Manpower Commission said yesterday.

WASHINGTON, May 8 (ANS)—President Truman yesterday invited all governors of states and territories to join with him in working out federal and state problems through mutual cooperation.

WASHINGTON, May 8 (ANS)—The Senate yesterday confirmed, 60-2, the nomination of Democratic National chairman Robert Hannegan to be Postmaster General.

MIAMI, May 8 (AP)—The Duke and Duchessa of Windsor arrived here recently on a journey which may take them back to Europe and possibly to the Britishain he once ruled.

TEXT OF MESSAGES

Following are the texts of the addresses today by President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill:

PRESIDENT TRUMAN

"This is a solemn but glorious hour. I only wish that Franklin D. Roosevelt had lived to witness this day. The flag of Freedom fly over all of Europe. For this victory we join in offering our thanks to Almighty God who has guided us through the dark days. Let us not forget, my fellow Americans, the sorrows and heartache which abide today in the homes of so many of our neighbors, neighbors whose priceless possessions have been sacrificed. We shall repay the debt which we owe our God and children only by work. If I could give you a single watchword for the coming months, that word is Work, Work—and more Work. We must work to finish the war. Our victory is but half won, until Japan has surrendered unconditionally. Then only will our job be done. A peace rooted in justice and in love—we can only build such a peace by painstaking work, by understanding, and by working with our Allies in peace as we have in war. The Japanese War is no less difficult than the task which now happily is done. Every American must stick to his post till every job is done. I now give you my formal proclamation of this occasion:

PROCLAMATION

"The Allied Armies, through sacrifice and with God's help, have won from Germany their final and unconditional surrender. The rest of the world has been freed from the evil forces which have imprisoned the lives of millions and millions of men. Much remains to be done. The victory won in the West must now be won in the East. The whole world must be cleansed from the evils from which half the world has been freed. The peace loving nations in the West have demonstrated that

their arms are stronger by far than the enemy's tyranny. . . It is fitting that we, as a nation, give thanks to Almighty God for strengthening us and giving us this victory. Now, therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States, do hereby proclaim Sunday, May 13, 1945, to be a day of prayer. I call upon the people of the United States to offer thanks to Almighty God that he may guide us into the ways of peace. I also call upon my countrymen to dedicate this day to the memory of those who have given their lives. In witness hereof, I have this day set my hand and caused my seal to be affixed.

PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL

"Yesterday morning at 2:41 A.M. at General Eisenhower's headquarters, General Jodl, of the German High Command and Vice Admiral Friederberg, head of the German fleet, signed the act of unconditional surrender. All of the German air, sea and armed forces in Europe were surrendered to the Western Allies and to the Soviet High Command. General Walter Smith of the United States Army signed the document on behalf of the Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces, and General Ivan Susloparoff signed on behalf of the Russian High Command. Today this agreement will be ratified and confirmed by Air Chief Marshal Tedder, Deputy Supreme Commander, and General de Lattre de Tassigny will sign on behalf of General Eisenhower. Marshal Zhukov will sign on behalf of the Soviet Command. Hostilities will end officially at midnight after midnight tonight, Tuesday, May 8, 1945, but to all interests the order "cease fire" began yesterday to be sounded all along the front and our channel Islands are to be freed

today.

"Some of the Germans are still resisting our troops, but should they continue to do so they shall deprive themselves of the protection of the laws of war. It is not surprising that along such long fronts the command of the German High Command should not be obeyed immediately. This does not, in our opinion, constitute any reason to withhold the information received from General Eisenhower of the unconditional surrender nor should we refrain from celebrating today and tomorrow as Victory in Europe Day.

Today we shall think mostly of ourselves—tomorrow we shall pay particular tribute to our heroic Russian allies whose prowess in the field has been one of the grand contributions to the general victory. The German war is therefore at an end. . . Finally, almost the whole world was combined against the evildoers who are now prostrate before us. Our gratitude to all our splendid Allies goes forth from all our hearts. We may allow ourselves a brief period of rejoicing, but let us not forget for a moment that the sacrifice and effort that lie ahead. Japan with all her treachery and greed remains unsubdued. The injuries and barbarities she has inflicted upon the United States and Great Britain, and other countries call for justice and retribution. We must now devote all our strength and resources to the completion of our task at home and abroad. Advance Britannia! Long live the cause of Freedom! God save the King!

THE WEATHER

High + 47.7 degrees
Low + 23.0 degrees
8 AM + 30.0 degrees

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