

Gas, Canned Goods Rationing Ends; Japs Continue to Resist Red Army

Chiang to Negotiate Disputes

LONDON, Aug. 15 (UP)—The Red army drove forward in Manchuria and Korea tonight, capturing a number of places, under orders of the Soviet general staff to continue offensive operations until the Japanese cease resistance.

The general staff issued a special statement explaining Japanese forces had not ceased resistance despite the Japanese surrender declaration. Soviet troops were ordered to continue to attack until the Japanese actually town their arms.

The Soviet communists read the Red army drove forward on both sides of the Sun-ri-er, capturing several A, and pushed ahead 12 to 18 west of the Khingang range eastern Manchuria.

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Valley Celebrates Peace

Victory Brings Out Hysteria Whimsy in U.S.

By United Press San Francisco: Two nude beauties stopped a taxi near the civic center serviceman's dormitory, stepped out—unsteadily—and plunged into the center's lily pond.

Fairmont, W. Va., servicemen and women will eat and drink free "as long as anything is left" in J. G. Papageorge's restaurant on the day following V-J day.

BEDFORD SPRINGS, Pa., there was no celebration at the Bedford Springs hotel where Japanese officials are interned.

NEW ORLEANS: A canal street tattoo artist, who has done a thriving business since the war began with servicemen, boarded up his trailer.

COLUMBUS, O.—An elderly woman walked up to a stranger, kissed him and said tearfully, "It's over. It's over and my boy's coming home."

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—A woman paraded through the heart of happy celebrants, passing out kleenex by the hundreds. "The war's over," she shouted. "Have a kleenex."

DENVER—Six automobile accidents were reported within two hours after the surrender announcement. One celebrant, driving alone, drove his car directly into a brick wall.

SEATTLE—A gang of sailors barricaded one downtown street and kissed every female that came along—regardless of age.

LINCOLN, Neb.—A sergeant, glowing with assorted spirits, was sharing his worldly goods with a private. "Here's a package of cigars for you, and one for me," he said, doling them out.

PHOENIX, Ariz.—This sign hangs today in the window of a Chinese grocery store operated here by William Tang.

Planes, Band, Crowds Take Part in Victory Observance

La Grande and Union county residents gave vent to pent up feelings again today as they celebrated, in crowds, the practical if not official end of nearly four years of war.

Children who were unable to remember peacetime days looked on round-eyed as they tried to understand, while Boy and Girl Scouts, members of the high school band, and various city organizations paraded, and four planes, piloted by Dr. William Pearce, Merlin Johnson, W. M. Pierson and Lowell Hutchinson, flew overhead.

Way for the parade was broken by motorcycle patrolmen with siren wailing, followed by flag bearers on horseback.

Order of the parade following was: City Manager Ed Ford, a screaming fire truck loaded down with children, high school band, preceded by majorettes, cadet nurses, veterans, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Salvation Army truck, Maverick club, decorated bicycles and cars, fleet of freightway trucks, and stream of cars.

Churches in La Grande remained open all day for thanksgiving. Banks will be closed all day tomorrow, but stores, restaurants and other business will be open again Thursday as usual.

UNION, Aug. 15 (Special)—Ringing of bells, the blowing of auto horns and other unusual noises aroused the citizens of Union Tuesday evening as the first reports of the completion of the war reached this community.

NO MORE B-25S KANSAS CITY, Aug. 15 (UP)—The huge North American aviation plant here today received notice of termination of its contract for production of B-25 Billy Mitchell medium bombers.

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The announcement removed controls started in May, 1943, to prevent employees from unauthorized moving from one job to another and imposing ceilings on the number of persons an employer could hire.

Editorial Now We Must Go to Work

The war is over. We could dwell on that fact, examining generally or minutely all of its implications and consequences.

We are, however, in this after V-J editorial going to emphasize one thing, and that we consider the most important because it underlies many of the implications of the moment.

For years we have been waiting for this day to come. We have bent all of our efforts in its accomplishment. We have allowed ourselves to be propagandized, taxed, have parted with our loved ones, submitted to indignities, inconveniences, hardships, sorrow and suffering steadfastly, believing that the end for which we were driving justified all these things.

Now the end has come. Victory is here, a real thing. We, of this nation, are now in peculiar position. Victory means nothing to us—excepting the opportunity to pursue our ways of life in the democratic fashion in which we believe. We have none of the satisfaction of the imperialistic or nationalistic countries which participate in this victory with us.

Victory means nothing to us unless we can build a greater life and nation for ourselves and our returning soldiers to whom we owe so much. And that is the crux of this editorial.

This newspaper has pointed out as emphatically as possible from time to time that we in eastern Oregon, Union county and La Grande, have a tremendous responsibility to our returning soldiers and for their economic welfare and urged planning for the expansion of the facilities of our area so that they may be prosperously absorbed in its economy.

Those that do will have interrupted their lives and given their youth and perhaps their limbs to no purpose—unless this nation and our particular area can now provide for them the things which we told them they were fighting for.

We are not as prepared as we should be to realize the full value of our victory. Unless we now get to work and build and create and plan for the future, the fruits of our victory will be frittered away.

So then today let us toot horns and dance and otherwise manifest our jubilation that peace is here and humanity and civilization is once more free of the horror that has gripped it for so long. Even in the midst of this, however, there must weigh on our collective conscience the awful responsibility we now bear.

Every citizen of our area, every civic and public leader, every employer, every union leader, all who are charged with public and private responsibility, now have an inescapable obligation to move rapidly toward the full development of employment and progress.

If we fail, our nation will fail and the young men of our nation who lie buried in foreign lands who, with high purpose and courage, immolated themselves for their people and their country, will have made a terrible, empty gesture.

Meat, Shoes, Butter Fat Restricted Still

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (UP)—Gasoline rationing is ended, the office of price administration announced today.

Nor will canned fruits and vegetables, fuel oil, and oil stoves be rationed any longer, OPA said. Rationing stop orders are effective immediately.

But rationing of meats, fats and oils, butter, sugar, shoes, tires and other commodities will continue indefinitely, OPA said, until military cutbacks and increased production can balance civilian supply demand.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles said "right now it's impossible to say just when all civilian buying restrictions can be ended forever."

"It certainly can't come too soon as far as we are concerned," Bowles said. "You can be sure these items will go off the list the minute we hear supplies are anywhere near big enough."

With the lid off gasoline purchases, motorists may now shout "fill 'er up!" for the first time since May 15, 1942.

Lifting of rationing on gasoline and fuel oil was made possible by tremendous cutbacks of military purchases. Reconversion Director John W. Snyder revealed earlier today that with the end of the war, the military will require 44 percent less gasoline. The army-navy petroleum board had announced it will reduce its fuel oil and gasoline supplies for the armed forces by about 565,000,000 gallons a month.

Record High The petroleum industry is now operating at record rate. Not only will civilians get more gasoline, but the quality will return soon to peacetime standards with the cutback of military requirements for aviation fuel.

Removal of blue-stamp canned fruits and vegetables from the ration list was made possible by good crop prospects.

To keep these programs operating, Bowles asked members of the nation's 5,500 local rationing boards to stay on their jobs.

Tires may be among the next items to be removed. Women are happy, too. The nylon that went into parachutes and glider tow-ropes is going back into hosiery—and it won't be long, either.

To prevent inflation, Price Administrator Chester Bowles warned price controls must be maintained.

RISE OVERTURE

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It is to have many international CO internal problems waiting "ment," Chiang's message to "May I humbly invite you to come to Chungking immediately and discuss things in person."

Hot DOWN FRIENDLY WAY APRIL, Aug. 15 (UP)—Japan enemies against the U. S. third Ruddy—as late as eight hours tracer surrender was announced.

As Spec Give TO CEASE IT GIVEN A, Aug. 15 (UP)—Gen. MacArthur, taking over as supreme commander, ordered Australian troops today to cease hostilities and send a representative to liaison with the Japanese.

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Governor Urges 'Thanks to God'

SALEM, Aug. 15 (UP)—Gov. Earl Snell today called upon the people of Oregon to give thanks "to Almighty God that this terrible and most devastating war that man and history have ever known has finally come to an end."

Today and tomorrow were proclaimed legal holidays in Oregon by the governor, who ordered closed all state and public buildings, stores and agencies. Local officials followed suit.

Earthquake Rocks San Diego, Area

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 15 (UP)—A sharp earthquake rocked San Diego at 10:56 a. m. today. The shock drove hundreds from downtown office buildings which swayed back and forth for several minutes. It was recorded by Seismologist Fred Robinson who said it was of number two intensity and had an east west motion.

The earthquake was felt in Imperial valley where thousands of persons ran into the streets. At Calexico, Calif., tremors were being felt 10 minutes after the first shock.

Two Babies Born On Victory Days

La Grande's two victory-day babies were born yesterday and today at St. Joseph's hospital. A boy being born Aug. 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Claire Singley, La Grande, and a girl being born today to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Campbell, also of La Grande.

Hysteria Takes Over SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15 (UP)—A plump red head dived naked atop the base of San Francisco's native sons monument early today after hysterical servicemen tore off her dress and underthings. After several minutes of nudity, the woman borrowed a coat from a sailor, and the pair disappeared in the yelling crowd.

WMC Abolishes Labor Controls

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Outlook 'Good' for Valley

What is in store for postwar La Grande, the Grande Ronde valley and eastern Oregon?

Industrial, agricultural and civic leaders of La Grande today answered that vital question in an enthusiastic vein: envisaging developments in the valley which will carry on the war time material prosperity and will provide work not only for those who already are employed but for the 2,000 or more young men and women in the armed forces who

will want jobs when they are mustered out in what is now hoped will be a short time.

Remain Active Present population of La Grande has been estimated at nearly 11,000 persons. The surrounding communities and farms and the city itself must remain active if the valley is to continue to progress, in the opinion of leaders.

One of the problems is to continue to maintain payrolls at their present peak or to exceed it. This will involve not only keeping industry and agriculture and the supplying businesses in the valley busy but expanding them to meet the needs of an expanding economy.

Today, Tomorrow Victory Holidays

By United Press Today and tomorrow are the "victory holidays."

V-J day will come later, and it will not be a holiday. It will be proclaimed after the Japs sign the surrender papers.

The V-J day proclamation will be largely a legal matter for the purpose of setting a date for the end of hostilities as required by various laws.

Baseball Results

NATIONAL FIRST GAME Cincinnati 5 11 0 Boston 10 13 3 Batteries: Biddle, Nodak (6), Libke (8) and Lakeman; Logan, Hendrickson (8) and Masi, Hoffert (8).

AMERICAN Philadelphia 3 13 1 Cleveland 8 10 0 Batteries: Christopher, Bowles (5) and Rosar, Stroth (5); Gromek and Hayes.

Observer Ready For VJ Day, Has Extra Out Quickly

V-J day found the Evening Observer prepared to service eastern Oregon with full information on the momentous occasion.

Constantly on the alert, night and day since the original Japanese offer to surrender, the entire staff was prepared to function when the news came.

The regular edition of the Evening Observer went to press at 3 o'clock yesterday, but the edition was held, though entirely printed, in expectation of President Truman's announcement at 4 o'clock.

After the flash came, the V-J extra was rolling off the presses in 40 minutes and every subscriber received a copy, the earlier edition being discarded.

Weather

Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.: Temperature: Maximum 91 Minimum 51 Precipitation Trace

Forecast: Clear tonight; Thursday partly cloudy, with scattered showers over mountains; cooler inland over north and west portions Thursday.

NEED BEAN PICKERS

ALBANY, Aug. 15 (UP)—Some 200 more pickers are needed to save the current bean crop in the Albany area. W. V. Merrill, Linn county farm labor assistant, said today.