



GENERAL JODL SIGNS SURRENDER TERMS: Col. Gustaf Jodl, German chief of staff (center), signs terms of complete German surrender in ceremony at SHAEF headquarters in a Reims, France, schoolhouse, on May 7. Others are Maj. Gen.

Wilhelm Oxenius (left), personal aide to Gen. Jodl, and Gen. Admiral Hans G. von Friedeburg, commander in chief of the German navy. (AP wirephoto from signal corps radiophone).

# Tense-Faced Nazis Sign Death Decree For Reich

By the Associated Press  
REIMS, France, May 7. (Delayed)—(AP)—The death sentence of German's third reich and Europe's charter for a new era of peace were signed in the prosaic brick school house of Reims before dawn today by the enemy high command.

In a document of unconditional surrender force-ordained by the United States and Britain 25 months ago, Gen. Gustaf Jodl, chief of staff of the wehrmacht and shaggy browed Gen. Admiral Hans Georg Von Friedeburg, chief of the German navy, ended the most horrible war in the history of western civilization.

Silently with taunt faces the two warrior servants of the beaten Nazi empire put their names to the capitulation to the armed forces of Allied Supreme Commander Eisenhower in the west and Marshal Stalin in the east.

Then, with his voice and bearing as steady as the Prussian military tradition demands, Jodl asked leave to speak. Admitting no guilt of war nor consciousness of the suffering inflicted on the rest of the world he appealed to the victors for a "generous treatment" of the German people.

On the wall behind his back was a huge chart tabulating allied casualties.

The school house in Reims, was Gen. Eisenhower's advanced head-

quarters. On a big wooden table in front of Jodl lay four identical documents to which he had just affixed his signature. There was one each for the United States, Britain, France and Russia. Each bore the words first written by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill at Casablanca: "Unconditional surrender."

Seventeen correspondents including Edward Kennedy of the Associated Press were present at the signing and heard Jodl's plea.

After he had signed the four instruments of surrender and after the military representatives of the four powers had signed them, Jodl asked for permission to speak.

He was told he might. His voice was slow and soft and he said: "With this signature, the German people and armed forces are, for better or worse, delivered into the victors' hands."

"In this war which has lasted more than five years, but have achieved and suffered more than perhaps any other people in the world. In this hour, I can only express the hope that the victor will treat generously with them."

His face was expressionless and so were the faces of the American, British, Russian and French generals who represented the allies.

All had seen German murder camps and all knew the furious cruelty of German occupying forces.

Jodl finished speaking and sat down. The sound of his voice was quickly absorbed by the beam-board covering the room's walls.

A moment passed in dead silence and then the German representatives were taken down the hall to meet Gen. Eisenhower.

Eisenhower and his deputy, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, were waiting. They stood behind Eisenhower's small desk.

Jodl entered first, followed by Friedeburg and then by Col. Polcek, a German supply expert.

Polcek glanced once at the allied officers. Friedeburg looked out the window. Only Jodl, his bald head gleaming beneath naked electric light bulbs, looked the American and British commanders in the face.

Again there was a moment of heavy silence.

Then Eisenhower spoke. He was brief and terse as always.

His steel blue eyes were hard. In a few clipped sentences, he made it plain that Germany was a defeated nation and that henceforth orders to the German people would come from the allies.

He said they would be obeyed. Then the Germans filed out. It was over.

Nazi Germany has ceased to exist. The war had ended.

**IT SEEMS TO ME**  
By Chester A. Sprague

On this day after formal declaration and celebration of Victory in Europe it is fitting to pay tribute to the leadership of the military forces of the United States who drove so relentlessly and so successfully to this grand climax.

The quality of our high command has proved brilliant and steadfast; and the team which started the war played the game through to the end. It has not always been so. Often instruction in military leadership came only in bitter defeats. This time, aside from the initial failure through enemy surprise at Pearl Harbor, which ruined the reputations of Admiral Kimmel and General Short, there have been very few conspicuous deficiencies among our commanders.

This in itself is remarkable, because our men were thrust into a war in which foreign leaders were already battle-seasoned, while our commanders had only the brief experience of the first world war, and then usually in posts of minor responsibility. We realize full well that it is the men in the ranks and in the lower grades of command who do the actual fighting; but unless the work at GHQ is wisely done the fighting in the field is often vain. In this war the staff work was surely superb, with only one significant interruption, the reverse in Belgium last December, in the steady and progressively more powerful drive to victory over Germany.

The chiefs of staff who carried the full load of responsibility included General George C. Marshall of the army, Admiral Ernest J. King of the navy, General H. H. Arnold of the army air force, General B. B. Somervell of the army service of supply, with Admiral Leahy as liaison officer representing the president. These were the men who organized the fighting forces, laid out

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## Dresden Falls In Last-Hour Red Cleanup

LONDON, May 8. (AP)—Marshal Stalin announced tonight that Russian troops, in last-hour clean-ups of German resistance units, had captured the Saxon capital of Dresden and the Czechoslovak city of Olmuetz (Olmouze) while Czechoslovak partisans hoisted the free flag of the republic over liberated Prague.

"Cease fire" was ordered in Prague, in flames from wanton Nazi destruction, at 7:25 p. m. London time (10:25 a. m. PWT). Russian troops were 92 miles southeast.

At the same time, Cairo announced officially that 10,000 Germans in the Dodecanese islands had surrendered and Marshal Tito's Yugoslav army liberated the Croatian city of Zagreb, last puppet capital of Hitler's fallen empire.

'Splice the Main Brace' for Tars

PEARL HARBOR, May 8. (AP)—A high priority message reached the British liaison office here from London telling the British Pacific fleet that V-E day had been proclaimed.

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# REDS JOIN V-E; GUNS STILLED

## Boost In A-Cards Studied

By Sterlin F. Green  
WASHINGTON, May 8. (AP)—The lights of American cities winked on tonight in token of Europe's liberation and the government made ready to tell the public its homefront policies for the war against Japan.

Director Fred M. Vinson of the office of war mobilization and reconversion set a news conference for tomorrow to release his chart for the future.

"Brownout Lifted"  
The war production board lifted the lighting "brownout" immediately after President Truman's victory broadcast. With that action, the capital looked to Vinson for a decision on the midnight curfew, the racing ban and other minor check reins on the national life.

But these were minor considerations and WPB Chairman J. A. Krug made it clear that the relaxation of industrial and manpower controls would be gradual and deliberate.

"War production must continue in tremendous volume and on schedule to meet all military needs. There will be plenty of work for everyone."

Gas Status in Doubt  
These additional developments marked the day on the civilian front:  
1. OPA and the petroleum administration said the predicted 50 per cent increase in A-card gasoline rationing probably must wait 30 days at least. Except possibly for tires no other alleviation of rationing is in sight.

2. The office of defense transportation said it was not "even considering" lifting the prohibition against conventions.

## Lt. W. F. Campbell Of Independence Is Killed in Pacific

INDEPENDENCE (Special)—Lt. (jg) William F. Campbell, Jr., was killed in action in the Pacific, his wife was informed Tuesday. The navy department said the body had been buried on a Pacific island but would be returned after the war. The lieutenant was the son of William F. Campbell, sr., and Mrs. Edith Campbell of Independence and the husband of Mrs. Betty Addison Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Addison of Independence, who has been teaching at Oregon City.

## Mobs Turn V-E Day Into Looting Fracas

HALIFAX, NS, May 8. (AP)—Looting mobs, growing out of Halifax's boisterous V-E day celebration raged through the business districts today, smashing store windows, battling police and causing loss unofficially estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

## Ike Glad to Get Rid of 'Those Damn Germans'

(By the Associated Press)

Seventeen press and radio correspondents, including one woman, crowded into the school room at Reims and watched almost incredulously as the Germans silently signed the documents of unconditional surrender early Monday.

Margaret Ecker of Vancouver, war correspondent for the Canadian press, the only woman in the party flown from Paris to witness the ceremony, said in a broadcast from Paris Tuesday that Gen. Eisenhower's first words after he dismissed the Nazi emissaries were:

"I'm certainly glad to get rid of those damn Germans." Miss Ecker said the German officers appeared arrogant when they began the negotiations, but were "very subdued" when the ceremonies ended.

## Molotov Asks 'Consolidation Of Victory'

SAN FRANCISCO, May 8. (AP)—The Russian Commissar Molotov called on the United Nations tonight to "consolidate our victory" on the battlefield with joint efforts for the good of humanity in the years ahead.

Molotov will leave San Francisco tomorrow for Moscow, leaving the Big Three deadlock over Poland and broken. He is turning over the chairmanship of the Soviet delegation at the United Nations conference to Ambassador Andrei Gromyko.

The Soviet union has not replied to the American and British request for an explanation of the arrest, of 16 Polish underground leaders, it was learned. Such a reply was made the American and British condition for resumption of negotiations on Poland.

Meantime, the United Nations conference agreed today to give priority in its working committees to high-power amendments to a world charter for maintaining peace. Proposals of small countries will have to wait their turn. (Additional details page 12.)

## Body Reportedly That of Hitler Is Found in Berlin

LONDON, May 8. (AP)—Dispatches from the British Second Army front said today a Russian general had disclosed that a body purported to be that of Adolf Hitler had been found by Red army troops in the ruins of Berlin.

The general was reported to have said that photographs taken of the body would be studied in Moscow. There was no confirmation from the Soviet capital.

## V-E Day Renews Efforts

Mid-Willamette valley residents observed V-E day by filling the Red Cross blood bank to capacity.

Today, salvage committees were crossing their fingers in hope that street-corner tin and waste paper depots might be similarly treated, while war finance committee workers continued spade work on the payroll savings plan preparing for the opening of the seventh war loan next week.

Constant re-dedication to the blood donor service will be required if the 200-pint maximum is to be contributed here each Tuesday while there are wounded who need plasma and men fighting on the Pacific fronts, the "extra" persons who appeared at the First Methodist church Tuesday were told.

## Union Service Held

Union V-E services were sponsored by the Salem Ministerial association Tuesday night at the First Presbyterian church, with praise and thanksgiving, penitence and dedications as the theme. The Rev. Dudley Strain led responsive readings and prayers. The Rev. S. Raynor Smith spoke on "We Remember Before Thee" and the Rev. Chester Hamblin on "We Rededicate Ourselves to Thee."

Josephine Albert Spaulding sang "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte, and Mrs. Ralph Dobbs played the organ.

Worshippers gathered also at other churches of the city; Catholic masses Tuesday morning drew many.

## Schools Have Programs

Every school conducted some sort of victory day observance. At the high school Dorothy Cooney represented the student body, Harry Broadbent the faculty and Principal Harry Johnson the administration, all speaking around the theme "What V-E Day Means to Me."

Principal Joy Hills of Leslie junior high school outlined the course of the war since 1939. The high school band played for the assembly.

Two chorus groups and the band provided music at Parrish junior high school. The Rev. Charles Durden was principal speaker.

In an official pronouncement on V-E day, Gov. Earl Snell said, "We must not forget that our boys are still out there in the far Pacific fighting for our freedom at this very hour. We must not forget the great sacrifices they have made. We must not forget the thousands of gold star parents among us."

## Restrictions of Censorship Are Partially Lifted

WASHINGTON, May 8. (AP)—End of the war in Europe brought an easing of censorship restrictions today.

Byron Price, director of censorship, announced that the voluntary newspaper code soon will be rewritten in shorter form.

In the meantime, several sections were eliminated or modified. Wholly eliminated were provisions dealing with information on attacks by air, weather reports and sabotage.

Rules on publication of information about war prisoners, internees and civilian prisoners were cut down to a prohibition against "information as to arrival, movements, confinement or identity of military prisoners from war zones."

## Doenitz Gives Germany Over To Its Victors

LONDON, May 8. (AP)—Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, announcing that he had discharged his "foremost task—saving the lives of German people"—ordered German forces to cease fire, pronounced the end of the Nazi reich and placed the fate of the people and himself at the mercy of the Allies.

Speaking sadly and solemnly, Doenitz, who once told his submarine commanders to go out and "Kill, kill, kill," rendered to the people an accounting of his historic eight days as Fuehrer.

He called upon Germans to "walk dignified, disciplined and courageous . . . in the hope that our children may one day have a free and secure existence."

Doenitz declared that the Nazi party had been severed from the state.

## Lack of Opposition Tribute to B-29s

GUAM, May 8. (AP)—Crews returning from today's B-29 raid on Kyushu reported an utter lack of opposition and no anti-aircraft fire, indicating the effectiveness of the campaign to knock out enemy air bases on that southern Japanese homeland island.

## PFC Victor Hassing Of Mt. Angel Killed

MT. ANGEL—PFC Victor Hassing, 25, Mt. Angel, was killed in action on Luzon, April 19, according to a telegram received Tuesday from the war department by his widow, Mrs. Mary Hassing. (Details on servicemen's page.)

## CHAPLAIN SEEKS RE-TRIAL LOS ANGELES, May 8. (AP)—Charlie Chaplin today filed notice in superior court that he will ask for a new trial of the paternity suit that recently resulted in his being adjudged the father of Carol Ann Berry.

## Truman Warns Nippon

WASHINGTON, May 8. (AP)—President Truman, in words of stern triumph and dedication, proclaimed defeat of a crushed Germany today and served grim notice on Japan that her doom was sealed.

A nation at war—picking up the cue from its president—went on with the matter-of-fact business of making war without breaking stride to celebrate the victory in Europe.

"This is a solemn but glorious hour," said the chief executive. "I only wish that Franklin D. Roosevelt had lived to witness this day."

Mr. Truman made no mention of a "V-E day" celebration and cautioned the nation that its war job is not finished.

The president in a statement emphasized an implied call to the Japanese people to follow the Nazis in surrender before it is too late.

## Churchill Also Reminds of Japs

LONDON, May 8. (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, with a solemn reminder that Japan "remains unsubdued" and still must be brought to justice, today formally proclaimed the war with Germany was ended.

Shortly afterwards King George VI in a special V-E day broadcast to the British empire from Buckingham palace called upon his people to "give thanks to God for a great deliverance."

Churchill beaming broadly and smoking a cigar, rode to commons in an open car through cheering crowds after his historical official announcement of the end of the European war. In commons, all the typical stolidness of the house was brushed aside and the historic chamber echoed to cheers.

## Nazi Salute Outlawed By Order of Doenitz

LONDON, May 8. (AP)—The German communique broadcast today over the Flensburg radio said "Grand Admiral Doenitz has decreed abandonment of the Hitler-introduced Nazi salute and the restoration of the military salute of the German army."

## German Holdouts Yield, Radio Says

LONDON, May 8. (AP)—The Paris radio broadcast an unconfirmed report today that German holdout garrisons in the French channel ports of Lorient and La Rochelle had surrendered and that French troops have entered both cities.

## Abject Defeat of Nazis Heralded By Three Allies

Gen. Eisenhower Commends All His Armies; Prisoners to Return Home as 'Speedily as Feasible'

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR  
PARIS, Wednesday, May 9. (AP)—Germany bowed today to the most crushing defeat ever inflicted upon a nation, her abject surrender proclaimed to the world by the United States, Britain and Russia.

The Moscow radio in behalf of Premier Marshal Stalin, whose red armies broke the armed might of Hitler's reich on the eastern front, announced the unconditional surrender to the Russian people at 1:10 a. m. today, ten hours and ten minutes after President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill proclaimed V-E day.

## U. S. Casualties In German War Total 750,000

WASHINGTON, May 8. (AP)—War against Germany, ending today, cost this nation over three-quarters of a million casualties.

Actually reported losses, covering action only up to about April 1 for the army and up to April 26 for the other services, number 747,164, including 148,385 killed. The army's list shows 139,498 dead, 467,408 wounded, 72,374 missing, 52,990 prisoners.

The navy reports European war losses of 14,347 including 8,345 dead, 672 missing, 5,301 wounded, 29 prisoners.

## Mussolini's Widow Taken Into Custody

WITH THE U. S. FIFTH ARMY AT THE ITALIAN-AUSTRIAN FRONTIER, May 8. (AP)—Signora Rachele Mussolini, widow of Il Duce, was taken into custody five days ago somewhere in northern Italy, it was learned tonight.

Two of the Mussolini children, not identified by name, were also picked up and taken with her to Monte Catini, west of Florence, but no other information was immediately available.

## Nimitz Says Japs Would Quit If Had 'Common Sense'

GUAM, Wednesday, May 9. (AP)—Japan will be hit with "everything we have" in air power, both land-based and fleet, Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz asserted today. Nimitz in a radio message broadcast to the United States, commented: "If the enemy's action were at all times dictated by common sense he might choose to surrender soon."

Under the stern formula Germany's guns are at rest, her air fleets are yielded, and her warships, U-boats and merchantmen at sea are headed toward allied ports to give up.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
San Francisco	55	48	trace
Eugene	70	48	0
Salem	70	44	0
Portland	70	48	0
Seattle	70	47	0
Willamette river 3 ft 1 in.			

FORECAST: Clear today, with few high thin clouds. Maximum temperature expected about 81 degrees.