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JAPS COME TO TERMS; Mac NAMED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14—(AP)—President Truman tonight dispatched through Secretary of State Byrnes an order for the Japanese government to stop the war on all fronts.

The dispatch as sent through the Swiss government, being turned over to the Swiss legation here a few minutes after 7 o'clock.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14—(AP)—President Truman announced at 7:00 p.m. EWT tonight Japanese acceptance of surrender terms.

They will be accepted by General Douglas MacArthur when arrangements can be completed.

Mr. Truman read the formal message relayed from Emperor Hirohito through the Swiss government in which the Japanese ruler pledged the surrender on the terms laid down by the Big Three conference at Potsdam.

President Truman made this statement: "I have received this afternoon a message from the Japanese government in reply to the message forwarded to that government by the secretary of state on August 11.

"I deem this reply a full acceptance of the Potsdam declaration which specifies the unconditional surrender of Japan.

"In this reply there is no qualification.

"Arrangements are now being made for the formal signing of surrender terms at the earliest possible moment.

General Douglas MacArthur has been appointed the supreme Allied commander to receive the Japanese surrender.

"Great Britain, Russia and China will be represented by high ranking officers.

"Meantime, the Allied armed forces have been ordered to suspend offensive action.

"The proclamation of V-J day must wait upon the formal signing of the surrender terms by Japan."

Simultaneously Mr. Truman disclosed that selective service is taking immediate steps to slash inductions from 80,000 to 50,000 a month.

Henceforth, Mr. Truman said, only those men under 26 will be drafted for the reduced quotas.

The White House made public the Japanese government's message accepting that ended the war which started December 7, 1941.

The text of the message which was delivered by the Swiss charge d'affaires follows:

"Communication of the Japanese government of August 14, 1945, addressed to the governments of the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and China:

"With reference to the Japanese government's note of August 10 regarding their acceptance of the provisions of the Potsdam declaration and the reply of the governments of the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and China sent by American Secretary of State Byrnes under the date of August 11, the Japanese government have the honor to communicate to the governments of the four powers as follows:

"1. His majesty the emperor has issued an imperial rescript regarding Japan's acceptance of the provisions of the Potsdam declaration.

"2. His majesty the emperor is prepared to authorize and insure the signature by his government and the imperial general headquarters of necessary terms for carrying out the provisions of the Potsdam declaration. His majesty is also prepared to issue his commands to all the military, naval, and air authorities of Japan and all the forces under their control wherever located to cease active operations, to surrender arms, and to issue such other orders as may be required by the supreme commander of the Allied forces for the execution of the above mentioned terms."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14—(AP)—Japan has surrendered unconditionally, President Truman announced at 7 p.m. EWT, tonight. General of the Army Douglas A. MacArthur has been designated supreme allied commander to receive the surrender. Offensive operations have been ordered suspended everywhere. V-J day will be proclaimed only after the surrender has been formally accepted by MacArthur.

WAR BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 — (AP) — President Truman tonight proclaimed August 15 and 16 as legal holidays with the notation that war workers who work on those days would be paid overtime.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14—(AP)—Text of President Truman's statement authorizing a two-day holiday for government employes:

One of the hardest working groups of war workers during the past four years—and perhaps the least appreciated by the public—has been the federal employes in Washington and throughout the country. They have carried on the day-to-day operations of the government which are essential to the support of our fighting men to the carrying on of the war.

On behalf of the Nation, I formally express thanks to them.

As a token of this feeling, I hereby request all the heads of the departments, agencies and bureaus throughout the government to excuse the employes thereof for tomorrow and Thursday.

This action is to be without charge against the annual leave of the employes. Only skeleton forces need be maintained.

I hope that all of the employes of the government will enjoy this well-deserved—though inadequate—holiday.

LONDON, Wednesday, Aug. 15—(P)—Prime Minister Attlee announced Japan had surrendered.

LONDON, Wednesday, Aug. 15—(P)—The Moscow radio announced at midnight (7 p.m. EWT) the unconditional surrender of Japan.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14—(P)—Tokyo radio announced Emperor Hirohito in a special broadcast will read the imperial rescript of Japan's capitulation at 11 p.m., tonight, eastern war time. It will be beamed in the Japanese language to Japanese occupied areas in Asia.

LONDON, Aug. 14—(P)—The Moscow radio said tonight the Soviet Union and the Chinese Republic had signed a treaty of Friendship today.

State Offices Closed!

On receipt of word of President Truman's proclamation declaring Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 15 and 16 official holidays, Governor Earl Enell issued his proclamation setting the same days as legal holidays for Oregon. The governor's proclamation means that all public offices and the banks will be closed for the two days.

The Boys Are Coming Home

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14—(P)—President Truman tonight forecast that 5,000,000 to 5,500,000 men in the army may be returned to civilian life with in the next 12 to 18 months. Furthermore, he said in announcing Japan's surrender, only the lowest age groups will now be drafted into the army. Preliminary estimates indicate only those under 26 will be called, Mr. Truman said.

His recommendation was that selective service reduce inductions immediately from 80,000 a month to 50,000.

"It is too early to propose a definite figure for the occupation forces which will be required in the Pacific 12 months from now or what reduction it may be possible to make in the strength of the army force now allotted to occupation duties in Europe," the president said in a statement. "It is apparent, however, that we can release as many men as

All Manpower Controls Now Are Revoked

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 — (P) The government today revoked all war-time manpower controls, effective immediately, and set forth a plan aimed at speedy reemployment of veterans and released war workers.

In an action timed to coincide with Japan's surrender, the war manpower commission announced a program which it said would stimulate "reconversion activities and the speedy reemployment of displaced workers, at the same time restoring a free labor market."

can be brought home by the means available during the next year."

De Gaulle Will Visit Truman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13—(P)—General Charles DeGaulle will reach Washington August 22 to meet President Truman. Four subjects vital to France's future may come before them.

The White House announced today the trip of the president of the provisional government of France is definite, without discussing its purpose beyond "the mutual desire" of the two men to meet.

American and French sources, speculating on questions likely to be brought up, gave attention to these topics:

1. The French economic situation.
2. The question of Germany's western boundary.
3. France's share in German reparations.
4. The Far Eastern situation.

Detroit Fire Brings Death to 11, Injures 52

DETROIT, Aug. 13—(P)—A sudden fire, sweeping through a Detroit boxing factory today, brought death to 11 women and two men and injuries to 52 other persons, several of whom are not expected to live.

It broke out as the 180 employes of the Export Box & Sealer Co., mostly women, were in the midst of a rest period and were listening to a juke box.

Apparently disbelieving a shout of fire from the first floor of the two-story factory building, the workers continued to listen to the blaring of the mechanical player until flames began licking the stairway. Then came a rush for doors and windows. Most of the victims, seared by flames or maddened by the intense heat, died after leaping from second story windows and crashing on the sidewalk of one of Detroit's most heavily traveled streets.

President Speaks to Throngs

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14—(P)—In an impromptu speech to the White House lawn early tonight President Truman told a large crowd of spectators that this was a great day for democracy.

He said it marked the final triumph over fascism and would go down in history as one of its most noteworthy days.

The whole country now should unite, the president said, in efforts to preserve the future peace of the world.

LEGION COMDR. TO VISIT

PORTLAND, Aug. 13—(P)—American Legion National Commander Ed Schelberling will visit Portland Sept. 6, a Portland post officer said today.

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