

FORMAL WAR END DUE TONIGHT

Weather
FORECAST: Fair and continued warm tonight and Wednesday.
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ALLIED LEADERS, BEATEN GERMANS TO SIGN PAPERS

Truman Proclaims Victory In European War Theatre; Advises Japs to Surrender

Washington, May 8.—(U.P.)—President Truman today proclaimed victory in Europe but told the nation its fighting job would be finished only "when the last Japanese division has surrendered unconditionally."

He said "our victory is only half-won." He gave this counsel for the months to come: "Work, work, work."

He gave this advice to the Japanese: Surrender.

Surrounded by his government leaders, Mr. Truman issued his proclamation of victory and his statement of the work yet to do at a historic news conference in the white house. Then he broadcast them to the nation.

Solemn Hour
Outside, while the President spoke, a chill rain fell.

"This," the President said, "is a solemn but glorious hour."

He voiced the thought of millions by adding:

"How I wish Franklin Roosevelt had lived to see this day."

The President reminded the nation in its flush victory that it had not been fighting alone. And he proclaimed Sunday, May 13, a day of prayer.

"I call upon all the people of the United States, whatever their faith, to unite in offering joyful thanks to God for the victory we have won and to pray that he will support us to the end of our present struggle and guide us into the way of peace."

"I call upon my countrymen to dedicate this day of prayer to the memory of those who have given their lives to make possible our victory."

Allies Congratulated
The President sent his congratulations and thanks to Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Premier Josef Stalin, Gen. Charles DeGaulle.

To Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, he said:

"All of us owe to you and to your men of many nations a debt beyond appraisal for their high contribution to the conquest of nazism."

Mr. Truman counted the cost of victory. He did not forget "the terrible price we have paid to rid the world of Hitler and his evil band."

But he also sounded a note of triumph and hope.

"United, the peace-loving nations," he said, "have demonstrated in the west that their arms are stronger by far than the might of dictators or the tyranny of military cliques that once called us soft and weak."

"The power of our peoples to defend themselves against all enemies will be proved in the Pacific war as it has been proved in Europe."

Must Build Peace
And with victory, the President said, "we must work to bind up the wounds of a suffering world—to build an abiding peace, a peace rooted in justice and in law."

For the Japanese, he said, the choice is between unconditional surrender and "utter destruction to Japan's industrial war production, to its shipping, and to everything that supports its military activity."

He gave Japan this promise, this invitation to survival: "Unconditional surrender does not mean the extermination or enslavement of the Japanese people."

He spelled out patiently the choice which is Japan's.

"The longer the war lasts," he said, "the greater will be the suffering and hardships which the people of Japan will undergo—all in vain."

"Our blows will not cease until the Japanese military and naval forces lay down their arms in unconditional surrender."

PACIFIC FIGHTERS TAKE NO TIME OUT FOR CELEBRATION

Military Leaders Predict Another Year Needed to Beat Japanese On Mainland.

By United Press
Allied fighting forces in the Pacific pressed unremitting warfare against the Japanese today with no time out for celebrating the end of the war in Europe.

Military authorities predicted that, even with reinforcements from the European theater, it would require another year to beat the Japanese on the mainland. They conceded, however, that Japan might surrender sooner.

The "war as usual" brought new allied blows in the land campaigns on Okinawa, the Philippines and Tarakan and another B-29 assault on Kyushu's suicide plane bases.

Nearer Naha
Marines led a general advance on southern Okinawa to drive within a mile of Naha, the capital. Troops of the 77th division drove near Shuri the island's second largest city, northeast of Naha. The 7th infantry division made small gains down the east coast above Yonabaru.

Australian and Dutch troops were poised for a drive into the rich Paomiesian oil fields east of Tarakan town on Tarakan island off the east coast of Borneo.

Australian officials announced that Tarakan town had been captured, but Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said fighting continued in the northern section of the city. The communique, however, normally reports action of more than 24 hours previous to issuance.

Kyushu Bombed
A fleet of about 50 Superfortresses attacked four airfields on Kyushu following yesterday's assault on which crewmen said eight hangars at Usa field were "blasted right off the map."

Radio Tokyo said the big bombers also attacked the Kochi district on nearby Shikoku island. The Domei agency reported about 50 Mustang fighters from two attacked airfields on Boso peninsula, south of Tokyo for an hour this morning.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz disclosed that navy patrol planes sank or damaged 12 more enemy ships in that area to bring to a three-day toll of enemy ships in that area to at least 52.

PERMITS ORDERED FOR ALL BURNING

A. D. McReynolds of the state forest patrol said today that a proclamation issued by Governor Earl Snel prohibits all burning outside incorporated cities without a permit and all going fires must be extinguished. The order became effective at 1 a. m. today, McReynolds said.

The order does not effect camp fires in national forests, permits for which are not required until July 1, according to McReynolds.

San Francisco's Eye on Japs Show No Jubilation on V-E

By R. W. Ruhl
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San Francisco, May 8.—(Special.) A man from Mars in San Francisco would never dream the terrible war has ended with a complete smashing American victory. Except for newspaper extras which presumably a Martian could not read, there are no evidences of joy or jubilation, no evidences of anything unusual, no whistles blown, no sirens sounded, no stores closed, with exception of the bars. Business is going on today as usual and the early morning fog dense and cold is as usual also.

This could be explained to the visitor from Mars very simply.

The war isn't over for San Francisco, it is only half over. Not only has the first half been costly in lives and suffering, with few homes here that do not mourn those who never will return, but there is a feeling that as great or even greater sacrifices may be needed before real peace can return to the world and especially the Pacific portion of it.

Mayor Lapham expressed the V-E day spirit here perfectly when he declared in his official Victory Proclamation against any widespread celebration at a time when there is still a job to do against Japan.

When that job is done then San Francisco will go wild.

Reds Capture Big Czech Defense Base
London, May 8.—(U.P.)—Marshal Stalin announced tonight in an order of the day that the red army has captured Olmutz, big Czechoslovak defense base.

TODAY'S MAIL TRIBUNE GOES TO PRESS EARLY
Because all stores were closed today and in order to give employees a partial holiday in observance of V-E day, the Mail Tribune went to press at one o'clock instead of the usual time of 3 p. m.

New Yorkers Hail Premature Surrender Report



Times Square in New York City is jammed solid with cheering thousands in huge demonstration touched off by premature announcement by Associated Press that Germany had surrendered unconditionally. Tons upon tons of ticker paper cascaded down from the mammoth skyscrapers.

MEDFORD QUIET AS ANNOUNCEMENT OF V-E DAY COMES

V-E Day, long-awaited by anxious valley residents, proved to be somewhat anti-climactic when the formal announcement came this morning. Although deeply grateful that one phase of the war has resulted in victory, a calm, matter-of-fact reaction prevailed and Medford people indulged in none of the frenzied excitement which marked the close of the first World War.

Sirens and whistles at 6:15 a.m. sounded the official news that today was V-E Day. Most places of business did not open, banks, the courthouse and other public offices being exceptions. Schools were closed, but will reopen tomorrow as usual, Superintendent E. H. Hedrick stated.

A special service of prayer and thanksgiving was scheduled for 3 p.m. at the Presbyterian church, having been planned in advance by the Medford Ministerial association. The Rev. Harry W. Hansen, host pastor, was to convene the service and speakers were to be Dr. Louis C. Kirby of the Methodist church and Milo C. Ross of the Friends church, the former speaking on the place of the church in the world of tomorrow and the latter on the significance of today's peace. Special music had been planned.

Mr. Ross, president of the association, said ministers would meet after the service and plan how local churches would cooperate in observance of the day of prayer set for Sunday by President Truman.

City police at noon said the city was quiet, with almost no one on the streets and that no excitement was anticipated.

JURY SELECTED IN WOLF TRIAL

A circuit court jury, in the second degree murder trial of James A. Wolf, 63, charged with the slaying of Percy H. James at Gold Hill was completed yesterday afternoon, and then visited the scene of the crime at Gold Hill. Seven women and five men comprise the jury.

Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna excused the jury on account of V-E Day, and hearing of testimony will start tomorrow morning. The trial is expected to last most of this week.

The jury as selected is: Violet Whittle, Ashland; Chester Wendt, Jacksonville; Glen Darby, Medford; Edith L. Jacobs, Central Point; Glenn Irish, Medford; Emilia G. Tuttle, Medford; Rose Singler; Otto Niedermeyer, Jacksonville; Robert E. Dodge, Ashland; Helen Essinger, Eagle Point, and Ada K. Wilson, Medford.

Lyle Thurman, Medford, was sworn in as an alternate juror.

Conference Marks V-E With Brief Period of Meditation

San Francisco, May 8.—(U.P.)—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., today requested that all activities and functions of the United Nations conference on international organization cease for one minute at 11 a. m. (PWT) "while all persons associated with the conference join in silent meditation."

"The president of the United States has announced the end of hostilities in Europe," Stettinius said. "Nazi Germany has been defeated."

"This hour of victory is not a moment for exultation. It is a time for renewed dedication to the cause of peace."

Delegates Thankful
Delegates to the conference unanimously joined in expressing thankfulness for the European victory. But they were

equally unanimous in assertions that the Japanese still must be licked and in expressing hope and faith that this conference will result in an enduring peace.

Clement Attlee, British deputy prime minister and leader of the British labor party, said that "we of the labor movement... shall dedicate ourselves to the great task of helping to build a world where poverty and war are replaced by peace and plenty, based on the great conceptions of international brotherhood for which our movement has sacrificed so much."

French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault: "The fight goes on against the other enemy, Japan... it is our duty to establish on our devastated earth the peace promised to men of good will."

Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, R., Mich.: "We paid a terrific price for an indisputable victory, but it will be worth its cost if we now have sense enough to create a permanent peace with justice."

Brig. Gen. Carlos Romulo, Philippine delegate to congress: "Now we can concentrate on Tokyo."

National Commander Edward N. Scheiberling of the American Legion: "Now that the cannons roar no longer in Europe, there will emerge from present obscurity many organizations and individuals who seek a soft peace; who would have America retire again into the false hell of isolationism. It is our duty, for the sake of future generations, to warn against this false and dangerous doctrine."

ASHLAND WOMEN FORM FIRST GOP UNIT IN STATE

Founding of a new organization for Republican women to be known as the "Council of Oregon Republican Women, Inc.," with the first unit in Ashland, was announced by Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, Portland, national committeewoman for the Republican party from Oregon, in Medford yesterday to attend a meeting of Jackson county Republican workers.

Mrs. Gerlinger organized the new group in Ashland May 5. She stated that it would be a state-wide organization which will work in harmony with all other voluntary Republican groups and with all elected party committees. It will supplement the work of other organizations she said, and not compete with them.

Mrs. William Dodge was named president of the Ashland unit. Mrs. J. L. Grubb is vice-president; Mrs. H. C. Galey, secretary; Mrs. Bert A. Freeman, treasurer and Mrs. Arthur M. Peters, trustee. Mrs. Gerlinger plans to spend all of next week in Klamath and Lake counties organizing units of the council in those districts.

COUNTY BUDGET GROUP HOLDS FIRST MEETING

The Jackson county budget committee, composed of Ben Harder, Medford, W. W. Robinson, Ashland, and Arnold Bohnert, Central Point, acting with the county court, held their first session today.

All the civilian members have had previous experience as budgeters, and are expected to finish the job in at least a week. Public hearings on the budget will likely be held about the middle of June.

Cease, Firing Order Already Sounded But Fighting Goes on in Some Sectors.

By Virgil Pinkley
United Press Staff Correspondent

Paris, May 8.—(U.P.)—The bloodiest war in European history will come to its official end at 12:01 a. m. tomorrow, European time, (8:01 p. m., EWT) today, with the formal end of hostilities on a continent desolated by more than five years of conflict.

The agreement formalizing the unconditional surrender will be ratified in Berlin today, with Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the German high command, officially acknowledging that Germany is beaten.

Tedder for Allies
Sitting around the table with Keitel in Berlin will be:

For the western Allies: Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur W. Tedder, deputy supreme commander.

For Russia: Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov, commander of the First White Russian army.

For France: Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, commander of the French First army.

To save lives, the cease fire order already has sounded. But the fighting went on today in some small and scattered sectors.

Fanatical Nazis, defying the High Command's unconditional surrender, held out in some parts of Czechoslovakia, in French Atlantic ports, the Channel Islands, and some pin-points in the Aegean.

Still Fight Reds
And on the Russian front resistance continued in some considerable strength. But Prime Minister Churchill warned in London that if the Nazis held out after the 12:01 a. m. deadline, they would become outlaws under the rules of war, and would be attacked from all sides by the Allies.

The German "peace" government of Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, successor of Adolf Hitler, was carrying on a semblance of official functions at Flensburg on the Danish frontier.

Doenitz offered today in a Flensburg broadcast to continue the leadership of the German government during the Allied occupation of the Reich.

Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering, ousted in the last days of organized resistance from the command of the German Air Force, was believed to be with Heinrich Himmler, Gestapo Chief and Interior minister.

Signed Yesterday
Churchill said the unconditional surrender of Germany was signed at 2:41 a. m., yesterday at Reims.

Doenitz and General Jodl, representing the German High Command, signed for Germany. Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, Eisenhower's Chief of Staff, and Gen. Francois Sevez signed for the western Allies, and Gen. Ivan Sustoparov for Russia.

Even in Europe, Churchill turned sober attention to the war against Japan. He warned that Japan, "with all her treachery and greed, remains unsubdued. We must now concentrate all forces for the task ahead."

The Allied Proclamation of Victory in Europe was made simultaneously in London, Washington and Paris. No word came immediately from the Russians, who were waiting until Zhukov has signed the surrender document in Berlin later today.

Soldiers Stay On Job At Camp White

All military personnel at Camp White are restricted to limits of the camp today, according to a report. Men are staying on the job at the camp and there is no normal celebration planned. Soldiers will be permitted to observe V-E day on the post but will not be allowed to leave the grounds, the report said.

Stocks Continue Recent Advance

New York, May 8.—(U.P.)—Stocks resumed their recently-interrupted advance in the late morning dealings today after a brief unsettlement in the early trading.

Business on the exchange was orderly and except for a two-minute pause for silent prayer at the opening there was no indication of any celebration for the end of the war in Europe.

Radio Highlights

Rome, May 8.—(U.P.)—The Pope plans to broadcast a message to the world on the end of the war in Europe at 3 a. m. PWT tomorrow.