

Germans Sign Surrender Terms; Jodi Pleads For Allied Mercy

REIMS, France, May 7 (Delayed) (AP)—Through an iron-faced Prussian general, speaking after he had finished signing the unconditional surrender of the Nazis, Germany pleaded today for mercy for the German people. On the wall behind his back was a huge chart tabulating allied casualties.

He was Col. Gen. Gustaf Jodi, chief of staff of the German army.

He was standing in a room of a red school house in Reims, where Gen. Eisenhower had his advanced headquarters. On a big wooden table in front of him 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."

CORRESPONDENTS PRESENT

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

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

He was told he might. He held himself stiffly erect, conforming to the traditions of Prussian military correctness. His voice was low 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, both 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.

Jodi finished speaking and sat down. The sound of his voice was quickly absorbed by the beaverboard 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.

Jodi entered first, followed by Gen. Admiral Hans Georg Friedeburg and then by Col. Poleck, a supply expert.

Faces Allies Poleck glanced once at the allied officers and then studied the floor. Friedeburg looked out the windows. Only Jodi, his bald head gleaming beneath naked electric light bulbs, looked the American and British commanders in the face.

Another Silence Again there was a moment of heavy silence. Then Eisenhower spoke. He was brief and terse as always.

His voice was cold and stern. 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. The signatures of the document of surrender climaxed two days of negotiations in the cathedral city, scene of many dramatic events in European history. Possibly what was born here to-

event in his serious countenance.

Jodi Another wait of five minutes. Then Jodi, in a grey-green uniform and silver trim of a Wehrmacht officer, strode in with the blue-clad Friedeburg.

Jodi wore his Knight of the Iron Cross decoration. Friedeburg's highest military decorations were likewise on display.

Neither seemed crestfallen. They moved slowly but resolutely to the table, there standing at attention. The allied officers bowed stiffly.

Everyone's visage—ally or enemy—was rigid. Not a trace of a smile appeared on any face.

"There are four copies," Gen. Smith remarked dryly, "to be signed."

Gen. Jodi was the first to put his name on the quadruplicate document at 2:41 a. m. Copies were passed across to be signed by Generals Ivan Susloparov of the red army, Smith of Shafel and Francois Sevez of France in that order.

The terms of the naval agreement which were signed by Admiral Burroughs and the terms of the land and air disarmament were signed by Smith and presented to the Germans to be carried out.

It was 2:45 a. m. The ink of the signatures still was damp. Then Jodi spoke, beseeching "generosity" of the allied conquerors.

Chairs scraped and the Germans rose stiffly to stand at attention. The allies got to their feet and bowed formally and the Germans walked out of the room at 2:47 a. m.

Jodi Not Happy Jodi, his greying blond hair almost bald at the top, looked glumly and ever and seemed a little unsteady. Friedeburg was solemn and behind his bushy eyebrows, he appeared not at all happy.

They were escorted down the hall to meet Gen. Eisenhower for the first time. Until now, the supreme commander had spoken to them only through messages relayed by his chief of staff.

In his own small office, the allied commander with his deputy, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, beside him, received the beaten enemy. He stood behind his desk. The Germans faced him.

Even the cares of the leader of millions of allied fighting men for many months could not hide Eisenhower's look of rugged good health and concentrated energy.

His face was stern as he made it plain to the envoys of Grand Admiral Doenitz that the Germans must obey allied orders.

On their departure, Eisenhower summoned all allied officers who had participated in the ceremony of surrender.

His mouth broke into a big victory smile. His eyes, a moment before stern and cold, sparkled with joy.

Sir Arthur clasped his hand, then Eisenhower greeted Smith warmly, thanking him for his spectacular work of the past two

days. He thanked all of these present and held up the fountain pens with which the surrender was signed—making a V-sign with them for cameramen.

Announces Victory He left his office at 3:39 a. m. for the war room, where he made a brief victory speech into newsreel microphones.

"Just a few minutes ago, Germany surrendered all her remaining forces on land and sea," he said. "They have been thoroughly whipped and the surrender is unconditional."

"In January, 1943, the late President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill met in Casablanca. There they pronounced a formula of unconditional surrender for the axis powers. In Europe, that has been fulfilled. The allied forces which landed on the continent on June 6, 1944, have utterly defeated the Germans on land, sea and in the air."

Eisenhower remarked that it was "particularly fitting" that the surrender was signed "in the heart of France," a country which had contributed in large measure to the common victory.

"This unconditional surrender was achieved by teamwork, not only among the allies but by all the services of the land, sea and air," he said.

Eisenhower's voice was filled with emotion. He said he owed "a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid" to all his aides and all the men who had fought under his command.

"The only payment is the lasting gratitude of all free citizens of all the United Nations," the commander-in-chief added.

Began Thursday Negotiations for the full surrender grew out of the conference between Friedeburg and Field Marshal Montgomery last Thursday. After agreeing to surrender of German forces in Holland, Denmark, north-west Germany, the Frisian islands and Helgoland at that meeting, the German delegates indicated that the reich leadership wished to discuss the larger question of complete surrender of all armed forces.

Eisenhower accordingly approved a conference at Reims for Saturday and transportation was furnished by bringing Friedeburg and Col. Frite Poleck of the German supreme command.

They left Montgomery's headquarters at Luebnberg by plane at 8 a. m. Saturday, escorted by Lt. Col. Viscount Bury and Maj. F. J. Lawrence of Montgomery's staff.

They changed planes at Vorst. Bad weather prevented them from continuing past Brussels. While waiting for an automobile, the party had lunch at an RAF snack bar. They ate sandwiches and drank "scotch ale" brewed in Brussels.

War Gives Way To Sports On Zamboanga Peninsula

MANILA, May 8 (AP)—War has given way to sports on the Zamboanga peninsula of southern Mindanao—cleansed of Japanese by the veteran RGST division of the Pacific northwest and the Filipinos like it.

The reason: They can mix it with Yank soldiers and when they win, Yank referees give them the credit.

It wasn't like that when Japanese occupied the island. At first there was sports competition between the two nationalities—in boxing and wrestling—but Filipinos never won. That was because the Japanese couldn't acknowledge inferiority in any activity.

Japanese referees always gave the nod to their countrymen but they couldn't explain away black eyes and mauled torsos, so the competition was dropped.

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PRODUCTION OF PEACETIME GOODS SLATED

By STERLING F. GREEN WASHINGTON, May 8 (AP)—

Most peacetime goods will be back on the market within six months of today's momentous victory in Europe, although quantities of some will be limited.

Within a year, by official war production board estimate, factories will be making consumer goods at the 1939 rate or higher.

But shortages of textiles, lumber and some other things will persist. One official was not being facetious when he said, "It may be easier to buy a refrigerator next fall than a shirt."

Immediately, it is promised, the "brown-out," the midnight curfew and the horse racing ban will be lifted.

Gasoline rations will be increased within 30 to 90 days, on the word of Interior Secretary Ickes. A jump from four to six miles of driving daily for A-card motorists is foreseen by Ickes, but OPA says the increase may be less. B-card drivers will get some increase also.

Other rationing programs will remain in force, with food supplies generally getting leaner before they are fatter.

More tires may be expected, but tire rationing will continue indefinitely.

Stoves may come off rationing rather soon, passenger cars not until production hits a volume of about 100,000 a month.

Months probably will pass, officials warn, before the effect is felt in appreciable replenishing of retail shelves and showrooms with electrical appliances, washing machines, radios and other goods by which Americans gauge their standard of living. They have been prohibited for three years.

Almost every industry—including the big ones like refrigerators and automobiles—is expected to get the green light from Washington within four to five months. But the physical task of reconvertng the automobile and some other industries may be prolonged, and even for simpler products it will require some time to fill up the distribution pipeline from factory to distributor to consumer.

Shoes and clothing, lumber, pulp and paper, some chemicals and other items will remain scarce probably as long as Japan resists, WPB predicts. In garments and textiles, as in food, the shortages are likely to be worse before they are better.

Flashes of Life

FAME

LOS ANGELES, May 8 (AP)—"Golly, they've splattered my name all over the front pages," exclaimed a Los Angeles girl on seeing the big headlines about V-E Day.

Her name is Virginia Elizabeth Day.

PLAGUE

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 8 (AP)—Gov. Earl Warren has signed a senate bill clamping a lot of restrictions on the taking of catfish, which used to be a free and easy sport in California.

Backers of the measure explain that the catfish population has decreased as war workers from Missouri, Arkansas and points south and east have increased.

LIFE BEGINS

MANILA, May 8 (AP)—A Japanese corporal surrendered meekly to a 41st division patrol in the Zamboanga campaign.

"After four years in the imperial army, I decided there was no future for me," he explained. "And the land looked so good. I thought I'd surrender and settle down on one of these farms."

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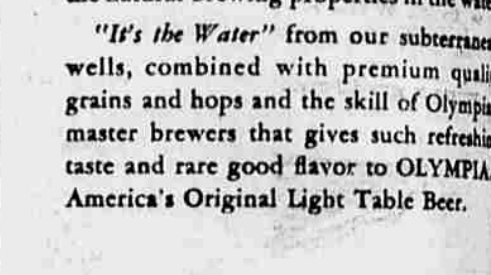
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