

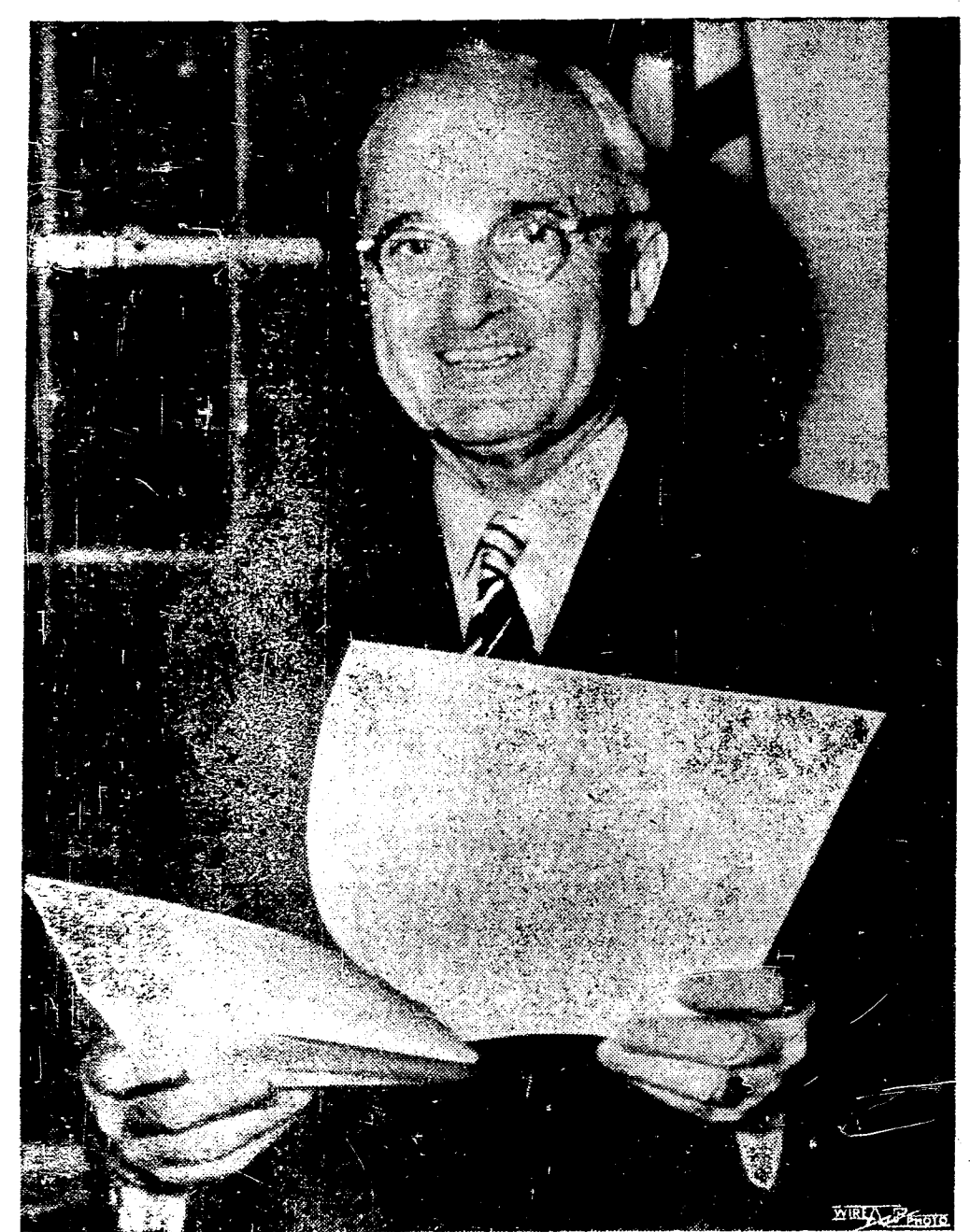
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PEACE AT LAST



TRUMAN'S VICTORY GRIN—President is in jubilant mood as he holds Japanese surrender message received at 6:17 p. m., EWT, yesterday.

Truman Accepts Jap Unconditional Surrender Ending Bloody Pacific War—Gen MacArthur to Receive Nippon's Capitulation for Allies; Joyous Hysteria Sweeps the United Nations

By ERNEST BARCELLA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (UP)—Peace came to the world tonight when President Truman announced that Japan has accepted unconditional surrender and Allied forces have been ordered to cease firing. Gen Douglas MacArthur, "the man who came back," was named Supreme Allied Commander to receive the formal Japanese surrender. World War II—bloodiest conflict in all of human history—was at an end, except for the formality of signing surrender documents.

Hirohito Blames Japan's Defeat on Atomic Bomb

A Domei dispatch broadcast by the Tokyo Radio said last night that Emperor Hirohito had told the Japanese people by radio that "the enemy has begun to employ a new and most cruel bomb" and should Japan continue to fight "it would lead to the total extinction of human civilization."

The dispatch was recorded by the Associated Press in New York.

"The enemy has begun to employ a new and most cruel bomb, the power of which to do damage is indeed incalculable, taking the toll of many innocent lives," the Emperor was quoted as saying.

"Should we continue to fight, it would not only result in an ultimate collapse and the obliteration of the Japanese nation, but also it would lead to the total extinction of human civilization."

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Truman's Statement

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—Following is the text of President Truman's statement on the Japanese surrender:

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 Aug. 11.

I deem this reply a full acceptance of the Potsdam declaration which specifies the unconditional surrender of Japan. In the reply there is no qualification.

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

Gen 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.

V-J Day will not be proclaimed until after the instruments of surrender are signed. The three Allies in the Pacific War—Great Britain, Russia and China—will be represented at the signing by high ranking officers.

Mr. Truman proclaimed the glad tidings at 7 p. m. (EWT), shortly after he received Tokyo's formal reply to the Allied surrender terms.

Summoning reporters to his office, he read a statement which said:

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

"In the reply there is no qualification."

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883 Die as U. S. Cruiser Is Sunk

Indianapolis Torpedoed July 30 in One of Navy's Worst Disasters

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—The heavy cruiser Indianapolis was lost recently in the Philippine Sea from enemy action with 100 percent casualties to her personnel totaling 1195 officers and men, the Navy announced tonight.

The famous vessel was lost shortly after completion of her last mission, sailing from San Francisco July 16 on a high-speed run to Guam to deliver essential atomic bomb material, the Navy said. She was lost after safely delivering her cargo. (In a delayed dispatch from Peleliu, Palau Islands, it was revealed the 10,000-ton Indianapolis was sunk in less than 15 minutes, presumably by a Japanese submarine, 12 minutes past midnight July 30—and 883 crew members lost their lives in one of the Navy's worst disasters.)

Casualties included five Navy dead, including one officer; 845 Navy missing, including 63 officers; 307 Navy wounded, including 15 officers; 30 Marine Corps missing, including two officers, and nine enlisted Marine Corps wounded.

Near Top in One-Ship Losses

Her casualties placed her near the top in weight of losses on a single vessel in this war. The ill-fated aircraft carrier Franklin suffered 341 dead, 431 missing and more than 300 wounded. The battleship Arizona, with a total of 1104 officers and men lost in the Pearl Harbor attack, leads the list in personnel killed.

The Indianapolis, traditionally the flagship of the powerful 5th Fleet, had been at the Mare Island Navy Yard for repairs just before her last run. She had been damaged by a Japanese suicide plane off Okinawa March 31, 1945. Adm Raymond A. Spruance was aboard at the time of the suicide attack but he escaped injury.

President Declares Today, Tomorrow Legal Holidays

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14—Tomorrow and Thursday are days off for government workers and premium pay days for other workers in general, President Truman announced tonight. V-J Day, he said, also would be a holiday when it comes.

However, the United Press dispatch points out that the President can proclaim but cannot legally establish holidays except for federal workers or within the District of Columbia.

The President said the two holidays were added to the six heretofore specified in Executive Order 9240 covering overtime wage compensation which requires time and a half payment to war workers on the job these days.

The amendment, he said, makes the victory holidays—whether or not work is performed by a war worker—holidays which must be counted as days of work in determining whether an employee has worked seven consecutive days in a week.

The Associated Press says that local postmasters will have wide discretion in carrying out the President's wishes. It was indicated that postal employees working the two days will have compensating time off at a later date.

Comptroller of the Currency Preston Delano said that decision on whether national banks remain open on the two holidays depends on the individual boards of directors.

Japs Hit With 6000 Tons of Fire in Roaring Wind-Up

By the Associated Press

During the last 24 hours of war ending early Wednesday, Tokyo time, superforts unloaded some 6000 tons of fire and demolition bombs on war industries and other targets on Honshu Island—two within an hour's auto ride of the Imperial Palace.

Night-flying B-29s struck heavily against the plane manufacturing cities of Isezaki and Kumagaya and the big Akita Oil Refinery. Earlier, Superforts blasted the Marifu railroad yards on Tokyo's main line, the Osaka Army Arsenal and the Hikari Naval Arsenal near Tokuyama.

The Superfort flight to Akita was longest made from Marianas bases.

Meanwhile the United States 3d and British Pacific Fleets maintained vigil just off the Japanese coast. In an unconfirmed broadcast Domei claimed five Japanese suicide planes crashed an anchored carrier at Okinawa.

Tank-led Russian armies surged toward Harbin, arsenal city of Manchuria. The Soviets severed the last rail line for the Japanese forces battling in the Sungari-Ussuri River valley when they captured the strategic rail junction of Linkow, 177 miles east of Harbin.

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Petai Is Convicted, Sentenced to Death; Jury Asks Clemency

PARIS, Wednesday, Aug. 15 (AP)—Marshal Henri Philippe Petai was convicted and sentenced to death early today by three judges and a 24-man jury who deliberated almost seven hours.

The high court of justice added it "hoped the sentence would not be executed."

(This recommendation for clemency presumably, will be considered by Gen deGaulle, President of the French Provisional Government.)

Besides condemning the 89-year-old former chief of the Vichy state to death for "plotting against the internal safety of France," the court also sentenced him to national indignity and ordered confiscation of all his property.

What Happens Now?

DRAFT—For those under 26 the draft will continue, with 30,000 fewer a month.

SERVICEMEN—Between 5,000,000 and 5,500,000 men will be out of uniform within the next 18 months.

MANPOWER—All controls over manpower ended yesterday.

RATIONING—Rationing will end shortly.

CONTRACTS—\$6,000,000,000 in war contracts canceled yesterday by the Navy.

FIRST PROBLEM—Unemployment.

CENSORSHIP—Over on V-J Day.

OWI—Soon to go.

WPB—To help industry reach peacetime footing.

WLB—Predicts no rash of strikes.

NEWSPRINT—Distribution controls.

CONGRESS—Will reconvene Sept. 5. Unemployment first consideration.

TODAY AND TOMORROW—Legal holidays.

LEGISLATURE—Will consider post-war jobs.

WORLD SERIES—Will be played this fall.

BOXING—Joe Louis wants to get back in the ring.

FLETCHER PRATT, war expert, bows out. The war is over.

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Boston Becomes Bedlam of Jubilant Demonstrators

By SEYMOUR R. LINSKOTT

News of Japan's unconditional surrender turned Boston into a joyous madhouse within minutes last night.

Pent-up tension, which had been mounting since the first surrender hint five days ago, exploded like a giant firecracker with President Truman's announcement at 7 p. m. and sent deliciously happy crowds pouring into the downtown area.

Calm through the hectic days of false peace flashes; Boston threw its traditional conservatism to the winds with a spontaneous but orderly celebration which grew steadily in size and hilarity as the evening progressed.

Veteran police officers said the demonstration made that of the 1918 Armistice look like "a flea circus." It was a perfect evening, warm and clear. People were keyed up to the breaking point by days of uncertainty. The city was filled with servicemen.

The result of these various factors was a celebration that was like a dozen New Year's Eves rolled into one.

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'Great Day', Truman Tells Crowds at White House

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—In an impromptu speech on 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.

"America," said Mr. Truman, "now can start 'on our real task of implementation of free government in the world.'"

When thousands of spectators who had waited patiently in Lafayette Park across the street from the Executive Mansion began a chant: "We want Truman," the President appeared on the White House steps with Mrs. Truman.

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Reconvening of Congress Set for Sept. 5

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—Congress, under the urgency of transforming the nation from war to peace, was called today to reconvene Sept. 5.

Senate Democratic Leader Barkley, Dem., of Kentucky, voiced the hope that the Legislative body would work with the same harmony in "the momentous transformation" that marked "the greatest victory ever won in a war for freedom."

He added tax adjustments, with reduction of individual and corporate income taxes, as the sixth major point on Congress' agenda.

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Board to Start Finding Jobs for Bay State Vets

A state-wide survey to find jobs for returning veterans and unemployed war workers will be undertaken immediately, the presiding officers of the two branches of the Legislature indicated yesterday when they appointed 10 members of the Commission on Post-War Problems.

The leading post-war problem is the finding of jobs, declared Pres. Arthur W. Coolidge of the Senate and Speaker Frederick B. Willis of the House at a conference when they announced their appointments to the Commission authorized at the recent session of the Legislature.

"With the cooperation of private industry and the Federal, state, city and town governments every reasonable step must now be taken to provide employment for the

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Jap War Minister Takes Own Life

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (AP)—Japanese War Minister Korechika Anami has committed suicide, the Japanese Domei agency reported today. The broadcast was recorded by the Federal Communications Commission.

The Domei dispatch said Anami had taken his life at his "official residence" to "atone for his failure in accomplishing his duties as his majesty's minister."

MacArthur Bids Japs Make Radio Contact

NEW YORK, Aug. 15—Gen MacArthur, in his first communication to Japan, has just ordered the Japanese Government and Imperial General Staff to put a radio station at his continuous disposal for communication of his orders to Japan, N.B.C.'s Merrill Mueller, radioed from MacArthur's headquarters in Manila today.

Cancel Contracts, Free Manpower Draft Curtailed, Nation Shifts to Peace

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (AP)—President Truman tonight turned the whole machinery of government loose to try to carry the nation swiftly—and smoothly—into the broad path of peace.

The magnitude of the job ahead—getting industry back on a peacetime basis and getting people into jobs—was vividly revealed by the President when he declared shortly after announcing the Japanese surrender:

"The emergency is as great as it was on Dec. 7, 1941."

Promptly he disclosed these two prime points:

1. The draft is finished for men 26 years of age or over. Only those under 26 will be

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