

## President Graham Issues Statement Concerning Near Peace

(When a Japanese surrender seemed to be almost a matter of hours, the Editor of the Tar Heel approached Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University, and solicited the following statement. Dr. Graham prepared this statement while the false peace report was being circulated and later denied.)

We rejoice that Japan, the last of the Axis Powers which combined to conquer the world, has sued for peace, that fascism has been conquered, that peace has almost come at least to the peoples of the world. We hope for increasing freedom, justice, and

security through the cooperation of America, Britain, Russia, China, France, and all the United Nations. May our celebration and our hope be worthy of this great day in the life of mankind!

The University of North Carolina, which offered all her resources to the nation twenty months before Pearl Harbor, rejoices with her more than 8,000 alumni in the Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, WACs and WAVES; in the Naval R.O.T.C. and V-12 contingents; in the A.S.T.P.; and in the more than trained at this University, many

17,000 Naval Pre-flight cadets of whom, as bomber and fighter pilots, had a decisive part in ending the war in the Pacific. Over 400 of our alumni have been decorated or cited for heroism in action. Two have received the nation's highest award, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Major General Hal Turnage, now second in command of the United States Marines, led the American forces which took the strategic island of Guam, the first American soil recaptured in this war. Admiral O. B. Hard-

son, now in charge of all Naval pre-flight and primary training, commanded the carrier Enterprise in the brilliant victory off the Solomons. General Steve Simmons directed the preventive medical program for the Army in Europe and in the Pacific.

We especially recall with reverent remembrance the 260 sons who have been killed or still reported missing in action. In their spirit of unreserved devotion let us now carry through our present appointed task, and prepare ourselves in body, mind, and spirit to rebuild a broken

world and renew the democratic faith and morale of peoples everywhere. God grant that the atomic bomb, with its awful explosive power for the destruction of civilization may cause world explosion in the purposes of America and the United Nations to end war forever and to organize the physical energies of the universe and the spiritual energies of free men for more justice, more equality of opportunity, and the production of a more decent life for all the peoples of the world.

## False Rumors Produce Peace Demonstration

### University Looks For Return Of Peacetime Campus

By Robert Morrison

Sunday night a university which had participated in three years of war almost celebrated a peace which had not yet come. A "malicious rumor" of Japanese acceptance of the United Nations' terms of surrender threw the campus into a scene of rejoicing from which it soon recovered when emphatic denials of the surrender were broadcast from all national networks. Although the false report was denied within two minutes, the people of the University community had time to leave their radios and begin a wave of loud shouting and mad happiness.

Students, faculty, and townspeople were reluctant to realize that the report was false. Cars raced up and down Franklin Street with horns blowing and occupants shouting. Students poured out of dormitories into the rain to join the celebration. From Gimgoul Castle to Carrboro cries went up which were as loud and as sweeping as Carolina has witnessed during its three years of war.

The report of Japanese surrender was expected. It did not strike the populace unheralded. Nevertheless, the realization (although false) that the war had ended was just too much to be taken lightly. With the end of the war came visions of the end of rationing, the end of the draft, the end of death notices to mothers and fathers, and the beginning of a new era of mankind.

The end of the war will bring as many changes to the University as to any area in the nation. For almost a year, Carolina has been moving slowly toward a peacetime schedule, but Carolina is still far from being the institution of pre-war days. On this campus are stationed 1700 Pre-Flight cadets, who are separate and apart from the general administration of the University. Going to classes together with civilian students are Marines, NROTC's, sailors in the V-12 program, and a few ASTP's. Less than a year ago only two dormitories were open to civilian males. All other University and the service training programs. This spirit has manifested itself in the student body when civilians and service students belong to the same fraternities, operate under the same student government, participate in the same activities, and work together to maintain the traditions of the institution. Carolina fought hard to win the war, and weathered the conversion with a minimum of difficulty. men's dormitories and all fraternity houses were occupied by Navy and Army students. The bulk of the ASTP was taken away; Nash and Miller Hall were later filled with civilians. The Navy training program began to dwindle. The came the trimester system and service students and civilians went to classes together.

The University at war was certainly fortunate in the spirit of co-operation which has existed between the Other colleges and universities throughout the nation have not been so fortunate as the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Frank Graham, the University's president, stated on the eve of peace that the combined efforts of the parts of the University should not be turned to the building of a bigger and better University. The University has long been formulating a post-war plan. The prediction of 8000 students here soon is not a figure to be readily denied. The University expects to begin a building program soon which will be aimed at the eventual doubling of present facilities. More immediate building projects include a larger library, a new wing to the Armory, a new dramatic arts theatre, and more dormitory facilities.

The movement to admit freshmen women to the University is certainly increasing in strength. Even with the present restriction of the coed student body to juniors and seniors, many applications have been denied. The arrival of thousands of women awaits only the facilities and the approval of the Board of Trustees. Many advocates of a bigger and better University envision the admission of any person over sixteen years of age who can meet the educational and moral standards.

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## Jap Surrender To Radically Change Orient

### Future Decisions On Japanese Loom As Peace Nears

By Buddy Glenn

The terms imposed on Japan are in comparison to the conditions put on defeated Germany are very light. With the exception of the clarification of the Emperor's status in post war Japan, the surrender conditions are the ones of the Potsdam Conference. In short, they are: "elimination of militarists who led Japan in the path of war;" Allied occupation of designated points within Japan until a "new order" is established, Japanese sovereignty over the four main islands and such minor islands "as we may determine," destruction of war industries but maintenance of essential peacetime industries, and access rather than control over raw materials in her conquered lands. This probably means that all of Japan's conquests since 1905 must be given up including Korea and Formosa. Also, this leaves the door open for Russia to get Sakahlin, a mineral-rich island in the northern part of the Japanese islands.

Some Americans and the press put in minor gripes on retaining the Emperor even under the conditions of the surrender. Provisions on his status were conspicuously absent in the Potsdam Declaration, but in the Allied reply to Japan's original surrender offer stated in essence that the Emperor must be subject to the allied commander-in-chief and could be deposed if the people wanted another form of government. The opposition in the United States was only half-hearted. The only apparent objection was the feeling that the Emperor should be tried as a "war criminal"—whatever that means except somebody on the other side. Senator Thomas stated that the Emperor was necessary to have democracy in Japan. It is believed by most observers in Japan that the Emperor was not responsible for the war since he was controlled by the military clique. At any rate, the administration and much of the public did not pay any attention to these "voices."

What are the future probabilities in regard to Japan? She is in a much better economic and political position because of her surrender. She has salvaged much of her "peaceful industries" and heavy industry. It will be interesting to see just how little this war has cost Japan. She was in good financial condition when the war began and has acquired a great deal of raw materials from the conquered territories. She will miss the coal and iron of Manchuria, exploitation of her colonies, and her Chinese factories and extra-territorial rights.

In the political field she has the advantages of a relatively sound financial system and a stable government. There will probably be an orderly transition to whatever form of government the people decide to have with the undoubted absence of any revolution of the masses which so often follows a military defeat.

What does all of this add up to besides peace? Have we created another menace that we will have to cope with later? That is, of course, not easy and relative to the circumstances. However, it seems that with a sensible policy by our government towards Japan she can easily become a "peace-loving" second-rate world power.

## HOW SOON?



How soon will he return? That is the imminent question now. In any event the University will be ready to welcome him with open arms, whether he has already been here before the war, or whether he is going to college for the first time after serving for Uncle Sam.

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