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FINAL SURRENDER ACT SIGNED REDS CELEBRATE PEACE

Stalin's Announcement Last Night Russians' First News Of Victory

MOSCOW, May 9.—(P)—Thousands of Russians swarmed through Red square shouting "Long live Stalin" and "Hurrah for victory" as the Soviet capital turned out to the last man, woman and child today to celebrate the end of the European war. In the center of the cheering, singing through a group of American G. I.'s attached to the U. S. military mission in Moscow danced across the cobblestones with girls from the factories, which had shut down for the celebration. Uri Levitan, a small dark man with a big voice, gave to 190,000,000 Russians today the momentous news that the war against Germany has ended in a crushing victory for the Soviet union and her Allies. The immediate reaction to the stirring event was typically slavish. It was 1:10 a.m. when Levitan—star announcer for the Moscow radio and the man who has broadcast all of Premier Marshal Stalin's orders of the day—came on the air with the glad tidings. Most of Moscow's residents were asleep, but the announcement acted like an alarm clock. Thousands poured into the streets—some still clad in pajamas and nightgowns. Many wept openly, some fell on their knees in prayer. Everywhere people were shaking hands, embracing and kissing one another on tear-wet cheeks. REFRAIN "It's over, thank God, it's over," was a cry so recurrent among the women that it sounded like a choral chant. For Russia—the only one of the three great powers not at war with Japan—the news really meant the dawn of peace. Up to the moment of Levitan's broadcast announcement the Russian people had no word—not even an official hint—that Germany had surrendered. No dispatches on the earlier surrender celebrations in Britain and the United States had been published. Levitan followed his announcement with a special order from President Michael Kalinin decreeing a public holiday. WORD SPREADS It did not take long for the word to spread. Children in stocking feet dashed through apartment houses See STALIN'S Page 2

Some Reconversion To Start Immediately

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(P)—Wartime controls over production, rationing and pricing will be continued until Japan is defeated, the administration said today, but "some reconversion will start immediately." Highlights of the program, as outlined at a White House news conference by War Mobilizer Fred M. Vinson: 1. Immediate suspension of the ban on horse and dog racing, and lifting of the midnight entertainment curfew, effective tonight. 2. Release of enough materials and manpower, no longer needed for the Pacific war, to produce a few new automobiles within six to nine months. 3. Some prospect of an early increase in gasoline allowances for civilian motorists. 4. Vinson said he saw no indications of an early general improvement in the civilian food supply situation. 5. No general reduction in taxes until final victory is won. On the civilian production front, Vinson said that generally speaking "materials and manpower no See SOME Page 2

MUSIC FESTIVAL FRIDAY NIGHT Miss Moselle Moore Will Direct Shelby Schools In Annual Event

The story of America will be told in music Friday night at eight o'clock in the Armory auditorium when Miss Moselle Moore will direct the boys and girls of the Shelby schools in the annual music festival. The pageant will begin with South Shelby school depicting the time of the Indians. Marion School will follow with early religious music, singing Puritan hymns. Jefferson School will sing the well-loved Stephen Foster melodies and Washington School will portray the deep South with negro spirituals. The cowboys and cowgirls from LaFayette school will sing favorite cowboy songs and the Junior high school will revive tunes from the gay nineties. The pupils from Graham School will conclude the program with patriotic music. See MUSIC FESTIVAL Page 2

HOEY TO GIVE RADIO ADDRESS

At the invitation of the National Broadcasting company, Senator Clyde R. Hoey will speak over its network Friday evening from 10:45 to 11 o'clock from Washington. He will speak on some phases of both international and domestic affairs. Among the North Carolina stations which will carry the Hoey address are WPTF in Raleigh and WSOC in Charlotte, as well as all other stations which carry the National Broadcasting company program. See HOEY'S Page 2

SEEK UNITY ON CONTROL OF SEIZED LANDS

Trusteeships Is Point Of Controversy Between Big Powers CRITICAL ISSUE By John M. Hightower Associated Press Diplomatic Editor SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—(P)—The United States is seeking an agreement on control of lands seized in both world wars which will set up bases at any point in the world considered vital to United States security. The question involved—labeled here one of trusteeship of territory seized from the enemy, mandated after the first world war or incapable of self government—is still a point of controversy between the Big-Five powers. It is one of the two most critical issues remaining before the United Nations conference upon the department today of Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov. The other issue is how to dovetail the Pan-American security system into the security council of the proposed world organization. The American delegation is sharply divided on this question at the moment. Some members favor giving the Pan-American set up no special treatment, but strong opinion appears to be developing for a proposal that the council See SEEK Page 2

LEDFORD LEADS WITH 81 VOTES

J. F. Ledford, aldermen from the first ward led yesterday's light voting in the municipal election by receiving the top of 81 votes. Alderman Tom Moore from Ward four was close behind with a count of 79 votes. School board members were re-elected by the following votes: J. W. Gardner, 78; Dr. T. E. Gold, 79; C. Rush Hamrick, 78; B. W. Dickson, 78; D. W. Royster, 79. Within 30 minutes after the polls had closed yesterday afternoon the entire ballot had been tabulated and results declared at the city hall. None of the candidates had any opposition. See LEDFORD'S Page 2

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:15 p.m.—Sunday school officers and teachers of First Baptist church meet at the church. 7:45 p.m.—Prayer meeting at Presbyterian church. 8:00 p.m.—Midweek prayer and praise service at First Baptist church. 8:00 p.m.—Fellowship hour and annual family night service at Central Methodist church, to be followed by meeting of board of stewards. THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.—Kiwanis club will have ladies' night at Hotel Charles. See WHAT'S DOING Page 2

Truman's Statement Eases Way For Japs To End War

By WILLIAM T. PEACOCK WASHINGTON, May 9.—(P)—President Truman's statement on unconditional surrender for Japan was widely viewed in congress today as easing the way for the Japanese to end their futile struggle. Some legislators interpreted it too as lending credence to rumors of peace overtures from Tokyo. Senator Johnson (D-Colo.) said he regarded it as "confirmation" of peace feeler reports. "But you can expect peace overtures at all times in war," he commented to reporters by the Japanese military and psychological warfare. See TRUMAN'S Page 3

Soviet Troops Liberate Prague 4 Hours After Surrender Deadline

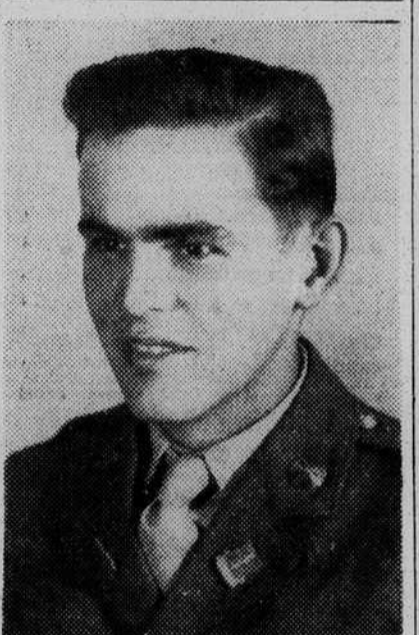
LONDON, May 9.—(P)—Russian troops and tanks, striking swiftly by night from the north, liberated Prague at 4 A. M. today—four hours after the official deadline for all Germans to lay down their arms—Premier-Marshals Stalin announced tonight. Warfare between Germans and Russians apparently continued beyond the time set for complete cessation of hostilities. Earlier today, a station calling itself the Prague radio said German planes bombed the Czechoslovak capital and three other points in the republic shortly after Russian troops had entered Prague. Stalin declared "troops of the First Ukrainian front, as a result of a swift night maneuver by tank formations and infantry, having smashed enemy resistance today, May 9, at 4 a.m. liberated from the German invaders the capital of our ally, Czechoslovakia, the city of Prague." He ordered a salute in Moscow of 24 salvoes from 324 guns. Hostilities in Europe officially ended at 12:01 a.m. battlefront See SOVIET Page 2

Goering, Kesselring Captured By U. S. 7th

Goering Says He Was Sentenced To Death April 24 For Suggesting He Succeed Hitler PARIS, May 9.—(P)—Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering and Field Marshal Albert Kesselring have been taken in custody of the U. S. Seventh Army. A Sixth army group announcement quoted Goering as saying he had been sentenced to death April 24 for suggesting that he take over leadership of the Reich from Hitler. Goering's wife and child were taken into custody with him. Kesselring was the last German commander in chief of the western front. He was shifted from Italy to succeed Field Marshal von Rundstedt, captured earlier by the Seventh Army. "FAITHFUL PALADIN" The corpulent 51-year-old Goering is the self-styled "most faithful paladin of the Fuehrer" and had been designated by Hitler as his successor. But that was before the Reichsmarshal fell from favor in the closing months of Nazi Germany. He is one of the world's greatest collectors of medals, uniforms and art—the latter largely pilfered from countries which Germany overran. Among other things, he was Prussian prime minister, minister of aviation, president of the Reichstag, minister of forestry, Reich's master of the hunt, director of the Prussian state theaters and opera, president of the German academy of aviation, director over foreign exchange and raw materials and plenipotentiary in charge of the four-year plan. His arrested wife was the blond, blue-eyed former actress, Emmy Sonnenmann who in earlier days was Hitler's leading hostess. See GOERING'S Page 2

HOUSES BURN; NO WATER

One house was completely burned to the ground and another was badly damaged by fire today shortly after 11 o'clock while Shelby firemen were vainly trying to get water from what they said was a defective hydrant. Both houses were occupied by negroes and were owned by C. S. Thompson. The house which was burned to the ground with all its furnishings was occupied by Harvey Hopper at 502 East Warren street and the house next door, 500 East Warren street, was occupied by Henrietta Osborne. All of the furniture in the Osborne house was saved. The firemen had 500 feet of hose laid from the nearest hydrant to the fire before the discovery that there was no water. According to Chief Paul Hawkins, who investigated, the valve in the hydrant became stuck and the stem twisted off when fire men tried to turn on the water. The next nearest hydrant was over a quarter of a mile away and the first 500 feet of hose had to be taken up and moved before water could be secured. When firemen arrived the Hopper house was burning all over but the other house had not caught fire. They said if water had been available they could have saved part of the first house and the Osborne house would never have caught fire. See HOUSES BURN Page 2



LIBERATED—Pfc. James R. Davis, husband of the former Miss Mescal Wilkie, who is making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Wilkie, at 123 Pine St., while he is in service, has recently been liberated from a German Prison camp by American soldiers, and will be sent to the United States soon, according to word received from him by his wife. Pfc. Davis has been serving in the Army since October, 1939 and sailed for an overseas station in April, 1944. He was taken prisoner by the Germans in Belgium on January 4, 1945, and the letter received today was the first word from him since before he was captured. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Roe Davis of 925 Church St., Shelby. See DAVIS'S Page 2

26 MINOR U. S. VESSELS SUNK

Japanese Airmen Fight Fleet Bitterly In Okinawa Campaign GUAM, May 9.—(P)—Twenty-six minor U. S. fleet units, ranking from ammunition ships to landing craft, have been sunk by Japanese aerial attacks during the Okinawa operation "but these losses have not slowed up the Pacific campaign," Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said today. "I don't think the results they (the Japanese) are achieving compensate for the losses they are taking," the admiral told correspondents at a press conference. Some 3,000 enemy aircraft have been destroyed since start of the Ryukyus campaign March 18. He described Okinawa as the largest and closest "rung in the island ladder approach to Japan." See 26 MINOR Page 2

Kiwanis Ladies Night Program Set

Thursday evening of this week is annual Kiwanis ladies' night and a program of fun has been planned. Bob Patton, humorist from Morganton will be the principal speaker. He is superintendent of Burke county schools and has been here on several previous occasions, delighting large audiences. There will be music by jubilee singers and others and favors for all the lady guests. Elaborate preparations are being made for the program, decoration and favors and it is expected that nearly 200 guests will be present. See KIWANIS Page 2

Merrymakers Celebrate V-E Day In European Capitals

LONDON, May 9.—(P)—Buooyant merrymakers in this British capital embarked today on their second V-E day celebration, while parading Soviet citizens in the streets to Moscow held their first rejoicings over the tidings of peace. There was frolicking in the streets of Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Copenhagen and other cities to which peace had come after long tribulation. In Oslo, capital of Norway, armed German soldiers strolled about the streets watching the jubilant Norwegian celebrants. That curious V-E day situation, duplicated in other Norwegian towns, was due to the fact that Allied authorities had not yet been able to collect enemy arms. Street fighting between Danish troops and former Nazi collaborators as well as Germans marred the celebration in Copenhagen. The unrestricted marathon celebration that started in Paris Monday continued in unflagging fashion. Paris and London's non-stop observances set the pace for other European cities. Despite three earlier talks Prime See MERRYMAKERS Page 2

Russia Demands Ratification Of Terms In Berlin

For The Combined Allied Press BERLIN, May 9.—(P)—The allied act of military surrender of all Germany's armed forces to the Allied and Red army high commands took place in the Berlin suburbs of Karlshorst this morning at 12:16 A. M., Central European Time (7:16 P. M., EWT., Tuesday). With this act of solemn surrender, the recognized heads of the German army, the German navy and the Luftwaffe acknowledged themselves as militarily beaten to their knees, and it will be difficult for postwar Germany to recreate a legend of the so-called "invincible army" being stabbed in the back. The German commanders-in-chief who signed were, respectively, Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, Admiral Gen. Von-Flotteburg, and Air Col.-Gen. G. P. Stumpf. The act was signed for the Allies by Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder on behalf of Gen. Eisenhower, and by Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov on behalf of the high command of the Red army. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, U. S. army, and Gen. Jean De Latre De Tassigny, commander of the French First Army, signed respectively as having witnessed the signing. See RUSSIA'S Page 2

DRAFT ACT IS EXTENDED

Bill Signed By Truman Today, Continued Year From May 15 WASHINGTON, May 9.—(P)—President Truman today signed legislation extending the Selective Service act as a "compelling necessity in the continuance of military operations against Japan." The President said he signed the bill extending the military draft a year from May 15 (or until the war has ended on all fronts) with reluctance because he did not wish his action to be interpreted as expressing concurrence with a section of the legislation placing "added restriction on the War and Navy department; in their management of the fighting forces." The measure, as passed by Congress, prohibits the use of 18-year olds in combat unless they have had at least six months of training. STATEMENT The President's statement: "I am reluctantly giving my approval to this legislation. I do not wish this approval to be interpreted as expressing my concurrence in Section 2 of the bill, which places added restrictions on the War and Navy departments in their management of the fighting forces. I signed the legislation only because the immediate extension of the Selective Service act is of compelling necessity in the continuance of military operations against Japan." The War and Navy departments opposed the restriction on use of 18-year-olds when the bill was before the house and senate. An end of the war with Japan would automatically terminate the draft authority. Should the war in the Pacific not be over by May 15, 1946, a further extension by Congress would be necessary. Specifically, the legislation bans the use in combat of inductees See DRAFT Page 2

PARK WORKERS ARE SECURED

The Rev. Paul Hardin, jr., chairman of the city parks and playground commission, announced today selection of personnel for the coming summer. The playground located at the corner of North Washington and East Sumter streets, will be supervised by Miss Lucy Crisp. Miss Christine Rucker will be the assistant supervisor. It is planned now for the playground to open officially on Monday, June 11. This slight delay is occasioned by the fact that the two playground workers will be unable to assume their duties until that time. In the meantime certain repairs will be made on the equipment and the club house. The wading pool is to be cleaned out and a larger outfit installed. OPEN DAILY The playground will be open and properly supervised from nine to twelve each morning and from two to six each afternoon throughout the week, with the exception of Sunday. The playground will be closed on Sundays. The parks and playground commission members feel that they are exceedingly fortunate in having secured Miss Crisp and Miss Rucker to supervise the playground this summer. Miss Crisp is a native of Grover and a graduate of Gardner-Webb college and Appalachian State Teachers college. She has been a teacher in the public schools of North Carolina for four years, during which time she has coached several sports. Miss Rucker is a resident of Shelby, the daughter of Mrs. W. R. Rucker and the late W. F. Rucker. She is a graduate of Shelby high school and is at present a student at Western Carolina Teachers college at Cullowhee. See PARK WORKERS Page 2