

Rationing Of Gasoline, Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Fuel Oil Ended

WEATHER

Partly cloudy today, tonight and Thursday; scattered thundershowers this afternoon and evening and in south portion Thursday afternoon. Moderate temperature.

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RATIONING OF OTHER SCARCE ITEMS GOES ON

Meats, Fats, Oils, Butter, Sugar, Shoes, Tires Still Under OPA.

CARS READY TO ROLL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. —(P)—OPA today announced immediate termination of the rationing of gasoline, canned fruits and vegetables, fuel oil and oil stoves.

Price Administrator Chester Bowles said that meats, fats and oils, butter, sugar, shoes and tires will stay on the ration list "until military cutbacks and increased production bring civilian supplies more nearly in balance with civilian demand."

"Nobody is any happier than we in OPA," Bowles said, "that as far as gasoline is concerned, the day is finally here when we can drive our cars wherever we please, when we please and as much as we please."

The OPA chief said "right now it's impossible" to estimate when other commodities can be removed from rationing. He added: "It certainly can't come too soon as far as we are concerned. You can be sure that the other items will go off the list the minute we hear that supplies are anywhere near big enough to go around."

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TO RULE JAPANESE



GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

MacArthur Supreme Allied Commander

Japan's Surrender Envoy To Bear Credentials To Represent Emperor Hirohito

By RUSSELL BRINES

MANILA, Aug. 15. —(P)—General MacArthur was designated as supreme allied commander for allied forces in Japan today; issued his final communique of the war and his first instructions to Japanese Emperor Hirohito.

In closing out his formal series of communiques, General MacArthur disclosed that American planes had damaged 20 Japanese ships in sweeps over empire home waters yesterday and had shot down 17 Nipponese planes.

Although hostilities have ended some air patrolling for observation necessarily will continue, he said.

Earlier, in the message to Hirohito, MacArthur advised: "I have been designated as supreme commander for Allied powers and am empowered to arrange directly with the Japanese authorities for cessation of hostilities at the earliest practical date."

"It is desired that a radio station in the Tokyo area be officially designated for continuous use in handling communications between the Allied powers and the Japanese government."

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MacArthur Orders Tokyo To Clear Radio Station For His Use

NEW YORK, Aug. 15. —(P)—Gen. Douglas 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.

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U. S. Cruiser Sunk, 883 Dead, Missing

By MORRIE LANDSBERG
GUAM, Aug. 15. —(P)—Two great explosions flashed out of her slim bow at 12 minutes past midnight. Flames streaked through her shock-darkened passageways, searing the piled bodies of her crew into shapeless masses. Within 15 minutes she plunged headfirst into the sea.

That was the end of the proud cruiser Indianapolis—torpedoed 450 miles off Leyte July 30 with 883 dead and missing, after she had finished a record speed run from San Francisco to Guam to deliver the first atom bomb to the B-29's. She apparently fell prey to a Ja-

THIRD FLEET SHOOTS DOWN ENEMY PLANES

Halsey Says Shoot Intruder Planes Down "In Friendly Fashion"

AFTER SURRENDER

By AL DOPKINS

WITH THE U. S. THIRD FLEET OFF JAPAN, Aug. 15. —(P)—United States Third Fleet fighting men cheered the end of the war today, then manned their guns to shoot down about 16 Japanese planes.

The enemy pilots approached the mighty American armada after their emperor had broadcast Nippon's acceptance of allied surrender terms.

Steaming 100 miles off the Japanese coast when Admiral Nimitz flashed the "cease fire" order at 9 a.m. (7 p.m., Tuesday, U. S. eastern war time), the Third fleet unfurled victory flags—35-foot ensigns reserved for such occasion.

But Admiral Halsey, commander of the Third fleet and its associated British Pacific battle fleet, spoke significantly when he told his commanders:

"It looks like the war is over, but if any enemy planes appear shoot them down, but in a friendly fashion."

(Domei, the Japanese news agency, said in a Tokyo broadcast the

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STORES RE-OPEN THURSDAY A. M.; MILLS 11 P. M.

Shelby's business and industrial plants varied between one-day, two-day and in one instance a four-day holiday incident to war's end.

Mills, which suspended operation shortly after the Jap surrender note came Tuesday evening, generally were planning to resume operation with the third shift at 11 p.m. Thursday; however, the Ella mill announced it would remain closed until 11 p.m. Sunday night, and the Full-Knit Hosiery planned to re-open at 7 a.m. Friday.

The Dover, Ora, Esther, Lily, Cleveland Cloth, Shelby, Belmont, Double Shoals Cleveland Mill and Power Company at Lawndale will resume operation at 11 p.m. Thursday.

Stores and business house which were closed all day today will re-open as usual tomorrow, according to pre-arranged plan, excepting, however, that banks, city, federal and county offices will take a double holiday extending through Thursday.

Theaters are open as usual today, but the post office will take a double holiday. Rural carriers reported this morning and decided to make their rounds as usual, but postal officials were not certain whether they would do likewise Thursday.

One city delivery of mail will be made tomorrow, and mail will be received and dispatched as usual at the post office but there will be no further window service until Friday morning. The Star will publish as usual, but the office will be closed this afternoon, re-opening for broadcast of tonight's ball game.

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World On Threshold Of Postwar Era With Japanese Surrender

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Blasted and frightened into defeat, Japan has accepted unconditional surrender.

Thus the world entered a new era of peace today.

Along the enormous battlefronts of the Pacific and Asia the mightiest forces of destruction ever assembled rolled to a victorious halt around the prostrate, vanquished empire of Japan.

Throughout the allied world, wracked by war or threat of war since Germany struck Poland on Sept. 1, 1939, it was a time for rejoicing and celebration. But already the problems of peace were beginning to pile up.

"We are faced with the greatest task we ever have been faced with," said President Truman.

He announced Japan's capitulation at 7 o'clock, eastern war time, last night. The act marked the beginning of a truce that will last a few days until General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, as supreme allied commander, can accept formal Japanese surrender on the basis of the Potsdam declaration.

More than four hours after Mr. Truman announced the surrender, the war was still on in the Pacific. A communique from Guam early today reported that units of the U. S. third fleet in the vicinity of Honshu were being approached by Japanese aircraft.

Jubilant Shelbians Celebrate Victory

People Flock To Courtsquare And Churches To Join Others In Rejoicing, Thanksgiving

It was but a matter of minutes after the Japanese surrender had been announced at 7 o'clock last night until Shelby's courthouse square was a routin' tootin', yelling, laughing, crying mixture of hilariously happy folk and overloaded automobiles. The celebration continued far into the night, and business was at a standstill today with stores, banks and public buildings closed. Most industrial plants closed down last night soon after the victory signal was received.

As nearly hysterical as Shelbians became at the news of the coming of peace, there was no appreciable disorder among those who celebrated and police had a fairly easy time of it. The night's activity netted only one fight and the principals in this one disappeared before any official action could be taken, if any was contemplated.

Wires and automobiles streamed banners of paper. Little boys beat empty cans, somebody borrowed the high school band's drum, and automobile horns kept up a steady blast.

DOGS IN IT TOO
The dogs of the city didn't quite understand the significance of the occasion but they celebrated, too, following in the wake of many of their young masters and barking intermittently.

Some of the automobiles which made the rounds of the uptown district were flying the United States flag. Others had garbage cans trailing. All of them were bearing heavy freights of rejoicing humanity.

Added to the night's festivities was the celebration over the Shelby Legion team's 8-1 victory over Norfolk. The game was broadcast.

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LOWDOWN ON RECONVERSION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(P)—Reconversion Director John W. Snyder said today that sudden ending of most of the nation's war contracts will cause "an immediate and large dislocation of our economy" with sharp but temporary unemployment.

Here are the home front highlights as revealed by Director Snyder in his report on what's ahead:

Demobilization—7 million men discharged from armed services within the next year.

Unemployment—Perhaps 5 million within three months; perhaps 8 million by spring.

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CELEBRATION LEAVES DEATH IN ITS WAKE

Cleveland county's celebration of victory over Japan left one fatality in its wake. Ben Dawkins, 21, negro, died almost instantly from gunshot wounds which he is said to have received while he and his foster brother, Roosevelt Robbins, 15, were celebrating the victory at their home at Earl with a rifle.

According to the story Roosevelt Robbins told Deputy Sheriff J. C. Runyans, his brother came home from working at a dairy and told Roosevelt that the war was over and to go get the gun down the general home-front policy today.

In one stroke the war manpower commission ended all manpower when the accident occurred.

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"Those that do so are being shot down," the war bulletin said.

Radio Tokyo, however, waited another hour, until 1 p.m., Japanese time, to tell its troops of the surrender.

The broadcast said: "We have lost, but this is temporary," it added.

Domei news agency reported that Emperor Hirohito, addressing his nation for the first time by radio, blamed surrender on two main facts:

1. That the trend of the world was against Japan.

2. On the atomic bomb—which went into action only nine days ago and was used against only two cities.

Many Japanese who played leading roles in the war were expected by officials here to commit hari-kiri as a result of the defeat. Domei reported from Tokyo early today that the Japanese war minister, Korechika Anami, had killed himself to "atone for his failure."

Mr. Truman announced the surrender at a two-minute news conference. He released at the same time the text of an acceptance note which the Japanese government had sent to Washington through neutral Switzerland yesterday afternoon.

"I deem this reply a full acceptance of the Potsdam declaration which specifies the unconditional surrender of Japan," Mr. Truman said.

With the president's announcement came a flood of orders:

1. General MacArthur was designated formally as supreme commander for the allied powers—the United States, Russia, Britain and China—to accept the formal Japanese surrender.

2. The Japanese government was ordered by Mr. Truman to stop hostilities and to send emissaries to MacArthur to arrange for the surrender.

3. Allied armed forces were ordered to suspend

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Nation Falls Into Step To Restore Civilian Production

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—(P)—The home front became the only front today.

The government and the people swung away from war output to seek full production for peace.

Here are things already done, or about to be done:

John W. Snyder, the reconversion director, planned to lay down the general home-front policy today.

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The President estimated at

least 5,000,000 persons will be released from the army within 12 to 18 months.

All men 26 years and older were made draft-proof.

Steps were taken to insure veterans the first crack at jobs—by preference.

The navy canceled \$66,000,000 in war contracts.

JOBS, TAXES
Congress was called back into session September 5 to consider higher unemployment pay, lower

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