



## JAP CABINET IS OUSTED

### All Gasoline And Fuel Oil Rationing Now Ended

#### Other Commodities Will Remain Until Supplies Catch Up

#### New Era Of Peace Begun For World

#### Despite Rejoicing, Other Problems Are Taking The Stage

Washington, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The world entered a new era of peace today.

Along the enormous battle-fronts 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 racked by war or threat of war since Germany struck Poland on September 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 seven o'clock last night. The act marks the beginning of a truce that will last a few days until General of the Army Douglas MacArthur as supreme Allied commander can accept a 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 United States third fleet in the vicinity of Honshu were being approached by Japanese aircraft.

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

#### WEATHER

##### FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; scattered thunder-showers this afternoon and evening and in south portion Thursday afternoon. Continued moderate temperature today; not so warm Thursday.

#### Gen. De Gaulle Expected To Save Marshal Petain

Paris, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The life of aged Marshal Petain was placed squarely in the hands of General Charles De Gaulle today when the French high court of justice found the former Vichy chief of state guilty of collaboration with the enemy, and sentenced him to death.

President Judge Paul Mongibeaux expressed the court's wish that the death sentence not be carried out. This means that the decision regarding Petain's execution rests with De Gaulle, president of the French provisional government.

Persons in the court room close to De Gaulle, a former protege of Petain, said De Gaulle was almost certain to commute the sentence to life imprisonment. Petain was once De Gaulle's regimental commander.

Intimates say Petain had even written the preface to one of De Gaulle's books, which was dedicated to the marshal.

The special tribunal of three judges and a 24-man jury also sentenced Petain, former chief of the Vichy state, to "national indignity," and ordered confiscation of all his property. The sentence was pronounced shortly after four a. m. today, after deliberation of several hours ending a 20-day trial, which ranks among the most sensational in French history.

Judge Mongibeaux, reading the

#### Rest Cannot Come Too Soon, OPA Chief Says In Statement

Washington, Aug. 15.—(AP)—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 is 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 big enough to go around."

Gasoline rationing began in the East May 15, 1942, and was extended throughout the nation December 1, 1942.

#### Communists Seek Control Of Great Chinese Centers

Chungking, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Unofficial reports indicated today that Chinese communists were on the march in an attempt to seize control of all key cities in China north of the Yellow river, including Peiping, Tientsin and Tsintau.

Among other communist objectives was thought to be Hsueh, strategic key point of the junction of the Tientsin, Puhow and Lunghai railroads, which the Japanese occupied in May, 1938 as a prelude for the battle of Hankow.

Unconfirmed reports, which must be classified as dubious until official confirmation is available, said underground forces already had seized control of Shanghai, and were prepared to hold it until arrival of airborne Chinese national troops.

#### Dozen Dead From Celebrations Over Victory In Pacific

New York City, Aug. 15.—(AP)—A 66-year-old mother of two service men died in Scottsdale, Pa., when she heard of Japan's surrender.

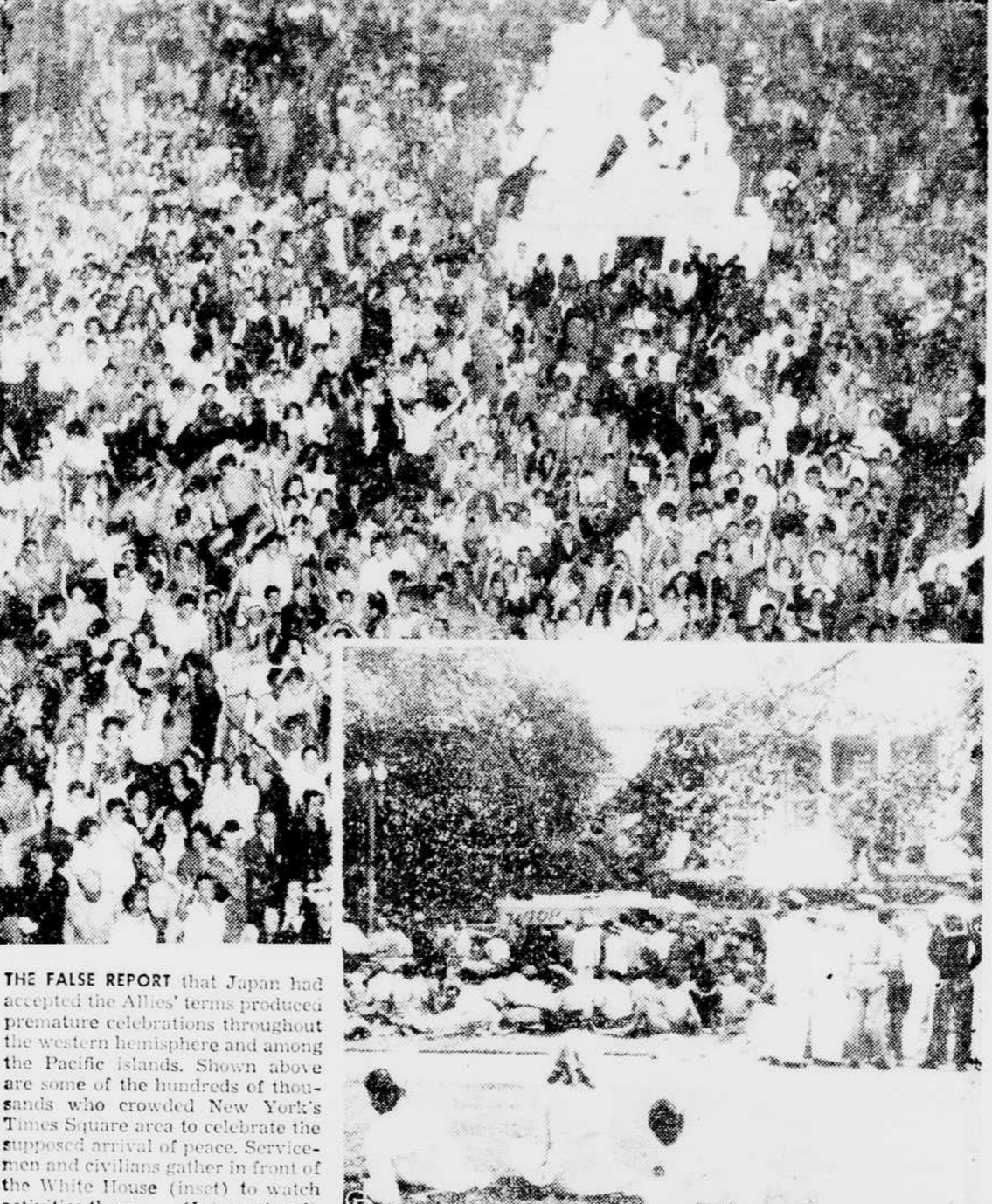
In New York City, two celebrators were killed by automobiles, one by stabbing and one from a fall from a window.

A Los Angeles woman dropped dead when she became caught in a milling throng. A Marine, just returned from the Pacific, died after a fall down a San Francisco hotel staircase.

Excitement over the war's end brought death to a Pittsburgh man and a Norfolk, Va., cleric.

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#### CELEBRATING V-J DAY A LITTLE TOO SOON



THE FALSE REPORT that Japan had accepted the Allies' terms produced premature celebrations throughout the western hemisphere and among the Pacific islands. Shown above are some of the hundreds of thousands who crowded New York's Times Square area to celebrate the supposed arrival of peace. Servicemen and civilians gather in front of the White House (inset) to watch activities there. (International)

#### Home Front Now Only Front As Peace Economy Is Begun

#### Sharp, Though Temporary, Unemployment Expected

#### Military Contracts Are All Terminated; Demobilization Near

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

"But we're not going back to the long period of mass unemployment," Snyder declared in a 31-page statement laying down general policy for the vast change-over from war to peace production. He emphasized six major highlights of the program:

1. All military contracts are being terminated immediately except those for experimental purposes and maintaining the armed forces. The Army is acting immediately to cut its procurement of weapons entirely.

2. At least 7,000,000 men will be released from the armed services within the next year—5,000,000 from the Army.

3. Unemployment is expected to rise from the present figure of 1,100,000 to 3,000,000 or more within the next three months—perhaps to 8,000,000 before next spring. All controls over manpower are removed at once.

4. Distribution controls will be lifted immediately. "Only those will remain in force which are essential for excelling production, breaking bottlenecks, preventing inventory hoarding and assuring economic stabilization."

5. Collective bargaining on wages will be restored wherever price ceilings will not be endangered. Price and rent ceilings will not be endangered and wage stabilization must be continued because of the danger of inflation.

6. Snyder asked for a number of legislative acts, including increased unemployment compensation bene-

#### Jobs Freed, Draft Relaxed, War Work Cut Back Sharply

Washington, Aug. 15.—(AP)—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 new battles already done or about to be done.

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

In one stroke the War Manpower Commission ended all manpower controls.

The President estimated at least 3,000,000 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 1945—by preference.

The Navy cancelled 86,000,000 in war contracts.

Congress was called back into session September 5 to consider higher unemployment pay, lower taxes and other home front measures.

The one word uppermost in people's minds today was "jobs."

From now on, government permission won't be needed to leave a job, factories can hire as many workers as they please, the compulsory 48-hour week is dead.

Jobs are the new object of the quest in the expected release of between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 from the Army within the next year or year and a half.

Today, Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, just before stepping out as reconversion administrator in favor of General Omar Bradley, announced that a committee composed of himself, Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey and Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt unanimously agreed that when the U. S. Employment Service fills orders for jobs "any qualified veteran shall be given priority over all non-veterans."

The problem of jobs had an impact on Capitol Hill, too, when the ways and means committee of the House was called August 27 to consider a bill to increase payments to the jobless.

#### War Minister Anami Suicides Following Nation's Surrender

(By The Associated Press)

Emperor Hirohito accepted today the resignation of the cabinet which led Japan to defeat, shortly after personally informing the people that their nation was compelled to surrender to the Allies to escape obliteration.

A Domei dispatch recorded by the Federal Communications Commission indicated that Hirohito had requested the resignation of Premier Admiral Kantaro Suzuki and his cabinet. A later English language broadcast by Domei, Japanese news agency, said the emperor had asked Suzuki to remain at his post, "pending the appointment of a new premier."

#### Japs Issue Orders To Cease Fire

(By The Associated Press)

A Domei dispatch broadcast by the Tokyo radio said today imperial headquarters is endeavoring to transmit the imperial order to cease fire to every branch of the forces, but before it took effect a part of the Japanese air force is reported to have made an attack on the Allied base and fleet in the south.

While the imperial headquarters did their best to prevent the recurrence of such incidents, the Allied fleets and convoys are again requested not to approach Japanese home waters until cease fire arrangements are made, Domei said.

#### War Need For Gas Is Cut Heavily

(By The Associated Press)

War to civilian gasoline rationing came today as armed services drastically slashed their fuel supply requirements.

The Army - Navy Petroleum Board notified the Petroleum Administration for War that the services' petroleum products requirements were now reduced approximately 565,000,000 gallons per month.

The total includes 315,000,000 gallons of aviation gasoline, 168,000,000 gallons of navy special fuel oil, 63,000,000 gallons of diesel oil and 19,000,000 gallons of motor gasoline.

Release of these products, the board said, will make available substantial quantities of civilian gasoline and domestic heating oil as soon as necessary adjustments can be made in refinery operations and distribution.

#### Liquor Rationing In North Carolina May End By Dec. 1

Raleigh, Aug. 15.—(AP)—The end of liquor rationing in North Carolina by December 1 was seen today by officials of the State Board of Alcoholic Control.

While they made no flat promise, they said it was their belief that rationing would terminate when present stocks expire on that date. They said, however, it would be some time before an ample supply of better quality liquors would be on the shelves of the stores in the 25 so-called wet counties.

Increased supplies of many brands may soon be offered for sale, they said.

#### Meadows Case In Recess Following Peace Hilarities

(By The Associated Press)

The trial of Dr. Leon R. Meadows, charges of embezzlement and false pretense was recessed today

Hirohito's announcement the first radio broadcast ever made by a Japanese emperor to his subjects, attributed Japan's plight to the invention of the atomic bomb.

"This is the reason we have ordered the acceptance of the joint declaration of the powers," the emperor declared.

Hirohito quoted in the end that Japan had been battling only in self-defense, and that she had given up the right to wage for the common prosperity and happiness of all nations and the well-being of all subjects.

The reaction of Japan's militarists to the emperor's unconditional surrender, however, was reflected in the immediate suicide of War Minister General Anami and the broadcast address by Premier Suzuki, which he declared:

"This day has become the day that never, never will be forgotten by the Japanese people."

The same bitterness was reflected in a Tokyo broadcast in which Kusuo Oyui, identified as chief of the overseas bureau of the Japan Reconversion Corporation, said troops on the fighting fronts:

"We have won, but what where it is useless to fight the enemy further," Oyui said, "We have lost, but this is temporary."

Oyui added, the FCC said, that Japan's mistake was the "lack of material strength, necessary scientific knowledge and equipment," and declared, "This mistake we must amend."

Suzuki's address to the Japanese people described a "national sorrowful meeting," in which the premier said, the emperor told his cabinet:

"I do not wish to leave the country into someone's hands, even though my life be lost."

Suzuki said the emperor's surrender decision was "born of the atom bomb and the signing of the Soviet into the war." All present at the conference "could not help but cry," he added.

An English language broadcast by Domei, picked up by the FCC, said War Minister Anami had committed suicide to atone for his failure in accomplishing his duties as His Majesty's minister.

Domei quoted Hirohito as follows: "Should we continue to fight it would lead to the total extinction of human civilization. Since being the case, how are we to save the millions of our subjects, or to atone ourselves before the hallowed spirits of our imperial ancestors. This is the reason we have ordered the acceptance of the joint declaration of the powers."

The emperor began his address, the broadcast said, by saying: "To our great and loyal subjects: Pondering deeply the general trend of the world and the actual conditions in our empire today, we have decided to effect a settlement of the present situation by accepting an extraordinary measure. We have ordered our governments to communicate to the governments of the United States, Great Britain, China and the Soviet Union that our emperor accepts the provision of the Potsdam declaration."

"Indeed, we declared war on America and Britain out of our sincere desire to save Japan's self-preservation and the establishment of East Asia, it being far from our thought either to infringe upon the sovereignty of other nations, or to embark upon territorial aggrandizement."

until 10 a. m. tomorrow, while the nation celebrated the fall of Japan. It was the eighth delay of this record-breaking trial.

The State's request is expected to be completed tomorrow with the defense using most of Friday. Arguments will probably start Monday, the beginning of the twelfth week.