

CHERRYVILLE CELEBRATES AS WAR ENDS

Greatest Peacetime Problems Confronts U.S.

Many Wartime Controls Are Hurdled Aside

Reconversion Director Says Postwar Victory Will Not Be Easily Won.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. — The government hurled aside many wartime controls today, but solemnly pointed out that reaching a fully prosperous peace at home will be no easier quick nor easy.

Reconversion Director John W. Snyder frankly painted a picture of wide unemployment which he hopes will be only temporary; five million or more within three months, perhaps eight million by next spring.

He told President Truman in an 8,000-word report on what the country faces that the "outlook for peacetime victory is bright but it will not be won easily nor immediately."

The government shot at the peacetime goal from all angles, with the orders ripping away wartime controls following one another in rapid-fire order from the various government agencies.

GAS RATIONING OFF.

The government—through one official or another—announced 1. An immediate end to the rationing of gasoline, fuel oil, stoves, canned fruits, vegetables, catsup, chili sauce, grape juice.

2. The armed services will discharge seven million men and women within a year or 18 months; perhaps five and a half million from the Army, one and a half million from the Navy. Army and Navy both disclosed their new discharge systems.

3. Price controls were taken off scores of consumer items like jewelry, sports equipment, toys selling at retail for 25 cents or less, cigarette lighters, pipes, some photographic material.

4. Shoe rationing may disappear before year's end because of a drastic drop in shoe requirements by the armed forces.

5. Large cuts in the Army's woolsen and cotton needs, thus freeing thousands of yards for the civilian market before Christmas.

6. About \$29,500,000,000 in war contracts and purchases were canceled; \$6,000,000 by the Army, \$23,500,000,000 by the Navy.

7. Lend-lease based on war needs will be ended as "rapidly as possible" with help given only to those nations aiding in the re-employment of our troops.

8. Mr. Truman abolished the Office of Censorship, the first of the strictly wartime agencies to disappear since the war's end.

And here was the other side of the picture:

Price controls will continue on scarce items. Rent controls will continue. So will the bridge on wages and, for a while, on railroad travel.

We'll have to continue helping liberated areas for some time with food, textiles, transportation, machinery.

Coal for use in this country probably will remain short supply throughout next winter.

Because of the very large demand for food at home and abroad, Snyder says American farmers will be required to keep up "all-out" production.

He added: Needs very likely (Continued on page 8)

Grandfather Of Mrs. D. R. Mauney, Jr. Dies

Funeral services for William Augustus Self, 79, grandfather of Mrs. D. R. Mauney, Jr., were conducted Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. Charles W. Bagby, a daughter in Hickory. Burial was made in Oakwood cemetery.

Mr. Self was born of the Catawba county bar, and a practicing attorney in Hickory for more than fifty-five years. He was a prominent lawyer. Mr. Self passed away shortly before nine o'clock Thursday night, following an illness of several weeks.

TO DISCHARGE FIVE MILLION

Truman Announces Only Lowest Age Groups Will Now Be Drafted Into Army.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14. — President Truman tonight forecast that 5,000,000 to 5,500,000 men now in the Army may be returned to civilian life within the next 12 to 18 months.

Furthermore, he said in announcing Japan's surrender only the lowest age groups will now be drafted into the Army. Preliminary estimates indicate only those under 26 will be called, Mr. Truman added.

His recommendation was that Selective Service reduce inductions immediately from 80,000 a month to 50,000.

"It is too early to propose a definite figure for the occupation forces which will be required in the Pacific 12 months from now or what reduction it may be possible to make in the strength of the Army force now allotted to occupation duties in Europe," the President said in a statement.

"It is apparent, however, that we can release as many men as can be brought home by the means available during the next year. Army releases will be speeded by air and sea transportation in an effort to attain that 5,000,000, to 5,500,000 figure, he said.

Mr. Truman said that in justice to millions of men who have given "long and faithful service under the difficult and hazardous conditions of the Pacific war and elsewhere overseas, a constant flow of replacements to the occupational forces is thought to be imperative."

He added that inductions of 50,000 per month in the lowest age groups "will provide only sufficient men to support the forces required for occupational duty and to permit the relief of long-servicemen overseas to the maximum extent transportation makes possible."

The present problem, he said, centers on the readjustment of personnel now in uniform and induction of new men through Selective Service to "permit the earliest possible release from the Army of those men who have long records of dangerous, arduous, and faithful service."

The President did not mention the Navy draft call, currently about 20,000 men a month.

Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey said he had no word of the Navy's plans, but that it would be "reasonable to expect a cut there too."

Actually men through 27 previously were subject to the draft, but in practice calls the last few months have been confined to men under 30.

Hershey said he regarded the President's instructions "as a flat prohibition" on drafting of men 26 and over.

Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey, following Mr. Truman's instructions, tonight telegraphed all state directors ordering them to stop at once the induction of all registrants 26 years of age or older.

Cherryville Schools To Open Sept. 5th.

Supt. W. F. Starnes announced this morning the Cherryville Public Schools would open their 1945 session on Wednesday morning, September 5th.

Watch next weeks Eagle for complete details and a list of the teachers names.

1st. Lt. Leslie Beam Receives Trophy



Marine Colonel John W. Beckett of La Jolla, Calif., presents the second place singles tennis trophy of a transient center tournament to First Lieutenant Leslie Beam of Cherryville, N. C., somewhere in the Pacific.—(OFFICIAL U. S. MARINE CORPS PHOTO)

TRUMAN ORDERS JAPANESE TO END WAR ON ALL FRONTS AT ONCE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—President Truman tonight dispatched through Secretary of State Byrnes an order for the Japanese government to stop the war on all fronts.

The dispatch was sent through the Swiss government, being turned over to the Swiss legation here a few minutes after 7 o'clock.

The President ordered: 1. That the Japanese government "direct prompt cessation of hostilities by Japanese forces."

General Douglas MacArthur, as Supreme Allied commander, must be informed by the Japanese of the effective date and hour for hostilities to cease.

2. That the Japanese government send emissaries immediately to MacArthur with information on the Japanese forces and with full power to make arrangements as MacArthur directs for the formal enemy surrender.

3. That the Japanese government stand ready to receive from MacArthur information on "the time, place and other details of the formal surrender."

The text of the President's message was released by the State department about half an hour after it was placed in the hands of Swiss Charge d'Affairs Max Grassli.

HIGHLIGHTS OF EUROPEAN WAR

Sept. 1, 1939—Germans invade Poland.

Sept. 3—Britain and France declare war on Germany.

Sept. 28—Germany and Russia partition Poland.

April 9, 1940—Nazis invade Norway and Denmark.

May 10—Hitler invades Lowlands. Churchill becomes British Prime Minister.

May 29—British begin escape from Dunkerque.

June 22—French sign armistice with Germany.

Aug. 8—German air force begins blitz of Britain.

March 11, 1941—President Roosevelt signs lend-lease bill.

March 18—Nazis invade Russia.

Aug. 14—Roosevelt-Churchill sea conference drafts Atlantic charter.

Jan. 26, 1942—First American troops arrive in Ireland.

Sept. 17—Nazis penetrate Stalingrad.

Oct. 23—British break Axis line at El Alamein.

Nov. 8—Americans and British invade north Africa.

Jan. 18, 1943—Russians break siege of Stalingrad.

May 12—Axis resistance ends in Tunisia.

July 10—Allies invade Sicily.

Sept. 3—Italy invaded.

Sept. 8—Italy surrenders unconditionally.

June 4, 1944—Allies take Rome.

June 6—Anglo-American forces invade Normandy, France.

July 20—German generals fail in attempt to kill Hitler.

Aug. 25—Russians liberated.

Oct. 20—Russians smash into East Prussia.

Dec. 16—German counteroffensive opens in Ardennes forest.

Jan. 17—Soviets capture Warsaw.

March 7, 1945—Americans cross Rhine at Remagen.

March 24—Anglo-Americans drive over Rhine in force.

April 25—U. S., Soviet troops link at Torgau.

May 1—Nazis announce Hitler's death.

May 2—Berlin falls.

May 7—Germany surrenders unconditionally.

Beam Reunion Will Be Held August 16

The Beam Reunion will be held at New Prospect Church in Cleveland County at the old family church on Thursday, August 16th.

All friends and descendants of John Teeter Beam are invited. Good program and picnic dinner is promised and begins at 10:00 A. M. through 1:30, closing with the dinner.

Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle will be the principal speaker.

GAS RATIONING IS TERMINATED

Rationing Also At End On Canned Fruits And Vegetables, Fuel Oil And Oil Stoves.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 — 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 brings 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."

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

The canned fruits and vegetables program began in March, 1943, while fuel oil rationing came to the East in October, 1942, and to the rest of the nation in March, 1943.

Bowles said that while immediate removal of several major civilian commodities from rationing may mean local shortages for a while, "the supply agencies are sure that the return to normal channels of distribution will take care of these trouble spots promptly."

As far as the OPA was concerned, the rationing of gasoline, canned fruits and vegetables and oil stoves ended when the announcement was placed in report of its hands shortly after 11 a. m. today.

No attempt will be made to notify each filling station operator and grocer.

"When he reads it in his newspaper or hears it on his radio, that's it," an official said.

All field offices, however, will be notified officially. This is to enable them to answer questions, rather than to carry out the end of rationing.

The formal order already has been signed by Price Administrator Bowles, and it will be printed in the Federal Register. That is the only formality, and OPA said the order is legal even in advance of its publication.

The Army-Navy Petroleum Board notified the Petroleum Administration for War that the service's petroleum produce 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 PAW can make the necessary adjustments in refinery operations and distribution.

TRIP CANCELLED BY BULWINKLE

Representative Announces He Will Not Go to Europe For Study Of Problems.

GASTONIA, Aug. 14.—Major A. L. Bulwinkle of Gastonia, Eleventh district congressman, who was to have headed as chairman a special House committee on a European tour to study a wide range of problems, announced here today that he has cancelled plans for the tour and that it will not be made at this time.

The cancellation, Major Bulwinkle said, was made due to the fact that the House reconvenes until October 8, is now expected to reconvene at any time in the wake of the Japanese surrender.

News Came At Seven O'Clock Tuesday

Cherryville Joins the Nation In Celebration Of Victory Over Japan.

Cherryville joined the Nation Tuesday afternoon in the celebration of Victory over the treacherous Japanese government. Shortly after the official radio flash at 7 o'clock that World War II had ended the streets were lined with automobiles, some blowing horns, some dragging oyster cups and old tin cans, others dragging old fenders, washtubs and any object which they thought would make a noise. One car finally came up with an old auto body dragging, another carried a sled with young and old people riding in the streets. The fire truck loaded with fifty to seventy-five boys, girls, sailors and soldiers paraded through main street many times. Dancing in the streets, hallowing and beating plowshares, girls kissing soldiers and sailors and girls jitterbugging, and many other ways of celebrating was noticed. One special feature of the demonstration was two motorcycles racing up and down Main street with their motors making a very loud noise. Guns and fire crackers were shot to make the noise more louder. Paper streamers in red, white and blue were flying from windows of upstairs buildings and catching on the cars as they passed. Many cars were decorated with the National colors.

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There the President waved and smiled to the crowd.

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Police Here Made Honorary Members

Chief Denies Rumors That Cops Are Unkind to Service Men.

In a short talk last Saturday night before the Dora Boosters Club, Chief Policeman Paul Timmons said that somehow a rumor had been started in this community to the effect that local policemen are unkind to service men who come to town. Chief Timmons said this is entirely erroneous. In explanation he said that recently a service man was on the main street with a car parked wrongly and that upon checking it the service man was found to have imbibed too freely of intoxicating beverages. Instead of arresting and locking the service man in jail, policemen simply asked him to go home until he was in better condition to be on the streets. And from that, says Mr. Timmons, (Continued on page 4)