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WEDNESDAY

JAPANESE SURRENDER UNCONDITIONALLY:

THE GREATEST WAR IN HISTORY, greatest flood of death and destruction, ended Tuesday night with Japan's unconditional surrender. Formalities still remain. Official signing of surrender terms and proclamation of V-J Day. But from moment President Truman announced at seven o'clock, Eastern War Time, Tuesday, that the enemy of the Pacific had agreed to Allied terms, the world put aside for a time awful thoughts of cost in dead and dollars and celebrated in wild frenzy. Formalities meant nothing to the people at last freed from war. President Truman called reporters into the White House Executive Offices, Tuesday night, and told them Japan, without even being invaded, had accepted completely and without reservation, the Allied Potsdam ultimatum dictating unconditional surrender. President said General Douglas MacArthur was designated Supreme Allied Commander to receive the Japanese surrender. There is to be no power for Japan's Emperor although the Allies will let him remain as their tool. Jap warlords no longer will rule through Emperor. Hirohito or any successor will take orders from General MacArthur. Allied forces were ordered to suspend offensive action everywhere.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF JAP SURRENDER ENDED HECTIC EIGHTEEN HOURS IN UNITED STATES:

JAP RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT, Monday night, that Allied surrender terms would be accepted, set off wild, but premature, celebrations throughout the United States. However, hours passed and Tuesday and no formal reply from the Jap government reached Washington. Message routed through neutral Swiss government finally reached Washington late Tuesday and the President made historic announcement. News of war's end also announced simultaneously in London, Moscow, and Chungking.

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MacArthur Tells Jap Envoys to Come to His Manila Headquarters to Sign Surrender Document

GENERAL MACARTHUR SAID AT NOON THURSDAY more than twelve hours had elapsed since several Japanese radio stations had acknowledged receipt of his orders on the Japanese surrender procedure. General MacArthur said no reply has yet been received from the beaten enemy. Earlier, as Supreme Allied Commander in the Pacific, General MacArthur had ordered Japanese surrender envoys to fly to tiny Ie Shima Island on Friday. This is the island where war correspondent Ernie Pyle was killed by a Japanese sniper. General MacArthur told Japanese that when they arrived at Ie Shima from Kyushu, they will be flown in an American plane to his Manila Headquarters to sign surrender documents. With unfailing sense of dramatic, MacArthur, himself, selected code word which will insure safety of special Japanese plane. Word the enemy envoys will use is "Bataan." And not until the Japanese signatures are on the dotted line of surrender documents will V-J Day be officially proclaimed. The war is over and the Japanese Emperor has ordered his troops to quit fighting. But surrender terms have not yet been signed and the Japanese islands have not yet been occupied. And it is strange kind of peace which reluctantly settles over Western Pacific and Asiatic continent because in many sectors men still fight and die.

ENEMY OFFENSIVE ACTION CONTINUES:

TWO JAPANESE SUICIDE PLANES dove into installations on Iheya Island in the Ryukyus Wednesday night, injuring two Americans. This came fourteen hours after surrender announcement. Other enemy offensive action in the Pacific was also reported by the Third Fleet which shot down at least thirty enemy planes. United Press correspondents on Admiral McCain's flagship said "it has been a strange day out here. We listened to the radio from the United States telling of cheering celebrations, but we are still fighting defensive battles for our own lives. Apparently the war is hard to stop." The United Press correspondent added "no one out here resents the celebrations in the States, we only wish the Japanese would really stop fighting."

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BATTLESHIP PENNSYLVANIA TORPEDOED BY JAPS:

THE NAVY DISCLOSED, THURSDAY, that the battleship Pennsylvania was struck by Japanese aerial torpedo on the night of August 12th when surrender negotiations were in progress. Twenty men were killed or are listed as missing. Torpedo struck starboard side of the thirty-three thousand ton battlewagon opening a huge hole in her side. Luckily the magazine did not explode, although they suffered some damage. Japanese plane escaped after scoring its hit. Pennsylvania also was among warships damaged at Pearl Harbor, attack that began war. Thus she has the record of being one of the first American ships to be put out of action in this war and also one of the last.

JAPANESE ASK MACARTHUR TO MODIFY SOME SURRENDER INSTRUCTIONS:

GENERAL MACARTHUR has announced no reply yet to the Japanese suggestions that Allied Supreme Commander modify some surrender instructions. The enemy has made the following five requests: (1) That railroad ferry service be maintained between home islands. (2) That small motor vessels under one hundred tons continue in operation. (3) That supply ships be sent to Mimamitori Island for purpose of evacuating sick and wounded. (4) That two hospital ships be dispatched to garrisons isolated in South Pacific. (5) That ships be allowed to communicate with Allies on other than designated wave lengths.

THE JAPANESE OFFICIALLY informed General MacArthur, Friday, Tokyo Time, that intense typhoon in Tokyo district had hampered preparations for the arrival of the American advance occupation parties, radiogram heard by Associated Press in Manila, failed to clarify whether reported typhoon would interfere with timetable of MacArthur's arrival which is scheduled for next Tuesday. Japanese said typhoon lasted from evening of August twenty-second until morning of twenty-third and brought about considerable damage to communications and transportation in the Kanto district.

HERE WHO WILL SIGN FINAL SURRENDER DOCUMENTS:

FINAL SURRENDER CEREMONY takes place, Friday, August thirty-first, Japanese Time, and the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay, the following will sign capitulation document. For Allied powers General MacArthur as Supreme Allied Commander. For the United States Admiral Nimitz. For Britain Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser. For China General Hsu Yung Chang. For Russia Lieut. General Derewyanko. For France General Jacques Leclerc. For Australia General Sir Thomas Blamey and for the Netherlands Lieut. General Van Oyen. It has not been announced yet who will sign for Japan and Canada and New Zealand have not yet named their representatives.

TOKYO RADIO REPORTS ON DAMAGE BY ALLIED AIR RAIDS ON JAP HOMELAND:

TOKYO RADIO SAYS forty-four Japanese cities were all but wiped out and ten million persons killed, injured or made homeless by Allied air raids on Japan throughout the war. Death toll alone was more than a quarter of a million of whom ninety thousand died in the atomic bomb raids on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

RUSSIA PROCLAIMED COMPLETE VICTORY OVER JAPAN IN MANCHURIA IN FIFTEEN DAYS:

PREMIER STALIN proclaimed complete victory over Japan in Manchuria in fifteen days, after the Red army went to war against the Nipponese. Soviet forces have occupied virtually all of Manchuria, the powerful naval base at Paramushiro in the Kuriles and the remainder of southern Sakhalin island.

SURRENDER SITUATIONS IN CHINA REMAINS SERIOUS:

IN CHINA, the Japanese have notified Chinese commanders that one million of their troops will surrender. Internal situation in China nevertheless remains serious. Chinese Communist newspapers speak of Chinese Communist troops gathering strength for all out offensive and that street fighting already is going on in Tientsin.

OTHER JAPANESE SURRENDER THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC AREA:

FIRST JAPANESE TROOPS have formally surrendered in Ryukyus with the capitalation of Aka island, west of Okinawa.

AUSTRALIAN REPORTS SAY Japanese on Bougainville have "impudently" refused to surrender until date fixed by Tokyo. Japanese commander said he would give up when American troops land on Japanese homeland and not before.

ONE OF ODDER SURRENDERS of all took place on northern Luzon, in the Philippines. There a Japanese Lieut. Colonel refused to surrender until an American GI pulled out a torn newspaper announcing the war was over.

HEADLINE NEWS FROM EUROPE:

IN LONDON, Britain has formally ratified United Nations Charter. Ratification made despite some statements in Parliament that Britain was not strong enough to maintain peace while atomic bomb remained Anglo-American secret. Other speakers urged secret immediately be shared with Russia.

IN OSLO, NORWAY, two Norwegian army officers dealt blow to defense of Quisling, on trial for treason. Army officers testified Quisling's broadcast in April of 1940, to population not to mobilize and discouraged and demoralized Norwegian troops preparing defense against Germans. State still has fifty more witnesses against Quisling and expects trial to continue until September 1.

SOUTHERN SENATOR DECLARES WAR ON YANKEES:

ASSOCIATED PRESS SAYS Senator Theodore Bilbo, Mississippi Democrat, has declared war on the "Yankees" as he announced he would be candidate to succeed himself in the Senate. Associated Press quotes Bilbo as saying "you can tell the people I am a candidate for the Senate and that one of my first planks will be to remove the nuisance windshield five dollar automobile tax and to fight for fair employment practices, control tax laws and other anti-legislation introduced by the Yankees."

NEW POCKET SIZED RADIO-TELEPHONE TO BE PUT ON CIVILIAN MARKET SOON:

SOUTHBIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS - Harvey-Wells Communications Company, says within six months it will place on the market a pocket sized radio telephone for civilian use. It will cost about twenty-five dollars and will be effective for distances up to three miles.

AT AKRON OHIO, Wingfood Homes Incorporated, says it soon will begin mass production of pre-assembled homes. Firm says with this type a person will be able to buy home in the morning and have it delivered ready for occupancy before night.

OTHER COUNTRIES CAN DEVELOP ATOMIC BOMB, SAYS COLGATE SCIENTIST:

COLGATE UNIVERSITY SCIENTIST Doctor Clement Henshaw, says America is whistling in the dark if it thinks this nation can prevent other countries from developing the Atomic bomb. He says only way to save our cities from destruction in any next war is to see to it that conditions never develop which might lead to war.

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Emperor Tells Japanese They Lost The War:

EMPEROR HIROHITO BROKE NEWS THEY HAD LOST WAR TO JAP PEOPLE IN RADIO ADDRESS TO NATION:

THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY JAP EMPEROR has thus addressed his people. Emperor told Japs "war situation has developed not necessarily to Japan's advantage." Emperor said "enemy has begun to employ new and most cruel bomb, the power of which to do the damage was quite incalculable, taking toll of many innocent lives. Should we continue to fight, it would not only result in ultimate collapse and obliteration of the Japanese nation, but also lead to total extermination of human civilization." Hirohito said this was reason Japan decided to get out of the war.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CELEBRATES:

FOR A MOMENT ALL THE WORLD FORGOT HORRORS OF CONFLICT which had seeds in Japan's grab of Manchuria in 1931. From New York to San Francisco and from Chicago to New Orleans screaming, whooping throngs let off steam in joyous celebration. Half million people jammed Times Square in New York. Thousands in Washington thronged streets outside the White House and cheered President Truman. Crowd was undiminished for all that it had started and had been checked repeatedly since last Friday when the Japs first made their surrender offer. Countless thousands thronged streets of towns, cities and villages of the nation, but other thousands packed the nation's churches to offer prayers and thanks that peace had come.

HEAVY CRUISER INDIANAPOLIS LOST TO ENEMY ACTION:

SOBERING NOTE ON DAY OF VICTORY was the Navy announcement that the heavy cruiser Indianapolis was lost recently in the Philippine Sea from enemy action, with one hundred percent casualties of personnel. Cruiser carried 1,168. Casualties included 880 Navy and Marine Corps dead and missing and 316 Navy and Marine Corps wounded. Navy says famous vessel was lost shortly after completion of last mission. Indianapolis sailed from San Francisco July 16th on highspeed run to Guam to deliver essential atomic bomb material. She was lost after safely delivering cargo. Veteran fighting ship went down in Philippine Sea about four hundred miles from Leyte, apparently two torpedoes from enemy submarine struck bow of Indianapolis at twelve minutes past midnight on July 30th. Two great explosions flashed out and vessel sank in fifteen minutes. Three hundred and sixteen men who were saved survived five days in sea.

HEADLINE NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE:

FT. MACARTHUR, CALIF. -- Captain Tom Harmon, former Michigan all-American halfback, last night received his discharge from the Army Air Forces after nearly four years of service. Harmon, holder of the Silver Star and the Purple Heart, twice made his way back from missions of Dutch Guiana and China on which he was reported missing following crashes. Harmon was indefinite about future plans, but said he was considering returning to radio sports announcing, his occupation from the time he was graduated from Michigan until his enlistment in November 1941.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA. -- The giant aircraft carrier, Midway, described by newspaper and radio newsmen who toured the vessel as "one of the greatest mechanical construction projects" they had ever seen, will not see battle action in this war, now that Japan has surrendered unconditionally.

PARIS -- A month after the Japanese surrender is signed, a complete reversal in the present European troop deployment procedure will take place "that will bring the high point man into his own," a U. S. spokesman said Tuesday. Orders were expected to grant priority to high point men on homeward bound ships. At present the low score men have been given top billing, as they were rushed to the Pacific, or directly or by the way of the United States.

GUAM -- More than 15,000,000 leaflets, 2,000,000 of them outlining Secretary of State Byrnes' reply to Japan's initial surrender proposal, have been dropped on Japan in last 10 days.

GENERAL MACARTHUR SAYS:

IN MANILA, General MacArthur said "I thank a merciful God this mighty struggle is about to end," when he was officially informed of the Japanese surrender and his appointment as

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Supreme Allied Commander of Occupation Forces. He said "magnificent men and women who fought so nobly to victory can now return to their homes in due course and resume their civil pursuits. They have been good soldiers in war. May they be equally good citizens in peace."

TWO DAY HOLIDAY FOR ALL FEDERAL EMPLOYEES IN THE UNITED STATES:

PRESIDENT TRUMAN told his press conference that Federal employees will get two days off because they did not have a chance to celebrate when Germany surrendered.

MARSHAL HENRI PHILIPPE PETAIN SENTENCED TO DEATH:

AND HERE IS TRAGIC FOOTNOTE TO HISTORY. End of World War Two came as one of great heroes of World War One, was being sentenced to death by court in France, French Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, hero of Verdun in First World War, was found guilty of plotting against internal safety of France while he was head of Vichy state. Court found the 89 year old Marshal guilty of collaborating with Germans and also ordered all his property confiscated. But, after finding aged Marshal guilty, court declared it hoped death sentence would not be carried out. Recommendation for clemency probably will be considered by General DeGaulle.

ALLIED PLANES HIT JAPAN TUESDAY:

GUAM -- Allied aerial onslaughts on Japan continued in nonstop around the clock fury Tuesday with bombing, strafing and rocketing planes accentuating Allied demands for acceptance of surrender terms laid down for Japan. More than eight hundred Super-Forts hurled approximately six thousand tons of demolition and fire bombs into the home islands in the past 24 hours. Underway even as Tokyo radio, Monday, said an answer to the Allied note of Saturday was enroute, the B-29 raids continued into the early hours Tuesday. Two hundred two Jim based fighters gave escort.

AMERICAN FLAG FROM EMBASSY IN TOKYO RAISED YESTERDAY IN THE UNITED STATES:

CANADAIGUA, N. Y. -- The American flag which was lowered from the American Embassy in Tokyo when the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, was raised over the Ontario County court house, Tuesday, in anticipation of an official Jap surrender announcement. The flag was brought to the United States by H. Merrill Benninghoff, 2nd, Secretary of the Embassy, when he returned with other diplomats in 1942.

NEWS IN THE FIELD OF BASEBALL:

TUESDAY'S NATIONAL LEAGUE SCORES:

New York 5,	Cincinnati 2.
Saint Louis 2,	Brooklyn 1.
Pittsburgh 7,	Boston 5, 1st game.
Pittsburgh 6,	Boston 2, 2nd game.
Philadelphia 2,	Chicago 1.

TUESDAY'S AMERICAN LEAGUE SCORES:

Saint Louis 5,	Washington 4.
Cleveland 3,	Boston 0.

All other games in the National League were postponed Tuesday.

NEWS ABOARD THE VESSEL:

SICK CALL IS AS FOLLOWS -- 0830 and 1800. Emergency calls at any time. The Sick Bay is located on the after end of "A" deck on the starboard side.

NOTICE -- There is a tailor shop, located on "F" deck forward, via "E" deck forward foyer, for the convenience of all passengers. It is advisable to have your tailoring done early. The Tailor Shop will accept alteration work in the mornings, from 0800 to 1130, until further notice.

THE BARBER SHOP is located on "D" deck forward. The hours follow:

Officers	0800 - 0900
Enlisted	0900 - 2000

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ALL CLOCKS aboard this vessel were retarded one-half hour this morning at one o'clock.

TOUGH SITUATION FOR THIS ARMY PRIVATE:

FROM CAMP LEE, VIRGINIA, comes the story of how Private Louis Price got out of a tough situation by telephoning his corporal. With his wife in a Philadelphia hospital and he there, Price notified orderly room Wednesday he would be unable to report on time because there was no one to take care of his three children, Marion nine years, and Sheila and Dinah, three year old twins. The corporal said over the phone "bring them along with you." So Price took his three kids to camp - coming from Philadelphia to Richmond by train and hitchhiking the rest of the way. Once in camp the children made themselves right at home in the orderly room - and that after greeting by Camp Commander, Brigadier General Horkan. The General said Camp Lee always takes care of its own and ordered food and beds prepared for the children by WAC technicians. Shortly after retreat, the little children were scrubbed and fed and were sound asleep in Army beds at the camp hospital just a stone's throw from their father's basic training company.

MEDAL OF HONOR PRESENTED TO TWENTY- EIGHT ARMY HEROES:

PRESIDENT TRUMAN presented Medal of Honor to twenty-eight Army heroes, Thursday, in the largest mass ceremony of its kind. There was a large audience of high ranking military and civilians as well as members of families of those honored. Orchestra from Army Band played in lobby outside historic room in White House which is used for memorable occasions.

OTHER NEWS FROM THE STATES:

MOST INMORTANT STATEMENT on reconversion coming from Washington, Thursday, was from Chester Bowles, head of the Office of Price Administration, who said consumers will pay the same prices for consumers durable goods like washing machines that they would have paid before the war. Bowles says the OPA will keep prices down on such items and is convinced manufacturers and retailers can still make excellent profits because of high volume of sales.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION announced in New York that the one hundred thousand dollar dining car racket has been smashed with the arrest of one hundred and eighteen railroad employees in four cities. Victims of racket were servicemen, elderly women and inexperienced travelers. The FBI disclosed the racket was based on manipulation of food and liquor checks, kiting of government meal tickets and stretching portions. Arrested were stewards, waiters and cooks.

NEWS IN THE FIELD OF BASEBALL:

AMERICAN LEAGUE SCORES - THURSDAY

Detroit 4, Philadelphia 3.

Other teams traveling.

NATIONAL LEAGUE SCORES - THURSDAY

Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 2.

Brooklyn 4, New York 1.

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Army Draft Calls Will Be Cut, Says Truman:

PRESIDENT TRUMAN said Army draft calls would be cut from 80,000 to 50,000 men per month and calls will be limited to men under 26. President also forecast that up to five and one-half million men may be released from Army within 12 to 18 months. Surrender announcement set in motion whole chain of events. These were: to Japanese government which once had boasted it would dictate peace in the White House, Mr. Truman dispatched orders to "direct prompt cessation of hostilities," tell General MacArthur of effective date and hour, and send emissaries to General to arrange formal surrender. War Manpower Commission terminated all manpower controls. Navy piled six billion dollars more cancellations of war contracts on top of previous \$1,200,000,000 cut in shipbuilding program. Congress was summoned back to work September 5th, more than a month ahead of schedule to get busy on unemployment compensation, surplus property disposal, full employment, government reorganization and continuing or abolition of war agencies. Office of Censorship said it was getting ready to fold up. News, radio and mail censorship due to end when V-J Day officially is proclaimed. Director Elmer Davis declared life of Office of War Information "soon will be over." War Production Board officials predicted that agency would go out of business once industry is on solid peacetime basis. War Labor Board chairman, George Taylor, predicted there would be no epidemic of strikes. Also there were developments which on any other night would have commanded smash headlines, those developments and surrender capped week packed with some of history's most stunning news. There was first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Russia's declaration of war, another atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan's offer to surrender if she could keep Emperor and sovereign prerogatives and Allied declaration Emperor would take orders from Allied Supreme Commander. Surrender followed at very moment when carrier planes of mighty Pacific Fleet were only a few seconds from targets in Tokyo area. End of combat reached fleet in almost Hollywood fashion. American Broadcasting Company correspondent, Norman Paige, radioed this information from flagship. He said American planes were almost over target when word of Japanese surrender reached them. They heard these words of Admiral Halsey: "It looks like the war is over. Cease firing, but if you see any enemy planes in the air shoot them down in friendly fashion." Pilots jettisoned bombs over water and returned to carriers.

HERE IS ANOTHER SIDELIGHT ON SURRENDER:


BRITAIN, RUSSIA AND CHINA agreed with the United States to accept Japanese surrender note without ever seeing it. Agreement was worked out verbally by Secretary of State Byrnes in worldwide telephone call made from Pentagon Building late Tuesday afternoon. Byrnes talked with officials in London, Moscow and Chungking. He told them of report on enemy message and assured other Allied Nations he considered Japanese note complete acceptance of Potsdam ultimatum. They agreed and official announcements came from all four Allied capitals at same time.

JAP SURRENDER CAME JUST 3 YEARS, 8 MONTHS AND 7 DAYS AFTER SNEAK ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR:

JAPAN HAD PAID FULL PENALTY for treachery which plunged the United States into two front war which was costliest and bloodiest conflict in all human history. Great conflict cost the United States in blood and treasure more than one million casualties and three hundred billion dollars. Cost to world estimated at more than fifty-five million casualties and one trillion dollars in money, material and resources. For Japan it meant end of savage conquest and aggression, dismemberment of empire, war by blood spilling and disarmament and occupation by Allied powers. Once Japan established boundary line from Attu to Timor and from Java to India. Once Japan kept half a billion people enslaved under iron rule and threatened to unfold another half billion. Now she is defeated without invasion, but at terrific cost.

ADMIRAL HALSEY BROADCASTS FROM THIRD FLEET FLAGSHIP OFF SHORES OF JAPAN:

ADMIRAL HALSEY told his men that in 1942 he remarked "the Nips are no supermen," and that fleet officers and men "helped write final on that estimate in 1945." Halsey warned there must be no letdown now that the fighting has ended and added "there must be watchful waiting." Then Admiral Halsey added "victory is not the end, but the beginning. We must establish peace, firm, just and an enduring peace."



GENERAL OMAR BRADLEY was sworn in Wednesday as Administrator of Veterans Affairs. He succeeds Brigadier General Frank Hines who held post twenty-two years. Hines will continue as Administrator of reemployment and retaining which position he held independently of veterans administration.

WITH END OF WAR, Office of Censorship relaxed restrictions to reveal story of Japanese balloon bomb campaign. Associated Press says Japan's scary, but ineffective balloons fell in at least sixteen states, five Canadian Provinces, Alaska and Mexico. Balloon bombs landed most frequently in West Coast regions, but at least one landed in the state of Michigan. Probably far more came down at sea than ever reached any part of the continent. They landed for most part in isolated areas doing little damage.

WAR SECRETARY STIMSON announced the Army hopes to discharge five million men in the next twelve months. However, point score required for discharge will remain at 85 for the present. Required score for discharge will be lowered from time to time in interests of orderly demobilization. War Department also says it is lowering to 38 years the age at which enlisted men may be discharged. This age group eligible for discharge within ninety days after they ask for release. Army estimates three hundred thousand men are eligible for discharge under this policy. Stimson says Army plans are to discharge men rapidly as physically possible, while maintaining needed forces and supplies to insure Japan's compliance with peace terms. At future date credits will be allowed for points earned after May twelfth nineteen forty-five, present terminal date of Army's point plan, one hundred and ten thousand men in the European theater have eighty-five or more points. Sixty thousand in the Mediterranean theater, three thousand elsewhere overseas, except in Pacific. Seventy-eight thousand in the United States and fifty thousand enroute from overseas have necessary points. In the Pacific, there are one hundred and twenty thousand men who have necessary points.


NAVY, MARINES AND COAST GUARD also will release personnel under point system. Navy says it plans to discharge from one and one-half to two and one-half million men within the next year or eighteen months under new point system, about three hundred and twenty-seven thousand Navy men and women are eligible for immediate discharge. Navy formula is effective immediately. It gives discharge credit for age, length of service and dependency and establishes critical score representing minimum number of points required for release. Navy system allows half point for each full month of active duty since September 1st, 1939. Also allows ten points for one dependent, no credit allowed for additional dependents. Critical scores required for discharge are: forty-four for enlisted male personnel, twenty-nine for enlisted WAVE personnel, forty-nine for male officers, and thirty-five for WAVE officers. Navy says Coast Guard is following same plan.

MARINE CORPS has adopted point system identical to one Army has been using for the past three months. Critical score is eighty-five points, and scores are computed as of May 12th which is same date used by Army system. Marine Corps point values are same as under original Army plan. No announcement yet on estimated number of Marines eligible for immediate discharge.

HEADLINE NEWS FROM EUROPE:

MEANWHILE, American Army Headquarters in Germany announces no more troops will be deployed from Europe to the Pacific. Headquarters says five divisions or about seventy-five thousand men will be on their way to the United States within thirty days.

IN LONDON, Britain's new labor dominated Parliament met Wednesday, even while the whole Kingdom was celebrating victory. New Parliament met solemnly to place strong labor government in power and for first time and institute administration which promised sweeping forms and new order for common man. King George Sixth, rode in Regal Pomp from Buckingham Palace past tens of thousands of cheering subjects. Then from glittering throne in House of Lords he read speech presenting program of new labor government, speech by tradition, was prepared by new Prime Minister Clement Attlee. It called for state ownership of banks of England and coal mining industry and also called for self government in India.



Fighting also was still in progress in China. And press dispatches said the possibility of a Chinese civil war seemed to be near, as Chinese armies in the north refused to accept orders from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek that they stop.

FAR TO THE NORTH, armies of Soviet Russia also continued their blitz through Manchuria and Korea. Moscow radio says forward Red army units now are within one hundred and twenty-five miles of ancient Chinese city of Peiping. Red army chief of staff in Manchuria, says so far the Japanese surrender has been only in words and the Red army will fight on until the Japs really do lay down their arms. Radic Tokyo's answer to all this is to admits some fighting still is going on, but to emphasize imperial command doing its best to halt Japanese resistance everywhere.

JAPANESE CABINET VERY UNHAPPY; ONE MEMBER COMMITTED HARI KIRI:

WITHIN JAPAN, A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE UNHAPPY TODAY. And some of her influential positions do not yet seem to realize who is the new boss in the Pacific. Among unhappy ones was the entire Japanese cabinet, which resigned. Immediately after Emperor's proclamation, War Minister General Anami committed suicide (hari kiri) and joined his ancestors. Outstanding feature of latest Tokyo radio broadcasts has been series of decrees and statements indicating Japanese leaders expect to keep control of finance and economy and start at once on gigantic recovery program. From tone of broadcasts it would seem they believe Allied occupation troops are only going to Japan as tourists. Among recent broadcasts was one by Kusuo, who said in a message to the armed forces "we have lost, but this is temporary." Home Minister Genki told the people to work for rapid recovery and growth of the empire. However, press dispatches point out it may reasonably be presumed that Allied Military Government authorities will have a much different idea about the shape and future of post-war Japan.

UNITED STATES OBSERVED FIRST DAY OF PEACE BY NURSING HANGOVERS:

BACK IN THE UNITED STATES, Americans observed country's first day of peace by nursing hangovers from riotous night before and many Americans went to church Wednesday, in many cities streets were littered ankle deep with paper, bottles and broken window glass. Bigger cities continued celebrations until well into Wednesday morning.

BUT REPORTERS AGREED THAT THE CITY which really blew its top was San Francisco. Here many thousands of sailors waiting to be shipped to the Pacific, sparkplugged terrific assaluts on beachheads of property rights, unresisting women, and public peace. Market Street, city's main thoroughfare, was shambles of exploding firecrackers, broken plate glass and bonfires of wastepaper. No pretty girl could walk a block without being kissed many times. No civilian hat or officer's headpiece was safe. First reports indicate fifty-two persons died violently throughout the United States during the celebrations.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON:

WITH THE END OF THE JAPANESE WAR, the United States is embarking on the road back to peacetime economy with sweeping reconversion program. Reconversion Director John Snyder, has blueprinted broad six-point program encompassing demobilization of Armed Forces and immediate termination of so-called useless armaments in bold unwinding of multi-billion dollar war machinery. Combined Army and Navy munitions procurement cuts total more than thirty billion dollars. Manpower controls have been abolished, draft inductions have been cut from eighty thousand to fifty thousand per month and Congress may seek early end to Selective Service. Gasoline rationing has been abolished and there has been general relaxing to mark other government restrictions necessitated by war.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN has abolished voluntary news censorship which was adopted after the United States went to war. The President's directive declares censorship at end immediately.

WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION estimates unemployment may total five million by mid-winter. Manpower Commission bases forecast on employment decreases that will follow cutbacks in key war industries. Los Angeles and Detroit are expected to experience heaviest cuts with more than one hundred and twenty thousand aircraft workers due to be released.

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Boston 10, Cincinnati 5, 1st game.
Boston 13, Cincinnati 3, 2nd game.
Chicago 20, Brooklyn 6.
Pittsburgh 11, New York 9, 1st game.
Pittsburgh 3, New York 2, 2nd game.
Philadelphia 8, St. Louis 5, 1st game.
St. Louis 7, Philadelphia 0, 2nd game.

AMERICAN LEAGUE SCORES FOR WEDNESDAY:

Chicago 5, Boston 1, 1st game.
Chicago 11, Boston 0, 2nd game.
Cleveland 8, Philadelphia 3.
Washington 8, Detroit 0.
Saint Louis 10, New York 4.

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NOTICE TO ALL HANDS -- Due to this vessel's crossing the International Date Line from West Longitude to East Longitude, Thursday was omitted, and today will be Friday on the ship's official calendar.

SICK CALL IS AS FOLLOWS -- 0830 and 1800. Emergency calls at any time. The Sick Bay is located on the after end of "A" deck on the starboard side.

NOTICE -- There is a tailor shop, located on "F" deck forward, via "E" deck forward foyer, for the convenience of all passengers. It is advisable to have your tailoring done early. The Tailor Shop will accept alteration work in the mornings, from 0800 to 1130, until further notice.

THE BARBER SHOP is located on "D" deck forward. The hours follow:

Officers 0800 - 0900
Enlisted 0900 - 2000

THE CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE is located on the boat deck, forward foyer. Anyone wishing to see the Ship's Chaplain for business or consultation may go to this office during the following hours: 0930 - 1130, 1300 - 1700. It is asked that absolute quiet be kept while in the forward foyer of the boat deck.

ALL CLOCKS aboard this vessel were retarded one hour this morning at one o'clock.

This is the newspaper we had on the SS Lusitania while coming across the ^{Pacific} ocean.

We skipped a day when we crossed the international date line.

We had news up to the minute aboard ship.