

PEACE

ALLIED WORLD WELCOMES PEACE AS WAR AGAINST AXIS ENDS IN HISTORY'S GREATEST TRIUMPH

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Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of China Prime Minister Clement Attlee of Great Britain Generalissimo Joseph Stalin of Russia President Harry S. Truman of the United States



Governor Dale, Mayor Dondero Praise Victory

Gov. Charles M. Dale and Mayor Mary C. Dondero today issued separate proclamations in honor of victory day. Governor Dale's proclamation: World startling events of the last few days made all previous calculations of the duration of the war with Japan obsolete and illogical. The appalling destructiveness and devastation of the atomic bomb and Russia's declaration of war against Japan made any attempt to prolong the war simply national suicide. Japan yielded to the inevitable. Our air, surface and undersea fleet, our marine, army and infantry in a magnificent and invincible offensive had driven the Japanese from island strongholds and were ringing Japan itself within a wall of steel. Invasion was soon to come and Japan's defeat was assured but the cost to us in priceless lives would have been great. Now, thank God, these boys and girls of ours may soon come home and peace again shine with new glory upon the world.

CHARLES M. DALE. "Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; it is dearest only that which never cost anything. Heaven only knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated." Thomas Paine The war is over and the battles

Hope of Millions Is for a Peace That Will Stick

Millions lifted their hearts and voices today to hail the dawn of peace. There were tears, laughter, hysteria and prayers throughout the Allied world as Japan, last undefeated aggressor nation, announced it had surrendered. "Thank God—thank God it's over at last!" were words repeated again and again, in every language. The bloodiest, most destructive war in history was at an end. America flung off its wartime restraint and exploded in the greatest, wildest, most ecstatic celebration of all time. Boisterous, happy crowds sang, danced and cheered into the early morning. Thousands prepared to continue the fiesta during the two-day holiday proclaimed for today and tomorrow by the United States and Britain. Everywhere, veterans of the war were in the forefront of the jubilation.

In the Pacific islands, in shattered Germany and bomb-scarred England, in Manila, in Paris, in ships at sea and in hospital wards—they cheered and cried and thumped each other on the back. "Now we'll be home sooner," they said. In America, they were toasted and kissed and praised and wept over. All through Latin America and the West Indies there was wild rejoicing. Tiny Bermuda kicked over the traces in the most boisterous celebration ever seen there, aided by shouting, singing American servicemen. Shooting, fireworks and some disorders were reported in Havana. In Buenos Aires there were violent demonstrations and frequent clashes between student and nationalist groups, which were stopped by police.

Question Dale's Delay In Appointing Officials To State Departments

According to executive director John D. Langmuir of the State Taxpayers federation in a statement today, there have been nineteen "hold-overs" of ten days or more among state department officials so far this year, with five out of which interim committees created by the state legislature in its session which adjourned last May 18 still not appointed. Said Mr. Langmuir: "Stable leadership in the administration of our state departments is obviously in the public interest. There are over seventy boards, commissions and department heads running the state. When the members of these are uncertain as to their length of office, when their employees do not know who their superiors will be for more than two weeks ahead, when outside agencies with which the departments deal cannot be sure if decisions arrived at may have to be discussed all over again in a few weeks with new administrators, the result is not satisfactory to the smooth running of the state's business. The appointment of 'almost all the heads of state departments is made by the governor', indicated Mr. Langmuir. He had no criticism at all of the quality of the appointments the governor has made, saying that "Governor Dale has clearly maintained the level of ability in those he actually has named." The criticism is rather that far too many members of boards and commissions have neither been reappointed nor replaced when their regular terms expire. The release listed ten state offices which have not been filled, and ten others which were "delayed" from eleven days to more than five months beyond the end of the term. The

Mayor Organizes Group for V-J Day Observances

Mayor Mary C. Dondero announced today a committee is being organized today which will make immediate plans for an observance of the day the surrender terms are signed by the Japanese and the Allies. Tentative plans call for a parade followed by a program of solemn dignity at the playground with the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths participating. Shooting, fireworks and some disorders were reported in Havana. In Buenos Aires there were violent demonstrations and frequent clashes between student and nationalist groups, which were stopped by police.

Admiral Withers, Colonel Watt Hail Allied Triumph

Rear Adm. Thomas Withers USN, commandant of the Portsmouth navy yard and Col. Raymond Watt USA, commanding officer of the Portsmouth harbor defenses, today hailed the end of the Japanese war and issued statements. Rear Admiral Withers said: "The Portsmouth navy yard with its military and civilian personnel has made a major contribution towards victory. Ever since the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor all Americans have been determined upon victory. The day now has arrived. This has been brought about by the spirit of our people, the valor of our fighting forces and the efficiency of our equipment. It is fitting that we should give thanks that our efforts have been crowned with success and that our war is won. The submarines from Portsmouth inflicted vital damage on the enemy and paved the way for the surface and air supremacy that carried the war to the homeland of the enemy. The commandant and the personnel of this navy yard are proud of the accomplishments of our submarines which the navy yard has sent to sea in ever increasing numbers. Our efforts are one of the outstanding contributions to the national miracle of production that did so much to win this war, and will in the future be a

Commission USS Sirago At Local Yard

The USS Sirago was commissioned on the eve of victory with a short ceremony at the Portsmouth navy yard, which all through the war has established an enviable submarine production record second to none in the United States. Following prayer by Comdr. Chester L. Hultz, USNR, yard chaplain, Rear Admiral Thomas Withers, USN, commandant of the yard, made a brief speech to the officers and crew standing at attention on the deck of the submarine. "I have the fullest confidence that you will make her what she should be when the Sirago joins the fleet" the Commandant said, directing his remark to the officers and crew. The orders of the Navy department placing the craft in command of Comdr. Frederick J. Harlinger.

Local Residents Throng Streets

Thousands of Portsmouth residents thronged the streets of the downtown district last night in a spontaneous celebration of news of the end of the war. It was but a matter of seconds after the first news was flashed to the country when autos began to stream down Congress street with horns blaring, their occupants blowing whistles and shouting the good news. It wasn't long before the

traffic was congested and celebrating servicemen voluntarily tried to direct traffic with dubious results; but no one seemed to care, for peace at last would be forthcoming. Someone had saved up some firecrackers from Fourth of July and the exploding crackers added to the din of shouting, horn blowing and tin pan banging. Many pedestrians strode through the streets ringing cowbells or banging kettle covers together. Some cars were dragging empty oil cans and even wash tubs behind them to make more noise. A small bonfire of paper scraps was started by one

youngful group of celebrators near the corner of Vaughan and Congress streets but it was well watched and kept under control by the same lads. Spontaneous snake dances with servicemen and women and civilians kept weaving in and out of the traffic jam caused by the crowds and the motorized section of the force. As the vehicles would be thronged to a halt, youngsters would swarm over backs, running boards and hoods. Some enterprising servicemen climbed into some of the cars, riding a few blocks and then stepping out and catching rides back to their starting place. The big and only planned event

of the night was a band concert on the square followed by a parade through the business district streets. Everyone was a friend of everyone. One enterprising serviceman secured the services of a small boy with pad and pencil to follow along and keep score for him as he went merrily up Congress street kissing every pretty girl he met on the way. Photographer's flash bulbs popped continuously and everyone pushed forward to try to be in the photos. Numbers of passersby paused in their celebrating to step into opened churches to offer a few words of prayer and solemn thanks that hostilities had at last ceased.

BULLETIN
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 brings civilian supplies more nearly in balance with civilian demand."

Weather Forecast
Fair, cooler tonight. Herald temperatures (past 24 hours): High, 86; low, 74; noon today, 79.
The Times—Merged with THE HERALD June 8, 1928
Continuing The New Hampshire Gazette Established October 7, 1734

The Day's Almanac
Wednesday August 15, 1945
War Time
Sunset 7:40 pm
Sunrise 5:55 am
High Tide 5:40 pm
Tomorrow 6:10 am
Moon in first quarter

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