

**FAIR**  
U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast  
Fair and cool.

TEMPERATURES	
7 a.m.	68
8 a.m.	69
9 a.m.	70
10 a.m.	71
11 a.m.	72
12 m.	73
1 p.m.	74
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# WAR OVER! SAYS TRUMAN; MACARTHUR TO RULE JAPS

## 5,000,000 GIs to Get Release In 18 Months

## Radar Tipped Scales, Allies Reveal as Victory Comes

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By MARR McGAFFIN  
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WASHINGTON—During the three most difficult years of war, it was radar that gave the United Nations the thin margin of victory that finally brought the defeat of our enemies.

The atomic bomb, the jet propelled plane and the rockets have been the sensations of this war, but the dial-covered black box with its "whirling dishpan" has been the secret weapon that actually tipped the balance.

In its crude and experimental stages, it enabled the RAF to stop the Nazi air blitz in 1940 and kept Britain in the war.

**IMPORTANT IN PACIFIC**  
During the early days of the war in the Pacific it made it possible for our thinly scattered navy to drive the Jap fleet out of the Solomons, choke off the enemy supply lines and beat back enemy air attacks on our scattered bases.

In 1943, it was radar that finally provided the answer to the submarine menace and opened the supply lines to Britain. If those shipping lanes had not been kept open there might have been no D-day.

Again, it was radar that finally opened the way for the fast bombing of Nazi factories, railroad center, airfields in the winter months of 1943-44, regardless of cloud-covered skies over Germany.

On D-day, it was radar that made it possible for our bombers to lay down a barrage ahead of our landing troops. It kept enemy submarines and what was left of the Luftwaffe in hiding.

**FOUND ROBOT BOMBS**  
Radar pointed out the launching sites of Hitler's robot bombs and aimed the guns that shot down those bombs by the hundreds.

Finally, it was this same miracle weapon that helped smother the enemy in the desperate "battle of the bulge" and led our fleets of B29s on their devastating raids on Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

Those are only a few of the highlights that illustrate the Radar Margin  
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Had they been in operation at the time, or had the warning received on one set, which according to reports at the time was being used for practice, been properly observed, at least some of the damage suffered might have been prevented.

Dec. 7, 1941, it can well be imagined, was a day of most bitter disappointment for Dr. Page and his associates who had spent endless hours rushing this warning equipment to completion for just such an emergency.

**MADE FIRST DISCOVERIES**  
Dr. Taylor is credited with having made the original discoveries that led to the first experiments in radio detection.

With his assistant, Leo C. Young, he was experimenting with a radio direction finder in 1922 when he noticed the signals

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DR. ROBERT M. PAGE



WHOOPEE—WE'VE WON, said Teresa Gobyrysh, Minneapolis girl who was plenty happy when she heard the news of the Japanese surrender.

## HOLIDAYS ORDERED BY TRUMAN

Today and Thursday Proclaimed for Victory Celebration

By MARR McGAFFIN  
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WASHINGTON — Wednesday and Thursday are legal holidays for everyone.

After first declaring the two days a special holiday for federal government workers only, on ground that they had been deprived of a chance to celebrate the victory in Europe, President Truman changed his mind and made the holiday universal.

He did so, his statement said, because making the two days a legal holiday would provide time and one-half pay for those who must work, despite the urge to let down and celebrate.

The President declared this was necessary in order to get absolutely essential government work done.

He said the war labor board, in a special ruling, has permitted straight time wages for workers taking the holiday, but that many employers had requested that employees who do work through the victory jubilee receive premium compensation.

The amendment to WLB's regulations provides the holidays, whether or not work is performed by a war worker, must be counted as days of work in determining whether an employee has worked seven consecutive days in a work week.

The days must also be computed in determining whether a sixth day has been worked. Under the executive order issued by President Truman Victory day becomes a holiday subject to all rulings and interpretations issued by the secretary of labor with respect to the other six holidays previously specified.

**Humphrey Urges Two-Day Holiday**  
Mayor Hubert H. Humphrey Tuesday night urged all Minneapolis residents and business organizations to observe Wednesday and Thursday as legal holidays.

"Since the President has designated Wednesday and Thursday as legal holidays for all Americans in celebration of the end of the war, I ask that the citizens of Minneapolis and all business institutions in the city observe the victory holiday."

Humphrey suggested that Minneapolis citizens devote the two days to "thanksgiving for the end of the war, rest and recreation," pointing out that park facilities will be open both days.

**DIP IN POOL KEEPS TRUMAN COOL**

WASHINGTON — (AP) — In the midst of great tension in Washington and all over the Allied world, President Truman was calm and unexcited Tuesday.

Late in the afternoon he left his office and went swimming in the White House pool.

"I have received this afternoon a message from the Japanese government," President Truman said in calm, clear tones.

With his usual thoughtfulness, he added: "What I'm about to read has been incorporated in a release"

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## Minneapolis Goes Wild With VJ Joy

A few words from President Truman Tuesday night sent Minneapolis on an emotional "binge" in which all the misery and waiting and expectation of four long years were suddenly changed in a few minutes into the joy of the war's end.

The reaction to the President's announcement came as a relief for some people on loop streets. For others it was wild yelling. For others the unexplainable, odd things that people do when they're intensely happy.

**EXTRAS CARRY NEWS**  
At 6 p.m., Minneapolis streets were quiet. Then the announcement reached the street sets in newspaper "extras."

On Fifth street and Marquette avenue, a half dozen women were talking—waiting.

The news was brought to them by a Negro man about 50 years old, who came racing down the street aimlessly, tears streaming down his face, crying to everyone: "My God! My boys are coming home safe!"

Then the siren atop the Northwestern National bank building started to scream out the news—at 6:08 p.m.—and the automobile horns took up the victorious chant, just a few at first because some drivers were afraid the news might be a false report.

Then the honking spread and the display increased in intensity and wildness.

A navy chief petty officer with campaign ribbons and battle stars

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## NAVY CALLS OFF PROGRAM

Truman Swings U. S. Into Peace Path

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The navy announced Tuesday night it is cancelling nearly \$6,000,000 worth of prime contracts.

This is in addition to a recently announced \$1,200,000,000 cut in the shipbuilding program.

The cancellations were ordered, the navy said, to bring production into line with requirements of the postwar navy, and to free men, materials and productive capacity for manufacture of civilian goods.

At the same time, President Truman turned the whole machinery of government loose to try to carry the nation swiftly—and smoothly—into the broad path of peace.

The magnitude of the job ahead—getting industry back on a peacetime basis and getting people into jobs—was vividly revealed by the President when he declared shortly after announcing the Japanese surrender:

"The emergency is as great as it was on Dec. 7, 1941."

All controls over the nation's manpower were ended abruptly in a nationwide order by the war manpower commission.

The end of gasoline rationing—expected very shortly—will be another sharp demonstration that the war is over.

## NEWS GIVEN BY TRUMAN

Message Ends Nation's Long Wait

By WILLIAM H. MYLANDER  
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WASHINGTON — The man from Missouri in the modest blue suit was smiling when he arose.

He had been informed by the customary shout, "All in," that 200 reporters and radio newsmen were representing a weary, impatient world were assembled before him.

The clock was inching toward 7 p.m.

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## Hirohito Lays Defeat to 'Cruel' Atom Bomb

From Late Dispatches

A Domei dispatch broadcast by the Tokyo radio said Tuesday night Emperor Hirohito had told the Japanese people by radio "the enemy has begun to employ a new and most cruel bomb" and should Japan continue to fight, "it would lead to the total extinction of human civilization."

The broadcast shattered imperial precedent. A Domei dispatch said "it is the first time in Japan's history that the emperor spoke to the nation over the radio."

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Japanese Premier Adm. Kantaro Suzuki, following the emperor in a broadcast speech, told the Japanese people Japan's "war aim" was lost "by the enemy's use of the new type bomb."

Emperor Hirohito went on the air at noon Wednesday, Japanese time (10 p.m. Tuesday, Minneapolis time) to tell his vanquished Japanese subjects of the acceptance of the Potsdam declaration and of Japan's surrender to the Allies.

**TEXT OF MESSAGE**  
The text of the imperial recast follows:

"To our good and loyal subjects:

"Pondering deeply the general trends of the world and the actual conditions of the world and our empire today, we have decided to effect a settlement of the present situation by resorting to an extraordinary measure.

"We have ordered our government to communicate to the governments of the United States, Great Britain, China and the Soviet Union that our emperor accepts the provisions of the Potsdam declaration.

"To strive for the common prosperity and happiness of all nations as well as the security and well-being of our subjects is the solemn obligation which has been handed down by our imperial ancestors, and which we lay close to our heart.

**'SELF-PRESERVATION'**  
"Indeed, we declared war on America and Britain out of our sincere desire to insure 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.

"But now the war has lasted for nearly four years. Despite the best that has been done by everyone—the gallant fighting of the military and naval forces, the diligence and assiduity of our servants of the state and the devoted service of our 100,000,000 people, the war situation has developed not necessarily to Japan's advantage, while the general trends of the world have all turned against her interest."