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Story Of The Actual Surrender

Plea For Mercy Made Order Given By German General

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REIMS, France, May 7—(Delayed)—(AP)—Through an iron faced Prussian general, speaking after he had finished signing the unconditional surrender of the Nazis, Germany pleaded today for mercy for the German people. On the wall behind his back was a huge chart tabulating Allied casualities.

He was Col. Gen. Gustaf Jodl, chief of staff of the German Army.

He was standing in a room of a red schoolhouse in Reims, where Gen. Eisenhowe had his advanced headquarters. On a big wooden table in front of him lay four identics documents to which he had just affixed his signature.

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der."
Seventeen correspondents includ-ing Edward Kennedy of the Asso-clated Press were present at the signing and heard Jod's plea.

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At Prague

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Cach-controlled radio announced tonight that a "cease fire" order had been issued in Prague and its vicinity upon agreement between the Cach and German commanders.

Shortly before, Mershal Stalir nnounced the fall of Olimets, a all center 138 miles east of the sechoslovak capital.

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conditional surrencer of the German commander, Raimanu." In white has been going on in the state of the state

bulators and other makeshift vehicles.

Before their departure they burned official papers and blew up all hand grenades. All their weapons are being left at the border.

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NEW YORK—(47)—Victory Jubi-Police sent a launch to investi-gate one—that a German sub had surfaced in New York Harbor fly-ing a white flag.

It turned out to be a Navy ship, with the sailors' wash hung out to dry.

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'Cease Fire'

He went on a radio hookup at 9 A. M. (EWT) to read his formal procedumation, which he prefaced with brief remarks in which he solemnly warried: solemnly warned:
"Our victory is but half won.
The West is free, but the East is
still in hondage to the treacherous
tyranny of the Japanese. When
the last Japanese division has surrendered unconditionally, then only
will our lighting job be done."

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It was President Truman's 61st birthday, his drest in the White birthday his drest in the White solution but a glorfous hour."

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"For this victory we join in offering our thanks to the Provi-dence which has guided and sus-tained us through the dark days of adversity." at anchor ten miles from Oslo.

An Atforbilatet correspondent went to Oslo during the night returned to Sweden today in order in telephone one of the lirst eyewitness reports of the flect's artifus).

Latvia—An estimated \$00,000 Germens, Latvians and Russians of

Final Triumph Over Nazis Announced By Agreement Made Truman And Church

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The guns fell silent on the Western Front tonight and President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill proclaimed the victory to the world.

All hostilities were ordered ended by 6:01 P. M. Eastern War Time. The

Complete Victory

Excited

By DON WHITEHEAD

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There was only a simple ceremony at U.S. First Army Headquarters. The American Bar was raised over the headquarters for the first time on the control of the control

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The Couch broadcast said the cases for cycle was a few cycle acknowledged their defeat to Gen.

> Eisenhower. Premier Stalin was yet to proclaim full victory, but he announced two triumphs by his Red Army virtually elimi-nating the last resistance on the Russian sector. These WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman pro-claimed today "complete and final" victory in the European Theater of the greatest war in history. were the capture of Dresden in Germany and Olmuets at Czechoslovakia. The Czech-controlled radio at Prague said cease fire orders had gone out there both to the Germans and Czechoslovak forces.

Churchill announced Russia's Marshal Gregory Zhukov and other Allied representatives were ratifying and confirmating the peace at Berlin today.

TEAMWORK PRAISED

By DON WHITEHEAD WITH THE U.S. FIRST ARMY — APP— Among the men who won the victory in Europe there was a strange apathy to-day to the official announcement that the war had endeed. Eisenhower said his victory had been made possible by "teamwork not only among all the Allies participating, but among all the services, land, sea and air."

Both Churchill and Truman summoned their nations to a battle to the finish against Japan.

Eisenhower observed:

"The victory bells of Europe are sounding Japan's doom."

Supreme Allied Headquarters in a special communique said "Allied expeditionary forces have been ordered to cease offensive operations, but will maintain their present position until the surrender becomes effective." had collapsed.

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Germany's unconditional capitulation to the western Allies and Russia was signed at 2:41 A. M., French Time See VICTORY on page 19

Proud Moment

Churchill Speaks As Peace Returns

1.0NDON—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, proclaiming the victory in Europe, said today that the unconditional surrender of Germany "will be ratified and constituted at Bertin" and that hostlitties will cease one minister midnight, British time.

Churchill, officially bearing out yesterday's depatch of Edward Kennedy of the Associated Pressaid the German capitulation occurred at Ges. Blasshower's Headquarters at Reims at 2:41 A, M., Many

day.

The capitulation was made simultaneously to the Allies and the Soviet High Command, with Gen. seal representative of the German High Command and of Grand Admiral Doenits, aigning the act for Germany.

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The Victory Is Complete

Allies Follow Unconditional Surrender Ultimatum To Bitter End Of Europe War

By JAMES M. LONG

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