

TRUMAN ASIDES ADD TO SPEECH

Reads Message to Press
And Family First.

By FREDERICK C. OTHMAN

WASHINGTON, May 8.—President Truman made history this morning in his oval office, reading his V-E day proclamation not only to an extra-early press conference, but to his cabinet, congressional leaders and his family.

Then he read it to the nation from the broadcasting room in the executive office basement.

To the assembled reporters, administration leaders, Mrs. Truman and her daughter, the President's remarks, possibly sounded even better than they did to the radio audience.

He interpolated some extra and exuberant observations as he went along.

Flags of Freedom Fly
Rain was falling in a downpour, but the apple-green office was brilliantly lit, not only by electric lights, but by the presidential smile.

Mr. Truman stood in his double-breasted black suit, shirt with hard collar, and sober blue tie. He remarked that he didn't want his words released until after 9 a. m., and said he thought he'd better read his proclamation.

He said not to worry. It would take only seven minutes to read the proclamation.

Turning on Japs
The allies, Mr. Truman said, are turning loose upon them the greatest war machine in the history of the world.

As he talked, he was forced to blink. The photographers stood on chairs around the rear of the room and recorded the historic moment on celluloid.

The President looked up from his manuscript, said he'd been ready for this announcement since a week ago Saturday, and announced soberly that America has enormous problems before her. He used the Hollywood-terrific-and-he spoke it soberly.

He said we could make the world a happy place in which to live, or we could ruin it, depending on whether we worked with our allies in peace as we have in war. Then he took up his script again.

Prayers Next Sunday
"The victory won in the West," he said, "must now be won in the East."

He thought a moment and said he hoped that this thought could be emphasized time after time.

Back to his speech, he read the phrase: "The dictators once thought us soft and weak."

And he wondered, he said with a smile, what the Germans think about us now.

Next Sunday, he said, would be dedicated to prayer; particularly appropriate, too, he added, because it is Mother's day.

Mr. Truman said that he'd sent congratulatory cables to Winston Churchill, Marshal Stalin and Gen. Eisenhower and De Gaulle. He started to read them, but settled for the one to Eisenhower, when Secretary Jonathan Daniels interrupted to say he'd better get to his microphone downstairs. The clock said 8:57 a. m.

FREE MAIL FOR MRS. F. D. R.
WASHINGTON, May 8 (U. P.).—President Truman has signed a bill giving Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt lifetime franking privileges.

Hersey and Mauldin Among Winners of Pulitzer Prizes

NEW YORK, May 8 (U. P.).—John Hersey's "A Bell for Adano" received the Pulitzer prize of \$500 yesterday as the most distinguished novel published during 1944.

Mary Chase's comedy drama, "Harvey," the story of an alcoholic and his invisible six-foot rabbit, received the \$500 award for the original American play representing in marked fashion "the educational value and power of the stage, preferably dealing with American life."

The Detroit Mich. Free Press won the Pulitzer award for the most disinterested and meritorious public service rendered by an American newspaper during the year for its investigation of legislative graft and corruption at Lansing, Mich.

The distinguished editorial writing award, limited to the editorial page, went to George W. Porter, chief editorial writer of the Providence, R. I., Journal-Bulletin.

Select Best Cartoon
Sgt. Bill Mauldin, United Features Syndicate, Inc. cartoonist, won the cartoonist award. Mauldin was singled out "for distinguished service as a cartoonist as exemplified by the cartoon entitled, 'Fresh-spirited American troops, flushed with victory, are bringing in thousands of hungry, ragged, battle-weary prisoners.' The cartoon was from Mauldin's series 'Up Front With Mauldin.'

Friends, Relatives Happy at News of 'Gen. Beedle' Smith

Governor Gates today extended Indiana's appreciation for superb service to the nation to Lt. Gen. Walter Beedle Smith, the Indianapolis general who signed the German surrender for the allies.

"In this hour of sober triumph all Indiana extends grateful appreciation for your superb service to the nation," Governor Gates cabled. "Your historic record accords honor and distinction worthy of Indiana's greatest wartime tradition."

"Through you all Indiana pays homage . . . to the great leader Gen. Eisenhower."

Eisenhower's Key Man
And in Indianapolis many others proudly read of the general signing the surrender in the little red schoolhouse in Reims.

When the news of the end of the war in Europe was announced, George V. Beedell, 1424 Marlowe ave., the general's uncle; Manual high school and many friends and former neighbors listened most attentively.

Chief of staff to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gen. Smith has been the key man in the mobilization of vast numbers of men and material that brought victory in Europe.

He has participated in invasions of North Africa, Sicily, Italy and France and his uniform is decorated with four rows of medals, including the distinguished service medal with a cluster, the legion of merit, the legion of honor, and the croix de guerre with a palm.

"The lad was quite a scrapper in his youth," his one uncle said, recalling Walter's youth at 1723 Ashland ave., where his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. William L. Smith, lived.

Writes His Teacher
"I'm just tickled to death to think that he has done what he has," Mrs. Nettie Rigler, 28 S. Oxford st., the general's childhood nurse, said.

Mrs. Rigler took care of the general when he was 3 years old and keeps a scrap book of all of his achievements. She recalls that he was "smart as a tack when a baby."

Especially proud of the general, too, is Miss Arda Knox, 803 E. 34th st., his mathematics teacher at Manual high school.

Just last January Miss Knox received a letter from the general, the first she had heard from him since she saw his head bent over his algebra book in the classroom.

E. H. Kemper McComb, Manual principal, also recalled the general's high school days, describing him as a "solid and substantial" student.

Rises Hard Way
Having joined the National Guard when he left high school in 1913, Gen. Smith came up through the army the hard way. He was not a West Pointer but began as a second lieutenant at Ft. Harrison in 1917. When world war II started, he was a colonel.

When he was promoted to brigadier general, "Beedle" Smith was appointed secretary of the chief of staff board for Gen. Eisenhower.

Stoneman Was Right on Victory
A prophecy by The Times' veteran correspondent, William H. Stoneman, was borne out finally and completely with today's Big Three announcement of the total capitulation of Germany.

On March 28 Mr. Stoneman wrote from London:

"Germany's 'capitulation' is likely to be a piecemeal, disorganized affair in which one military command and one town after another will surrender or be wiped out."

"This may preclude any such 'Armistice day' as the allies celebrated in 1918. It may also involve a lot of tedious, bloody battles in such difficult areas as Holland, Norway, Bavaria, Bohemia and northern Italy."

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Local News Prize
Jack S. McDowell of the San Francisco Call-Bulletin won the \$500 award for distinguished reporter work during the year.

Award was based on accuracy and terseness with preference given to local or regional news stories prepared under the pressure of edition time.

Harold V. Boyle, Associated Press war correspondent, won a \$500 award for distinguished correspondence. The committee said that Boyle's stories promoted international understanding and appreciation.

Joe Rosenthal, Associated Press photographer, won the award for an outstanding example of news photography with the picture of U. S. marines planting the American flag on Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima.

Biography Wins Prize
Historian Stephen Bonsal won the award for a distinguished book of the year on the history of the United States with his book, "Unfinished Business."

The committee awarded \$500 to George Bancroft, author of "Brahmin Rebel" for a distinguished American biography.

For a distinguished volume of verse published by an American author, \$500 went to Karl Shapiro, author of "V-Letter and Other Poems."

Aaron Copland, composer, won the award for distinguished musical composition in the larger forms of chamber, orchestral, or choral music or for an operatic work (including ballet) performed or published during the year by an American composer. His ballet, "Appalachian Spring," written for and presented by Martha Graham, was the winning composition.



Lt. Gen. Walter Beedle Smith
He was elevated to major general in December, 1942, and to lieutenant general in January, 1944.

4 LOCAL PASTORS ARE REAPPOINTED

Reappointment of the pastors of four Evangelical churches in Indianapolis was announced at the 93d annual session of the Indiana Conference of the Evangelical church, which closed Sunday at Ft. Wayne.

The four local pastors reappointed for 1945-46 are the Rev. E. F. Roesti, Broadway; the Rev. C. L. Haney, Beville Avenue; the Rev. H. H. Hazenfeld, First; and the Rev. Robert I. Roederer, Second.

The Rev. F. C. Wacknitz, former pastor of the Second church, was appointed to the church at Culver, and the Rev. F. C. Kuebler, former pastor of the Beville Avenue church, was appointed to the Huntington church.

The Rev. Mr. Roesti was elected conference secretary and the Rev. Wilson S. Parks, formerly of Indianapolis and now pastor of the Coalbush church in Mishawaka, was elected conference secretary of stewardship.

The Rev. M. O. Herman was re-elected as superintendent of the Indianapolis district.

Truman Celebrates Doubly: V-E Day Comes on Birthday

WASHINGTON, May 8 (U. P.).—This is President Truman's 61st birthday. What a birthday! The President's celebration was nothing elaborate. Just ending the war with Germany, a worldwide radio broadcast and a dozen or so conferences with government leaders.

In the late afternoon he will go over to his residential quarters in the White House and have a birthday dinner with his wife, daughter and some close friends. Maybe after dinner he will play a few favorite tunes on the piano.

The Trumans moved into the White House yesterday afternoon. They had been living since shortly after Mr. Truman succeeded to office in Blair house, across Pennsylvania avenue from the executive mansion. The painters a few days ago finished their redecoration of the White House and the Trumans moved in.

So this was actually the President's first full day in the White House. And it was a really full day.

starting with a press conference at 8:30 o'clock this morning. Thirty minutes later he made one of the most historic broadcasts ever made by a President—announcing the official end of the war with Germany.

The way the President spent his birthday was typical of his entire life—hard work, early to bed, early to rise. Since he took the oath of office, on the night of April 12, he has held more than 200 conferences in his office—more than the late President Roosevelt would hold over a period of five or six months.

Mr. Truman thrives on work. He is one of the fastest walkers in Washington and in the weeks he has been to and from the Blair house he maintained a steady, fast clip over the Pennsylvania ave. car tracks.

President Roosevelt was 63 years old when he died last month, and despite his 61 years, Mr. Truman seems much younger. To people who suggest that he reduce the pace of his daily schedule, he says they should stick around until he really settles down to work.

ASK SEMI-YEARLY AUTOMOBILE TESTS

Inspection of brakes, lights and other automobile driving mechanism every six months was recommended today by the Indiana Automotive Maintenance association.

The group of independent garage owners and managers has asked Governor Gates for his support of proposed legislation requiring this inspection. A fee of 50 cents for passenger cars and \$1 for trucks was suggested by the association.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PROGRAM
The "Speedway Christian children's choir will give a musical program at 7:45 p. m. today in Rhodus community center. The entertainment, given in conjunction with National Music week, is sponsored by the Good Cheer club at Rhodus.

PUPILS BUY MANY STAMPS
A total of \$6000 in war savings stamps has been purchased since Pearl Harbor by pupils at school 91, at 5111 Evanston ave., Mrs. Pauline Kimberlin, school war service activities chairman, announced today.

Plays Two Roles In School Show

JOSEPH LAUBER, a sophomore at Cathedral high school, will have the leading role in the spring play, "The Arrival of Kitty," to be presented Friday and Sunday in the high school auditorium.

He will have the dual role of Bob Baxter and Kitty, playing opposite him will be Joseph W. Morris as Jane. The rest of the all-male cast will consist of Cathedral pupils.

MAY USE GERMANY'S U-BOATS AGAINST JAPS
WASHINGTON, May 8 (U. P.).—German U-boats soon may be sinking Japanese ships.

Germany's surrender should make available 200 to 300 submarines which the allies could use in the war against Japan, a reliable source said today.

Victory in Europe

Germany Has Surrendered! But the war is not over. V-J Day—Victory over Japan—remains to be attained. And even though Germany stands today a defeated nation, peace has not yet come to Europe. Somehow, some way—we at home must realize that our sons and brothers and sweethearts and friends stand today in the midst of a devastated Europe, a Europe still smoldering from the bombs and shells, a Europe torn by human misery.

PERHAPS there is no more fitting parallel to today's situation—parallel in terms of the task ahead of us—than that which faced Abraham Lincoln only eighty-two years ago in the midst of the Civil War when he spoke the words which will never die . . .

☆ It is for us, the living,
rather to be dedicated here
to the unfinished work . . .

Yes, it is for us, the living, to dedicate ourselves to the unfinished work—to the very great task which remains before us. There is no time for idle celebration, and even less reason for it.

Victory in Europe means only that the tremendous armies have ceased to fire. The giant planes which roar over Europe today are not carrying bombs. Instead, they are carrying medicines and food and clothing. The even bigger job has begun—the job of trying to bring some measure of order, some small measure of the necessities of life—to the suffering peoples of Europe. Today they begin the whole vast task of picking up the pieces of their lives, their careers, of hunting ceaselessly for members of their scattered families.

Meanwhile, in the vast stretches of the Pacific, the war goes on, a bitter war against a fanatical foe. V-J Day may still be very far off, how far none among us yet can tell.

No, it is no time for celebrating. Rather, a time for prayer, of thanks to Almighty God for this day of silent guns in Europe, of a deep and reverent prayer for the courage and skill and integrity to carry on the unfinished work—to do the great task before us.

☆ "That from these honored dead we take increased devotion—to that cause for which they gave their last full measure of devotion. That we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

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