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"Nazi Germany has been defeated.

"The Japanese people have felt the weight of our land, air and naval attacks. So long as their leaders and the armed forces continue the war the striking power and intensity of our blows will steadily increase and bring utter destruction to Japan's industrial war production, to its shipping and to everything that supports its military activity.

"The longer the war lasts the greater will be the suffering and hardships which the people of Japan will undergo all in vain. Our blows will not cease until Japanese military and naval forces lay down their arms in unconditional surrender."

— PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN

SPECIAL V-E DAY PROGRAMS HEARD OVER WXLC TODAY

WXLC, on the job with up-to-the-minute news reporting and special victory broadcasts, early this morning monitored the Armed Forces Radio V-E DAY program, which included addresses by the Chief of Navy Chaplains, Admiral Leahy, Generals Marshall, Eisenhower and MacArthur and Admirals Nimitz and King.

Many other V-E DAY programs will be heard over the local AFRS station afternoon and evening.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S PROCLAMATION

"The Allied armies, through sacrifice and devotion and with God's help, have wrung from Germany a final and unconditional surrender. The Western World has been freed of the evil forces which for five years and longer have imprisoned the bodies and broken the lives of millions upon millions of free born men. They have violated their churches, destroyed their homes, corrupted their children, and murdered their loved ones. Our armies of liberation have

brought freedom to these suffering peoples, whose spirit and will the oppressors could never enslave.

"Much remains to be done. The victory won in the West must now be won in the East. The whole world must be cleansed of the evil from which half the world has been freed. United, the peace loving nations have demonstrated in the West that their arms are stronger by far than the might of the dictators or the tyranny of military cliques that once called us soft and weak. The power of our peoples to defend themselves against all enemies, will be proved in the Pacific War as it has been proved in Europe.

"For the triumph of spirit and of arms which we have won, and for its promise to peoples every where who join us in the love of freedom, it is fitting that we, as a nation, give thanks to Almighty God, who has strengthened us and given us the victory.

"Now therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America, do hereby appoint Sunday, May thirteenth, nineteen forty five, to be a day of prayer.

"I call upon the people of the United States, whatever their faith, to unite in offering joyful thanks to God for the victory we have won and to pray that he will support us to the end of our present struggle and guide us into the ways of peace.

"I also call upon my countrymen to dedicate this day of prayer to the memory of those who have given their lives to make possible our victory."

"In witness whereof, I have here unto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to affixed."

General Omar Bradley today said that "it will take hours for German High Command to transmit surrender orders to all its troops," explaining that Nazi transmitters "are too feeble to carry very far."

ALLIES' REACTION - to - NAZI SURRENDER

In Ketchikan, Alaska, many customers handed news vendors dollar bills for newspapers carrying the German surrender reports. The normal price is ten cents.

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In New York City, the news spread rapidly through the financial district downtown. Ticker tape and scrap paper flew in the breeze from the windows of skyscrapers. Crowds jammed Wall Street for more than five blocks up to the entrance of Trinity Church on Broadway. Army Signal Corps cameramen took pictures from the top of an Army car.

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Ira Mosher, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, said the best expression of tribute to those who fell that the Nazis might perish was a renewed determination to stay on the job until the Japs are conquered.

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In Manila, news of the end of the European War was received here last midnight with joy mingled with thankfulness that the full weight of the Allies might now would be free for the final blows against Japan. The long-awaited news came as this war-ruined city slumbered but the report spread quickly to night owls, mostly soldiers.

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In Mexico City, victory in Europe brought joy to Mexico who has many thousands of soldiers scattered in Allied armies. The news spread less rapidly here than in the United States but President Avila Camacho got the report promptly by telephone at his country home and came immediately to his office.