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JAPAN SURRENDERS  
WITHOUT RESERVE!!  
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WASHINGTON, AUG. 15. PRESIDENT TRUMAN ANNOUNCES THAT JAPANESE ACCEPT ALLIED COUNTER PROPOSAL ON SURRENDER TERMS WITHOUT QUALIFICATION.

LONDON, AUG. 15. MOSCOW RADIO SAID EARLY TODAY THAT EMPEROR HIROHITO HAD ORDERED ALL JAPANESE ARMED FORCES WHEREVER THEY ARE TO CEASE MILITARY OPERATIONS, GIVE UP THEIR ARMS AND FOLLOW ORDERS OF THE ALLIED SURRENDER TERMS.

WASHINGTON, AUG. 15. PRESS SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT, CHARLES G. ROSS, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE CALLED AT 2300 GMT TONIGHT (0800 LOCALLY), SAID GENERAL OF THE ARMY DOUGLAS MACARTHUR WILL BE THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER TO RECEIVE THE JAPANESE SURRENDER AND THAT THE CHINESE, RUSSIAN AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS WILL BE REPRESENTED BY THEIR OFFICIALS.

WASHINGTON, AUG. 15. THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ANNOUNCED THAT EMPEROR HIROHITO WILL BROADCAST OVER THE RADIO AN IMPERIAL MESSAGE DIRECT TO JAPANESE OCCUPIED AREAS IN ASIA AT 0300 GMT TODAY. A WARNING BROADCAST TOLD THAT "PEOPLE ARE URGENTLY REQUESTED TO LISTEN TO THE BROADCAST."

WASHINGTON, AUG. 15. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S MESSAGE ACCEPTING THE ALLIED SURRENDER TERMS (AS READ BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN):

"COMMUNICATION OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OF AUGUST 14, 1945, ADDRESSED TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES, GREAT BRITAIN THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA:

"WITH REFERENCE TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S NOTE OF AUGUST 10 REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE POTSDAM DECLARATION AND THE REPLY OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES, GREAT BRITAIN, CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION, SENT BY AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE BYRNES



AND DELIVERED AUGUST 11, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN HAS THE HONOR TO COMMUNICATE TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE FOUR POWERS AS FOLLOWS:

"HIS MAJESTY, THE EMPEROR, HAS ISSUED A MANUSCRIPT REGARDING JAPAN'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE POTSDAM DECLARATION.

"HIS MAJESTY, THE EMPEROR, IS PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE AND INSURE THE SIGNATURE BY HIS GOVERNMENT AND THE IMPERIAL GENERAL HEADQUARTERS OF NECESSARY ORDERS FOR CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THE POTSDAM PROCLAMATION. HIS MAJESTY IS ALSO PREPARED TO ISSUE HIS COMMAND TO ALL HIS FORCES, AND TO ALL THE MILITARY, NAVAL, AND AIR AUTHORITIES OF JAPAN AND ALL THE FORCES UNDER THEIR COMMAND, WHEREVER LOCATED, TO CEASE ACTIVE OPERATIONS, TO SURRENDER ARMS, AND TO ISSUE SUCH OTHER ORDERS AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE ALLIED FORCES FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TERMS."

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"ALL HANDS OF THE UNITED STATES, NAVY, MARINE CORPS AND COAST GUARD MAY TAKE SATISFACTION IN THE CONCLUSION OF THE WAR AGAINST JAPAN AND PRIDE IN THE PART PLAYED BY THOSE WHO ACCOMPLISHED THAT RESULT. THE DEMOBILIZATION OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE RETURN TO CONDITIONS OF PEACE WILL CREATE PROBLEMS TAXING THE PATIENCE AND CONTROL ALMOST AS GREAT AS THE TENSIONS OF WAR. I ASK THAT THE DISCIPLINE WHICH HAS SERVED SO WELL TO BRING THIS DEMOCRACY THRU THE HOURS OF GREAT CRISIS BE RETAINED TO THE END THAT NOTHING SHALL MAR THE RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AND GLORY THAT NOW BELONGS TO THE NAVY, MARINE CORPS AND COAST GUARD. (SIGNED) JAMES FORRESTAL.

WASHINGTON, AUG. 14. IN ANNOUNCING JAPAN'S SURRENDER, PRESIDENT TRUMAN DISCLOSED THAT SELECTIVE SERVICE AUTHORITIES ARE TAKING IMMEDIATE STEPS TO REDUCE INDUCTIONS INTO THE ARMED SERVICES FROM 80,000 TO 50,000 EACH MONTH. HENCE ONLY MEN UNDER 26 YEARS OF AGE WILL BE DRAFTED. MR. TRUMAN SAID. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT IN JUSTICE TO MILLIONS OF MEN WHO HAVE GIVEN "LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE UNDER DIFFICULT AND HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS OF THE PACIFIC WAR AND ELSEWHERE OVERSEAS, A CONSTANT FLOW OF REPLACEMENTS TO THE OCCUPATIONAL FORCES IS THOUGHT TO BE IMPERATIVE." HE SAID, "IT IS TOO EARLY TO PROPOSE A DEFINITE FIGURE FOR OCCUPATION FORCES WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED IN THE PACIFIC TWELVE MONTHS FROM NOW OR WHAT REDUCTION IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE IN THE STRENGTH OF THE ARMY FORCE NOW ALLOTTED TO OCCUPATION FORCES IN EUROPE," THE PRESIDENT SAID IN A STATEMENT, "IT IS APPARENT HOWEVER, THAT WE CAN RELEASE AS MANY MEN AS CAN BE BROUGHT HOME BY MEANS AVAILABLE DURING THE NEXT YEAR." HE SAID MEN RELEASED WILL BE SPEEDED BY AIR AND SEA TRANSPORTATION. THE PRESIDENT CONTINUED, "THE PRESENT PROBLEM CENTERS ON THE READJUSTMENT OF PERSONNEL NOW IN UNIFORM AND THE INDUCTION OF NEW MEN THRU SELECTIVE SERVICE TO PERMIT ALL POSSIBLE RELEASE FROM THE ARMY OF THOSE MEN WHO HAVE LONG RECORDS OF DANGEROUS, ARDUOUS AND FAITHFUL SERVICE." HE SAID, "REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE INDUCTION INTO THE ARMY WILL BE LIMITED TO THE LOWEST AGE GROUP WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE NUMBERS OF NEW MEN REQUIRED. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES INDICATE THAT THE AGE GROUP UNDER 26 WILL SATISFY THIS REQUIREMENT."