

JAPS ACCEPT SURRENDER TERMS

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JAP SURRENDER MESSAGE

Washington, (2300 GMT) 14 August - Here is the Japanese Government's message accepting the Allied terms of surrender as read by President Truman at 0800 (our time):

"The 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 their acceptance of the provisions of the Potsdam Declaration and the reply of the governments of the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and China sent by the American Secretary of State Byrnes under the date of August 11, the Japanese Government have the honor to communicate to the governments of the four powers as follows:

His majesty the Emperor Hirohito, in an imperial rescript 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 THE NECESSARY TERMS FOR CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THE POTSDAM DECLARATION. HIS MAJESTY IS ALSO PREPARED TO ISSUE HIS COMMAND TO ALL THE MILITARY, NAVAL, AND AIR AUTHORITIES OF JAPAN AND ALL THE FORCES UNDER THEIR CONTROL WHEREVER LOCATED TO CEASE ACT OF 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."

MACARTHUR APPOINTED SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER

Washington, 14 August - Press Secretary Charles Ross at a press conference called at 2300 (GMT) tonight said General Douglas MacArthur will be Supreme Allied Commander to receive the Japanese surrender and that Chinese, Russian, and British high officials would represent their countries.

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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 them in accomplishing that result.

The demobilization of the armed forces of the United States and the return to conditions of peace will create problems taxing 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 through hours of great crisis be maintained to the end and that nothing shall mar the record of accomplishment and glory that now belongs to the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

JAMES FORRESTAL

TRUMAN ANNOUNCES END OF WORLD CONFLICT

Washington, 14 August - The text of the President's statement concerning the Japanese acceptance of allied surrender terms follows:

"I have received this afternoon a message from the Japanese government in reply to the message forwarded to that government by the Secretary of State on August 11.

I deem this reply a full acceptance of the Potsdam Declaration which announces the unconditional surrender of Japan.

Arrangements are now being made for the formal signing of the surrender terms at the earliest possible moment.

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