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Dr. MacQuarrie

Great God and Father of us all, we thank Thee for this day of victory.

And while our hearts are rejoicing, we still pray for the ending of war all over the world, that the peace of Jesus Christ, so simply and so clearly explained to us many centuries ago, may finally descend upon this tortured world.

Dr. T. W. MacQuarrie
President,
San Jose State College

DEDICATION

The staff of the Spartan Daily is proud to present a special edition of the paper to the students of San Jose State college, in commemoration of V-E Day, marking the end of one phase of the war.

This is a time for rejoicing and for prayer. We have reached one milestone along the road to final victory. Happiness in the accomplishment of a difficult task is natural. Rededication to the job that lies ahead is vital.

This is not yet the time to lay down our arms and celebrate a victory. We can only lay them down when the other great phase of the war has been successfully concluded.

A surge of pride in accomplishment, a moment of prayer for those who could not live to see the fulfillment of their aim and for those whose sacrifices lie ahead, and a renewed desire to finish the job are ours today.

Putting out this special edition is our way of recognizing and commending the great achievement that has been made, that has culminated in a triumphant V-E Day. We hope some day in the not-too-distant future to be able to present the final-victory edition which will mean an end and a beginning for all of us.

ALLIED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF



General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces who has guided the Armies of the United Nations to complete victory over the German forces.

SPARTAN SERVICE RECORD

With the ending of hostilities in Europe, the Spartan service record stands at a total of 112 gold stars, representing former Spartans who have given their lives in the conflict.

The three service flags in the auditorium contain 3,894 stars, both gold and blue.

Former students who are missing in action number 28, while prisoners-of-war total 17. Two of these are held by the Japanese, 13 are German captives, and two are confined in neutral countries.

Forty-three faculty members are serving in the armed forces at present.

IT'S OFFICIAL!!

President Harry Truman of the United States and Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain today officially declared that hostilities cease at one minute after midnight, May 8. President Truman, speaking at 9 a.m. Eastern war time (6 a.m. Pacific war time) proclaimed Sunday, May 13 as a day of prayer.

Churchill, in a speech made simultaneously, declared that today and tomorrow are Victory in Europe days.

Both leaders emphasized that the war is only half won, that victory won in the West must now be won in the East.

In proclaiming May 13 (Mother's Day) as a national day of prayer, President Truman asked that his countrymen dedicate that day to those who died for victory.

Churchill explained that although Germany signed an act of unconditional surrender to the A.E.F. yesterday at 2:41 a.m., the agreement will be ratified at Berlin today. "Hostilities cease officially one minute after midnight tonight, Tuesday, the eighth of May," (3 p.m. Pacific time) he said.

"I call upon every American to stick to his post until the last battle is won," declared President Truman. "The watchword must be work, work, and more work."

Howard Riddle

(President, Associated Students, San Jose State College).

Pigeons roost contentedly on Tau Delt Tower while below a tension of unsurmountable joy is within each student's heart. The great day has finally arrived. Scenes of war and its sufferings are so remote from most of the collegers' eyes that only detailed newspaper accounts filled their hearts with the dull miseries of ceaseless bombings.

We have felt very much the brutality and suddenness of this war. Not in physical torture, but in dull heartaches which remind us of a very popular or a very special Spartan forever resting in peace on foreign soil.

As a veteran of this second great war and a Marine—I think with great pride of our famous Marine motto, "Semper Fidelis"—Always Faithful.

Through the years our country withstood its greatest tests for survival; our leaders, troops and civilians have been "always faithful." This war has proved that motto to hold true.

We feel exalted and carefree today. Let all of us join in on the festivities of this history-making triumph. But our fight is only half-way through. Although we, as students and teachers, cannot personally stamp out each remnant of opposition, we can maintain our college in such a way as to be of most useful service to the Spartans dying for our cause.

For the present, we must continue our restrictions and limitations to maintain a clear-cut route for the speedy end of this whole bloody mess. To all of our friends, let's repeat this motto: "We will not relax. We will see this great struggle to the bitter end—by the use of our time, our money and our concentrated efforts."

Students Gather For V-E Assembly Today In Morris Dailey

In observance of the formal declaration of V-E Day, students and faculty will gather in the Morris Dailey auditorium at 10 o'clock today for an all-college assembly.

Official confirmation of yesterday's news of German unconditional surrender was made this morning at 6 o'clock by President Harry Truman.

According to plans made by a committee composed of Dr. Robert Rhodes, Dr. James DeVoss, Dean Helen Dimmick, and Howard Riddle, the assembly program will include selections by the band, singing of the National Anthem, a prayer led by the Reverend Robert James, and a vocal solo by Milo Badger.

In the absence of Dr. T. W. MacQuarrie, who is in Sacramento, Dean James C. DeVoss will be the principal speaker. Dean Dimmick, Dr. Hugh Gillis, and ASB President Howard Riddle will also address the students.

Dr. Rhodes is chairman of the assembly.

The veterans will be seated on the platform. Radio broadcasts of interest will be included in the program also. The general mood of the occasion will be, in general, a triumphant, but solemn, rededication to national interest.

No rigid decision was made regarding classes today. Students are expected to realize that the war and responsibilities will still go on. However, official announcement will probably be made at the close of the assembly.

A radio and P.A. system will be in operation in the Morris Dailey auditorium for the convenience of the students.