



Attlee, at midnight, gives news that the war is over

PEACE ON EARTH

Japs reply: We have the honour to surrender
Mikado orders all forces to cease fire

TERMS ACCEPTED—AND NO CONDITIONS

Cabinet and Imperial H.Q. to sign

JAPAN HAS SURRENDERED. HER UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE ALLIED TERMS WAS ANNOUNCED AT MIDNIGHT SIMULTANEOUSLY IN THE BIG FOUR CAPITALS. THE WORLD IS AT PEACE THIS MORNING AFTER NEARLY SIX YEARS.

TODAY AND TOMORROW ARE VJ HOLIDAYS

MR ATTLEE, broadcasting at midnight, announced that today and tomorrow are to be Victory Holidays. After giving the terms of the Japanese surrender, he said: Let us recall that on December 7, 1941, Japan, whose onslaught China had already resisted for over four years, fell upon the U.S.A. and upon ourselves, who were so oppressed in our death struggles with Germany and Italy, taking full advantage of surprise and treachery.

The Japanese forces quickly overran the territories of ourselves and our allies in the Far East, and at one time it appeared as though these invaders would reach the mainland of Australia and advance into India. But the tide turned.

With ever increasing speed the mighty forces of the United States and the British Commonwealth and Empire and other Allies were brought to bear.

'The rest is earned'

Their resistance has now everywhere been broken. At this time we should pay tribute to the men from this country, from the Dominions, from India, and the Colonies, to our fleets, armies, and air forces that have fought so well in the campaign against Japan.

Our gratitude goes out to all our splendid Allies, above all to the United States, without whose prodigious efforts this war in the East would still have many years to run.

We also think especially at this time of the prisoners of war in Japanese hands, of our friends in the Dominions, Australia, and New Zealand, in India and Burma, and in those Colonial territories upon whom the brunt of the Japanese attack fell.

We rejoice that these territories will soon be purged of the Japanese invader.

Here at home you have earned rest from the unceasing efforts that have all borne without complaint through so many dark years.

Some must stay on

I have no doubt that throughout industry generally the Government lead in the matter of victory holidays will be followed and that tomorrow, Wednesday, and Thursday, will everywhere be treated as days of holiday.

There are some who must necessarily remain at work on these days to maintain essential services, and I am sure they can be relied upon to carry on.

When we return to work on Friday morning we must turn again to the great tasks before us. But for the moment let all who can relax and enjoy themselves in the knowledge of work well done.

Peace has once again come to the world. Let us thank God for this great deliverance and His mercy. Long live the King.

Atomic bomb cruiser lost

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.—The U.S. Navy Department has announced the loss, with 883 of her crew, of the 9,550-ton cruiser Indianapolis.

It was stated that on her last mission the cruiser carried essential atomic bomb material from San Francisco to Guam. The battleship delivered the cargo safely, and was lost shortly afterwards.—Reuter.

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In Britain, today and tomorrow are VJ holidays.

As the strokes of Big Ben died away in London, the Prime Minister, Mr Attlee, went to the microphone to announce: "The last of our enemies is laid low."

From Washington, President Truman announced that all Allied armed forces have been ordered to suspend offensive action, and that General MacArthur had been appointed Supreme Commander to receive the surrender. The formal signing will be carried out as soon as possible.

This is the text of the Japanese reply:

"With reference to the announcement 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, the Soviet Union, and China, sent by the Secretary of State Byrnes on the date of August 11, the Japanese Government has the honour to communicate to the Governments of the Four Powers as follows:

"His Majesty the Emperor has issued an Imperial Rescript regarding the Jap acceptance of the provisions of the Potsdam Declaration.

"His Majesty the Emperor is prepared to ensure the signature of his Government and the Imperial General H.Q. of the necessary terms for the carrying out of the provisions of the Potsdam Declaration.

"His Majesty is also prepared to issue his command to his military, naval and air forces to ensure the control, wherever they are located, and that they will cease active operations and surrender their arms, and issue such other orders as may be required by the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in execution of the above-mentioned terms.

"Signed, Togo."

THE FIRST REAL SIGN

Said President Truman: "I deem this reply full acceptance of the Potsdam Declaration, which specifies the unconditional surrender of Japan."

The midnight announcements followed a day of unprecedented drama. There were several "false alarms"—which again caused America's chief cities to be strewn with torn-up paper as celebrations began.

First real sign came at 8.5 last night. The Jap Minister in Berne called at the Swiss Foreign Office.

Two minutes later he left, and the U.S. Minister arrived. At 8.10 he was handed Japan's reply to the Allies. It was radioed to Washington.

At 11.10 the reply was being considered at the White House by President Truman and Secretary of State James Byrnes.

The Japanese people had been told to stand by for the news of their country's surrender at midday, which is 4 a.m. British time.

While they waited, their cities, hit by 800 Super-Forts in 24 hours, still burned.

'Tears unchecked at Sublime Palace'

From C. V. R. THOMPSON: New York, Tuesday

A N apology from Emperor Hirohito to millions of subjects has been set up in type in newspaper offices throughout occupied Asia since early this evening.

It was radioed from Tokyo by the Japanese News Agency with instructions: "Hold until permission to publish is announced." That hour has arrived.

In announcing the radio broadcast by His Majesty, which has no precedent in Japan's history, the Japanese Broadcasting Corporation asks every member of the nation not to fail to listen.

"Following his Majesty's broadcast the Prime Minister, Baron Kantaro Suzuki, will speak."

The agency also began sending out this description of sorrowing Tokyo:

"Tokyo, August 14, 1945.—The

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This is it

日本降伏

Japanese characters for:
JAPAN (Nippon)
SURRENDERS

Prisoners to speed home

From FRANK ROSTRON

SUPREME H.Q., S.E.A.C.,

Tuesday.—Some of the

thousands of British and

Empire troops held

prisoners by the Japs will

return home as soon as our

armies occupy Singapore

and Malaya.

Only those too weak to travel

who require further medical

attention or mental rehabilitation

will be first cared for in

hospitals in India.

Plans have been made to drop

medical supplies by parachute from

air ambulances in the earlier stages

and special diets will be provided

for prisoners suffering from beri-

beri and other diseases which were

not encountered in Germany

LORD LOUIS BACK

This is one of many problems to

which the Supreme Commander,

Lord Louis Mountbatten, gave

immediate attention today when he

returned from Potsdam and

London.

It is emphasised that the

British Services will be kept busy

for eight or nine months after

the surrender, and that eventual

evacuation into Japanese-

held territory will absorb even

more man-power than would

have been required by the initial

stages of a planned invasion.

Lieut-General F. A. M. Brown-

Mountbatten, Chief of Staff,

said today that just as Burma is

at present having all public services

conducted by the Army, so would

Malaya and other liberated areas

until civil administrations could be

restored.

Early repatriation of British

troops will be impossible. For some

time there will be even more urgent

attention on shipping.

Australia has been asked what

ships she can now spare to take

home her prisoners.

Thanksgiving

An announcement of a national

thanksgiving service will be made

today.

The service will probably be held

at St Paul's on Sunday. The King

and Queen will attend.

Jap officials die

ALLAHABAD, Tuesday.—The

Government of Hiroshima and the

Governor-General of Western

Japan were killed in the recent

atom bomb raid on Hiroshima,

according to a Tokyo broadcast.

ARMAMENTS: Japan shall

not be allowed to maintain indus-

tries which will let her re-arm.

All the world waited
for this—

Mr Kasi's
chauffeur
drives the
black car

From ERNEST ASHWICK

BERNE, Tuesday.—For two days crowds of people in this little Swiss capital have watched a big black car with a Japanese chauffeur waiting to take the Japanese Minister from his legation to the Swiss Foreign Office with the reply from Tokyo.

Tonight just after eight Schunzichi Kasi, the Minister, came out and the car moved off.

Hundreds of Berne citizens lined the streets to watch it speed towards the Federal Government Palace.

Flunkey in green

Opposite Mr Kasi flanked by his military attaché and first secretary and preceded by a Swiss flunkey in pale green uniform, walked down long red-carpeted corridors to see Foreign Minister Petitpierre for a frigid politie interview.

He handed over the document which puts an end to ever the Japanese dream of a greater Asia empire.

Though the world waited, nothing could alter the slow, orderly gait of the flunkey.

Mr Kasi walked through lines of newspapermen from every victorious Allied nation.

They too had been waiting for two days, sitting about, smoking and chain-smoking.

The Japanese reply began to come at 5 p.m. It took three hours to receive, decode, and check it for errors.

Early this morning there was a false alarm.

At 5.45 a.m. lights which had been burning all night in the Japanese legation were still on when Geneva radio began to buzz.

The Japs began to put out a statement of 20,000 words, which was not completed until mid-day.

Atmospherics

But it was not the surrender acceptance.

Reception was bad and Geneva radio station probably had to get on to Tokyo and have passages repeated.

These messages are not "broadcast" in the ordinary way. They are being transmitted on tape.

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who require further medical

attention or mental rehabilitation

will be first cared for in

hospitals in India.

All this caused delay. And, of course, Tokyo sent its message in code.

And after it all the mystery of Tokyo was still unsolved.

Now, at last, tonight the waiting is to be over.

They come at the receiving end in

the original language typed on tape.

It meant that men sitting in Britain aimed bombs at the Ruhr...

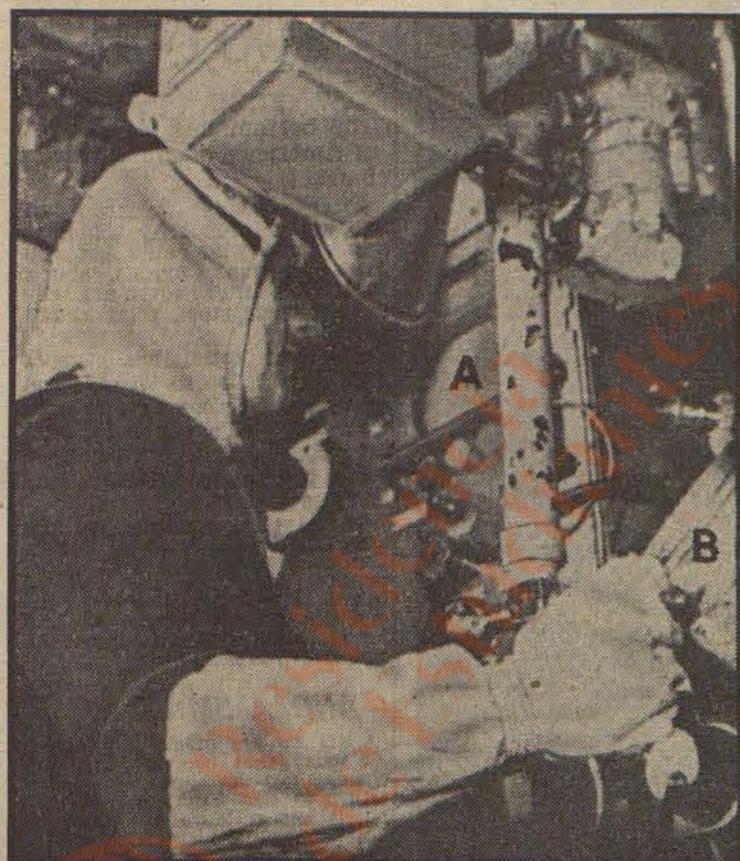
It meant that Scharnhorst was stalked and seen 20 miles away...

It means that never again can Britain be taken by surprise

1933

THE STORY OF RADAR IS TOLD

1945



RADAR AT SEA. An operator at action station in a British convoy escort. He passes the range (from the fluorescent Screen A) and bearing (from the cylindrical Box B) through a voice-pipe to the bridge.

Soft-collar Minister has no soft words

Food: Sir Ben has no new policy

Express Food Reporter

SIR BEN SMITH, former Resident Minister in Washington, now first Socialist Minister of Food in Britain, yesterday revealed himself as an entirely new type of food administrator.

He announced his intention of looking after the "stomachs of everybody in the community."

That won't stop him cracking a joke against a pal, nor enjoying one against himself.

Sir Ben is the first Food Minister I have known to wear a soft collar.

About 5ft. 10in. tall, weighing at a guess a bit over 14 stones, Sir Ben wears glasses to read his notes, takes them off and waves them in the air to emphasise an argument.

NO MORE YET

Yesterday he sat between his two lieutenants, Sir Henry French Permanent, Secretary cool, imperturbable, always ready with a smile and a dimension, and Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary, tall, svelte dressed in black.

The new Minister made no new pronouncement of policy. He confirmed the regulation of ice-cream prices (Daily Express yesterday) and said frankly that he was not going to "improve" rationing immediately.

The ration cuts made by Colonel Llewellyn were inevitable. He pledged himself to restore them as soon as possible.

Economies in the use of sugar will be necessary, but the domestic ration of half a pound a week will not be cut. There will be more tomatoes and more oranges quite soon.

There will be more fish soon. The milk allowance will not be less than last year—it may be more.

Those were the only promises.

FIRE BRIGADE CHIEF JAILED

Stephen Albert Caughey, aged 44, chief officer of Douglas (Isle of Man) fire brigade, was sentenced to 15 months' hard labour and a £700 fine at Douglas yesterday for stealing 353 ration books from Douglas town hall. He pleaded guilty.

For receiving the ration books, René, a doctor, aged 54, Douglas manufacturer, and Duke Street, Douglas (Lancs), was jailed for nine months and fined £100.

Two accomplices, Mrs. Molle Shimmin, of Marathon Drive, Douglas, and Mrs. May Green, of Oakhill, Bradan, Douglas, were fined £20 and £10 respectively.

No decision yet on rail wages

Talks yesterday between the railway companies and trade unions on rates for grades above the minimum were adjourned until today.

Sir Allan was chief of 21 companies

Sir Allan Macdiarmid, chairman of Stewarts and Lloyds, the steel manufacturers, and 20 other companies, and president of the Iron and Steel Federation, died in London yesterday. He would have been 65 on Saturday.

Anticipation

"The thrill of anticipation" may be a hackneyed phrase: it certainly is not empty one. Who can fail to find joy in looking forward to better times now that Victory in Europe has come?

We share the regret of our many friends that supplies are so limited as the result of war conditions,

Peck's MEAT & FISH Pastes

Harry Peck & Co. Ltd., Devonshire Grove, London, S.E.15.



Beedle, Beedle, Dumpling, my son John.

Found he was jilted, whereupon He bought some chocs, Called Dairy Box.

And that was the smartest thing he'd ever done in his life, because his dairymaid sweetie developed a crush on him which was nobody's business! It was smart of him, too, to realize that Dairy Box are about again. There aren't many of them yet, but, though they are in neat, new cellophane bags instead of the familiar box, they're still the most delicious chocolates you ever tasted. They're made by Rowntrees, which is a tip to any jilted swain to get some quickly before they're all gone!

Dairy Box chocolates are now packed in sealed cellophane bags, 5s. per lb., price 8d., 4 pence. For the present—but we hope not for long—there are large parts of the country where Dairy Box cannot be sold.

KNOCK H' OUT OF SAVING

A good razor blade needs three things: special steel, a fine cutting edge and a good temper. All three are found at their best in Sheffield. The 'home of the cutting edge'. All three combine to make Laurel the perfect blade. Pay what you will, you cannot get a better blade than Laurel.

1½d.

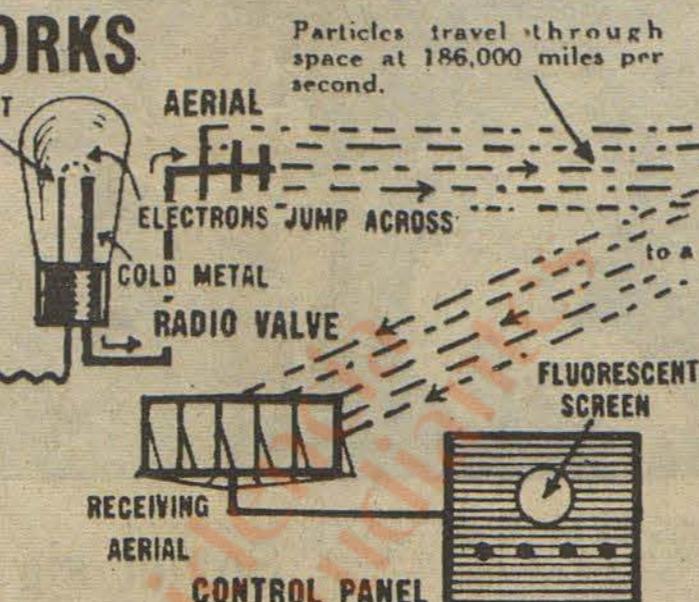
The Good-tempered Sheffield Blade

Made by George Lawrence Ltd. of Sheffield

HOW IT WORKS.

HOT METAL FILAMENT

Heat passing into the filament of a radio valve gives the electrons of the metal atoms more energy. They jump across to the cold metal and are slowed down there. The extra energy they had becomes a stream of tiny particles. These are transmitted into space by an aerial at 186,000 miles per second.



Particles travel through space at 186,000 miles per second.

They are reflected to a receiving aerial

The returning particles give their energy to the atoms of the receiving aerial wire. Electrons then jump out of these atoms and run to a control panel fitted with a fluorescent screen.

When there is nothing solid in the sky or in the sea and no particles are being reflected to the receiving aerial make a straight bright line.

WHAT THEY SEE ON THE SCREEN

A BRIGHT LINE

B PEAK

C PEAK

Knobs in the control panel bring the peak into the centre of the screen and keep it there while the target approaches. Thus A.A. guns are kept laid on the target.

THE atomic bomb splits the nuclei of uranium atoms to set free energy. By using the energy of electrons from the atoms of other metals, we get radar. This diagram—an easy guide to the processes—has been drawn by Daily Express Science Adviser

CHAPMAN PINCHER, B.Sc.

DEATH RAY SEARCH FOUND AN ECHO

The 'magic eye' can tell friend from foe

By BASIL CARDEW

THEY asked for a death ray. They got radar. They got a scientifically produced echo that saved the world. The men who wanted the death ray were responsible for the protection of Britain, and they foresaw ten years ago that we should be at war with Germany.

The ray has yet to be produced. It is harder to perfect than even splitting the atom. But in its place our scientists offered radar, a magic secret word that today can be torn of its secrecy.

A man named R. J. Dippy invented Gee, which told our bomber pilots exactly where they were a thousand miles from base.

Men named Williams, Reeves, and Jones developed Oboe, that told our bombers when to drop their bombs by signals flashed from England.

Two men named Pringle and Lines evolved Rebecca-Eureka, which told our airborne troops exactly where to drop in Normandy and Germany.

Dee Skinner, Lovell, and others produced the first H.2. S. set that gives a heavy bomber a continuous picture of the unseen ground over which it is passing.

Simple back-room geniuses. What did they discover? They found the uses of the echo. They found that by sending out high-powered radio signals they could detect objects in the air or on the sea. Then they found that the signals were reflected back from the objects to the transmitting base.

Here is the use of the R.A.F. and Army made of this great invention.

R.A.F.

WHEN war started the position of a German plane was shown by a bright spot on a square dial the face of which bore a map of the surrounding land and sea.

So all round our coasts, often perched on desolate cliffs, men and women of the R.A.F. and W.A.A.F. peered at an uncanny luminous map, which showed them the position of an aircraft approaching or passing—long before its engine could be heard. With the help of people the Battle of Britain was won.

Small radar sets were fitted in fighters. Assisted by radio telephone from ground radar stations our pilots first saw the German raider as a dot on his screen until it became a large as to bring his aircraft on to the tail of his quarry. So the Luftwaffe night blitz was beaten.

Then came "Gee," which allowed our bombers to take off, navigate, and return from mass-saturation raids with perfect accuracy, fixing their positions on special gridded maps.

Gee first worked early in 1942, showed the bombing technique. In two months 1,000 bombers, instead of 100, could be sent over in target in an hour.

Next came "Oboe," used in March 1943 in the Battle of the Ruhr. The system of ground operators in England to guide pathfinders to their target and signal when to drop their flares. The main bomber force, using "Gee" to reach the area, merely unloaded their bombs onto the flares.

Next came the H.2.S. system, a startling device which enabled the operators to see on a cathode ray tube a picture in glowing green spots and shadows of the land, water, and built-up areas below. With H.2.S. now known as the "Magic Eye" or "Gee box," Berlin, Hamburg, and 50 other German cities were destroyed. The actual set was small, self-contained in the bomber.

Finally there was "Rebecca-Eureka," the radar secret of the

RAF.

STARTING from the general principle that radio waves sent out by a transmitter were echoed back from an object struck by them, the Army specialists devised equipment to indicate the range of an aircraft from a gunner and the direction of the plane with an accuracy of within a fraction of a degree in bearing and elevation.

Sound locators used by searchlights crept to point aircraft were replaced by powerful radar sets known as Elst. S.L.C. short for Searchlight Control, which placed the beam dead on the target.

Sets for coastal batteries set for brilliant success. On the last night of the German evacuation of Boulogne the Dover defences sank 11 ships out of 18 at a range of 20 miles, without one vessel being seen.

ARMY

Three special trains recently swept through the night from Wolverhampton to a southern port carrying a cargo worth over £1,000,000.

It was gold worth 17,000,000 guilders in Dutch coin—on its way to the Suez Canal; made the Malta convoys possible and turned the scale of Mediterranean war in the precise moment of our greatest victory.

Sixty-four arrived from the U.S. 18 sets of gunners who had been stored in a Dutch military camp at Wootlesley Park.

The boxes it was carried in to the trains looked like ammunition cases. And the Dutch guards kept

the secret of Matapan, first major night action for 100 years.

Even before Admiral Cunningham's despatches were received the Admiralty stopped everything or radar gunnery from the gunners and the broadsides destroyed the Scharnhorst.

Radar at sea now has five main uses: Aircraft warning, surface ship and surfaced U-boat warning, navigation, and aircraft direction.

Here are some of its secrets:

I.P.F. (Indicator Friend or Foe) tells automatically if distant ships are friend or foe.

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PETAIN SPEAKS: 'I FOUGHT ONLY FOR MY COUNTRY'

Jury is guarded by 1,000 men

From GORDON YOUNG: Paris, Tuesday night

HENRI PHILIPPE PETAIN, Marshal of France, spoke tonight to the 24 men who are now deciding whether he shall live—or die for treason.

SOCIALISTS MAY ADOPT PLAN NUMBER 2

£8,750,000 a year to buy pits

By TREVOR EVANS

A SOCIALIST committee in London next week will discuss a proposal which means buying out the mine-owners for about £8,750,000 a year.

The committee, composed of representatives of the party executive, the T.U.C., and the Miners' Union, will consider two alternatives for nationalisation.

1—That a technical commission shall assess each mine and recommend a valuation for sale to the Government;

2—That a block grant be made to the industry to yield 3½ per cent. on the present capital invested—calculated at between £200,000,000 and £250,000,000.

Plan No. 2 is most likely to be adopted, the socialists believe. Government because it said a committee member last night, valuation of each colliery through the cheaper way would take too long.

Under plan No. 2 the coal-owners will suffer an immediate and substantial cut in annual allowances as well as the loss of their property.

THIS WILL VANISH

By the Coal Charges Order they are getting about £12,750,000 a year in average profit on production alone, apart from extraordinary profits, which will vanish if the State takes over this side of the business.

All they would get from the Government is 3½ per cent. interest on £250,000,000—about £8,750,000.

The socialists were set up three months ago to work out plans for nationalisation.

German boats to fish for our troops

HAMBURG, Tuesday.—Ten German fishing trawlers are sailing for the North Sea to bring coal from New York to Britain. The first will arrive in about nine miles off Trieste and sink.

Seventeen of the crew are reported to be injured. A.P.

Relief ship hits mine

ROME, Tuesday.—An unidentified merchant ship bringing U.N.R.R.A. supplies from New York struck a mine about nine miles off Trieste and sank.

Twenty-four of the crew are reported to be injured. A.P.

Looted Titians found

ROME, Tuesday.—Paintings by Titian and Breughel taken by the Germans from the Naples art gallery have been discovered in Munich.—Reuter.

'NO MORE POUNDS OR FRANCS'

By ROBIN DUFF

PARIS, Tuesday.—Professor Harold Laski, chairman of the British Socialist Party's Executive, has made another statement on foreign policy.

As head of the British delegation to the French Socialist Party's Congress in Paris, he has already spoken on the Socialist international, on Franco, Spain, on Greece, on Japan, Now, in an interview with the Resistance paper *Franc-Tireur* he says:

It would be difficult for us to think of a Franco-British pact if, after the elections, you have a reactionary France. I would like to see free exchange

between the two countries, same money for us both, pooling of transport and of raw materials for industry, and above all a continual exchange of populations . . . our miners to your mines, your railwaymen to our railways.

With a real union we should be strong enough to act as intermediaries between our Soviet allies and the great American democracy. If we remain separated, we shall risk becoming no more than provinces of other great States.

I am certain the United Nations soon break off relations with Franco's government. The attitude of Moscow and London is clear.

I believe that attitude will persuade the United States to consider the question in a manner more like our own.

Any offers?

LEAGUE Soccer clubs in the Manchester area are hereby informed that Jack Ellis, who kept goal brilliantly for Bath City last season is now stationed with the R.A.F. at Ringway (Cheshire).

Ken Shaw and Jack Porter, who beat Jack London, will fight for the heavy-weight championship of Scotland on the bill.

Bacup have also signed R. Davies, who played for Swansea Town last season.

TAILPIECE—In yesterday's postbag came requests for a sport gift from an Army unit, for the First Division League placings since 1914-15 to 1939, and for the records of Tommy Farr and Peter Kaine.

Have a heart, chaps!

Danahar beaten

Big surprise at the Queensberry Club last night was the defeat of Arthur Danahar, Southern Area welter-weight champion, by Harry Davis, Blackpool Green, over eight rounds. His first defeat in 16 fights at the Queensberry Club. Other results were:

Eight rounds light-weight: Petty-Officer Ben Duff (R.N.) beat Johnny Price (Manchester) on points. Price, former welter-weight champion, by Len Bennett (London) knocked out. A.M. Murray (Aldershot) 8½ rounds, middleweight Eddie Murray (Glasgow) drew with Albert Finch (Croydon). Eight rounds light-weight: George Gorman (London) beat Jerry Ireland, no contest after eight rounds.

Sismey in fifth Test

S. G. Sismey, Australia's Test wicketkeeper, expects to be fit for the fifth Victory Test match against England beginning at Manchester next Monday.

DANTE NOTE: Smiles on Middleham High Moor yesterday morning when Dante was at exercise again. He moved freely and well over six furlongs with Nevett in the saddle.



Lady Strabolgi gives a party for new M.P.s—to meet Cabinet Ministers



NORTH'S VJ CROWDS

FROM PAGE ONE

Chinatown, where the 4,000 Chinese community were out on the streets to a man.

Britons, Americans, Chinese and men from over 20 other Allied nations joined hands in the streets, sang "Auld Lang Syne" and "There'll always be an England."

He looked very old and very tired as he read:

"I stayed in France only to try to help the people and soften their sufferings. No man in what happens to the people will be safe for me as I defended Verdun. Dispose of me as you like and according to your consciences. My own conscience is clear."

Then Petain picked up his marshal's cap and his gloves, and walked stiffly out of the court, followed by his guards.

Just for a moment there was a hush. Then there were cheers and the shuffle of feet as the 14 journeymen filed into the sombre panelled room where the life and death of Petain will be settled.

His wife is with him in his little apartment in the court as he waits for the verdict.

And inside and outside the great building 1,000 armed policemen are waiting, too.

For the jury have had letters threatening death if they sentence Petain to die.

Leave my honour'

"In my long life which, at my age, is in any case at death's door, I affirm that I have never had any other desire than to serve my country."

"You can take my life. My liberty is in your hands, but not my honour, for it is to my country that I defend Verdun. Dispose of me as you like and according to your consciences. My own conscience is clear."

London had one main jubilee centre—Piccadilly. Crowds left off firecrackers in Piccadilly, danced to barrel organs and sang.

There were rattles, paper hats—

and plumes from costers' bars.

Ambulances trilled their way through the crowds to collect casualties burned by fireworks, but the biggest roar of all was for a Black Maria which got through to Blackpool.

"There goes the Mikado."

Five hundred special police stood round the place where Eric used to stand, but the crowds were no trouble to them.

A car that ventured into the thickest crowd found itself swamped and with a dozen people on its roof.

Thousands of people had waited outside Buckingham Palace for the final announcement. At dusk they began to chant, "We want the King," and this went on for more than 20 minutes.

Inside, a score of people outside the Palace when the Big News came.

And this was the VJ news from Blackpool this morning.

A few minutes after the Prime Minister's announcement, thousands of people had rushed into the streets.

They ran up and down, knocking at the doors of houses, waking up others and many ran out in their night clothes.

From north to south along the promenade, by 1 a.m. there were dense crowds, and at South Shore at 1.15 a.m. a fire engine was called to put out a bonfire that had become dangerous.

The full promenade lights were turned on, and kept on all night.

Loan for Greece

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