

JAPS SURRENDER

The Year in Review

Chronology of 1945

THE WAR

January

1-U. S. Third army attacks north of Bastogne against German's Belgium salient. In France the Germans attack U. S. Seventh Army forces make a small gain in Italy. In the Pacific American planes raid Luzon and Negros islands in the Philippines.

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3-Chinese take Chang, important stronghold in Hunan province. 6-College, College, largest city, falls to U. S. First army. 12-Tokyo hit by 1,000 tons of incendiary bombs, heaviest raid.

April

2-U. S. Tenth army invades Okinawa. 13-Vienna, capital of Austria, captured by U. S. Seventh Army. 19-Berlin, fifth city of Germany, falls to U. S. First army. 20-U. S. Seventh army takes Nuremberg, Nazi "strut" city.

May

1-Premier Stalin of Russia in May day proclamation calls approaching Allied victory, saying "the collapse of Hitlerite Germany is a matter of the immediate future."

June

3-U. S. Third fleet, under Admiral Halsey, raids Japan from carriers. 16-Daylight raid made on Osaka. This marks the 77th superfortress raid on Japan.

July

5-ENTIRE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS LIBERATED, AND CAMPAIGN VIRTUALLY OVER, GENERAL MACARTHUR ANNOUNCES. 14-U. S. Third fleet battleships shell Honshu island bases, only 215 miles north of Tokyo. This is first direct naval attack on home islands of Japan.

August

2-Berlin conference on Germany's future ends. 9-ATOMIC BOMB USED FOR FIRST TIME IN WAR, LEVIES LOSS OF 130,000 LIVES IN NAGASAKI AND HIROSHIMA. 14-SECOND ATOMIC BOMB DROPPED ON NAGASAKI, JAPAN, raising one-third of city. Total killed 10,000. This bomb was more powerful than one that blasted Hiroshima.

September

8-United States declares war on Japan. 10-JAPAN OFFERS TO SURRENDER. Emperor Hirohito is left in power. Russians advance 103 miles into Manchuria.

October

11-Russian armies continue advance, reaching 153 miles into Manchuria. 14-JAPAN SURRENDERS UNCONDITIONALLY. Emperor Hirohito agrees to accept terms of Potsdam declaration. President Truman announces capitulation of Japan at 7 p. m. General MacArthur is appointed supreme commander for the Allied powers, to make all arrangements on surrender details, and to set up military government.

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THE NEGRO IN THE CPI

Just a few years ago, at the ports of Calcutta and Bombay, thousands of American Negroes left those big troopships behind, riding inland on numerous trains, that were the most uncomfortable they had ever known. Crowded like sardines in a can, in dirty, stinking, hot sun-baked, wooden coaches. It was the best India had to offer and it was accepted with gratitude, because of the condition and the terror the world was then suffering.

October

10-Detroit Tigers win world series from the Chicago Cubs. Total paid attendance for seven games, 333,457, a new record. Receipts, gross, \$1,592,454, also a record. 14-The Louisville Colonels of American Association win "little world series" from Newark Bears of International League, four games to two, at Louisville, Ky. 18-Joe Louis and Billy Conn sign for heavyweight champion fight for next June.

November

14-Phil Cavaretta, Chicago Cubs first baseman, voted most valuable player in National League. 21-Hal Newhouse, Detroit Tigers pitcher, voted most valuable player in American League.

December

1-Army beats Navy 23-13. 10-Washington Redskins win eastern professional football title by defeating Cleveland Browns. 13-Big league baseball meeting in Chicago ends. Pacific coast league re-elected major league status.

DISASTERS

January 31-Day nursery in Auburn, Me., burns down. Sixteen children, one woman lose lives. February 12-Forty-three persons die and hundreds are injured by a tornado sweeping through Meridian, Miss., eastward to Montgomery, Ala. March 8-Ohio river, in highest flood stage since 1937, destroys structures in paralyzing transportation and halting war factories. Damage estimated at half billion dollars. Ten deaths and many injuries resulted.

April

13-A tornado smashing through parts of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri and Illinois took 100 persons, injured hundreds more. Hardest hit is Antlers, Okla., where 58 die. June 15-Collision of passenger and freight train near Milton, Pa., kills 19, injures 20. Broken railway is cause.

July

4-B-25 bomber crashes into Empire State building in New York City. Three occupants of the plane are killed. 25 injured. Fire sweeps entire floor. Damage amounts to \$500,000. August 3-Thirty-four killed, 40 injured, when second section of crack train hits rear of first section near Michigan, N. D. Hurricane rages on coast of Texas at 110 miles per hour for three days, causing floods and wind damage to many cities of coastal region.

September

15-Hurricane strikes Miami and travels inland, taking 134 lives, 100,000 people per hour, injuring 50 and causing damage of 60 million dollars. November 14-Fourteen school children and a bus driver drown when a school bus plunges off an embankment into 50 feet of water near Chelan, near Chelan, Wash. December 2-Snowstorm, accompanied by violent winds, leaves 33 million people in the northeastern states. 13-Passenger train rams troop train in Chicago. More than a hundred soldiers injured.

PANORAMA

January 16-Seven billion dollars' worth of liquor was swallowed in the United States during 1944, not counting bootlegging, the department of commerce reports, an 18 per cent increase over 1943. 18-Somewhere under the line someone is voting for Roosevelt. The Army of War Stimson, referring to the bumping of three servicemen from an army cargo plane to make room for a dog. The mastiff was consigned by Col. Elliott Roosevelt to his wife, in Hollywood, Calif. It had been purchased in England.

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light on the Ganges." The writer couldn't have been sitting here, where they were crossing, when he composed that song. The River Ganges, at that place they crossed had no joy, no beauty, no romance but everything was just the opposite. Sick of K-rations, tired of being hit by the mosquito, and frightened when they used the toilets on the train because of the small lizards which could not be seen in the darkness, the Ganges was just a muddy river, that helped breed mosquitoes.

Hundreds of tired men were unloaded at different sections, taken to staging areas, to be processed further. Where to from there? Nobody knew and few cared, because there was hope that the next place would be better; at least they thought so. "It couldn't be worse," was uttered by many. Some were wrong because they were sent to a living hell, and many died there. Men giving not only their lives for their country, but months of work; toiling, when it seemed like, to many it was no purpose, to no gain. Pushing on the pioneers of color, because they could stop and rest, but these men knew no rest, just work, work and more work, and after this never ending work, death awaited many of them.

Black and White together, somehow they grew close, regardless of the speeches by Bilbo and the many others who spread hate in their country. The little time they had for relaxation, they talked with each other, not only of the many problems over here that they faced daily, but about the strikes at home, the power seeking politicians, money grabbers teaching for excess war profits, and the passion happy public, deserting their husbands and sweethearts, taught at the men who were then working, sweating, and dying.

Rumor of Large Surplus of Autos, Trucks, False

"The public has in some manner gained the impression that a large supply of automobiles and trucks will soon be available from War Surplus," said Herbert Daniel, Manager of the Omaha office of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation today. "Not only will the supply of automotive equipment be limited, the condition of it will not be of the best. We don't want to disappoint anyone who is contemplating the purchase of such war surplus equipment," he said.

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In the Engineers, Air Corps, Medical, Ordnance, Quartermaster, Signal; Negroes worked, laughed, and died. Men of other races, worked, laughed, and died, beside them. Everyone of them a builder in blood and sweat, cocky about being an American. It is hard for the Indian to understand the Negro's faith in America, and our race being oppressed in many walks of life in our great country. What the Indian doesn't know, is that the Negro has faith in what America wants to be, and by the Negro's faith being so strong, it will be felt and it will be achieved. China, Burma, and India, the CBI, just a few more months and it will be history. The American Negro will never be forgotten here. His generosity, kindness and understanding of a poverty stricken people, his big smile no matter what the task, his faith, in what is right will be given, no, he will never be forgotten by this generation or the generations to come. The American Negro has not sacrificed in vain. A white sergeant, an Information and Education instructor for the U. S. Army, finished his lecture to a Negro company with these words, "when we are home again, and I hope it will be damn soon, we will be 12 million strong. We, the veterans of this war, are going to have a lot to say about how our country is going to be run, believe me, we are going to be powerful. I say this to you now, you and your race, are going to be able to vote in any state you choose. We are tired of the way a lot of things have been going. We'll all have a chance for education, the right to suitable employment. This is our opportunity to work for the freedom of every American, regardless of Race, Creed, or Color." S-Sgt. Lawrence P. Lewis

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