

# President Harry S. Truman Reads Victory Proclamation



## Description

President Harry S. Truman (standing behind desk) reads the victory proclamation, officially ending World War II in Europe, with Germany signing unconditional surrender terms. Gathered around behind the President are (seated): Elmer Davis (hand to face), Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace, Major General Philip Fleming, Representative Joseph Martin, General George Marshall, J. Leonard Reinsch, Colonel Harry Vaughan (standing behind Truman), John Snyder, First Lady Bess W. Truman, Margaret Truman, and Secretary of War Henry Stimson. Fred Vinson is in the foreground, looking into the camera. All others are unidentified.

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