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STATEMENT BY MAYOR HUBERT H. HUMPHREY ON V-J DAY August 14, 1945

After almost six years of war the world is again at peace.

We have passed through a tragic era. The sacrifice, the suffering, the waste and destruction of life and property are beyond our comprehension.

We thank almighty God that men of good will have triumphed. The militarists and would be "super-men" have been crushed by the indomitable force of a democratic people.

V-J Day means the liberation of enslaved millions. The song of freedom fills the air. America again has proved her right to greatness -- a greatness that comes from devotion to duty, a love of liberty, an irresistible power in the cause of human freedom.

We and our allies have fought side by side through the dark and dismal days of defeat into the sunshine of glorious victory. We shall be ever indebted to those who made the supreme sacrifice in battle, and to those who carried our flag to triumph.

Freedom-loving people everywhere salute the banners of the United Nations -- united in war, and, pray God, may we be united in peace.



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