

Hail Victory in California Rose Festival – 1946

Text: *HAIL VICTORY IN CALIFORNIA ROSE FESTIVAL*

Narrator: Pasadena presents the annual Tournament of Roses, traditional Southern California New Year festival. Admiral William Halsey, Pacific war hero, leads the four-mile long parade of 50 floats, in the first great flower pageant since the beginning of the war. A tournament's queen rides past a record crowd of a million and a half spectators. Victory and peace are the keynotes of this year's pageant. San Francisco's float recalls its part in the framing of the United Nations Charter.

Text: *UNITED NATIONS DELEGATES OFF TO LONDON*

Narrator: For the first meeting of the United Nations Organization's General Assembly, the United States delegation boards the *Queen Elizabeth*. Edward Stettinius, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Senators Connally and Vandenberg will represent the United States in opening the great and hopeful meeting for world peace.

Text: *GENERAL MARSHALL ARRIVES IN CHINA*

Narrator: An American transport plane lands at Jiangwan Airfield at Shanghai, bringing the new United States ambassador to China, General George C. Marshall. War Minister Ho Ying-chin, the Mayor of Shanghai, and United States General Wedemeyer extend official welcome.

Throng of enthusiastic Chinese crowd the sidewalks for a glimpse of the general's car as the party leaves the airport. From Shanghai, General Marshall flew to confer immediately with Chiang Kai-shek and Communist leaders. The world looks forward to China's future peace and internal security.

Text: *PRISONERS OF WAR ARE RETURNED TO JAPAN BY U.S.*

Narrator: At a California port, a transport lies ready to take a group of Japanese war prisoners away from the United States. Most of them will go to Hawaii, for reassignment to construction work in the devastated areas of the Pacific before ultimate return to Japan. They make the trip in vessels which will bring American soldiers back home. Hats over eyes, huddled in corners, these soldiers were taken prisoner in the island campaigns which led to Japan's final defeat. All prisoners of war held in America will have been returned by April.

Text: *PRES. TRUMAN SPEAKS ON THE PROBLEMS OF 1946*

Narrator: As the world faces the challenge of a new year, President Truman speaks to the American people.

President Harry Truman: 1946 is our year of decision. This year we lay the foundation of our economic structure, which will have to serve for generations. This year we must decide whether or not we shall devote our strength to reaching the goal of full production and full employment. This year we will have to make the decisions, which will determine whether or not we gain that great future at home and abroad which we fought so valiantly to achieve. We cannot shirk leadership in the post-war world. The problems of our economy will not be solved by timid men, mistrustful of each other. We cannot face

1946 in a spirit of drift and irresolution. The men and women who made this country great and kept it free were plain people with courage and faith. Let us justify this heritage.

Text: *GENERAL PATTON LAID TO REST IN LUXEMBURG*

Narrator: The Allied nations mourn the death of General George S. Patton, fiery commander of the famous United States 3rd Army, which swept all before it on the battlefields of Europe. Returning to the ancient duchy of Luxembourg, liberated a year ago by Patton's army en route to Germany, come the remains of the famous general, who survived two wars only to die of injuries received in an automobile accident. His widow accompanies the casket, as it is borne on an Army vehicle through the silent streets of a grave and grateful city. The cortege, continuing to the nearby American cemetery, includes the general's horse, its saddle tied with crepe and the general's boots reversed in the stirrups. The pallbearers, enlisted men of his various divisions, escort Patton's casket to the graveside, where he will be committed to the company of his comrades with whom he fought so well.

Text: *TRIPLETS REACH U.S. WITH FAMED AIRBORNE DIVISION*

Narrator: One of the world's most famous ships brings home one of America's most famous fighting units. The *Queen Mary* reaches New York with the fighting 82nd Airborne Division, home after two years of battle. One soldier couldn't wait for the big ship to dock. He bet his comrades he'd be the first man ashore, and he had to get wet to win.

These triplets, three boys, were fellow passengers of the division. Infant sons of an American sergeant and his English wife, they were christened aboard ship with the entire division as godfathers. Their mother, Mrs. Robert Glass, who arrived to join her husband, is grateful to the 8,000 soldiers who contributed a substantial fund for the youngsters' education.

Text: *JAPANESE GENERAL HOMMA TRIED FOR WAR CRIMES*

Narrator: In the same building in Manila where General Yamashita was recently sentenced to hang, another leading Japanese general goes on trial for war crimes. In civilian clothes, General Masaharu Homma, commander of the Imperial Japanese Army in the Philippines during the war's first nine months, faces a five-man military commission headed by Major General Leo Donovan.

Homma hears his arraignment. He is held responsible for the bombing of Manila after it had been declared an open city, for the shelling of Corregidor after United States General Wainwright had expressed his intention to surrender. Asked how he pleads, Homma answers in English.

General Masaharu Homma: Plea, not guilty.

Narrator: The guilt or innocence of Masaharu Homma will be decided by the commission after due trial.

Text: *WINTER SPORTS IN FULL SWING IN NORTHERN U.S.*

Narrator: America's winter sports resorts are crowded as wartime travel restrictions are eased. In New Hampshire, the skiers take advantage of comfortable new ski tows; it's easy going up and thrilling sport speeding down the slopes.

In memory of Torger Tokle, America's leading pre-war ski jumper, a memorial meeting is held in New York state. Tokle, who was killed with United States Army in Italy, won many competitions on this Bear Mountain jump. The winning jump today is made by Art Devlin, who leaps 148 feet, displaying perfect form. But all are not so lucky or skillful. Spill follows spill as the lesser lights try hard to follow in the master skier's ski tracks.

At Lake Placid, New York, these speedy sportsmen shove off on the bobsled run for the first races held here since the war.