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EDITORIAL

NAVY DAY 1945

NAVY DAY will be observed throughout the land on October 27. It is a day during which the whole nation will proudly pay homage to the gallant men who spear-headed the victory over Japan.

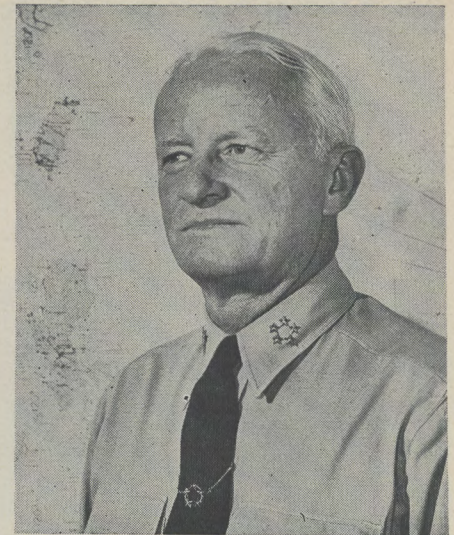
Navy Day will truly be a victory celebration, for final triumph in the Pacific came to us through sea power; not sea power in the old sense of the term, but in the new sense. Sea power today consists not only of ships and men, but of planes and bases; amphibious forces and the industrial power to replace losses rapidly. That is the kind of sea power that beat Japan.

Admiral Nimitz, the fighting leader of our naval forces in the Pacific, has pointed out a few facts which will come as a surprise to most Americans, but they point up the role sea power played in the final victory.

When Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, the enemy had an army of 3,000,000. On V-J Day, Japan had an

effective force of 2,000,000 men in the home islands and another 3,000,000 occupying its stolen empire. At the outbreak of the war, Japan had 5,300 planes of which 3,200 were combat craft. When the war ended, Japan had 11,000 planes of which 6,000 were fighting ships. Yet, despite its vastly stronger army and its greater air strength, Japan was a beaten nation.

The answer to its capitulation lies in the fact that Japan's fleet, by August of this year, was crushed and on the bottom of the sea. Its merchant marine had been almost wholly destroyed. Stripped of its sea power, it was no longer able to face our powerful sea and air forces. It was no longer able to check our advancing ground forces, and it was no longer able to maintain its line of communication. It couldn't get food. It couldn't bring in the raw materials of war. Strangulation was its inevitable fate—strangulation or surrender. Japan wisely chose surrender.



Fleet Admiral C. W. Nimitz

There is another interesting fact to consider. Our losses of fighting ships during the war was very nearly as great as that of Japan. But Japan could not replace its losses, while we built two or three vessels for every one we lost. Part of the victory at sea was truly won by the men who built the ships, so that today, despite our losses, we have the greatest fleet the world has ever seen, probably more powerful than all other fleets combined.

But Navy Day is primarily a day for homage to the individual men who have served so heroically in fighting our naval battles. We can think of no better tribute than that which Admiral Nimitz gave these fighting men in his recent address before Congress:

"Your fighting men have done well the job you sent them out to do—the job you helped them to do by your complete mobilization of thought and energy on the home front. Your fighting men have handled well the tools and machines and weapons which you provided for them in such quantity and of such quality as has never been known in the history of warfare. Your fighting men have kept the faith and soon they will be coming home."

To which we say, Amen.