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ALLIED OCCUPATION ENDS

No serious disturbances attended the withdrawal of the last Allied troops of occupation from the Rhineland on June 30. For the most part the German population waited patiently until the last uniformed Frenchman had entrained and then they raised German flags, began to sing "Deutschland ueber alles" and celebrate in general. What disorder resulted was due to raids made by patriotic Germans on the homes and shops of the adherents of the separatists, those who favor the separation of the Rhineland from Germany and the establishment of a Rhenish republic. President Hindenburg issued a proclamation saying in part: "After long years of hardships and waiting, the demand of all Germans was today fulfilled. Loyalty to the fatherland, patient perseverance and common sacrifices have restored to the occupied territory the highest possession of every people—freedom." Meanwhile preparations were being made for a monster celebration throughout Germany. One feature is to be a tour through the Rhineland by President von Hindenburg and other high officials of the republic.

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