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At 3 pm on 8th May, British Prime Minister addressed the nation to announce the surrender of Germany.

"Hostilities will end officially at one minute after midnight tonight Tuesday 8th of May. Today is Victory in Europe day."

Europe rejoiced and the streets of London became one giant party. Dripping sandwiches, Lord Woolton pies, corned beef hash, Homity pies, liver casseroles, eggless fruit cakes and pork faggots with onion gravy and mash atop wooden tables lining the pathways. After nearly six years of conflict and wartime restrictions, people were keen to let loose. Many people gathered at Buckingham Palace

to see the Royal Family alongside the Prime Minister. The celebrations went on for two days. Piccadilly Circus was at the centre of it all. One woman commented, *"We all did our part from collecting scrap metal to Princess Elizabeth herself becoming a mechanic."* A man also quoted, *"I have never seen anything like it. Street parties have never been so big."*

Gaggles of people flocked the streets,



converging at Trafalgar Square.

