

TRUMAN ENTERS ON PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES FOLLOWING DEATH OF FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT

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Yankee Ninth Within 90 Miles of Russian Lines

Bridge Over Elbe Blown up By Germans

U. S. Third Also Nearing Link With Soviet Army. In Plan to Ring Leipzig

(By the Associated Press) U. S. Ninth army tanks in a 60-mile dash sped today to within 90 miles of Russian lines, reaching Tangermunde in a massive outflanking maneuver which threatened to isolate the entire Danish peninsula and shear off Hamburg, Germany's second city. The Germans announced they had blown the Elbe river bridge at Tangermunde, 48 miles west of Berlin and to the northeast of besieged Magdeburg. To the south the U. S. Third army was heading down the last 17 miles toward Leipzig in Saxony in a drive to join the Russians and close off the south German fortress in the Bavarian Alps. The Germans said American tanks were fighting in Halle, 15 miles from Leipzig, after bypassing Mersburg. The Third army has fought into Jena, Napoleonic stronghold, and has thrust to within 34 miles of the Czechoslovak border. The Ninth army was closing up to the winding Elbe river on a 100-mile front. The new drive was mounted by the Fifth armored division. The Second armored (Hell on Wheels) division had crossed the Elbe already 57 miles from Berlin in the Magdeburg sector. Infantry also was closing

U. S. Destroyer Sunk, Other Ships Hit in Suicide Raid of Japanese Planes at Okinawa

(By the Associated Press) American forces broke up a powerful Japanese air offensive by shooting down 116 enemy planes off Okinawa yesterday and in an offensive of their own landed on Bohol, the last major island in the Philippines to be reinvaded. One American destroyer was sunk and several other ships damaged in the day-long air battle off Okinawa, 325 miles from Japan. Nippon's suicide pilots centered the attack—their second disastrous attempt within a week—on the invasion fleet and supply dumps on the west coast of the island, where Yanks unloaded 55,000 tons of material in the first ten days of the invasion. Breaking the six months' official American silence on Japan's highly publicized suicide corps, Fleet Adm. Nimitz said they have met with only "negligible success." They have sunk a number of destroyers and damaged some major fleet units, but no battleship, fast carrier or cruiser has been sunk. At Washington the navy department announced that United States submarines have sunk 15 more enemy ships, including two combatant vessels, in far eastern waters. The communiqué named the combatant craft as an escort vessel and a converted gunboat. Non-combatant vessels claimed included two destroyer transports, a large tanker, a naval auxiliary, six medium cargo vessels, a medium tanker, and two small cargo vessels. The announcement raised to 1,000 the total Japanese losses inflicted by United States submarines to date. The total in-

Superforts Again Hammer Tokyo

(By the Associated Press) WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—A big fleet of Superfortresses, possibly 300 or 400, struck a match to Tokyo again today. The force struck the Japanese capital shortly after midnight (April 14, Japanese time) showering incendiary bombs on military and industrial targets. The raiders, from bases in the Marianas, made the attack only a few hours after other B-29s had heavily bombed an aircraft plant in the Tokyo area and chemical factories at Koriyama, 110 miles north of Tokyo.

Tornadoes Rake 3 States; Scores Killed and Injured

(Continued on Page 6) OKLAHOMA CITY, April 13.—(AP)—Oklahoma counted its tornado-death at 71 and injured and homeless in hundreds today after twisters bounced crazily over the state to spread destruction in a dozen cities and rural communities. The storms swept on into Arkansas killing at least 16 persons. Five were missing. Four were killed in Missouri and 28 more injured. Most seriously hit in Oklahoma by yesterday afternoon's storms were Antlers with 52 dead, Muskogee with 14 and Hulbert and Oklahoma City with three each. Boggy had one fatality, as did Red Oak. Greenwood junction and Rowland. There were no accurate estimates of injuries and damage in the typical Oklahoma storms but hundreds of persons were hospitalized and whole sections of cities were swept away by the winds' fury. Red Cross Chairman Paul Osborn at Antlers, struggling to bring order into rescue work, said one-third of the city of 3,000 was demolished when wind caught up 500 or 600 residences. Army posts and Red Cross chapters were sending all available personnel into the area.

Group Organizes to War On Portland's Vice

PORTLAND, April 13.—(AP)—A citizens' committee, formed last month after a federal official attacked vice conditions here, planned today to formally incorporate. As "Civic Action, Inc." the group of 40 would fight both amateur and professional prostitution and lend support to general law enforcement. David Robinson told the group that his investigation showed brothels now closed, but he feared they would attempt to reopen.

30 Days' Mourning Is Decreed for GIs Abroad

LONDON, April 13.—(AP)—Gen. Eisenhower issued a general order today decreeing 30 days of mourning for American troops in the European theater in connection with the death of President Roosevelt. A shortage of materials, however, will prevent the men from wearing black armbands.

Vienna Falls To Reds After 8 Days' Battle

(By the Associated Press) Marshal Stalin announced tonight the capture of Vienna. Fall of the Austrian capital, historic gateway for invasions of Bavaria, came after eight days of bloody street fighting along the banks of the Danube. One-time capital of the Hapsburgs and second only to Berlin in the greater reich that Adolf Hitler put together, Vienna was the 18th European capital to fall to allied armies. With a population of 1,924,000 it is the world's 15th largest city. It was the largest city yet captured by the Russians. Already Russian spearheads had pushed on up the valley, and were reported fighting 45 miles west of the capital and less than

Funds Okayed To Cut Bottleneck on Pacific Highway

(Continued on page 6) WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—A \$644,000 reconstruction project south of Wolf Creek, Ore., to remove the Pacific highway's "greatest bottleneck" has been approved by the public roads bureau, Senator Cordon said today. The 4½-mile stretch between Wolf creek and Grave creek, Josephine county, will have a 24-foot bituminous-macadam surface. The project will include two reinforced concrete structures. Last year the bureau approved building of an 8.6-mile section of the Pacific highway between Halsey and Harrisburg.

SALEM, April 13 (AP) — The War Production board and Federal public road administration have authorized the state highway commission to advertise for bids on relocating the 4.4-mile stretch of the Pacific highway between Wolf creek and Grave creek in Josephine county, said highway engineer Baldoek today.

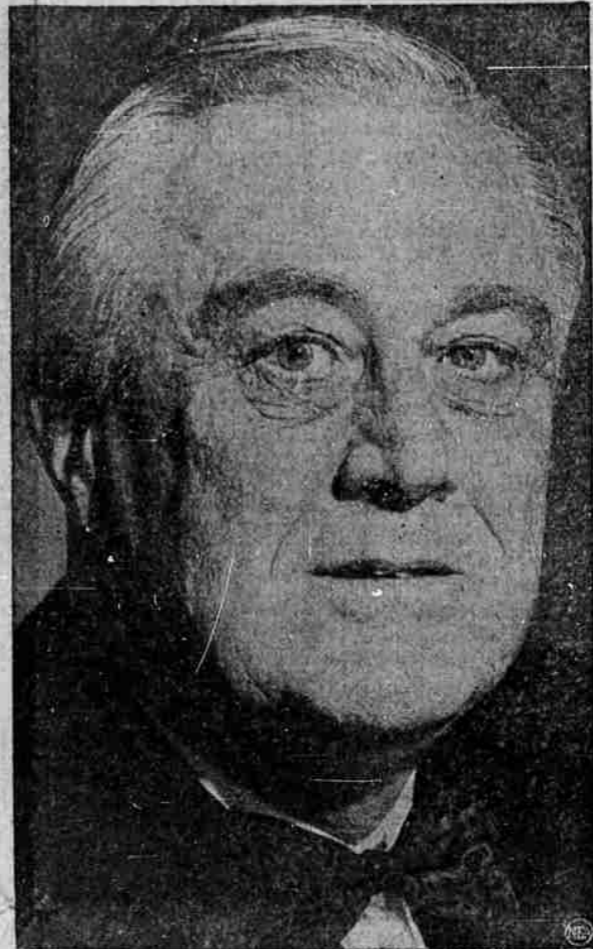
The project will cost \$700,000, with the government paying 75 per cent of the cost and the state 25 per cent. The new project will eliminate 5.25 miles of dangerous curves, and will connect with the recently-constructed Sexton mountain project. Baldoek said the government feels the project is vital to speedy movement of war materials, and that the federal allotment of funds for the job consists of extra funds in addition to regular federal funds allotted.

World First Concern Of Mrs. Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—Eleanor Roosevelt's words on learning of the death of her husband, the nation's chief executive: "I am more sorry for the people of the country and the world than I am for us."

Boy Scouts Gather Fish Tackle for Marines

PORTLAND, April 13.—(AP)—The Boy Scouts are going to gather fishing equipment for marine convalescers at Klamath Falls. The Portland area council launched a raid and made a haul, with a goal of 72 complete fishing outfits.



Franklin Delano Roosevelt From a photograph taken just before the president's 62nd birthday, fourteen months ago.



Harry S. Truman Former Missouri farm boy, sworn in as 32nd president of the United States.

Edenbower-Riverside Fire Control Planned

A movement for organization of a fire control district in the Edenbower and Riverside districts has been started by several residents and property owners in that area, it was reported today. It is expected that petitions will be filed in circulation in the near future making the county court to call an election to secure a vote on the proposal to organize a district and choose its officers.

Pvt. Victor A. Frost on Reported Wounded List

Official casualty lists released today contain the name of PFC Victor A. Frost, husband of Mrs. Lucille O. Frost, Roseburg. He was wounded in action in the European theater.

Nation's New Executive Says He'll Try to Carry On as He Believes Predecessor Would

Entire Cabinet Asked to Stay on Job; Cerebral Hemorrhage Ends Career of Roosevelt at Warm Springs, Georgia

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—A dazed and questioning world today watched Harry S. Truman pick up the banners of war and peace that slipped yesterday from the lifeless fingers of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Stunned by the shock of its leader's passing, a mourning nation gave solid backing to the gray-haired man who became president of the United States at 7:09 p. m. last night.

Mr. Roosevelt died at Warm Springs, Ga., just two hours and 34 minutes earlier.

Mr. Roosevelt was struck down by a cerebral hemorrhage as he posed for a sketching artist in his cottage at the Warm Springs infantile paralysis foundation where he had gone last month for a rest. He was 63 years of age.

Carried into the bedroom of the little white cottage on Pine mountain that was his vacation home, he died without regaining consciousness.

It was as simple as that, the blow that struck the nation to its heart as it read of climactic military successes in Germany and of a quickening of the war in the Pacific, and speculated on the success or failure of the forthcoming conference to form an organization Mr. Roosevelt hoped would prevent future wars.

Milestones That Marked Life of F. D. Roosevelt

- WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—Milestones in the life of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt: 1882—Born Jan. 30 at Hyde Park, N. Y., son of James Roosevelt and Sara Delano. 1900—Matriculated at Harvard university. 1905—Married March 17 to Eleanor Roosevelt, a sixth cousin. President Theodore Roosevelt gave the bride away. 1907—Admitted to the bar and began law practice in New York City. 1910—Elected to New York senate. 1911—Led independents' fight against election of William F. Sheehan, Tammany candidate, to U. S. senate. 1912—Assisted in nomination of Woodrow Wilson at Baltimore democratic national convention; reelected to New York senate. 1913—Appointed assistant secretary of navy. 1920—Nominated by democrats for vice president as running mate of James M. Cox. 1921—Stricken by infantile paralysis but continued business and law work with aid of Louis M. Howe. 1924—Made first visit to Warm Springs, Ga., and began interest in its development as health resort. 1924—Made nominating speech for Alfred E. Smith at New York democratic national convention. 1925—Placed Smith in nomination again at Houston, Texas, convention. 1928—Ran for governor of New York at Smith's request, and was elected. 1930—Reelected governor. 1932—Elected president. 1936—Renominated unanimously at Philadelphia national convention, reelected by majority vote of 46 states. 1940—First president to be reelected to a third term; reelected in 1944, died in the fourth month of the term. 1924—Made nominating speech for Alfred E. Smith at New York democratic national convention. 1925—Placed Smith in nomination again at Houston, Texas, convention. 1928—Ran for governor of New York at Smith's request, and was elected. 1930—Reelected governor. 1932—Elected president. 1936—Renominated unanimously at Philadelphia national convention, reelected by majority vote of 46 states. 1940—First president to be reelected to a third term; reelected in 1944, died in the fourth month of the term.

Truman Proclaims Day of Mourning

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—President Harry S. Truman proclaimed today that tomorrow should be a day of mourning for Franklin D. Roosevelt throughout the United States.

His proclamation, issued at the state department, formally announced the late president's death. "But though his voice is silent," the new chief executive said, "his courage is not spent, his faith is not extinguished."

Fire Kills Worker in Cabin at Auto Camp

ONTARIO, Ore., April 13.—(AP) A companion was questioned by police today after Eugene Hull, about 50, was found dead in an auto camp following a Wednesday night fire. Chief Harry Farmer said neighbors who helped put out the blaze reported they did not know there was a man in the cabin. The body was discovered the next day. Hull had worked near here for several years, but no information about his relatives was immediately found.

Oregon Liquor Stores Closed Until Monday

PORTLAND, Ore., April 13.—(AP)—State liquor stores were ordered not to open today, and to remain closed until Monday. Earlier the state liquor control commission planned to open stores at the usual noon hour today, placing only an Saturday, the day of the president's funeral.

Rear Taverns to Close During Roosevelt Pites

Clubs of Roseburg have been ordered to close between the hours of 1 and 3 p. m. Saturday during the funeral of former president Franklin D. Roosevelt, it was announced today. The closing was agreed upon voluntarily by the owners.

Levity Fact Rant By L. F. Nelson

Franklin D. Roosevelt brought a timely smile to the White House and revived the spirits and hopes of a depressed nation—a nation whose major solicitation to his memory are united continuance of the struggle against the enemies of human freedom and the carrying on of his endeavors to improve the lot of the common man and insure his social and economic security.

Sand Dune Blocks Coast Highway

REEDSPORT — One of the large sand dunes on the coast highway, 14 miles south of Reedsport, just over the Coos county line, caved in this morning cutting into the outlet of Tial lake into the ocean and turning the stream across highway 101. In undraining more than 1,000 feet of the highway, opening up a small outlet from Tial lake into Eel lake. Traffic both ways is completely shut off and persons are stalled at the scene. Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Russell, Roseburg, were en route here by Coos Bay to visit their son, Morgan Russell, and family, and to witness the baptism tonight of their granddaughter, Linda Russell, at the Episcopal church. They were delayed four hours by a slide between Roseburg and Coos Bay and are now on the other side of the washout at Reedsport.

R. H. S. Students Gather One Carload of Waste Paper, Try Hard Today to Obtain Second

Roseburg High school students were striving today to pass the 125,000 pounds mark in their collection of waste paper. One extra-size car was loaded Thursday and another half-carload had been obtained. Efforts were being made today to secure sufficient paper to complete loading of the second car. Students were accepting special calls until 3 p. m. today as they worked toward their goal of two full carloads. One car was loaded with 65,000 pounds of waste paper while 35,000 pounds of paper went into the second car Thursday. Omer J. Monger, Senior High school principal, directing the collection, expressed appreciation for the excellent cooperation given by Roseburg residents. "We are very grateful for the way in which people presented their paper," Mr. Monger said. "We found all bundles securely tied and had none of the trouble of breaking bundles as occurred in our first drive. Our work was made much easier. The people of Roseburg are to be commended for their fine cooperation." Paper for the collection was brought in from Daves Creek, Sutherlin, Elkton and Riverside to

be added to that produced at Roseburg, Monger reported. Sixty students, including five girls, spent Thursday making the collection from homes and business houses. Many of the workers exhibited blistered hands after completing the task. Stanley Glick and Hod Turner, instructors, were in charge of car loading, and Mel Ingram, athletic coach, assisted in collection. Trucks were donated by Nick's Service station, Abe Bean, Bob Hansen, Harold Chitwood, Tom McCowan, Roseburg Lumber company, Dunham's Transfer and the Roseburg Dairy.