

# Axis Must be Smashed, Says Truman

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# Americans Enter Nuernberg

## New Drive Over Elbe In Making

WITH U. S. SEVENTH ARMY, Germany, April 16 (UP) — American troops broke into the Nazi shrine city of Nuernberg today.

PARIS, April 16 (UP) — American forces brought the ancient German strongholds of Leipzig and Nuernberg under siege fire today and, according to Nazi reports, prepared to launch a vast new crossing of the Elbe on a 25-mile front directly west of Berlin.

First army forces had Leipzig, key German military base for maintaining the southern end of the eastern front, under bombardment from three sides and were moving in for direct assault.

The seventh army pounded toward Nuernberg, the Nazi shrine city and a vital link on the German escape gap southward to their Bavarian inner citadel. The Americans were only six miles northeast of Nuernberg at Lauf and closing fast from three directions.

The third army was in the outskirts of a third large German center, Chemnitz, a great chemical and war industries center about 30 miles west of Dresden. Another third army spearhead was either at or across the old Czech frontier, virtually bisecting the third Reich.

The ninth army fought fiercely and successfully to retain its remaining Elbe bridgehead at Barby, 15 miles southeast of Magdeburg despite a tough counter-attack by three crack Nazi divisions, after the American 3rd armored division was thrown back across the Elbe.

The Germans, however, were greatly concerned over indications the ninth was preparing to cross on a broad front from Stendal, 32 miles north of Magdeburg to Wittenberg, 25 miles farther north.

**Red U. S. Airmen in Contact**  
Pilots of the ninth tactical air force operating north of Dresden See AMERICAN . . . Page 5

## Hitler Calls for All-Out Battle To Save Berlin

LONDON, April 16 (UP)—Adolf Hitler said today the Red army had launched its last mass offensive and called on his troops to drown the assault on Berlin in "a sea of blood" and turn the tide of war "at the very moment when destiny has removed from this earth the greatest war criminal of all times."

Hitler issued a special order of the day to the troops of the eastern front saying that the Red army had launched a mass offensive.

He promised that this offensive and the attack in the west would be beaten off if his troops stood firm.

Meanwhile, an unconfirmed French report said Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler had thwarted a new German army plot to overthrow Adolf Hitler and sue for peace.

The report of doubtful authenticity, came in the midst of feverish speculation that major developments can be expected on the military and diplomatic fronts before Prime Minister Churchill addresses Commons Thursday.

Rumors were circulating in Stockholm that Germany's capitulation could be expected today, "probably this afternoon."

## Weather

Data for 24 hours ending 7 a. m., April 16.  
Temperatures:  
Maximum 59  
Minimum 36  
Precipitation Trace  
Forecast: Partly cloudy with possible showers tonight and Tuesday.



THE LAST JOURNEY—The flag draped casket of the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt is carried on an artillery caisson on the journey to his last resting place on his Hyde Park estate. The funeral cortege passes along a roadway lined with a military guard and is viewed by a sorrowing townspeople of the "squire" of Hyde Park.

## Isolationism Is Held Obstacle To World Peace

Dr. James Millar, field executive of Oregon council of churches, guest speaker at a combined luncheon of the Lions, the Rotary, the Neighborhood and the Soroptimist clubs, discussed "Our World Today," before approximately 200 persons today noon at the I.O.O.F. hall.

Dr. Millar said there must be a more intelligent understanding of the proposals offered for world peace, because the world today is so complex and compact.

He said there is no simple solution for world problems today, because of the varied political doctrines, socialism in Russia, fascism in Italy and in Germany, which followed the first world war.

To solve the problems now facing us we must have a pooling of the best brains, ability and character in the world, he said, adding that world problems cannot be easily solved because we, as nations, and individuals cannot place trust in one another. As a solution to the question of trust among nations he suggested divorcing economics from politics, and a policy of "complete honesty."

Because it is a compact world with countries brought into closer proximity by faster travel and better communications, we must learn to live in harmony See ISOLATIONISM . . . Page 5

## Byrnes Says He Has No Plans for Government Job

WASHINGTON, April 16 (UP)—James F. Byrnes, former war mobilization director, said as he left the White House today that he had "no plans to come back into the government."

Byrnes spent some time with the president this afternoon, as did Robert E. Hannegan, democratic national chairman. When Hannegan left the White House, he was asked whether he planned to come into the government.

"I did not discuss that," Hannegan said. "Of course, I am anxious to be of any assistance to the president in any way I can serve."

Byrnes said he had come to talk with Mr. Truman about a number of war mobilization problems — "unfinished business" — and to tell the president all he could about them.

He said he planned to return to Spartanburg, S. C., tomorrow night or Wednesday morning. Ed. Fauley, secretary-treasurer of the democratic national committee, participated for a time in the Truman-Hannegan conference, but according to Hannegan there was no discussion of a federal job for Fauley.

## New Coaches Appointed at High School

Robert E. Quinn, for many years popular director of athletics at Eastern Oregon college, has accepted a position in the athletic department of La Grande high school, Fred Patton, superintendent of schools, announced today.

"Bob comes to us with the cooperation of Eastern Oregon college through the efforts of Dr. Roben Maaske, president," Patton said.

The superintendent simultaneously announced the acceptance of a position by Clifford Exley of Colville, Wash., who has been engaged to teach freshman subjects and coach junior high school athletics.

**Walk Takes Trades Post**  
Ron Walk, who has been teaching United States history and coached basketball last season, has been assigned to the trades and industries department, a position vacated by the resignation of Lee Powell.

"This completes the roster in the athletic department with the exception that we are still looking for one more man for assignment in physical education and to coach one major sport," Patton said.

Quinn will coach one major sport, football or basketball, and will teach social science or physical education.

During the last few months he has been working on a doctor's degree at Columbia university. Previous to that time, he had been connected with Eastern Oregon college in the athletic department since 1929. He came to the local college from Pendleton high school, where he had been instructor and athletic coach from 1926. His family has six See NEW COACHES . . . Page 6

## Superforts Rain Destruction On Burning Tokyo

Another huge American fleet heaped new destruction on Tokyo today while fires still burned in a large area devastated by Saturday's B-29 attack on the capital.

Between 300 and 400 Superfortresses blasted war plants in southeast Tokyo and at Kawasaki, an industrial suburb south-west of the capital. Tokyo broadcast said fires raged out of control for seven and a half hours.

The 21st bomber command burned and closed that Saturday's raid burned out 10 1/2 square miles.

The destruction included seven factories which contributed to war making industries, including the Iwahashi arsenal. Chemical plants, powder factories and shell plants were damaged.

Fires still were burning when bombers arrived early today "to continue the strategic destruction of Japanese industries."

Radio Tokyo said approximately 100 carrier-based planes and a small number of Liberators bombed and strafed southern Kyushu, southernmost of Japan's home islands. It was the first Liberator strike reported against Japan proper.

In the Philippines American See SUPERFORTS . . . Page 5

## Sharp Cuts Seen In Shipyard Jobs

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16 (UP) — A gradual decrease of 100,000 workers was reported today in west coast shipyards and further transfer of personnel was expected by the maritime commission in view of the declaration of the program for ship construction.

Carl Flesher, regional director of the commission, said the peak employment figure of 300,000 had dropped to 200,000 at the present time. By July, the number of workers was expected to be 125,000.

# President Says Price of Peace To Nazis and Japs Remains Only "Unconditional Surrender"

WASHINGTON, April 16 (UP) — President Truman today solemnly reaffirmed the "unconditional surrender" terms for ending the war, and gave our enemies notice that America's great team of military commanders will be kept on the job of beating them into absolute submission.

Standing humbly before the congress in which he had served, the new president also pledged himself to carry on Franklin Roosevelt's program for enduring world peace and "our efforts to improve the lot of the common people."

Mr. Truman spoke in a packed chamber which gave him an ovation when he entered and interrupted him 10 times with applause. The most prolonged outburst came when he promised that our military leadership will be retained "unchanged and unhampered."

Among the scores of notables present was British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden. Addressing a somber joint session of the house and senate only one day after he watched the body of his predecessor being laid to rest in the earth of Hyde Park, Mr. Truman promised to support and defend Mr. Roosevelt's ideals "with all my strengths and with all my heart."

Woven through his speech was a plea for aid from all Americans in carrying out that pledge.

But most of all, at this moment he wanted to dash any idea the axis leaders may have had that the change in administrations might bring an opportunity for a negotiated peace.

He aimed these words at Tokyo and Berlin:

"Our demand has been, and it REMAINS—"unconditional surrender!" (He emphasized the word "remains.")

"Nothing shall shake our determination to punish the war criminals even though we must pursue them to the ends of the earth."

Then he ran down the list of our top commanders who have brought the war within sight of victory. And he said:

"I want the entire world to know that this direction must and will remain—unchanged and unhampered!"

And then he promised to carry forward with the world organization plan for lasting peace.

"We Shall Not Fail"

"We will face the problems of peace with the same courage that we have faced and mastered the problems of war," he said.

"In the memory of those who have made the supreme sacrifice—in the memory of our fallen president—we shall not fail!"

He told his listeners the world's great nations must work together to build and maintain peace.

"We must not only have hope but we must have faith enough to work with other peace-loving nations to maintain the peace," he said.

"The responsibility of the great See AID . . . Page 3

## Soviets Penetrate Oder Defense Line In Great Assault

By United Press  
The Red army in Austria has captured Fuerstenfeld, 25 miles east of the city of Graz, a Moscow communique reported today.

Fuerstenfeld is 150 miles southeast of Berchtesgaden, Adolf Hitler's mountain retreat in the southeast corner of Germany.

Graz lies approximately 90 miles southwest of Vienna on the Mur river.

LONDON, April 16 (UP)—The Red army attacked on a 110-mile front east of Berlin today in a general offensive to capture the devastated Nazi capital and link up with allied armies in the west.

In the first few hours of the long-expected assault, the Nazis conceded, the Russians penetrated the last-ditch Nazi defense line between Kuestrin and Frankfurt due east of Berlin and seized a new bridgehead across the Oder midway between the capital and Stettin.

Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian army threw the main weight of its all-out offensive against the German line from Wriezen, 23 miles northeast of Berlin, to Fuerstenberg, 42 miles southeast, under cover of a terrific air and artillery bombardment.

With the attack, the Russians engaged the last sizeable organized portion of the German army still fighting in the Reich. Allied observers believed as many as 90 German divisions—900,000 men—had been waiting on the eastern approaches to Berlin for the Soviet offensive.

Record Bombing Raids

The U. S. 15th air force eclipsed all its previous records in the attack preliminary to the new offensive. It sent 1,233 heavy bombers to drop 2,374 tons of bombs on tactical targets south of Bologna.

The Fifth army drive was alongside the left wing of the Eighth army which attacked last week. Polish units of the Eighth scored the biggest victory of the campaign by capturing Imola, strategic transport center on the trunk railway 22 miles southeast of Bologna.

The Germans were fighting doggedly everywhere on the Italian front. Authorities said there was no sign that they intended to give up an inch of Italian soil.

Cause of Airlines Crash Is Probed

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., April 16 (UP) — Federal and county authorities searched the wreckage of Pennsylvania Central Airlines plane today for a clue to the cause of the crash that killed 17 passengers and three crew members.

The 29 bodies, most of them burned beyond recognition, were recovered last night by a search party that trudged three miles up the side of Cheat mountains, eight miles northeast of here, to reach the smoldering wreckage.

## National Unity Asked By Truman to Achieve Peace

Calling upon the nation for unity of effort and thought and for its guidance in his service as chief executive, President Harry S. Truman today presented his first message to the country. Highlights of the address, delivered to congress this morning, follow:

In His infinite wisdom, Almighty God has seen fit to take from us a great man who loved, and was beloved by, all humanity.

No man could possibly fill the tremendous void left by the passing of that noble soul. No words can ease the aching hearts of untold millions of every race, creed and color. The world knows it has lost a heroic champion of justice and freedom.

"Our demand has been, and it remains—unconditional surrender."

"So that there can be no possible misunderstanding, both Germany and Japan can be certain, beyond any shadow of doubt, America will continue the fight for freedom until no vestige of resistance remains."

"We are deeply conscious of the fact that much hard fighting is still ahead of us."

"The grand strategy of a 'United Nations' war has been determined . . . We are now carrying out our part of that strategy under the able direction of Admiral Leahy, General Marshall, Admiral King, General Eisenhower, Admiral Nimitz and General MacArthur."

"I want the entire world to know that this direction must and will remain—unchanged and unhampered."

"Nothing shall shake our determination to punish the war criminals even though we must pursue them to the ends of the earth."

On the peace:

"Having to pay such a heavy price to make victory certain, America will never become a party to any plan for partial victory!"

"To settle for merely another temporary respite would surely See PRESIDENT . . . Page 5

## Allies Open Big Spring Offensive On Italian Front

ROME, April 16 (UP)—The U. S. Fifth army opened a crushing attack in the Italian mountains below Bologna today and Gen. Mark W. Clark announced that the allied 15th army group's general spring offensive now is on.

"Hit them with all you have got, and with God's help we will have a decisive and perhaps final victory," Clark said in an order of the day.

The whole Italian front was a-laze. British Eighth army forces were beating back the Adriatic wing of the German line. Fifth army troops were striking along the approaches of Bologna and to the west were slugging up the Ligurian coast toward La Spezia and its great naval base.

Planes Fly Procession

Planes flew across the procession, low on a straight course. A drum began a dirge. Three beats and a slow roll, three beats, slow roll, three beats, slow roll—endlessly.

As the procession neared the garden the band took up Chopin's funeral march. In an undertone the drums kept the rhythm.

The band played the Star Spangled Banner, then the hymn chosen by Mrs. Roosevelt, "Nearer My God to Thee."

At 10:36 a. m. the caisson was drawn into position. Eight en-

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## Nation Pays Last Tribute To Roosevelt

HYDE PARK, N. Y., April 16 (UP)—The body of Franklin Delano Roosevelt rested today in the soil of a sunny rose garden on the family estate overlooking the Hudson river.

A few minutes before 10 o'clock yesterday morning, a lone gun in a nearby field stilled those waiting in the hedge-locked garden with the first round of a 21-gun presidential salute. Forty-seven minutes later the simple services for the 31st president of the United States were over.

As the echo of the gun faded, the strains of "Hail to the Chief" played by the West Point cadet band came through the nearby woods. The funeral procession moved up the hillside paced by the muffled drums.

Cadets Form Honor Guard

First came the band, then 600 West Point cadets. The president's flag-draped casket rested on a black caisson drawn by six brown horses. Behind it was Mrs. Roosevelt and her family, President Harry S. Truman and his wife and daughter.

Inside the garden, the late president's aged aunt, Mrs. James R. Roosevelt, waited in a chair beside the graveside. At her side was Fala, the president's dog.

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## College Receives Two Scholarships

Receipt of two new all-tuition scholarships to Eastern Oregon college were announced today by President Roben J. Maaske, one to go to a high school senior and the other to a sophomore at the college. Each scholarship is valued at \$74.

The Eddy Bakeries are the sponsors of one scholarship, which will be awarded to an outstanding high school graduate in the eastern Oregon area served by the bakeries.

The scholarship to go to a college sophomore has been given by Mrs. Della Wagner of Wagner's dress shop.