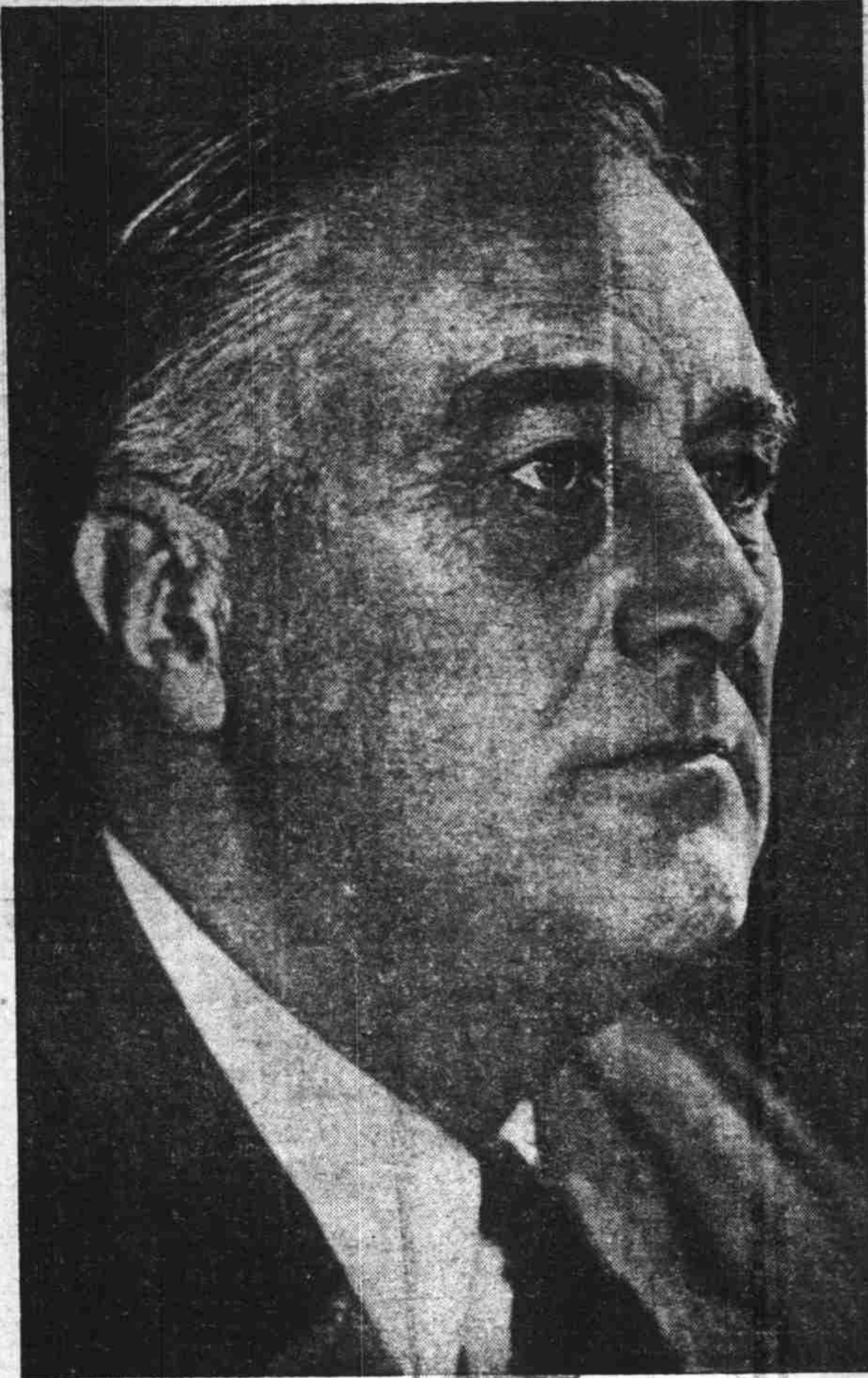


DEATH TAKES PRESIDENT

President of U. S. for Over 12 Trying Years



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9th Crosses Elbe, Ready for 49-Mile Drive Into Berlin

1st, 3rd Armies Sweep 50 Miles To Leipzig Gates

By Austin Bealmeur
PARIS, Friday, April 13—(AP)—U.S. Ninth army tanks smashed across the Elbe river on a six-mile front just 57 miles from Berlin yesterday and U.S. First and Third armies in sweeps of nearly 50 miles thundered at the gates of the great city of Leipzig, 75 miles southwest of the capital.

Organized Resistance In Germany Expected To End In Few Days

WASHINGTON, April 12—(AP)—High army officials told the senate military affairs committee today the end of organized fighting in Germany probably will come in a few days.

Truman Becomes President

Mrs. FDR Tells Him of Death and Cables Children

WASHINGTON, April 12—(AP)—Harry S. Truman became the 32nd president of the United States at 7:09 p. m. (EWT) tonight.

Chief Lost At Peak Of War Crisis

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Dies of Brain Hemorrhage; Truman Sworn Into Office

WARM SPRINGS, Ga., April 12—(AP)—President Franklin D. Roosevelt, his history-making tenure fast approaching its climax in world events, died today of a cerebral hemorrhage a short time after lauding into unconsciousness.

WARM SPRINGS, Ga., April 13—(AP)—Plans were completed early today for a simple funeral for Franklin Delano Roosevelt as Mrs. Roosevelt arrived to join her beloved dead.

chief in America's greatest war, was sitting in front of a fireplace in the little white house here atop Pine mountain when the attack struck him.

Bruenn described it as a massive cerebral hemorrhage. The president's negro valet, Arthur Prettymann, and a Filipino messboy carried him to his bedroom. He was unconscious at the end. It came without pain.

President Had Been Under-Weight
Mr. Roosevelt arrived at Warm Springs March 30. He had been underweight and his doctors wanted him to take it easy so see if he could not regain the poundage at which he felt comfortable.

He characterized the president as "A great organizer of the struggles of the freedom-loving nations against the common enemy. x x x 'The government x x x expresses sincere sympathy to the American people in their great loss.'"

LONDON, Friday, April 13—(AP)—The German DNB news agency said this morning that the news of President Roosevelt's death "Has of course had a great impression in Berlin," but added that nazis officials refrained from drawing any immediate conclusions concerning any possible effect on American foreign policy.

WASHINGTON, April 13—(Friday)—Prime Minister Churchill said today that the death of President Roosevelt was "the loss of the British nation and of the cause of freedom in every land."

LONDON, Friday, April 13—(AP)—Premier Marshal Stalin expressed his sorrow at the death of President Roosevelt today in a message to Mrs. Roosevelt in which

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

O Captain! my Captain! our fearful trip is done. The ship has weather'd every rack, the prize we sought is won. The port is near, the bells I hear, the people all exulting.

Americal Division Invades Last Central Philippine Isle Still in Japanese Hands

By CLYDE BARTEL Associated Press War Editor

Americal division troops of the U. S. Eighth army charged ashore on Bohol island Wednesday, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today, and with Filipino guerrilla aid started liberation of the last central Philippine island still in Japanese hands.

Superfortresses in very large force—perhaps 300 or more—made the longest bombing hop from Marianas bases Thursday, striking Koriyama, industrial center 110 miles north of Tokyo, for the first time, and also hitting the Nippon capital. The raids involved a 3800-mile round trip for the bombers, which picked up fighter escort Japan-bound at Iwo Jima.

Washington navy headquarters reported the U. S. submarine Scamp overdue from the Pacific and presumed lost. The Scamp, skippered by Cmdr. John C. Hollingsworth, Emory University, Ga., was the 42nd American submarine lost in the war.

News of Roosevelt's Death Spreads Rapidly in Salem

Stranger stopped stranger on downtown Salem streets and thus the news spread. Flags rose then dropped to half-mast against a showery April sky and onlookers paused in silent personal tribute.

\$100 Million in Water Control Projects Due

WASHINGTON, April 12—(AP)—Irrigation, flood control and power projects for Oregon, totalling nearly \$100,000,000 and including \$9,341,000 for the North Santiam river and \$12,416,500 for the Yamhill project, were included today in the revised post-war construction plan of the reclamation bureau.

3 Milk Bills Favored Here

The state department of agriculture will oppose vigorously any referendum of three bills from the recent legislature relating to pasteurization and fixing standards of milk, Director E. L. Peterson indicated Thursday.

British Hit Formosa

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12—(AP)—A Tokyo radio dispatch picked up by the Blue network tonight said a British task force attacked northern Formosa today with about 100 carrier aircraft.

Nip Warplanes Assault Fleet Off Okinawa

GUAM, Friday, April 13—(AP)—Japanese warplanes renewed their suicidal attacks on American amphibious forces off Okinawa yesterday, sinking one destroyer and damaging several other surface units, Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said in today's communique.

'He Can't Be Dead, the War Isn't Over Yet'

SPOKANE, Wash., April 12—(AP)—A grey-haired woman stood on a street corner arguing with a newsboy.

The New President



HARRY S. TRUMAN

PFC Floyd Howard Dies in Iwo Action

PFC Floyd (Buster) Howard, 29, of the Fifth marines, was killed in action February 23 on Iwo Jima, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Howard, 350 West Lincoln st., were notified Thursday by the navy department.

Howard, who had attended Salem high school and been employed at Blue Lake cannery prior to his enlistment, in November, 1943, went overseas last August. He had made his home in Salem since 1932.