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Partly cloudy northern, clear southern portion today and tonight; partly cloudy Sunday. Warmer today and cooler Sunday.

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5 Square Miles Of Jap Capital Swept By Fire

Tokyo Reports Flames Spread to Palace and Destroy Nippon Shrine

By Lyle Shoemaker (United Press War Correspondent) Guam, April 14 (AP)—Hundreds of Superfortresses set fire to a five-square-mile arsenal area of Tokyo today and the Japanese reported the flames spread to the mikado's palace.

A Tokyo communique said the fires broke out in part of the buildings within the imperial palace, the Oniya palace and the Asasaha detached palace but "were soon extinguished."

The main building and sanctuary of the grand Meiji shrine, one of Japan's greatest memorials, was "burned to ashes," the communique said.

Oniya palace, adjoining the imperial palace, is the residence of the empress dowager.

Huge Fires Started

Explosions from the huge fires that ripped through the vital war production area of Tokyo were heard more than 100 miles away.

Thousands of tons of high explosives and incendiaries were dumped on the Japanese capital in a section congested with three large munitions plants and chemical works.

Huge fires blazed furiously through the target area, one of Japan's most vital war production centers, as the Marianas-based B-29's completed the 16th raid on the enemy capital.

When the B-29 in which I was riding flew over Tokyo near the end of today's raid, fires were raging through the stricken area and thunderous explosions flashed across the city.

Damage Admitted

Tokyo radio admitted that severe damage resulted from the fires, which raged several hours after the bombers left. The communique said approximately 470 B-29's took part in the raid and claimed that 41 of them were shot down and 80 others damaged.

Although the size of the Superfortress force was not announced officially, it was known to compare with those used in previous raids when as many as 325 bombers dumped over 2,000 tons of fire bombs in a single attack.

The section singled out for today's attack was about six miles northwest of the imperial palace and on the edge of the 17-mile area devastated in the March 10 fire raid.

Ack-Ack Encountered

The raid started at 1:30 a. m. When our plane, the next to the last one in the force, reached the target about 30 searchlights were groping through the darkness and ack-ack bursting around us.

As we sped through the bombardment and the bombardier was getting ready to release our fire bombs, tremendous explosions threw our plane 5,000 feet upward.

It shuddered there at 15,000 feet and then started straight down for burning Tokyo. We dropped 1,000 feet before the pilot, Capt. Richard Paquette, Burlington, Vt., got the plane under control.

Smoke from the inferno below was billowing high past our plane and must have arisen at least five miles into the air.

Bureau Outlines Work for Oregon

Washington, April 14 (AP)—The bureau of reclamation today estimated the construction cost of 21 proposed irrigation, flood control and power projects in Oregon at \$97,353,200.

Two of the projects, the Klamath and Deschutes installations, are under construction. The Klamath irrigation project will be completed in less than two years at a cost of \$410,000; the interior department estimated in a report to the house appropriations committee.

The irrigation project on the Deschutes river, consisting of an earth dam and canals, will be completed in less than two years after an expenditure of \$2,300,000. Other projects for irrigation and flood control are planned at Canby, Merlin, Bully Creek reservoir, Crooked river, Baker, Illinois valley, Paulina, Post, Wapinita and Salem.

TRAFFIC IS STALLED

Reedsport, Ore., April 14 (AP)—A cave-in on the coast highway 14 miles south of Reedsport stalled traffic Friday and a stream leading from Tiel lake to the ocean was forced to change its course.

More than 1,000 feet of the highway was damaged when a sand dune collapsed. Water from the stream flooded the highway.

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Grief-Stricken Nation Joins In Tribute to Late President

Hamlet and Metropolis Pay Homage to War Leader; Flags Placed at Halfstaff Over U. S.

(By United Press)

Hamlet and metropolis alike paused today to pay tribute to Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Governors and mayors from the Atlantic to Hawaii ordered periods of mourning and the lowering of flags to half staff on all government buildings.

Special memorial services were planned in thousands of churches and movie houses and other places of entertainment joined in wholesale shutdowns out of respect to Mr. Roosevelt's funeral service in Washington at 4 p. m., EWT.

War plants throughout the nation, urged by the war production board to continue operation as their tribute, planned periods of silence of three to five minutes at the start of the Washington service.

Pause Ordered

In Chicago, New York and Hollywood all transportation facilities will pause for one minute at 4 p. m. (EWT). The American Telephone and Telegraph Co. will observe a 30 second pause in all communications at that time.

All leased wires of the United Press will stand idle for one minute at 4 p. m.

Financial houses in the major cities declared a full holiday. Commercial and business houses in New York and other large cities also closed down for the day. Movie production in Hollywood was suspended until Monday.

Dewey Mourns Leader
Taverns, nightclubs and movies announced they would postpone openings until after 6 p. m. (EWT) in deference to the White House ceremonies. Legitimate theaters on Broadway cancelled Saturday afternoon matinees.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York was joined by other governors in proclaiming a 30-day mourning period with flags at half-staff. Vice Admiral Emory Land said all American merchant ships throughout the world had been ordered to lower their flags for 30 days.

In the Pacific, American battleships will observe the flag-lowering tribute where battle conditions permit.

Britain, Mourning FDR, Hears End of War In Europe May Be Near; Eden Named Envoy

London, April 14 (AP)—Britain was torn today between mourning the death of President Roosevelt and a mounting tension fed by persistent and thinly veiled hints in the press that the formal end of the war in Europe might come at any time.

Prime Minister Churchill was described as persuaded by the possible imminence of great events to cancel the preparation of a plane and specially picked crew to take him to the United States for Mr. Roosevelt's funeral.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden was commissioned instead to represent the British government. Early today an announcement said he had departed by plane for the United States. He left aboard a royal air force transport plane by daylight Friday, and probably had arrived at some transatlantic point before his departure was announced.

Mr. Roosevelt's death was recorded in the court circular last night. For the first time it referred to the death of the head of a foreign state not related to the British royal family. It said: "The king has received with profound regret the news of the death of Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt, president of the United States of America. His majesty mourns the loss of a staunch ally and a great personal friend."

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Wilson Broadbent, the Daily Mail's diplomatic correspondent, said the news of Mr. Roosevelt's death apparently was one of the greatest shocks Churchill ever suffered. He returned to find Churchill's eyes wet, a half-smoked cigar cast aside, and dispatches scattered open before him.

Churchill ordered arrangements made for a flight to America, Broadbent said. A plane was ordered. When Churchill awoke in the morning, he still intended to fly to the United States. But within a few hours urgent dispatches from the front reached him, Broadbent said. He cancelled the plans for the trip because he decided that important decisions might be required of him at any moment.



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Silent Capital Honors F. D. R. YANKS CLOSE IN ON BERLIN

London Hints Britain Ready For Big News

Movement of Allies Is Under Blackout; Units Cut Off Escape Lines

Paris, April 14 (AP)—American Ninth army infantrymen won a second bridgehead across the Elbe river and drove on east to join their armored spearheads in the attack on Berlin today. To the south, the U. S. Third army cut the enemy's main escape roads into Bavaria and raced within 80 odd miles of a juncture with the Red army.

Dispatches from the blacked-out Ninth army front said doughboys of the 83rd infantry division burst across the Elbe at Barby, 15 miles southeast of Magdeburg and 57 miles southwest of Berlin.

The Yanks were reported closing up fast in the wake of the second armored division, whose tank columns crossed the river at an undisclosed point between Barby and Magdeburg 48 hours ago.

Reports Not Confirmed

Headquarters refused to confirm reports that the American spearheads were barely 15 miles west of the wrecked enemy capital, but sensational London reports said Britain had been alerted for imminent news of tremendous importance—possibly an entry into Berlin, a link-up with the Red army, German capitulation, or all three.

ABSIE, the American broadcasting station in Europe, said the Ninth army march into Berlin was expected imminently.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's veteran Third army tank crews plunged toward the Russian lines at a mile-an-hour clip against the weakest German opposition, outflanking Leipzig and driving within 38 miles of Dresden, two of the biggest east-front military bases left to the battered Wehrmacht.

Far to the north, one and perhaps more American Ninth army divisions raced down the home stretch before Berlin under a rigid military security blackout. There was no confirmation of reports that they had reached positions 15 to 16 miles from Berlin, and latest official information—largely 24 hours or more behind the battle—placed the Americans about 45 miles from the capital.

London dispatches said all Britain was tense with expectancy, awaiting an imminent announcement that the Americans had entered Berlin and linked up with the Russians.

"The barricades are up in Berlin; the reich is entering its final hours," London newspaper headlines proclaimed.

LODGE ROOMS CLOSE
In tribute to the memory of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the Elk lodge rooms will be closed until 4 p. m. today, officials of the lodge announced.



Harry S. Truman (left) is sworn in as president of the United States by Chief Justice Harlan Fiske Stone as members of the cabinet and congress look on. Mrs. Truman stands in center of group. Scene is at White House. (NEA-Telephoto.)

Angling Season Opens in Oregon

Reports were lacking from outdoors who were fishing elsewhere on the Deschutes, and the Metolius rivers, but youngsters who gathered in Drake park and cast their bait into Mirror pond were not faring too badly as the angling season opened in Central Oregon today.

Excited boys as well as girls, who were on the banks of the stream as the first warming rays of sunshine filtered through the pines, reported "good catches."

Some boys proudly displayed Browns up to 15 inches in length. While dozens of the youngsters were readying their tackle at dawn today, a greater migration to the park and below to the dam was expected this afternoon when all other activities were to be halted in respect to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Cast In River
There was a general belief that previous and prolonged cold weather might hinder fishing when the season opened before dawn today, but scores of anglers, nevertheless, were absent from their local haunts, and out fishing.

First-day anglers were reported casting all along the Deschutes below Sheep bridge, and downstream as far as Warm Springs. Fishing is banned for a quarter of a mile below Wickiup dam.

A number of automobiles were seen early today, moving out of the city with full loads of anglers and boats strapped atop the vehicles.

Besides the Metolius and Deschutes rivers, two lakes were also opened to fishing today, Blue and Suttle lakes in Jefferson county.

Kerosene Flames Result in Death

Kelso, Wash., April 14 (AP)—T. C. Woodard, 61, died of burns after his clothing caught fire Friday night when he tried to start a fire in a heating stove with kerosene.

Mrs. Woodard and a boarder, Cliff Rose, wrapped Woodard in a quilt and placed him in a bathtub, they told officers in Kelso. They turned on the water, but were forced by flames to leave the house.

Woodard's body was still in the tub when firemen entered the house after controlling the fire. Rose was burned slightly. Woodard came to Kelso from Missouri last January.

FIRE CALLS ANSWERED

Fire city firemen late yesterday and today answered three fire calls, and reported that only slight damage resulted from the blazes. Most of the damage was done at the Pine Cone on Bond street, where a fire behind a wall for a time threatened the establishment. A fire fire was extinguished at 608 Congress avenue, and firemen halted a bonfire which had started to spread at 1309 East Third street.

PVT. PAUL WOUNDED
Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Paul, 1315 Ithaca street, today received word from the war department that their son, Pvt. Stanley Paul, has been wounded in action in the Philippines area, they announced.

Truman Takes Oath as President



Harry S. Truman (left) is sworn in as president of the United States by Chief Justice Harlan Fiske Stone as members of the cabinet and congress look on. Mrs. Truman stands in center of group. Scene is at White House. (NEA-Telephoto.)

Ordination Rites to Feature Church Conference in Bend

Many Parts of Vast Eastern Oregon District Represented; Opening Meetings Are Held

Headed by Bishop William P. Remington of Pendleton, Episcopal church workers from many parts of the vast Eastern Oregon missionary district were in Bend today for the 35th annual convocation, to be featured on Sunday by the ordination of Edward Herriek Cook to the priesthood. Rev. Cook at present is missionary in charge of the Prineville, Madras and Cross Keys missions.

Many of the delegates, from as points as far north as The Dalles and as far east as Baker, arrived in Bend yesterday evening, and others are expected today. Meeting simultaneously with the convocation is the Church Women's Service league of Eastern Oregon, with Mrs. Mabel Hughes, diocesan president, in charge. Mrs. C. V. Bowman, president of the Women's Auxiliary of Oregon, is here from Portland to address the assembly.

Blizzard Strikes Mountain States
Cheyenne, Wyo., April 14 (AP)—A "typical" April blizzard swept across parts of Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska today, blocking roads in Wyoming with snow as much as 22 inches deep in some places and endangering livestock.

Wyoming had the heaviest snowfall. Twenty-inches was reported at Lander, 19 at Douglas and 14 at Casper where 35 persons were reported stranded at a night club 12 miles from the city.

The snowfall decreased as the storm spread south and eastward, with four inches reported at Denver and one inch at Sydney, Neb.

The storm, accompanied by high winds, covered an area 300 miles long along the continental divide and extended eastward about 150 miles.

The weather bureau said the storm would last throughout most of the day.

Bend Public Speech Students Take First Places in Contests

Oregon State College, Corvallis, April 14 (AP)—As finalists in the Oregon high school speech league tournament, students from Roseburg and Grants Pass will thrash out tonight the question of reducing the voting age to 18 years.

Finals in a second contest division, after-dinner speaking, will also take place today.

The record number of 147 contestants from 26 state schools took part in the eight playoffs Friday, according to Paul X. Knell, associate professor of speech.

Some of the finalists follow: Extempore speaking—Ejwin Paxson, Beaverton; Kenneth Fretwell, Bend; Barbara Breitmayer, Grants Pass; Bill Wilson, Klamath Falls; Bill Moffatt, Medford; David Simpson, Salem.

After-dinner speaking—Rosella Knight, Bend; Kelly Farris, Klamath Falls; Denny Marvin and Az-

ta Sinclair, Lebanon; Robert Robinson, Salem; Beth Beat, Springfield. Panel discussion—Harold Gardner, Bend; Bob Wicks, Cottage Grove; Thomas Hedgpeth, Grants Pass; Connie Newton, Hillsboro; Norman Weekly, Lemmon; Shirley Parker, Roseburg; Cornelius Bateson, Salem.

Debate—Roseburg and Grants Pass. Humorous reading (manuscript)—Marys Prentice and Rosella Knight, Bend; Mary Louise Allen and Nann Ballard, Corvallis; Laurel Hodson and Eva Kleide, Junction City; Donald Cook, Pendleton.

Wayne D. Overholser, member of the Bend high school faculty and writer or western fiction is coach of the local team that is taking part in the state contests at Corvallis. He was accompanied to the college city by Mrs. Overholser.

Funeral Train Bears Casket Out of South

Great Crowds Stand In Sultry Sun to Pay Tribute to Dead Chief

Washington, April 14 (AP)—The body of President Roosevelt was borne through the hushed streets of the nation's capital today to receive the people's tribute.

The special train drew into Washington Union station just before 10 a. m., EWT, and came to a slow halt where President Truman and the leaders of the government who had worked with Mr. Roosevelt in peace and war were waiting.

In the plaza outside and along the broad, troop-lined avenues leading to the White House, silent crowds stood in the sultry April sunshine.

It was a war-time ceremony in keeping with an America whose forces were fighting toward victory in Europe and in the Pacific. Battalions of soldiers, sailors and marines marched slowly ahead of the shrouded caisson that bore Mr. Roosevelt's body.

Troops Take Part
G.I. troops in olive drab with fixed bayonets and their dusty working leggings and G.I. shoes stood every three paces along the cortege route.

Only one of the President's four sons—Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt—had reached Washington for the ceremony. The others were with the navy and the marines at their war posts in the far Pacific.

Elliott, the four Roosevelt daughters-in-law, and Mrs. John Boettiger were first to board the funeral train where Mrs. Roosevelt waited. They were followed by Mr. Truman, Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace and former War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes.

A moment later enlisted soldiers and sailors gently lifted the flag-draped casket from the train and passed it to the body-bearers—non-commissioned men representing each of the four service arms.

Grief Stricken
The sturdy marines and soldiers bit their lips in obvious grief.

As the casket was placed on the black-draped military caisson, the U. S. marine band played "The Star Spangled Banner" followed by "The Old Ragged Cross" and "Rock of Ages."

Battalions of the armed services led the procession through the crowd-packed streets with the marine band leading and marching at funeral pace.

The crowds were so quiet that the clumping tread of the marching men down Constitution avenue sounded like distant surf.

Mrs. Roosevelt, outwardly composed as she has been since the tragedy struck, was clad entirely in black. She wore a heavy dotted black veil and rode with her son, Elliott, and her daughter, Anna, immediately behind the horse-drawn caisson.

In the next car were the president's daughters-in-law and in the third, Mr. Truman, Wallace and War Mobilization Director Fred (Continued on Page 5)

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