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Soviets Open Drive for Berlin

Ideals of FDR To Be Upheld, Says Truman

New President Warns Enemies Unconditional Surrender Still Goal

Washington, April 16 (UP)—President Truman in his first appearance before the congress today assured the nation and the world that he would support and defend the ideals of President Roosevelt "with all my strength and with all my heart."

He said that in the war "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."

And, he continued, "we are deeply conscious of the fact that much hard fighting is still ahead of us."

"Having to pay such a heavy price to make complete victory certain, America will never become a party to any plan for partial victory. To settle for merely another temporary respite would surely jeopardize the future security of all the world."

Is Emphatic "We will not traffic with the breakers of the peace on the terms of the peace."

He also was emphatic in saying that this country's war strategy, conceived under the late President and the chiefs of the armed services appointed by Mr. Roosevelt, would not change.

"The grand strategy of the United Nations war has been determined—due in no small measure to the vision of our departed commander-in-chief," he said. "We are now carrying out our part of that strategy under the able direction of Adm. Leahy, Gen. Marshall, Adm. King, Gen. Arnold, Gen. Eisenhower, Adm. Nimitz and Gen. MacArthur."

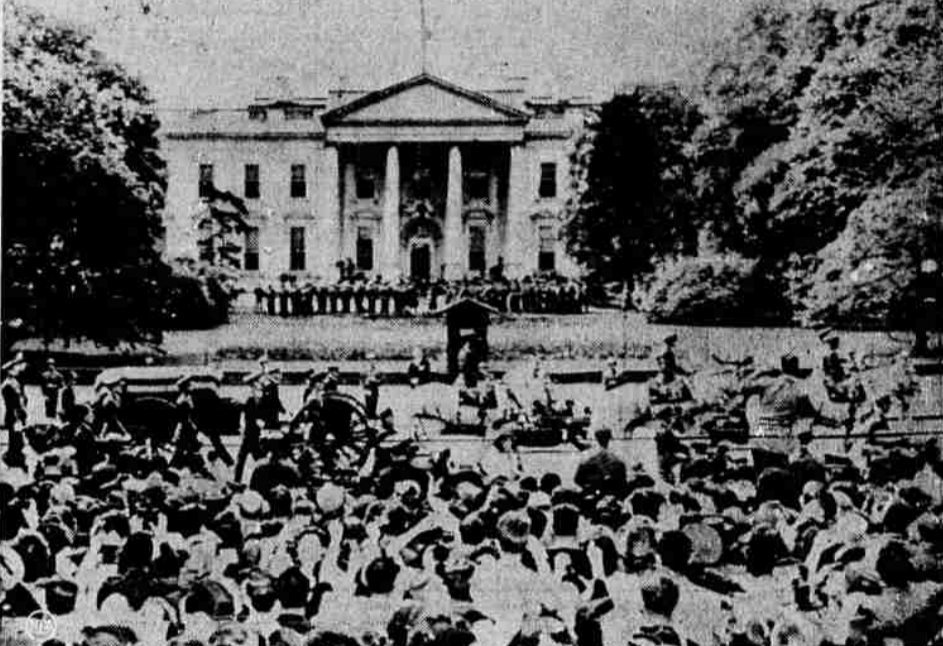
"I want the entire world to know that this direction must and will remain—unchanged and unhampered."

Looking to the April 25 conference of the United Nations in San Francisco, Truman said "we will face the problems of peace with the same courage that we have faced and mastered the problems of war."

Not To Fail "In memory of those who have made the supreme sacrifice—in the memory of our fallen President."

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Throngs Pay Homage and Farewell to FDR



A tight-lipped, grief-stricken crowd stands outside the White House as the body of President Roosevelt was borne by a military caisson back to his former Washington residence to rest for a few hours before returning in deathless fame to his boyhood home at Hyde Park, N. Y.

Ordination Services Are Held In Bend; Churches Honor FDR

Prayers Intermingled With Those of Nation In Solemn Requiem; Convocation Is at End

Edward Herrick Cook, Harvard university graduate, lecturer and member of the Harvard Daily Crimson's editorial board in his underclassman days, was ordained to the priesthood in his impressive services here Sunday that highlighted the closing sessions of the 34th annual convocation of the Episcopal church, Eastern Oregon missionary district. Present for the convocation and ordination were church workers and delegates from practically every county east of the Oregon Cascades, over which William P. Remington of Pendleton presides as bishop.

Prayers of the large group attending the convocation, and those of other Bend congregations, were mingled with prayers of a nation grieving over a departed leader, in a solemn requiem for Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Early Saturday afternoon, there was a union service for the late president at the First Presbyterian church, and the spacious auditorium was filled to capacity as Bend paid tribute to Mr. Roosevelt, at the same moment when services were being held in the White House in Washington, D. C. Taking part in the services at the First Presby. (Continued on Page 5)

Russian, Allied Air Units Linked

Paris, April 16 (UP)—Aerial vanguards of the American and Russian armies made their first tactical contact above the Leipzig-Dresden corridor today, barely 40 miles ahead of two great United States tank armies plowing through the shattered defenses of central Germany.

The aerial contact between the converging armies was made by American and Soviet fighter-bombers ordered out to work over the German lines east of the Elbe in the area north of Dresden—target of American First and Third army ground troops.

The American and Russian fliers, presumably by pre-arranged plan, teamed up immediately to bomb and strafe Nazi ground positions throughout the corridor.

Word of the dramatic aerial liaison, which appeared to presage an early juncture between the Allied ground forces, came as the American First and Third armies struck through the center of the Nazi front with probably the greatest armored host in history.

Europe Aflame With Rumors Stating End of War Is Near

London, April 16 (UP)—An unconfirmed French report said today that 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."

Other unconfirmed reports said martial law had been declared in Berlin with chiefs of staff and foreign diplomatic representatives forbidden to travel outside the capital.

The attempted coup against Hitler was reported by the French telegraph service in a Madrid dispatch intercepted by BBC. It said the plot got under way

Entrenched Japs Stall Marines

Guam, April 16 (UP)—Marines of the third amphibious corps pushed along the last 10-odd miles toward the northern tip of Okinawa against light resistance today.

In southern Okinawa, army troops of the 24th corps beat off Japanese counterattacks and, by Tokyo accounts, prepared for a full-scale offensive against Naha, capital of the island.

The army forces have been stalled for nearly a week by upwards of 60,000 Japanese troops entrenched in defenses built into hills shielding Naha, only a scant four miles south of the American lines.

American infantry killed 195 Japanese in smashing three counterattacks yesterday. The enemy troops swarmed down from well-defended Kakazu ridge, 1,000 yards inland from the west coast and about 6,000 yards north of Naha.

Japs Use Spears Some of the enemy troops were armed only with spears, but others carried Tommy guns, grenades and explosive charges.

A Japanese communique said the Americans were making "full preparations for an offensive in southern Okinawa in spite of powerful blows sustained under our counteroffensives."

Some 1,700 American troops were killed or wounded between last Thursday and Sunday, the communique said.

Other Tokyo broadcasts said Japanese planes had launched another "large-scale" assault on American task forces and carrier concentrations around Okinawa at dawn Monday.

5th Army Opens Crashing Attack

Rome, April 16 (UP)—The U. S. Fifth army opened a crashing 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.

Whole Front Ablaze The whole Italian front was ablaze. 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.

Clark, commander of all allied forces in Italy, issued the following special communique: "The spring offensive in the Mediterranean theater has begun. The Fifth army started its offensive this morning, joining the large scale effort begun a week ago by the British Eighth army. The Fifth army attack was preceded by an all-out air bombardment in the mountainous area south of Bologna Sunday afternoon."

Sunny Garden Final Resting Place of FDR

Nation Pays Solemn Tribute to Its Chief; Services Are Simple

By Merriman Smith (United Press Staff Correspondent) 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 service for the 31st president of the United States was 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 Take Part 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.

Planes few 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 (Continued on Page 3)

Hitler to Defend German Capital

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. He warned them to obey no order to retreat, whatever the rank of the officer giving it, unless the officer personally was known to them.

He instructed his troops to shoot any officer whose orders they suspected and warned them of German officers who sought to save their skins by aiding the Russians, possibly in German uniforms.

"Berlin remains German," Hitler said. "Vienna will once more become German and Europe shall never become Russian."

U. S. Ninth Army Stalled Along Elbe River Due to Savage Resistance of German Forces

Paris, April 16 (UP)—Savage German resistance stalled the U. S. Ninth army along the Elbe river 45 to 50 miles from Berlin today, but other American forces rolled unchecked toward a juncture with the Red army. One column was reported astride the German-Czechoslovak border.

With the thunder of battle already rolling back over their wrecked capital, the nazis turned to fight for their last-ditch line along the Elbe with a desperate fanaticism.

They hurled the American second armored division back across the Elbe just north of Magdeburg, 60 miles southwest of Berlin, and opened a heavy artillery bombardment on the Ninth army's other bridgehead at Barby, 15 miles to the southeast.

But the army bridgehead won by the 84th infantry division Saturday, was reported firmly established and expanding steadily in spite of raking enemy shell-

Uncontrolled Fires Race Through Japan Capital

Guam, April 16 (UP)—B-29 Superfortresses burned out 10 1/2 square miles of Tokyo Saturday, the 21st bomber commander announced, and another huge air fleet heaped new destruction on the still-burning capital today.

Some 300 to 400 B-29's dropped possibly 2,000 tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs on war plants in southeast Tokyo and Kawasaki, an industrial suburb southwest of Tokyo, in today's early-morning raid. Fires raged out of control for seven and a half hours, Tokyo broadcasts said.

Approximately 100 carrier-based planes and a small force of Liberators bombed and strafed southern Kyushu, southernmost of the Japanese home islands, for about 50 minutes this afternoon, radio Tokyo reported.

The raid was the first by Liberators yet reported against Japan proper.

Tokyo Releases News Another Tokyo broadcast said 40 "small type" and carrier planes raided Boso peninsula, eastern arm of Tokyo bay, for 50 minutes yesterday. Neither broadcast could be confirmed here.

The destruction wrought by the Superfortresses in Saturday's raid on Tokyo included factories contributing to seven major-war making industries, including the prize target—the Itabashi arsenal.

Also damaged were chemical plants, powder factories and shell plants. The devastated section was twice as large as the specified target area for the raid—five square miles.

"It accomplished more than we expected," a conservative 21st bomber command review of the attack said.

Huge Area Blackened Coupled with the original fire raid March 9, Saturday's attack completed the devastation of 27 1/2 square miles—17,650 acres—of the center of Tokyo. In round figures, Saturday's raid alone knocked out 6,850 acres or 296,000,000 square feet.

Tokyo broadcasts said fires spread Saturday to the Mikado's palace and other imperial buildings. Fires still were raging in Tokyo when today's huge armada arrived over the capital to, in the words of an official announcement, "continue the strategic destruction of Japanese industries."

Truman, Eden In Conference

Washington, April 16 (UP)—President Truman conferred for 20 minutes today with British foreign minister Anthony Eden who delivered several messages from Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Also present were secretary of state Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., and British ambassador Lord Halifax.

Four More Nazi Generals Seized

With U. S. First army in Germany, April 16 (UP)—Four more German generals were captured by American troops in the Ruhr today, and it was believed that the top-ranking Nazi leader, field marshal Walter Von Model, was still trapped in the pocket with about 30,000 soldiers.

LEIPZIG UNDER SIEGE

Paris, April 16 (UP)—American forces brought the ancient German strongholds of Leipzig and Nuremberg 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.

They reached the Mulde river just south of Dessau, only 15 miles from the Ninth army bridgehead at Barby, capturing the biggest Junkers aircraft plant in the reich. Their armor and infantry stormed into Hale, 25 miles farther south, and entered the western outskirts of Leipzig, Germany's greatest remaining military base.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's American Third army outflanked Leipzig with a mile-an-hour armored drive that all but enveloped the big textile and communications center of Chemnitz, 38 miles to the southwest.

A sensational but wholly unconfirmed report relayed by the Nazi-controlled Scandinavian telegraph bureau in Stockholm said Patton's tanks had rushed on 34 miles beyond Chemnitz, to reach Dresden, 53 miles from the Red army lines on the Neisse.

Soviets Attack Along 110 Mile Eastern Front

Big Push From Oder Reported Under Way as Nazis Spread Warning

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.

The Soviet high command did not confirm the offensive immediately, but the Germans—usually first to announce such major Soviet drives—left no doubt that the supreme push from the east had begun.

Zhukov's Men Strike 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, at 3:15 a. m. under cover of a terrific air and artillery bombardment.

"Grim fighting" developed on Berlin's frontal defenses, Nazi accounts said, and Soviet forces wedged into the line in at least one point. Eighty miles to the west, American forces also were driving toward Berlin.

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.

Oder River Crossed The Russians already had hurdled their biggest obstacle on the eastern approaches to Berlin—the Oder river. They held as many as six bridgeheads across the 45-mile stretch of the river from which the Germans said today's offensive was launched.

The biggest was opposite Kuestrin, 38 miles east of Berlin, on the direct super-highway and trunk railway from Warsaw. Kuestrin was captured by the Russians more than a month ago. Ernst von Hammer, commentator for the official Nazi DNB agency, said the Soviets attacked along the Oder river front from a point north of Kuestrin, 38 miles east of Berlin, to one south of Frankfurt, 33 miles east.

Claim Drive Halted Other Nazi broadcasts indicated the offensive got under way between Wriezen, 23 miles northeast of Berlin, and 22 miles northwest of Kuestrin, and Fuerstenberg, 42 miles southeast of Berlin and 15 miles south of Frankfurt.

"According to reports so far available," Hammer said, "the Soviets were halted by violent German barrage fire in all sectors with the exception of one Soviet local penetration."

Bend to Sponsor Music Festival

Bands, choirs, orchestras, ensembles and soloists from four high schools will compete for top honors and national ratings in a competition festival to be held, for the first time, in Bend on April 27, it was announced today. High schools included will be Klamath Falls, Prineville, Redmond and Bend.

A colorful evening program will be given by four bands, two glee clubs, two a cappella choirs and an orchestra. In the afternoon the contest program will include two girls' trios, seven instrumental solos, seven vocal solos and a string ensemble. A total of 417 high school musicians will be putting fourth their best efforts on this occasion, says C. Dale Robbins, chairman of the meet and Bend public school music supervisor.

Three national competition judges will be here to preside over all events. Tickets will be on sale in the near future and the public will be admitted.