

Truman to Carry on Roosevelt's Program for Victory and Peace

Allied Armies Drive Rapidly On All Fronts

9th Army Within 45 Miles of Berlin—1st Opens Battle for Leipzig

Paris, April 13 (AP)—The ninth army closed within 45 miles of Berlin today and the first army opened the battle for Leipzig, closing within seven miles of the battered city where a million Germans were believed huddled in cellars and shelters.

The ninth army closed up to the already-crossed Elbe river on a front of nearly 100 miles after a record 60-mile armored advance, outflanking Denmark, Hamburg and Luebeck.

The ninth armored division closed into the Leipzig defenses in the village of Dalzig, seven miles southwest of the big Saxony center. Tanks rumbled eastward in a move to isolate the city. They were within 95 miles of Russian lines.

Bridges Blown Up
The nearest approach to Berlin was in a bend of the river just south of Tangermunde, where the harried Germans blew the bridges.

Duisburg, Europe's greatest inland port and Germany's 14th city, fell to the ninth army in the shrinking and by-passed Ruhr pocket. The third army captured Erfurt, reached the streets of Jena and were 11 miles from Leipzig.

Between these charging forces of Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson and George S. Patton, Jr., first army tanks broke into a 35-mile run across the "golden meadows" to within 17 miles of Leipzig, largest city in Saxony. Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges's shock troops reached the Weisse river, two miles west of Zeitz, a town already within light artillery range of the third army.

Stiff Opposition
The hell on wheels (second) armored division, which crossed the Elbe at Magdeburg yesterday, was meeting stiff opposition on the eastern bank of that last river barrier before Berlin.

Reinforcements and supplies poured across the Elbe as the tanks gathered strength for the final push on Berlin, expected to start within a day or so. The ninth army dash to the Elbe outflanked all Denmark, and the German ports of Hamburg and Luebeck.

The disintegration of the German army continued. Nearly 30,000 captives went into cages of the first four armies reporting. The first army alone took 25,148 yesterday, most of them from the Ruhr pocket. That death trap is now much less than half its original size and an estimated 75,000 of the originally trapped 150,000 have surrendered. The British took 3000, the French 1000 and the seventh army 2500.

Army Mourns For 30 Days

Paris, April 13 (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower ordered a 30-day mourning period for American troops throughout the European theater today in memory of President Roosevelt.

Eisenhower flashed back the order to supreme headquarters from the front, where he was conferring with his generals on the final phases of the battle of Germany.

The battle was drawing to the end long envisioned by President Roosevelt. And it was under the direction of the man he picked to be supreme commander on the western front.

Word of the death of the president spread rapidly through supreme headquarters and Paris, leaving sadness and grief in its wake.

Gen. Charles de Gaulle, provisional president of France, called President Truman that the French cabinet learned of Mr. Roosevelt's death with "great emotion and deep sadness."

The Weather
(Released by the United States Weather Bureau)
Forecast for Salem and vicinity: Clear tonight and Saturday except for valley fogs in the morning. Both daytime and night temperatures will be somewhat warmer. Minimum tonight near 36. Conditions will be favorable for drying in the morning. Max. yesterday, 55. Min. today, 31. Mean temperature yesterday, 46, which was 5 below normal. Total 24-hour precipitation to 11:30 a. m. today, .07. Total precipitation for the month, 2.28, which is 1.11 inches above normal. Willamette river height, 7.9 ft.

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Reds Capture Vienna After 8 Days Battle

London, April 13 (AP)—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.

Advance on Bavaria
The last three days of the battle in Vienna had been spent in cleaning out German pockets on a narrow nine-mile island between two branches of the Danube.

Already Russian spearheads had pushed on up the valley, and were reported fighting 45 miles west of the capital and less than 75 miles from the Bavarian border.

Russian troops were moving today on the Czechoslovak city of Brunn (Brna), 68 miles north of Vienna, after cutting the last lifelines between the two cities in attacks that doomed the remaining forces in the historic Austrian capital.

Moscow said soviet spearheads burst within 33 miles of Brunn in an invasion over the southern Moravian border.

Russian artillery hammered German defensive positions along the Oder and aerial reconnaissance indicated that the zero hour was near for a new Russian lunge on Berlin, but the immense soviet ground forces were not yet on the move.

Quiet Along Front
The German high command communique—as it has for more than a week—reported no fighting of consequence anywhere between Czechoslovakia and Stettin on the Baltic.

The Russians said nothing officially concerning that front and no Moscow broadcasts heard by the soviet monitor in London mentioned it. The war news division of the soviet embassy also reported no news from the area.

German military commentators—always prompt to report Russian activity on the Berlin front—said only that massive Russian concentrations along the Oder were ready or nearly ready for attack.

Eleanor Sorry for People of World

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."

She spoke then to Presidential Secretary Stephen Early after he had called her to the White House from a meeting a few blocks away.

Allies Drive Steadily Forward In New Italian Offensive

Rome, April 13 (AP)—Allied headquarters announced today that the British Eighth army is driving forward steadily in the lower Po valley against "partially disorganized resistance after beating off numerous heavy counterattacks west of its newly won Santarno river bridgeheads."

At the same time attacking fifth army forces on the opposite end of the front were reported meeting little opposition.

Near the shores of Lake Comacchio at the extreme eastern end of the offensive area, eighth army units, which earlier captured the villages of Mante and Logastrino, drove westward halfway to Bastia, six miles distant.

The Germans have lost their last footholds on the east banks of the Santarno river. The three allied bridgeheads across the stream have been expanded despite the massed strength of big tiger tanks and anti-tank guns.

The salient the Germans long held in the Apennines south of Imola swiftly was being pinch-

118 Jap Planes Lost in Suicidal Okinawa Raid

Guam, April 13 (AP)—A strong Japanese air fleet, including suicide pilots bent on self-destruction in crashes against choice targets, sank an American destroyer and damaged several other ships off Okinawa yesterday in a fierce engagement in which 118 enemy aircraft were destroyed.

All evidence suggested that most of the attacking force was wiped out—by suicide crashes if not by American interceptors and antiaircraft guns ashore and aloft.

Japs Raid Beachhead

The attack was directed at ships and supply dumps at the tenth army's beachhead established Easter morning near Hagushi on the west coast. Seven planes were destroyed in the morning and 111 in a furious afternoon engagement.

Tokyo radio claimed, totally without confirmation, that Japanese fliers sank two battleships and two large transports in the Okinawa action and left five other large warships afloat. It said only two Japanese planes were lost.

Japanese planes bombed and strafed Katena and Yontan airfields before dawn while Japanese artillery shelled the landing strips.

Suicidal Attack

A few enemy aircraft attacked shipping again last night, slightly damaging a destroyer escort after it shot down two.

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, describing the attack as "suicidal" in his communique today, indicated the Japanese pilots were members of the "Kamikaze" or special attack corps, highly advertised by the Japanese as volunteers for death. There has been no official mention of Japanese suicide fliers for six months or more.

Nimitz said all the American ships damaged remained in operation.

Fighting Continues

Yesterday's desperate attack was the second heavy aerial assault in six days against the invaders of Okinawa, just 325 miles south of Japan proper. In a day-long onslaught last Friday three U.S. destroyers were lost while 116 Japanese planes were destroyed.

Fighting in the southern sector of Okinawa did not relax in intensity. No advances in the southern sector were reported for the eighth successive day, although marines in the north moved westward along the rugged Motobu peninsula and pressed northward over Ishikawa isthmus against only sporadic resistance.

Ads Sidetracked for Roosevelt Story

New York, April 13 (AP)—Three of New York's morning newspapers—the Times, Herald Tribune, and Daily News—omitted all general display advertising from their editions today devoting most space to news of President Roosevelt's death.



President Harry S. Truman

Saturday Proclaimed As Day of Mourning

Washington, April 13 (AP)—President Harry S. Truman today proclaimed tomorrow as a national day of mourning for Franklin D. Roosevelt, but there will be no general interruption in the flow of supplies to the fighting fronts. Shortly after the new chief executive issued his proclamation asking that the country observe

Special Train Bringing Body

Aboard Roosevelt Funeral Train, April 13 (AP)—The body of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who died at Warm Springs suddenly yesterday afternoon, was en route on a 23-hour run to Washington today for funeral services in Washington and burial Sunday at Hyde Park, New York.

The 10-car special train, full of friends and associates, who hurried here when news of his death spread, got under way at 10:15 a. m. CWT.

The body was taken to the train on a motor hearse through a lane of soldiers from Ft. Benning, Ga.

Two thousand soldiers from the Fort Benning infantry school and parachute school under the general command of Major General Fred L. Walker arrived in the early morning hours to provide an honor guard.

Also on hand at the depot was the 99th army ground forces band from Fort Benning, led by Chief Warrant Officer Loy A. Ebersole.

Floyd Howard Killed in Action

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Howard of 350 West Lincoln street Thursday afternoon received word from the navy department that their son, Pfc. Floyd (Buster) Howard, was killed in action on Iwo Jima February 23.

Howard, a member of the Fifth marines, was born in Chicago August 10, 1925, and with his family came to Newberg, Oregon, in 1932 and to Salem in June, 1933. He attended grade school in Newberg and at Highland school in Salem and junior high school at Parrish. A former Salem high school student he was employed at Blue Lake Producers cannery before enlisting in the marines.

The serviceman, who when a small boy sold Capital Journals on the Senator hotel corner, had been in the marines since November, 1943, and left for overseas in August, 1944.

Surviving Pfc. Howard besides his parents are two sisters, Becke and Donna Howard, and two brothers, Don and Bobbie Howard, all of Salem.

Liquor Stores Closed
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, closing only on Saturday, the day of the president's funeral.

President Asks Newsmen to Pray for Him

Washington, April 13 (AP)—Tears glistening in his eyes, President Truman told a group of newspaper friends today that "last night the whole weight of the moon and stars fell on me," and added: "If you fellows pray, please pray for me. I mean that."

Mr. Truman was standing outside the capitol office of the secretary of the senate where he lunched with congressional leaders. He had been greeting senate friends and shaking hands with young page boys.

Noting without a group of newspapermen who have covered his career as a senator and vice president, the new chief executive came out, holding both hands outstretched to two reporters standing nearby. When one addressed him as Mr. President, tears formed in Mr. Truman's eyes and he said:

"I wish you didn't have to call me that."

As others pressed forth to grasp his hand and wish him luck the president had a greeting for each.

Then, when handshaking was over, Mr. Truman turned to the group about him and said:

"I don't know if any of you fellows ever had a load of hay or a bull fall on him. But last night the whole weight of the moon and the stars fell on me. I feel a tremendous responsibility. If you fellows ever pray, please pray for me. I mean that."

With that, and a goodbye, the president turned and strode back into the secretary's crowded office.

Churchill Pays Tribute to FDR

London, April 13 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill called the British cabinet into special session today to consider the effect of President Roosevelt's death, which many diplomats feared might have grave repercussions on world security plans.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden will attend Mr. Roosevelt's funeral, it was announced officially.

Churchill and King George led the British in paying tribute to Mr. Roosevelt. For the first time in history the house of commons adjourned in observance of the death of an American president.

Commons met for eight minutes, heard Churchill speak briefly but feelingly of the "immortal renown" of his good friend, and adjourned. When it reconvenes next Tuesday, Churchill is expected to offer a traditional motion expressing sympathy to the king on the death of "his cousin"—the time-honored designation of the head of a great and friendly state.

Portland Stores to Close

Portland, Ore., April 13 (AP)—Portland stores will close tomorrow in observance of the Roosevelt funeral, directors of the Portland Retail Merchants' Association decided today.

American Troops Now on Every Philippine Island

Manila, April 13 (AP)—American troops were on every one of the major Philippines islands today. Elements of the veteran American division invaded Bohol Wednesday and quickly dispersed a small enemy garrison near the main town of Tagbilaran.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today said Maj. Gen. William H. Arnold's American doughboys "rapidly drove inland in an endeavor to secure control of the entire island before the surprised enemy could rally his strength."

Bohol guerrillas already were in control of much of the island, between Cebu and Leyte in the central Philippines and just north of Mindanao.

The invasion was covered by gunfire from light naval craft and aerial bombings by 13th air force pilots. It was virtually unopposed.

Elsewhere, ground troops continued their swift mopups, except in northern Luzon, where

Joint Session of Congress Called For Monday to Hear Executive Outline His Foreign Policies

Tells Senators He is 100 Percent for FDR's Program—Will Speak to Nation's Armed Forces By Radio Tuesday Evening

Washington, April 13 (AP)—President Truman told senators today he will outline his foreign policies briefly at a joint session of congress at 10 a. m. PWT, Monday. He will speak to the nation's armed forces by radio Tuesday night.

Senators who attended an unprecedented luncheon with the new president at the capitol on his first day in office said Mr. Truman told them he was 100 percent for President Roosevelt's foreign policies.

The president, who took time out at the luncheon to shake hands with newspapermen, senate employees and pages, left the capitol for the White House at 2:25 p. m.

On his way out of the capitol he stopped for a look into the senate chamber, where he was presiding officer until yesterday when President Roosevelt's death elevated him to the chief executive's post.

After a 20-minute conference with the new president, Stettinius left hurriedly for the state department. Striding through a crowd of reporters, Stettinius said:

"No comment. Sorry. No comment."

Mr. Truman's first conference apparently gave immediate direction to his statement after taking the oath last night that one of his prime tasks would be to prosecute the war vigorously on all fronts.

He conferred for 48 minutes with the military group.

On leaving the conference, General Marshall referred all inquiries to the president himself, asserting "I'm not free to say anything."

Secretaries Stimson and Forrestal were solemn-faced as they left the executive offices in the oval room. They declined to talk with reporters.

Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles of the army air forces also participated in the hurriedly called session.

Fulton an Aide

President Truman had called the military officials in to bring himself up to date as completely as possible on the war fronts in every theater.

Immediately after the military conference, Mr. Truman left the White House for the capitol.

As Truman began his first full day in the office to which he ascended from the vice presidency, he summoned Hugh Fulton, New York and Washington lawyer, to work with him in the executive offices.

Fulton, former counsel for the senate war investigating committee of which President Truman once was chairman, has been mentioned for the attorney generalship if changes are made in the cabinet.

President Truman arrived at the White House at 9 a. m., eastern war time today to begin his first full day as the nation's chief executive.

Solemn groups which had gathered near his residence and in the vicinity of the executive mansion watched him as he made the trip from his apartment at 4701 Connecticut avenue.

Philippines Mourn For Roosevelt

Manila, April 13 (AP)—The Philippines went into deep mourning today for the death of the president who had directed their liberation from Japanese tyranny.

Flags flew at half-staff from government buildings, while officials said the islands had suffered "an irreparable loss."

A statement was expected soon from Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur.

GOP Senators Pledge Support

Washington, April 13 (AP)—The republican senate conference representing 40 of the body's 96 members pledged their "faith and trust" in President Truman today.

They gave their pledge as grief-stricken congressional leaders cancelled routine business and met instead to arrange memorial services to the memory of President Roosevelt.

This is the resolution the republicans adopted at an emergency meeting called an hour before the senate met for the first time in the Truman administration.

"In this critical and sorrowing hour when you are called to the supreme responsibility of the Republic, we send you this expression of our faith and trust in you and the assurance of our sustaining prayers."

"We shall cooperate with you for the winning of the war and a successful peace at home and abroad. We have directed a committee to call upon you at your convenience to advise with you."

Their expression of unity was telegraphed to the new president at the White House. The message was signed by Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, conference chairman, and Senator Burton of Ohio, secretary.

Truman Still Good Neighbor

By Ernest B. Vaccaro

Washington, April 13 (AP)—Harry S. Truman asked me today to let his old friends know that his sudden elevation to the presidency hadn't changed his neighborly spirit.

If he can't get together informally with his pals—especially the boys of the old 128th with whom he served during World War I—it's because of the duties of his new job and not because Truman wants it that way.

The president asked me to pass that word along as we rode to the White House this morning from his modest Connecticut avenue apartment.

There were two of us with the president, the other being Lt. Col. A. F. Holland of the office of inter-American affairs, an old friend.

"You know, if I could have my way," the new president said, "there was a plaintive note in his voice, 'I'd have them all come in without knocking.'"

The door to Truman's vice presidential office at the capitol was always wide open and people came in droves to shake his hand—reporters, old war "buddies" and countless others.

There were always school kids, privates, yeomen, and folk of every description.

"I'm going to miss all that," Mr. Truman said.

Memorial Programs Asked in Schools

All schools in Oregon should have memorial programs for President Roosevelt, Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, said today in a letter to all county school superintendents, city school superintendents and principals of many schools.

Putnam suggested that memorial programs be held sometime during an afternoon, with pupils to be dismissed for the rest of the day.

He did not suggest a day for the programs to be held, but asked that they be scheduled for "the very near future."