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Among the Great Presidents

Franklin Delano Roosevelt is the war's most noted casualty though his passing in the hour of victory will not affect the successful conclusion of the greatest war in history, though it may affect the efforts to establish permanent peace for his world-wide influence was beyond that attained by any of his predecessors with the exception of George Washington. The perfect timing which fate provided for all of his actions throughout his career was with him to the end for his death, like that of Abraham Lincoln's 80 years ago, gives him a crown of martyrdom which Woodrow Wilson missed by living to see the collapse of his peace program.

Mr. Roosevelt will rank among the great presidents, greater in war perhaps than in peace and it was because of his successful direction of our armed forces that the American people violated their traditions by electing him for a third and then a fourth term holding him indispensable in the world emergency; trusting to his creative boldness to find a way out both in war and in peace. Like all great men he had bitter enemies but all of them recognized his inherent ability and pay heartfelt tribute to his achievements for he now belongs to the ages.

Besides his personal charm and his mastery of politics and knowledge of human nature, much of Mr. Roosevelt's popularity was due to admiration of his stamina and courage in facing physical handicaps that would have incapacitated most men. Crippled by poliomyelitis and all the suffering it entailed, he was always cheerful and optimistic and full of the strenuous energy that characterizes his family. And though his job was a killing one, he was a glutton for punishment and valiantly carried on.

Speaking of the peace to come, in which fate has denied him a concluding part in the making, his remarks in his fourth inaugural can be considered a parting message:

"We can gain no lasting peace if we approach it with suspicion and distrust—and with fear. We can gain it only if we proceed with understanding and confidence and courage which flow from conviction. . . . We pray now to Him for the vision to see our way clearly—to see the way that leads to a better life for ourselves and for all our fellow men—to the achievement of His will to peace on earth."

By the Grace of Inheritance

The mantle which President Roosevelt fashioned for him has fallen upon the shoulders of Harry S. Truman, Missouri farm boy who by his persistency and the quirks of political fortune rose to the second highest office in the land and who fate now elevates to the highest. Whether he is of stature sufficient to fill the garment now remains to be seen. His background is not impressive, but some of his qualities recommend his ability to successfully pursue the course charted for him by his illustrious predecessor whose program he had adopted as his own.

Lacking the brilliance and individualistic driving force of Franklin Roosevelt, President Truman's administration will be in strong contrast to that of the dominating chief executive he succeeded. Under him the cabinet will likely again assume its proper place in the executive branch of the government, and the functions of cabinet officers as advisers to the president will be reestablished. They will help formulate policies instead of merely executing them, thereby adding dignity to their various portfolios. For, call it what you may, modesty or lack of self confidence, the new president is one who seeks advice and who permits himself to be guided by it. More reticent than domineering, he can be expected to confer and consult with those in a position to guide him. But this quality also exposes him to the influence of those not so soundly versed in the affairs of state.

It is also to be expected that the congress will assume a new freedom from direction as the legislative branch that it has not exercised these past 12 years. Respected and well enough liked in the house and senate for his performance as a member of the latter body, Truman will be cordially treated in the two chambers but will not wield the force exercised by Roosevelt when the two branches clash. Truman's demeanor in matters of controversy is more apt to be that of a man not so sure of himself. Consequently his weight of opinion will not be so heavily measured.

The new president is of the Horatio Alger concept of the successful self-made American man who has risen not because of his advantages but in spite of his disadvantages. He lacks the educational and cultural background of Mr. Roosevelt and the statesmen with whom he must deal. If he realizes this handicap he can overcome it, and in this endeavor he has the well wishes of every American regardless of party.

Another Score to Settle

Announcement by Secretary of War Stimson and Secretary of State Stettinius that 70,000 American prisoners of war in Germany are living under "deplorable conditions" adds one more count to the score against the Nazis for offenses against the Geneva conventions and common humanitarian practices. Unable to feed and otherwise care for their prisoners in their own flight for safety, the Germans are herding their prisoners along with them and the constant shifting of the prisoner camps is making it almost impossible for the Red Cross to reach them with relief.

The two secretaries announced that the "constant compressing of these prisoners into camps in an ever-narrowing area has resulted in extreme hardship." But instead of liberating the prisoners they can no longer care for, the Nazis are subjecting them to unbelievable kinds of torture and suffering.

So far the Allied offensives from the east and west have overrun the areas in which 27 of the prisoner of war camps out of 78 in which Americans soldiers are known to be held. In all 15,000 Americans have been liberated from these 27 camps.

Boy Scout Circus Draws Support

Quick response to assignments for the Lions club sponsored Boy Scout circus and camporee May 11, 12 and 13 at the Oregon State Fairgrounds has been made by three Salem scout troops. Not to be outdone by the older scouts, one Salem Cub pack has already taken on its assignment.

Pack 8 of the Presbyterian church is the second Cub pack in the entire Cascade area which covers Marion, Linn and Polk counties to assume responsibility

for an assignment. The scout troops who have accepted are troop 2 of Calvary Baptist church, troop 6 of St. Joseph's Catholic church and troop 64 of Four Corners. The troops will take part in the fire demonstration acts, enter model airplanes and present phases of the pioneering act. Pack 8 will participate in the mass Cub flag formation, parade and work out "animal and clown" feature acts.

Grange Hall—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Krenz and Mr. and Mrs. Byron McElhenny will be hosts at a card party at the grange social night at the hall Saturday night.



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

The past 24 hours the airplanes and newspapers have been full of encomiums for a man who yesterday afternoon shed the fragile garments of a mortal to assume the shining robe of immortality and join the cavalcade of those who have wrought mighty changes in the history of the world.

Of all of those probably none has made a deeper impression on the world which will be felt

more vividly or for a longer time than did Franklin Delano Roosevelt. In the nature of things all did not agree with him. A violent partisanship often surged around him. Many who loved him loved him with a complete and almost fanatic devotion. Many who disliked him and his policies did so with almost as deep and fanatic a dislike.

But friend or foe, lukewarm or at a boiling pitch, all must agree that he pulled no punches, he never dodged a controversy or a fight, he took up the cudgel for the common man and wielded it with a vigor and fierceness like no other man in the country's history. Now that he has gone he has left in the nation's economic life new streams and strata which will have their effect for a millennium.

Probably no individual has gone through a greater stress or strain than he since he went into the White House well over a decade ago. Never recovered from a malignant attack which invalidated him to a certain extent, inside a fragile body was a constitution of iron which made him a Gibraltar for punishment, a punishment few men could take no matter what their physical constitution. Wendell Wilkie and Charles McNary, opponents against him in one election, both apparently in the pink of health, and Wilkie a perfect physical specimen, both preceded him in death.

He died on the threshold of what would be his greatest

achievement, to get in motion the wheels which he hoped would roll the world to a lasting peace. Had he done so there is no doubt he would have been hailed as the great man of the ages.

Through the irony of all things human, now if no lasting peace is achieved people will mourn that the leader died and say it would have been achieved had he lived.

If a thousand years of peace ensue after the present conflict dies down he will be credited with freeing the dove which carried the olive branch.

May we hope that such will be the eventuality.

Forum

Contributions to this column must be confined to 300 words and signed by writer.

2 Samuel 1-19. The beauty of Israel is slain upon the high places: How are the mighty fallen?

Today—Roosevelt is dead and the eyes of the world are dimmed with tears by the loss of a mighty man. He fell not by the sword, but in love for Man.

Zera Polaire.

Search Abandoned For Missing Fliers

Fairbanks, Alaska, April 13 (AP)—Search for Pilot Henry A. Duncan of Racine, Wis., and his mechanic, George Burkhardt, has been abandoned in the belief the two men and their plane have been covered by snowstorms. The men have been missing since March 27 while on a flight from Galena to Candle, Alaska.

Snell Orders Flags Flown At Half-Mast in Oregon

Governor Earl Snell issued a proclamation today ordering flags on all public buildings to be flown at half-mast until after President Roosevelt's funeral, and ordering all public offices to close during the hour of the funeral. The governor's proclamation said: "Expressing the feelings of the people of Oregon, I solemnly proclaim a state of sorrow in memory of our president who yesterday gained immortality in the honor and affection of a nation and in the history of man's yearning for a better world. The flags over public buildings shall be flown at half mast until and throughout the funeral service, and all public offices shall be closed during the hour of the service. I urge all citizens similarly to accord this respect.

"In these solemn hours in the destiny of our nation, let us borrow freely from the wisdom of our forefathers who found courage and belief in their faith in Almighty God. Let the churches of this state be open that today we may seek renewal of that faith.

"As taps sound for a great soldier of all free nations that love liberty, let us at the same time ask the guidance of divine providence for the man who now becomes the president of these United States and the commander-in-chief of all our energies that the victory and peace for which Franklin D. Roosevelt gave his life shall become reality."

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The War Today

By DeWitt Mackenzie

An interpretative analysis of war developments by a famous Associated Press war correspondent.

By J. M. Roberts, Jr. (Substituting for DeWitt Mackenzie)

For the third time in the country's long search for peace—for the second time with tremendous world effect—a great American leader has been stricken in the very crisis time of all his efforts.

We know now that had Woodrow Wilson retained his health, and Abraham Lincoln his life, and had they been able to outweigh their opponents, the history of America and the world would have been far different.

Only with the passing of time will we know the effect of Franklin Roosevelt's death at the same Warm Springs where he once regained full use of the life which was to have such a terrific impact on people everywhere.

While President Roosevelt had been even more the commander-in-chief than other war presidents and while his personal consultations with our allies

on military matters had been all-important, there is consolation on this point. The war with Germany is all but over. Plans for the completion of the war against Japan are so far advanced as to make the need for large-scale revision very unlikely. The fitting or non-fitting of Russia into the Japanese campaign is the only remaining military imponderable. And either way the effect in that quarter will be principally on the time and strength required for victory, rather than in the disposition of British and American forces.

Peace Crisis Faced

Like Wilson and Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt had passed his war crisis. The crisis he faced was peace. Not only victory over present armed enemies, but over the issues which make wars, was the goal he had pursued from the beginning. He did it with all the power and hope of the United States behind him, and even his bitterest political opponents seldom felt competent to go to the mat with him on his international intentions. But his very personality meant that his relations with Joseph Stalin, Winston Churchill, and other world leaders—yes, with Charles de Gaulle—took on a peculiarly personal color. Perhaps, dealing with such person-

Truman Takes Oath of Office As President of U.S.

Washington, April 13 (AP)—Harry S. Truman awoke today in a five-room, \$120 a month apartment, with one bath. It wasn't the quiet, ordinary apartment of yesterday. Today it was the home of President Truman, an eager man who doesn't go much for "show."

It was the first thing Truman thought of after he took the oath of office in the White House cabinet yesterday at 7:09 p.m.

Grim and unsmiling, the Missourian shook the hands of the cabinet he inherited from President Roosevelt and said he thought he would go home.

It was a feverish day for Truman, but his wife and the secret service made certain it would be a night of rest for the man who takes over the greatest burden in the nation's history.

Truman—elevated to the vice presidency by the 1944 elections from his Missouri seat in the U. S. senate—was strolling to the office of Speaker Sam Rayburn, across the capitol, when the news was flashed of Mr. Roosevelt's death from a cerebral hemorrhage at Warm Springs, Ga.

Presidential Secretary Stephen Early called Truman's office immediately. The call was routed to Rayburn's office, and Early told the vice president:

"Harry, you'd better get to the White House just as quickly as you can."

There Truman met Mrs. Roosevelt in her sitting room on the second floor, adjoining the president's bedroom. She said:

"The president has just passed away."

"What can I do?" Truman asked.

"Tell us what we can do; is there any way we can help you?" Mrs. Roosevelt said.

They spoke for a while as the cabinet was being summoned to the room reserved for its meet-

ings. There, attired in a gray suit and wearing a blue and white handkerchief in his lapel pocket, Truman faced the group in front of a marble mantled fireplace. A Bible was brought from the president's office, a big black one with red-edged leaves. Truman was erect and grave. His wife dabbed frequently at her eyes.

Truman patted the hand of his daughter, Margaret, several times, reassuringly. Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone intoned the oath from memory; Truman repeated it from a slip of paper, and the accession of the 32nd president was completed.

The first seven ribs in the body are called true ribs, the next three false and the last two floating ribs.

ilities, there could have been no other successful relationship. But it leaves us wondering as to the future, knowing that we have lost a leader who had been strangely sensitive to and moulded by 12 years of international crises, both military and economic.

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