

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

Truman Faced With Momentous Tasks Abroad and at Home as Allied Drives Lead to Victory

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Bearing meager household possessions on heads and in arms, Jap civilians on Okinawa return to lowlands after flight inland before invasion forces.

NEW LEADER:
Historic Task

Dying even as American military leaders saw an early end to the European war, with the intricate problems of peace lying ahead, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt left to successor Harry S. Truman one of the most momentous jobs ever confronting a statesman.

Oddly enough, Mr. Roosevelt himself entered the office 13 years before under highly critical circumstances, with the nation's business and agriculture in stagnation and its finances on the verge of collapse. Still comparatively new to the American people, Mr. Roosevelt won their immediate confidence during the first 100 days of his administration with measures designed to reestablish the tottering economy of the country.

Then, Mr. Roosevelt made perhaps his most famous statement of all: "The only thing we have to fear is fear."

World Problems

Greatest immediate task facing President Truman is the San Francisco peace conference, scheduled to go on despite the death of Mr. Roosevelt, who worked for its successful culmination to achieve his dream of an international cooperative organization to prevent future disastrous wars.

Though the groundwork for the San Francisco parley had been laid at the Dumbarton Oaks conferences, at Washington, D. C., new problems had arisen since to command the full resources of American statesmanship. Over and above the proposal of granting Russia three votes on the permanent security council to match Britain's six, there remained the touchy proposition of allowing representation to a Polish government not dominated by any large power and acceptable to all.

Along with the San Francisco parley for creating an international peace organization, the new President also was confronted with handling the Bretton Woods financial agreements, designed to establish postwar economic stability by supporting the monies of different countries and advancing loans for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of foreign nations to help them become profitably productive.

Rated Conservative

With President Truman considered a conservative Democrat despite his support of New Deal policies, speculation centered on the course he would adopt on domestic policy, long marked by Roosevelt liberalism. Bearing the friendship of both the CIO and AFL, President Truman was expected to maintain a sympathetic attitude toward labor.

With Roosevelt administrations having established such social security policies as unemployment insurance and old age pensions, and with the government pledged to support farm prices for two years after the war, President Truman's great-

est concern would seem to be not the establishment of emergency measures to tide the nation over the re-conversion period but rather the development of a program to achieve Mr. Roosevelt's own goal of 60,000,000 jobs.

In recently explaining his political philosophy, President Truman said that, like his native state of Missouri, he was a little bit left of center, but that the cooperative effort of all elements of American life was necessary for the shaping of a prosperous economy.

Though comparatively unknown before assuming direction of the senate war investigating committee, President Truman soon earned the respect of both his colleagues and the country for his forthright and courageous leadership of the group in constructively criticizing the rearmament program with a view of increasing its over-all efficiency.

In this respect, the so-called Truman committee was quick to point out such material shortages as aluminum, rubber, zinc, lead and steel, and also revealed the nature of pressing manpower problems.

Staff Chiefs at Helm

An artillery captain himself at 33 during the last war, President Truman, like Mr. Roosevelt, is expected to leave the conduct of the war largely to the American chiefs of staff, who have already marshalled the country's great striking power for the knockout of both Germany and Japan.

Reeling under the force of U. S. and British power thrusts from the west, and Russian pressure from the east, Germany's days appeared numbered, with Allied military leaders mainly expecting guerrilla warfare after the collapse of integrated Nazi resistance.

In conformity with long-rumored Nazi plans for a last suicidal stand in the Alpine fastnesses of southern Germany, the enemy continued to put up his strongest resistance south of the river Main, where the U. S. 7th army's advance was slowed. Farther to the east, however, the Russians drove beyond Vienna to threaten the Austrian gateway to Adolf Hitler's last mountain stronghold.

PACIFIC:
Tough Nuts

Tough throughout the whole Pacific campaign, the Japs are proving even tougher as the battle approaches their homeland, with their stubborn defense of Iwo Jima more than matched by their resistance on Okinawa in the Ryukyu Islands against U. S. marine and army forces.

Experts at making use of the rugged Pacific island terrain, the Japs have set strong gun emplacements in the rolling countryside, with subterranean tunnels allowing their troops free passage from one position to another. In addition, the enemy has surprised U. S. forces with the use of deadly new weapons, with heavy concentrations of artillery on Okinawa helping slow the Yanks' advance.

If they have made good use of the terrain on Iwo Jima and Okinawa, the Japs are making equally good use of it on Luzon in the Philippines, where they are holding out in the rugged fastnesses to the north in the hope of tying up large bodies of U. S. troops through the approaching rainy season when operations will be necessarily slowed.

Hold Your Own

Keep a tight grip on your pocketbook and a sharp eye on your wallet, for purse-snatching and pocket-picking are showing a pronounced popularity among crimes, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

The increase in thefts of this character is laid to the tendency of prosperous war-workers to carry large sums of money about with them.

Territory Affected by Russ-Nip 'Falling Out'



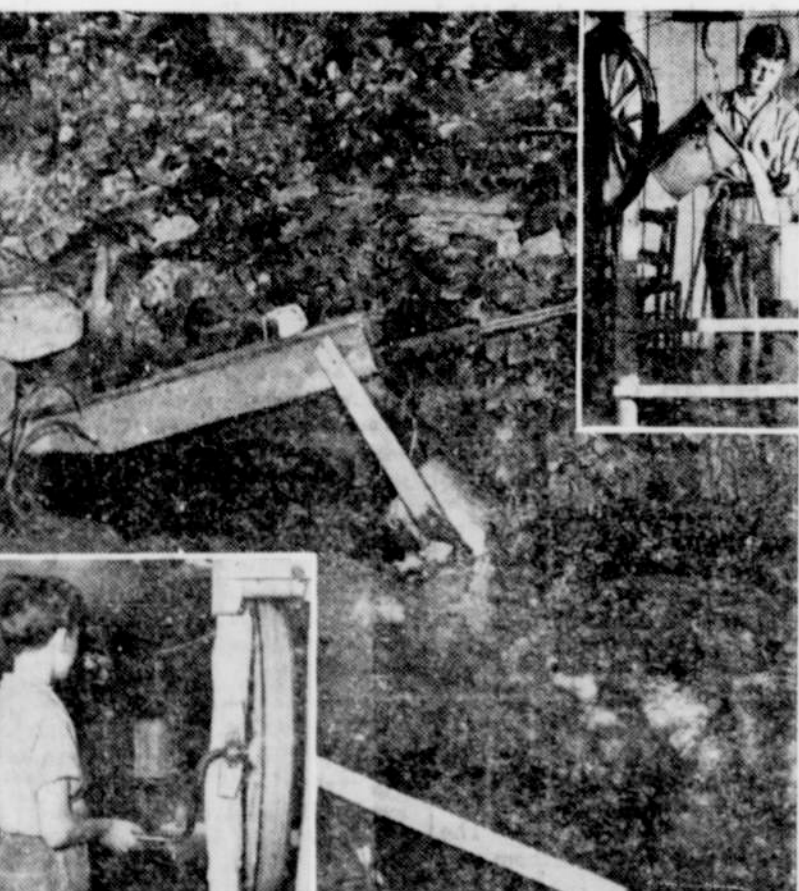
With Russia's denunciation of her neutrality pact with Japan, hostilities may break out in the area pictured on the above map. Should hostilities start, some of Japan's better troops that garrison Manchuria to protect key war industries will face Siberian forces of equal if not superior strength. While Russia possesses strategic advantages in the air, Vladivostok and the Siberian maritime provinces are exposed to isolation by quick Jap thrusts.

President Truman and Family



President Harry S. Truman, Mrs. Truman and daughter, Margaret, are shown during the ceremony when President Truman took oath to become the 33rd President of the United States.

Why Waste Boypower? Use Waterpower



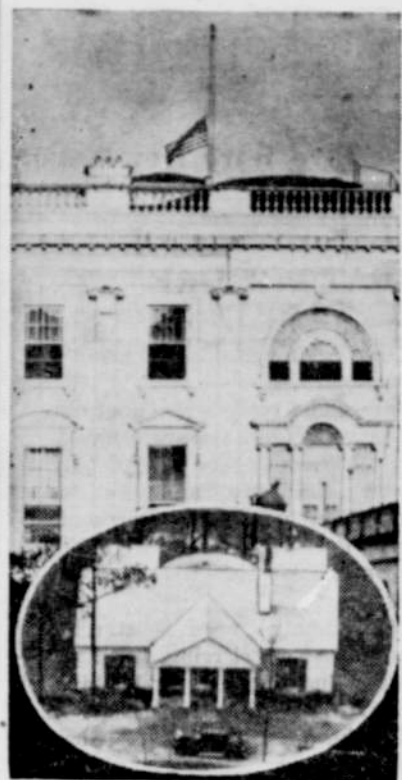
That's what this farm boy in the Uwharrie mountains of North Carolina thinks as he uses his homemade bucket-toter to get some water from a spring several hundred yards down the hill. When the bucket reaches the spring, metal weights wired to bucket lip cause it to tilt over and fill. Then the boy winds the bucket back up the hill with the converted auto wheel.

Argentina Subscribes to Chapultepec Pact



Adolfo N. Calvo, Argentina's representative in Mexico City, signs the pact of Chapultepec at the secretariat of foreign relations in Mexico, thereby declaring war on the Axis.

White House Mourns



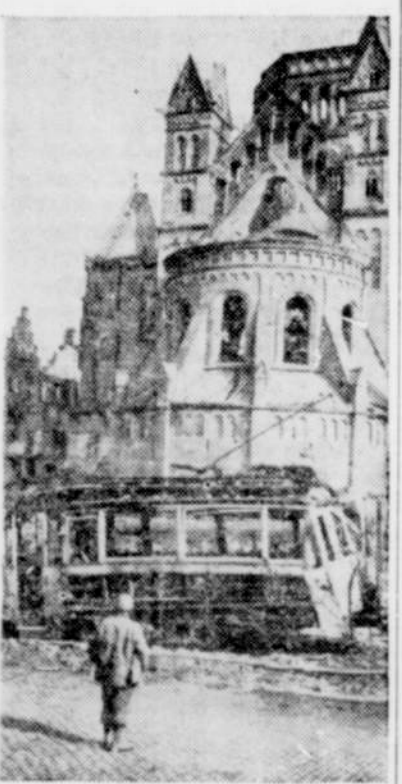
Above photo shows the White House flag at half mast, following the sudden death of President Roosevelt. Lower photo, the President's cottage at Warm Springs, where President Roosevelt suddenly passed away.

Pappy Helped



Henry Busch, eight-year-old son of Lt. Com. and Mrs. B. H. Bush of San Francisco, Calif., proudly displays this big bonito he landed off Ocracoke Island, North Carolina. Of course his pappy helped a little, too. The bonito is a relative of the mackerel, and sometimes comes in close to land.

Yank Sees Coblenz



A lone American soldier of the Third Army looks at a wrecked trolley car in front of a damaged cathedral in the ancient city of Coblenz. This historic Rhine bastion fell before the irresistible drive of the Third Army of Lt. Gen. George Patton.

Senator Entertains



"Baby Senators Night," in the National Press club, Washington, D. C., marks the indoctrination of new members of the senate to Washington life. Here Senator Forrest C. Donnell of Missouri entertains.

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And Your Strength and Energy Is Below Par
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