

# TRUMAN ORDERS MOURNING PERIOD AS FIRST ACTION

## New President Pledges War Will Go on With Vigor—Leaders Promise Support.

Washington, April 13.—(U.P.)—President Harry S. Truman took the nation's helm today, summoning to the White House the chiefs of war and foreign policy to pledge his determination to carry forward President Roosevelt's objectives of speedy victory and firm peace.

His first official act was to issue through Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., a proclamation of a month's mourning for Mr. Roosevelt.

But already he had plunged deep into the monumental task of carrying on the national war effort, without pause or hesitation, both in the west and in the east.

Within three hours of his first working day as president, Mr. Truman had shattered his first precedent.

After conferring at the White House with military and diplomatic chiefs, he drove to Capitol Hill for a luncheon conference in the office of Lester Biffle, secretary of the senate, with the leaders of congress.

### Stettinius Calls

To the White House came Stettinius for confirmation of Truman's pledge that the San Francisco conference shall be held as planned and for affirmation of Truman's hope that at San Francisco will be erected the foundation stones of a permanent peace after the plans long advanced by Mr. Roosevelt.

And to the White House came the top leaders of the war effort to hear Truman implement the pledge he gave the nation as he was sworn in last night to succeed Mr. Roosevelt. The pledge was that the war would be prosecuted "on both fronts, east and west, with all the vigor we possess to a successful conclusion."

In the nation's sorrowing capital leaders of all shades of opinion shouldered up with pledges to stand with Truman and the nation in the sudden hour of tragedy.

**Republicans Join**  
From the senate Republicans came a pledge of cooperation "for the winning of the war and a successful peace at home and abroad." To which the Republican senators added an "expression of our faith and trust" in the man who until Jan. 20, 1945, had been their Democratic colleague from Missouri.

As Truman entered the White House with a brisk step at 9 a. m. this morning and sat down at the president's desk—still littered with the jumble of knick-knacks and curios which was Mr. Roosevelt's joy—the funeral cortege was forming up in the green Georgia hills at Warm Springs. At 11:13 a. m. EWT, the president's special train started its last, long journey northward.

He arranged for issuance of the proclamation of mourning—thirty days for the government and the nation and a half-day closing tomorrow in respect to Mr. Roosevelt.

The new president gave no outward sign that his sudden responsibilities gave him any pause. He strode into the White House springily, like a soldier summoned to a new command.

### Romantic PW To Trinidad Prison

Monte Vista, Colo., April 13.—(U.P.)—Heinrich Lange, the German prisoner of war who made it a habit to spend his days in the Monte Vista prison camp and his nights at the Del Norte home of Miss Adele Sophie Weller, has been transferred to the prison camp at Trinidad, it was announced today.

Lange's friendship with Miss Weller was discovered last Friday night, when he was found at the 42-year-old woman's home.

Brazil grows three-quarters of the world's coffee supply, and ranks second only to the United States in production of oranges.

### SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Sharkey Reinking alarmed at the prospect of having to answer scores of telephone calls intended for the Red Cross all because his home phone number appeared in a story by mistake.

Doris Taylor horrified to find that she had arrived at the beauty parlor wearing shoes which didn't match.

Red Stag deciding that the coat he was wearing looked worse than some he was collecting in the clothing drive.

Fred Morris, Espee agent, proudly displaying the attractions of the railroad's new club car.

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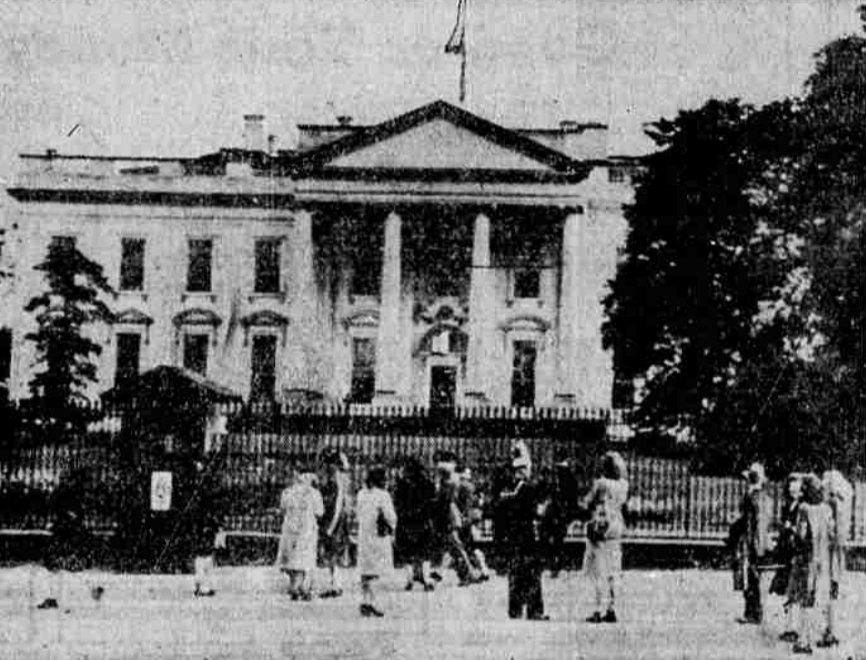
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MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 1945

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### Weather

Forecast: Fair and warm tonight and Saturday.  
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Highest yesterday \_\_\_\_\_  
Lowest this morning \_\_\_\_\_  
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Flanked by members of the cabinet Harry S. Truman (left top) is sworn in as the 32nd president by the United States by Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone. Mrs. Truman (center) stands by his side. Cautious crowds shocked by the sudden death of President Roosevelt stand outside the White House where flag flies at half mast. Below, Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace (left) and Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson hurriedly enter White House after hearing of president's death. Acme Telephotos.

### TORNADOES SLASH ACROSS OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City, April 13.—(U.P.)—Death toll in a series of tornadoes which slashed destructive paths across Oklahoma was revised today to 81 but was expected to mount.

More than 500 were reported injured by tempestuous winds which heavily damaged half a dozen communities last night, centering in the southeastern part of the state.

Rescue crews, including 300 soldiers, searched frantically through smashed homes and other buildings for many persons still unaccounted for.

Carson City, Nev., April 13.—(U.P.)—Gov. E. P. Carville today said the conference of western governors scheduled for Reno April 20, 21 and 22 will be held as scheduled despite the death of President Roosevelt.

### JUSTICE STONE ADMINISTERS OATH AT WHITE HOUSE

Washington, April 13.—(U.P.)—The gray-haired man with the gold-rimmed spectacles walked into the awesome confusion that was the White House and into the most momentous hour of his life.

He came in as Vice President Harry S. Truman and he walked out again as the 32nd president of the United States. He made his way into the apple-green cabinet room of the White House. Cabinet members were seated there, solemn-faced. Leaders of congress were there, too. They stood in groups talking quietly.

### Bible Presented

Harry S. Truman sat down in an overstuffed leather chair. It was understandable that he was not completely at ease. Then up stepped Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone of the United States supreme court. The vice president got to his feet. Someone gave him a Bible from President Roosevelt's office.

He held it reverentially on his left palm. His right hand was on the cover. The clock on the mantelpiece pointed to 6:05 p. m. CWT. Three minutes later, the chief justice began administering the oath of office.

"I, Harry Shippe Truman, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of president of the United States and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

The chief justice recited the oath from memory. The new president repeated the words after him, phrase by phrase.

It was 6:08 p. m. when Harry S. Truman became the 32nd president of the United States.

### Mrs. Truman Present

Mrs. Truman a few moments before had dabbed at tear-stained eyes with a crumpled handkerchief. Her hand held that of their 20-year-old daughter, Mary Margaret. Both stood in the background as the oath was administered. They were just spectators.

One of the witnesses was the man who might have been in Truman's place had the political fates been different—former Vice President Henry A. Wallace. Wallace, who will remain in President Truman's cabinet as secretary of commerce, was so shaken that Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., had to help him from the room.

## Russians Capture Vienna; 130,000 Prisoners Taken

### DEAD PRESIDENT ON LAST JOURNEY TO WASHINGTON

Residents of "Other Home" Line Broadway as Cortège Moves Slowly to Station.

Warm Springs, Ga., April 13.—(U.P.)—The body of Franklin D. Roosevelt today was borne from the "little white house" of Georgia to the roll of muffled drums, starting the long, last journey to Washington.

The hot southern sun shone in a blue sky as the funeral cortege left the green hills the president loved so well. The procession slowly moved down the winding mile-long road to Warm Springs station.

In the distance a church bell pealed from some country steeple.

### Residents Mourn

The cortege left the "little white house" at 10:30 a. m. Along the road stood hundreds of residents of the president's "other home." They bared their heads and stood in silence as the cortege passed.

First came the U. S. Army band from Ft. Benning, Ga. The roll of its muffled drums carried softly over the countryside in the still, warm air.

Behind the band marched 1,000 infantrymen, led by three companies of carbine-carrying troops, followed by riflemen. Their colors flew black streamers to signify the mourning of the nation.

Then came the hearse bearing the president's body in a copper-lined, flag-draped mahogany casket.

### Wife Follows Hearse

Behind the hearse and at each flank was the honor guard of high naval officers, afoot. Next came Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, dressed in black, with a fur cape. She sat stiffly upright, outwardly composed as she had been throughout.

With Mrs. Roosevelt rode Fala. He sat quietly at Mrs. Roosevelt's feet, apparently sensing that something was wrong—what, he could not quite know.

At 10:55 a. m. the president's casket was placed aboard the train by eight enlisted men, the picked body guard for the last journey.

Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by the president's two cousins, Miss Laura Delano and Miss Margaret Suckley, and Grace Tully, the president's secretary, boarded the train.

Funeral services will be held in the east room of the white house at 4 p. m. EWT tomorrow. At 10 p. m. the same day, the funeral party will leave Washington by train for the ancestral Roosevelt estate on the Hudson at Hyde Park, N. Y. It will arrive at 9 a. m. EWT Sunday.

### Burial Sunday

The president will be buried at 10 a. m. Sunday in the sunlit garden between his Hyde Park home and the Franklin D. Roosevelt library—a garden bordered by a hemlock hedge and a profusion of rose bushes. The Roosevelt family was being summoned to Washington. Two sons, now overseas, will not be able to attend the funeral—Lt. John and Lt. Comdr. Franklin, Jr., both in the navy—but their wives will be there. Other family members at the services will include Col. and Mrs. James Roosevelt and Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt. Elliott is coming from Europe.

Until the burial, the president's body will be guarded 24 hours a day by four sentries chosen from enlisted men of the navy, the army and the marine corps. The sentries were posted at each of the four corners of the coffin and will be rotated in regular shifts.

This was the only guard of honor planned now. There were no plans for the president to lie in state in Washington.

Washington, April 13.—(U.P.)—All Jefferson day dinners scheduled for tonight here and in other cities throughout the country have been postponed indefinitely because of the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

### WAR BULLETINS

With U. S. Third Army, Germany, April 13.—(U.P.)—The Americans reached the notorious Buchenwald concentration camp near Weimar just a week after the Nazis had executed at least 800 prisoners, it was revealed today.

With U. S. Third Army, Germany, April 13.—(U.P.)—Third army troops today crossed the Mulde river about 47 miles east of Jena.

London, April 13.—(U.P.)—The Eighth air force announced that preliminary reports showed at least 261 German planes were destroyed on the ground by fighter pilots shooting up fields in the area of Neumuenster today.

Guam, April 14.—(U.P.)—A huge force of hundreds of Superfortresses dropped thousands of tons of fire bombs into a five-square-mile arsenal area of Tokyo early today.

### NAZI STRATEGISTS ADMIT DEFENSES ERASED IN WEST

Remnants of Wehrmacht Split; Yankee Spearhead Few Miles From Berlin

London, April 13.—(U.P.)—Vienna has been captured by Marshal Fedor I. Tolbukhin's 3rd Ukrainian army and 130,000 prisoners have been taken, Marshal Stalin announced in an order of the day.

### By United Press

Enemy military strategists admitted today that the west front has collapsed completely and the remnants of the wehrmacht have been split, leaving two fronts, one in the Berlin area and the other in the south.

The west front was split in two by the smashing attacks of the American 1st, 3rd and 9th armies, a German commentator admitted. Those American armies had Berlin, Leipzig and Nuernberg as their immediate objectives. An American juncture with the Russian armies appeared possible within the next 72 hours.

### Near Berlin

The American 8th army spearhead was within 48—and perhaps 16—miles of Berlin. Leipzig was less than 17 miles away, and at several points the American tanks were within 115 miles of the red armies at Frankfurt and Forst.

The Moscow radio reported that the red army was waging "fierce battles" from its bridgeheads across the Oder river, 30 miles east of Berlin, but gave no details. If the Americans maintain their same pace across the undefended Berlin plains, they will be nearer to Berlin than the Russians are by nightfall. The autobahn down which the 9th army tanks are racing bypasses Berlin, to the south, and reaches the Russian front at Frankfurt. The eastern and western allied armies thus could join without waiting to take Berlin.

Tokyo radio talked of a "suicide war" as the Japanese command threw hundreds of planes against the American naval forces off Okinawa yesterday. The enemy lost 118 planes and failed to prevent the landing of two more divisions, bringing from four to six divisions the strength of the invading force. Two of the new divisions were marines, the first and sixth divisions.

The third amphibious corps of marines continued steady progress in the northern half of Okinawa, but on the southern front there was intensely bitter fighting with the defending garrison making a fanatical stand.

The whole allied strategy as it unfolds on the west front discloses a conviction that the war will not end with the fall of Berlin or even the juncture of the American and Russian armies somewhere near Berlin. The strategy appears to anticipate a continuation of hostilities on both of the two fronts into which Germany has been split, by the American breakthrough in the west.

### MEDFORD STORES CLOSE SATURDAY TO HONOR F. D. R.

Saturday will be a day of mourning throughout the United States and today Medford and Jackson county citizens made plans for setting aside the day out of respect for the late Franklin D. Roosevelt.

City hall offices will be closed all day and court house offices will close at 1 p. m.

Joining with the rest of the nation, stores will be closed throughout the day, motion picture theaters will be closed until 6 p. m. and meetings and dances have been cancelled. Flags will remain at half staff on public buildings.

Gov. Earl Snell early today proclaimed a "state of sorrow" in Oregon and ordered flags to be flown at half staff and all public offices to be closed during the hour of the president's funeral. From Portland it was announced that all Portland stores will be closed throughout the day and that another message stated that liquor stores throughout the state are to be closed until Monday. The Mail Tribune office will be closed between 12 and 4 p. m.

Decision here to close for the entire day of Saturday was made by the Medford Retailers through Noble Vincent, president of the group.

### Prison Term For Philanthropist

New York, April 13.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Madeline Dunningan, 22, who stole \$28,468 from her employer and gave it to fellow employees and relatives was sentenced today in general sessions court to from two to four years in prison.

Judge George L. Donellan answered her lawyer's plea for leniency because she is to become a mother with a reminder that Herman Gropper, her employer, had killed himself because of losses due to her thefts.

Mrs. Dunningan had pleaded guilty to embezzling the funds over a long period from Gropper's, Inc., leather goods firm, where she had been a bookkeeper.

### THIRD SMUDGE OCCURS IN VALLEY ORCHARDS

The third smudging of the season occurred early this morning in the pear orchards of the valley when temperature dropped to 24 degrees in the cooler areas. The general temperature was around 27 degrees. Assistant County Horticulturist C. B. Cordy said the frost was light.

### EDGAR SMITH HERE

Edgar W. Smith, democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate at the election last November was a Medford visitor today. Smith was en route to Portland by United Airlines from Sacramento where he had been visiting his son, Jack, when he was "bumped off" the plane here. He planned to take the evening train to Portland. Smith said his son had just returned from Italy. The former congressional candidate is now engaged in farming in the Palouse country of Washington.

## World Leaders Mourn Death of Franklin D. Roosevelt

### By United Press

The world's and the nation's leaders mourned today the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt but voiced confidence that his aims—complete victory over the axis and a just and lasting peace—will be achieved.

Comment on the passing of Mr. Roosevelt follows:

**HERBERT HOOVER**—"The nation sorrows at the passing of its president, whatever differences there may have been, they end in regrets of death. It is fortunate that in this great crisis of war our armies and navies are under such magnificent leadership that we will not hesitate. While we mourn Mr. Roosevelt's death, we shall march forward."

**WINSTON CHURCHILL**, in a message to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt—"I send my most profound sympathy in your grievous loss. It is also the loss of the British nation and the cause of freedom in every land."

### JOSEF STALIN

"The government of the Soviet Union expresses its sincere sympathy to the American people in their great loss and their conviction that the policy of friendship between the great powers who have shouldered the main burden of war against a common enemy will continue to develop in the future."

**CHIANG KAI-SHEK**—"I am convinced the American people and Roosevelt's successor will finish his uncompleted task."

**THOMAS E. DEWEY**—"In building boldly for the future peace of the world, even as the war progressed, Franklin Roosevelt made his final and perhaps his greatest contribution... all people of good will, with equal determination, will do their part in bringing to final success the work of the United Nations in establishing the foundation for a just and lasting peace."

### JAMES F. BYRNES

director of the Office of War Mobilization—"I am sure that the sacrifice of his life will prove an inspiration to the statesmen of all nations to bring about the fulfillment of his dream that the mothers of this world should never again be called upon to offer up their sons as sacrifices to the god of war."

**GEN. DE GAULLE**—"At least the decisive successes to which he so powerfully contributed will have given him the certainty of victory before he succumbed at his post. He leaves to the world an undying example and an essential message. This message will be heard."

**HENRY MORGENTHAU, JR.**—"He more than any one person, is responsible, in my opinion, for the successful conduct of this terrible war against the aggressor nations."

### HAROLD L. ICKES

"President Roosevelt has died for us."

**SEN. VANDENBERG, R., Mich.**, an outstanding critic of Mr. Roosevelt's domestic policies—"A successful peace must be his monument."

**MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK**, wife of the president of China—"His tired body is now at rest but his never failing love for suffering humanity and his invincible courage to fight for right in crisis for the man in the street will live long as the world survives."

**PREMIER PER ALBIN HANSSON**, of Sweden—"It is a terrible tragedy for mankind."

**METHODIST BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM**, president of the federal council of the Churches of Christ in America—"The world is not ready, if it follows on in his spirit and wisdom, to possess the promised land of the four freedoms."