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ROOSEVELT IS DEAD

Warm Springs Witnesses Death of Chief Executive as Nation Calls Truman to White House

The White House announced late today that President Roosevelt had died of cerebral hemorrhage.

The death occurred at 4:35 P. M. (EWT) at Warm Springs, Ga.

A White House statement said:

"Vice President Truman has been notified. He was called at the White House and informed by Mrs. Roosevelt. The Secretary of State has been advised. A cabinet meeting has been called.

"The four Roosevelt boys in the service have been sent a message by their mother, which said that the President slept away this afternoon. He did his job to the end, as he would want to do.

"Bless you all and all our love," added Mrs. Roosevelt. She signed the message Mother.

"Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon in the East Room of the White House. Interment will be at Hyde Park Sunday afternoon. No detailed arrangements or exact times have been decided upon as yet.

Harry S. Truman, former Senator, Missouri County judge and one-time Kansas City haberdasher, by Mr. Roosevelt's death moves up to the highest office in the land.

At the Capitol, aides of Truman disclosed he had left for the White House only a few minutes before the news was made public.

Mr. Roosevelt had been at Warm Springs for more than a week. Stephen Early, Presidential Secretary, informed reporters:

"Mrs. Roosevelt, Adm. Ross McIntyre, (the Roosevelt physician) and I will leave Washington by air this afternoon for Warm Springs."

Vice President Truman was at work in his office when the news came. He received a call about 5:25 P. M., a few minutes later secret servicemen came and whisked him away to the White House in an automobile.

Matt Connelly, Truman's executive assistant, said he assumed that the new President would take the oath at once but that he did not know any details.

Truman's Vice Presidential staff stood around his offices in the Senate Office Building, their faces pale as though they had been stunned by the unexpected news which lifted the former Missouri farm boy into the highest office in this nation's giving.

The death of the President was announced a few short minutes after it was revealed that high Army officials had told Senators the war soon would be over in Germany.

Cabinet members began assembling at 6 P. M., EWT, for an emergency session.

First to arrive were Secretary of Labor Perkins and Secretary of the Interior Ickes, veterans of every month Mr. Roosevelt served in the White House.

Telegram to Mrs. Roosevelt

Editor's note: Tar Heel reporter Carroll Poplin encountered Dr. Graham in the Western Union office tonight and asked permission to print this telegram of sympathy that he wired Mrs. Roosevelt at 8:30 P. M.:

"In the midst of global triumph decisively of his making the world's greatest personality, statesman, and soldier, has given his life on an old battlefield for the new freedom of all peoples and the enduring peace of all nations. May the spiritual consolation of many blessed associations and memories of a happy comradeship in the service of mankind always be yours, with affectionate sympathy in this hour and with faith in the triumph of the ideals for which he gave his life.

(Signed) F. P. GRAHAM."

Chancellor House announced late tonight that classes would continue according to schedule. This is in accordance with national policy as understood when the TAR HEEL went to press.

EDITORIAL

Perhaps the greatest President ever to serve the United States is dead. We can not see the top of a tree when we stand beside it, but already we know President Roosevelt to have been a great man who spent his life in an effort to build a better world.

The death came at a moment in world history when the destiny of mankind is being formed. The attitude that we, the people of the United States, take in the next few days can determine the fate of our children for generations to come.

Harry Truman, a man untried and much criticized, has risen to what we believe to be the most powerful position on earth. He will be our President, our leader in our battle to build the kind of world which Roosevelt had planned. Whether or not Truman is best fitted for our leader is immaterial. HE IS OUR PRESIDENT! WE MUST FAITHFULLY WORK WITH HIM UNTIL THE END OF THE WAR SO THAT FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT WILL NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN!—R. H. M.

Faculty and Student Leaders Comment on Roosevelt Death

Charles H. Wickenberg, Jr.: Today will go down in the history of this martyred planet as one of the saddest of days. There are no words in any language which can express this nation's and the world's loss.

Let those of our generation and those that follow us strive ever to achieve the godly ideals for which this American lived and died. We who are about to live mourn for him.

Captain Hazlett: The Navy and the nation have suffered a great loss. President Roosevelt was the finest war leader the nation could have had.

Dean House: I feel along with the whole nation a profound grief and a gratitude toward the man.

Dr. Lefler: I have always felt that Roosevelt would go down in history as one of our greatest Presidents, and the common people of our country and of the world have lost a real friend. Truman will make a good President. He is relatively safe and capable.

Winkie White: I am sure that, regardless of party affiliation, we all deeply feel the loss of a great American who has done his utmost to guide us back to peace.