

WEATHER

North Carolina—Partly cloudy and continued warm today, tonight and Sunday.

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PRESIDENT'S BODY COMES HOME

NINTH ARMY FORCES WIN SECOND CROSSING OF ELBE

Resistance Stiffens; First And Third Army Tanks Beyond Leipzig

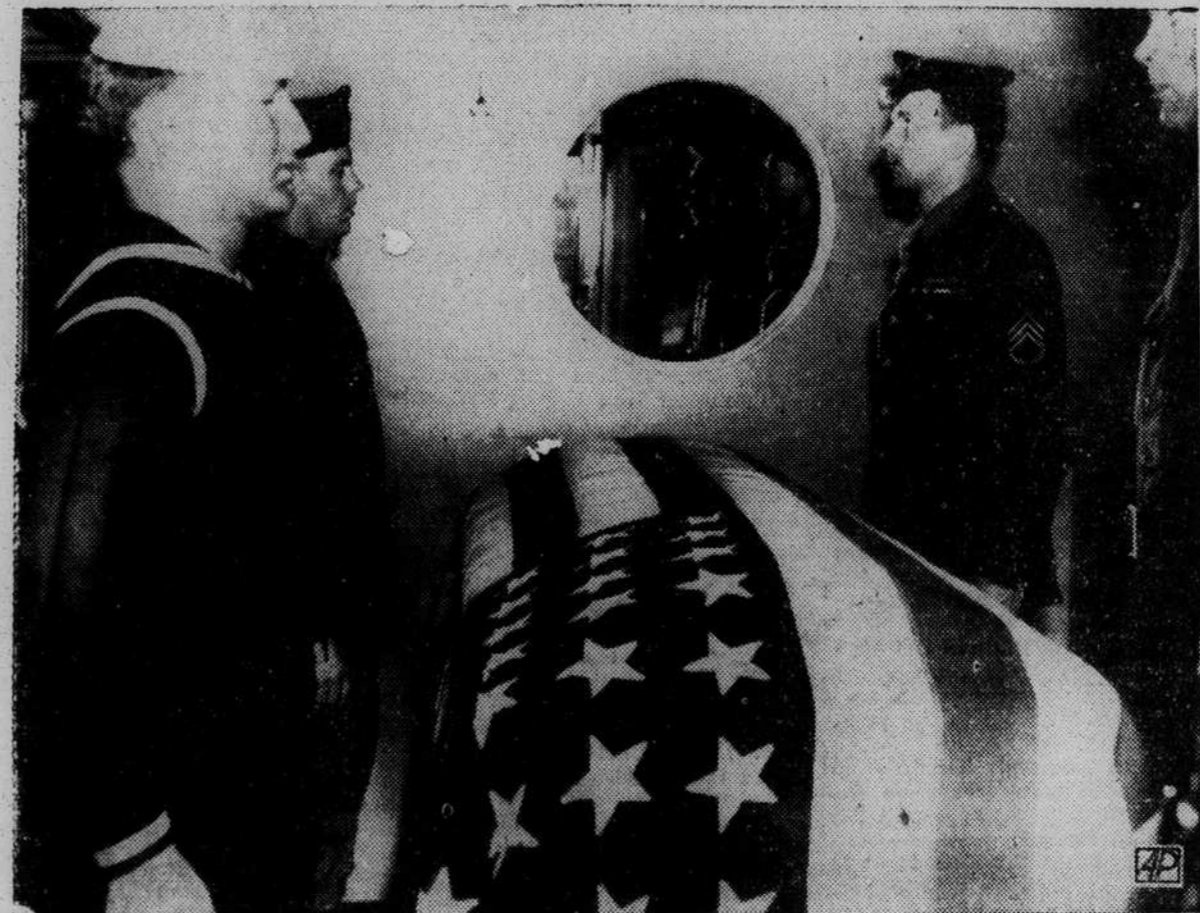
PARIS, April 14.—(P)—The American Ninth Army won a second crossing over the Elbe river today and fought slowly forward on the outer defenses of Berlin. First and Third Army tanks hurtled well past besieged Leipzig, neared the Russian lines and advanced into the Nazi mountain stronghold of Bayreuth. The flanking sweep past Leipzig carried deep into Saxony to within ten miles of Chemnitz 88 miles from the Russian lines and 38 from Dresden. To all practical purposes, Germany was virtually bisected for the last direct communications from Berlin south—including the super-highway to Munich—were cut. The Third Army was within 25 miles of Czechoslovakia and had bypassed the northwest tip of that republic. The Ninth army captured Dortmund, second largest city of the Ruhr and 11th largest in Germany. Its 537,000 peacetime residents worked in the great coal mines over which the city sprawled and in its vast steel and iron mills and synthetic oil plants. The city was an important traffic center but was a ruin from bomb and shell. Supreme headquarters did not disclose where the new Elbe crossing was made. (BBC said the crossing was 15 miles southeast of Magdenburg at Barby.) The original bridgehead was established by the Hell on Wheels (Second Armored) division using assault boats near Magdeburg. The nearest Ninth army troops last reported 45 miles from Berlin and fighting on the flat Bradenburg plain.

EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS DRIVE INTO IMOLA

Germans Offer Fierce Resistance In Santerno Bridgehead

PARTISAN MOVEMENT

ROME, April 14.—(P)—Eighth Army troops have driven into the outskirts of Imola, Po Valley highway center less than 20 miles east of Bologna, allied headquarters announced today. A communique said the advance along the Bologna-Rimini highway was made against light and scattered German resistance, but that heavy fighting continued farther north in the bridgehead across the Santerno river. Polish troops pushing directly along the highway yesterday had been reported less than four miles from Imola, while Italian troops had captured the Nazi stronghold of Tossignano, seven miles southeast of Imola. Grim resistance from Nazi tanks and anti-tank guns impeded the progress on the right wing of the fresh Po valley offensive. Nevertheless, the Santerno river was crossed in that area and Eighth Army units were within two miles of the road intersection town of Bastia, adjacent to Argenta on the main route toward Ferrara. HEAVIER FIGHTING Even heavier fighting was in progress west and northwest of captured Massa Lombarda where the original bridgehead over the Santerno river was being widened and deepened steadily. At the other end of the Italian front American and Fifth Army troops moved farther north along the coast against light enemy resistance.



SERVICEMEN GUARD ROOSEVELT'S CASKET ON TRAIN—Servicemen form an honor guard beside the flag-covered casket holding the body of President Roosevelt after it was placed aboard a train at Warm Springs, Ga., en route to Washington for funeral service Saturday. The President died of a cerebral hemorrhage in the "Little White House" at Warm Springs April 12.—(AP Wirephoto)

Sombre Throngs Pay Homage As Train Arrives

Members Of Roosevelt Family, His Friends And Staff Board Train; Body Lifted To Caisson At 9:58 A. M. For Procession To White House

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(AP)—The body of President Roosevelt reached a sorrowing capital shortly before 10 A. M. today.

President Truman and members of the cabinet were at the Union Station a few minutes before the train pulled in at 9:50 A. M. (EWT), waiting to lead a mournful procession to the White House.

Members of the Roosevelt family were the first to enter the funeral train, followed by President Truman.

Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. John Boettiger went aboard.

They were followed by Admiral William D. Leahy, who was President Roosevelt's military chief of staff, by Bernard Baruch, James F. Byrnes, and War Mobilization Director Fred M. Vinson.

Members of the Supreme Court and their wives, and cabinet officers and their wives also entered the train.

As the government officials, heads bared, walked slowly toward the cars a Marine band softly played Hail to the Chief and the National Anthem.

The funeral train was parked on a Union station siding near a bustling freight depot. Crowds thronged as close as police would let them to the train. At the rear of the President's car stood a huge army caisson and seven white horses awaiting the body of the President.

The body was lifted to the caisson at 9:58 A. M., and the procession began its slow trip to the White House, where private funeral services will be held at 4 P. M. today.

Virtually every high dignitary of the government rode in the procession as it wended its way through the railroad sidings and on to the picturesque union station plaza which faces the national capitol.

Two of Mr. Roosevelt's secretaries, Stephen T. Early and William D. Hassett, rode together in one car. Behind them came another member of the White House secretariat, Jonathan Daniels. Sad-face and with his shoulders slumped, Samuel Rosenman, Mr. Roosevelt's long-time counsel, rode in one of the cars reserved for the former president's closest friends. Rosenman had been associated with Mr. Roosevelt in one capacity or another since the days when the late president was governor of New York.

Secretary of the treasury, Henry Morgenthau, a Hudson valley neighbor of the Roosevelt, rode alone—his head bowed in grief. He glanced neither right nor left as the procession moved out of the station.

Two sharp high notes of a sailor's pipe signaled the start of the long cortege.

MILITARY BAND With the bass drums of a military band thumping mournfully in the distance, a battalion of marines, followed by a strong detachment of blue jackets, tramped solemnly up Constitution avenue.

A wedge of 25 blueclad motorcycle policemen butted and popped in the line of march.

A light bomber gleaming in the sun, circled overhead.

The last car in the procession left the station at 10:20 a. m. It took almost 20 minutes for the entire funeral party to get underway to the White House.

Despite Mrs. Roosevelt's request that no flowers be sent, several truckloads of blossoms arrived at the White House and were unloaded at the front door. Among these floral tributes were several from foreign governments.

Two minutes after the last car

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Four Soviet Armies Mass For Offensive

Russians Rested And Ready For Campaign To Join Forces With Western Allies

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, April 14.—(P)—Every sign indicated today that four massive Russian army groups were approaching the zero hour for the drive against German divisions massed on the eastern front from Silesia to the Baltic.

HEAVIES BLAST BORDEAUX AREA

Surprise Attack At Dawn Today On Enemy Hold-Out Positions

LONDON, April 14.—(P)—A force of 1,150 American heavy bombers made a surprise attack at dawn today on German strongpoints and anti-aircraft positions on both sides of the Gironde Estuary north of the French Atlantic port of Bordeaux.

This is one of a half dozen isolated places along the French coast where Germans are estimated to total 170,000 are still holding out.

The daybreak attack followed a blow last night by more than 750 heavily-loaded RAF Lancaster and Halifax bombers on Kiel, chief refuge for what remains of the German navy.

There was speculation in London that the bombing of the Gironde

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Large Force Of B-29's Attack Tokyo

GUAM, Saturday, April 14.—(P)—A very large force of B-29s attacked the Tokyo arsenal area at 12:30 a. m. today (11:30 A. M. Friday, Eastern War Time) in a low-level incendiary assault designed to put the torch to the Japanese military industry.

Counterattack On Okinawa Repulsed

GUAM, April 14.—(P)—The 24th Army Corps—backed by heavy guns of the army, navy and marines—hurled back a furious pre-dawn Japanese counterattack Friday and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Continuing their desperate suicidal air assaults on Adm. Raymond A. Spruance's Fifth fleet screening Okinawa Wednesday and Thursday, the Japanese lost more than 100 additional planes for a total of more than 218 planes on the two days. Lesser actions off the Ryukyus brought the two-day total to more than 255.

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G-W FUND NOW AT \$313,000

Sum Includes Contributions For Four New Dormitories

An announcement from Guy H. Roberts, treasurer of the Gardner-Webb college memorial fund, revealed today that contributions to the post-war expansion fund have reached the total of \$313,000, only \$37,000 short of the \$350,000 goal set to be reached by the early fall.

Contributions to the fund have been made for the building of four new dormitories including the John W. Suttile, J. J. McMurry, John R. Dover and the Bess Hoey-Oliffe Gardner memorial buildings; the Washburn Student Union building and the Gerald Morgan athletic stadium. Funds have also been provided by Lester Hamrick for beautification of the college campus.

Erection of these buildings at the junior college is expected to begin as soon as materials are available after the war. The memorial fund is a project of churches of the Kings Mountain Baptist association.

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Allied Link-up Near But Not V-E Day

By JAMES M. LONG SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE Paris, April 14.—(P)—The German army, still fighting fiercely in the east, no longer has either a cohesive front nor a coherent command in the west. The long-awaited Allied linkup severing the Reich in the middle is near—but that does not mean that the war in Europe will end at that time.

There might still be military fighting on into next winter, but it was not likely that it would still be regarded as an

active phase of the European war.

V-E day will come, according to the best available opinion here, somewhere between the Allied linkup and the end of subsequent fighting. And it will come by Allied proclamation, and not by German surrender.

Events since Gen. Eisenhower a fortnight ago predicted that the Germans would continue to fight as best they could until the last inch of the Reich has been overrun have only served to underscore the supreme commander's words.

He declared then that the Nazis would not quit; there would be no formal surrender; that victory would probably be announced by proclamation.

But it is hardly likely that Eisenhower alone could or would proclaim such a V-E day. It would be proclaimed by a joint agreement with Premier Marshal Stalin and it could hardly come, whatever the success of the cleanup in the west, until the eastern front, too, had collapsed.

There is no disposition here to believe that even splitting the

World Mourns With U. S. For Its Chief

Memorial Services Called In Many Nations; American Soldiers Pay Tribute

By The Associated Press The world mourns with the United States today as tribute is paid to Franklin Delano Roosevelt in funeral services at the White House.

In many other nations, whose high officials still were sending a stream of condolences to this country, memorial services were called for today and tomorrow.

The London Times gave voice to Britain's sorrow in an editorial declaring:

"He is mourned here as perhaps no other of another country has ever been."

Reverently, American soldiers and sailors stationed in Britain

MOSCOW, April 14.—(P)—Russia went into official mourning at dawn today for Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Black-edged red flags of Soviet Union were hoisted over the Kremlin, all public buildings, in city squares, over apartment houses, and even at private residences.

It was a gesture to a head of a foreign government unparalleled in Soviet history.

ain will file into churches during the day for a last tribute to their dead commander-in-chief. The U. S. army has scheduled Protestant services at Grosvenor Chapel, Catholic mass at St. James church and Jewish services at the West End synagogue. American naval personnel will attend a service at St. Marks church.

The British will honor the late president at Sunday church services. Many clerics plan to devote sermons to his work and accomplishments.

As Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden flew to the United States to

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LIONS HEAR BOB PATTON

Shelby Club Observes 16th Annual Ladies Night

With a series of warm human stories, Bob Patton, Burke county superintendent of schools in an address last night at the Sixteenth Annual Ladies' night of the Shelby Lions club illustrated his theme that "laughter has a mission."

Just to prove his point, Speaker Patton kept his large audience which filled the dining room of the Charles hotel in stitches of laughter most of the time with his humorous anecdotes.

The speaker was introduced by Rev. R. M. Hauss. Athos Rostan acted as toastmaster and the meeting was opened by R. J. Rucker, president of the club.

MUSIC

The meeting was opened by the singing of "God Bless America" led by Lion Joe Piner after which the invocation was pronounced by Rev. R. M. Hauss. Dinner music was furnished by Mrs. A. C. Dellinger at the piano. She also accompanied Miss Betty Jo Putnam who sang two numbers. Albert Propst presented a piano solo.

Among the special guests of the

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