

PRES. ROOSEVELT VISITS MEXICO WHILE ON CAMP INSPECTION TOUR

World-Wide Good Neighbor Policy Urged By United States and Mexican Chiefs; Inspects Many Army Posts in South

Monterrey, Mexico, April 20.—President Roosevelt, climaxing another unannounced inspection trip of the U. S. war effort, crossed the Rio Grande today and came to Monterrey where he held an historic conference with President Manuel Avila Camacho about the future of the Americas.

It was the first time a President of the United States had set foot in Mexico since 1909 when President Taft crossed the border to attend the dedication of an international bridge at El Paso, Texas. Mr. Roosevelt arrived late in the afternoon after a fast overnight train run from Fort Worth, Texas. He was welcomed to this picturesque old city 100 miles below the border by Mexico's Chief Executive.

Tonight both addressed the world by radio.

U. S. Army Ready.

Mr. Roosevelt, who left Washington April 13 and visited Army camps in the Southeastern states, said his trip had convinced him that American troops were ready to give a good account of themselves in the forthcoming offensives on European soil.

At a press conference aboard his special train he said that the American troops he had seen were in far better physical condition and better trained than those who went overseas in the last war.

Arriving at Monterrey, Mr. Roosevelt went into immediate conference with President Avila Camacho.

The American President, after spending a week on a war inspection trip in his own country, swung south to Mexico in another historic journey that was scheduled originally for the late fall of 1941 or early 1942. At that time, Mr. Roosevelt and Camacho planned to meet at sea off Tampico and Corpus Christi, but the outbreak of the war on December 7, 1941, caused a change in plans.

While their meeting was planned far in advance, it was kept as a strict military secret until the hour of Mr. Roosevelt's arrival in Monterrey late today.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the U. S. and Manuel Avila Camacho of Mexico, after a dramatic meeting demonstrating unity and friendliness among the Americas, tonight advocated a worldwide Good Neighbor Policy to prevent the faults of ambition, imperialism and privilege from ever causing another war.

The leaders of the two neighboring American countries made their appeal in a joint international broadcast climaxing President Roosevelt's historic visit to Mexico.

Model for World.

Both Presidents reaffirmed the unity of the Americas and offered the Good Neighbor Policy as a model for the world, once "the machinery of barbarism constructed by the dictators" is completely destroyed.

Each President, flanked by leaders of his own government, praised the other's country in combating the Axis and preparing for the peace to follow.

"It is time," said Mr. Roosevelt, "that every citizen in every one of the American republics recognizes that the Good Neighbor Policy means that harm to one republic means harm to every republic. We have, all of us, recognized the privilege of interdependence—one upon another."

Mr. Roosevelt said that the attacks of the Axis powers during the past few years against "our common heritage as free men" culminated in the unprovoked and unprovoked aggressions of December 7, 1941, and May 14, 1942, and the shedding of blood on those dates of citizens of the United States and Mexico alike.

(The first sinking of a Mexican ship by an Axis submarine was announced on May 14, 1942.)

"Those attacks did not find the Western Hemisphere unprepared," Mr. Roosevelt said. "The 21 free republics of the Americas during the past 10 years have devised a system of international cooperation which has become a great bulwark in the defense of our heritage and our future."

That system, he said, is based primarily upon a renunciation of the use of force and the substituting of international justice and mutual respect as the governing rule of conduct by all nations.

Forwarded From:

Looking toward the end of the war, Avila Camacho said:

"Our countries do not wish for a more strategic peace, obtained simply so that the world may again tomorrow fall into the same old faults of ambition, of imperialism, of iniquity and of world privilege."

The Mexican President said: "We desire a living together free of the perpetual threats which derive from those who seek supremacy in the domestic as well as the foreign field."

Avila Camacho described Mr. Roosevelt as occupying "a transcendental role in this time of unprecedented importance." Mr. Roosevelt praised Mexico for outstanding work in the forging of a new international policy.

President Roosevelt promised that the day of exploitation of one country by another is definitely over and stressed his theory of interdependence of nations.

Avila Camacho pledged faith in the development of a new world order that would work for all humanity and not a powerful few, and said:

"The energies of the people who are fighting Nazi-Fascism and the honesty of the statesmen who direct them are high pledges that the faith of which I speak will not be destroyed in the deliberations over the peace."

MUST NOT REST

Washington, April 21.—General Henry H. Arnold called upon the American Air Forces tonight not to rest, and to redouble their efforts until the "inhuman war lords" of Japan who executed American flyers "have been utterly destroyed."

The commander of the Air Forces dispatched the following message to every air base in combat theaters and in this country:

In violation of every rule of military procedure and every concept of human decency, the Japanese have executed several of your brave comrades who took part in the first Tokyo raid. These men died as heroes. We must not rest—we must redouble our efforts until the inhuman war lords who committed this crime have been utterly destroyed.

"Remember those comrades when you get a Zero in your sight—have their sacrifice before you when you line up your bombsight on a Japanese base."

"You have demonstrated that the Japanese cannot match you in aerial combat or in bombardment. Let your answer to their treatment of your comrades be the destruction of the Japanese air force, their lines of communication, and the production centers which offer them opportunity to continue such atrocities."

COTTON BAGGING

Manufacturers of bale wrappers made of cotton will receive an indemnity of 40 cents on each wrapper, instead of 35 cents.

POST WAR

In a pool by Fortune magazine, 46.3 percent of farmers favored a new league or association with all nations and 23.3 percent were for using U. S. influence for world peace without ties.

Cancer Control Drive For Funds Nets \$130.00

Mrs. W. Jesse Mays, president of the Woman's Club, Mrs. Mabrey E. Pollard, head of the Junior Woman's Club, and Mrs. H. Neal Howard, president of the Farmville Literary Club, expressed gratification at the result of the campaign waged here this week by their organizations in the Control Drive for Funds. The sum of \$130.00 was raised in a whirlwind campaign in which canvassers reported they were given splendid cooperation and support.

The members of the above organizations, made a house-to-house canvass as representatives of the Women's Field Army, the nationwide field agency of the American Society for the Control of Cancer, which is encouraging the development of a cancer clinic program on a statewide basis and is making an effort to secure a State appropriation for the treatment of indigent cancer cases.

Funds from this campaign will be used to educate lay persons to early symptoms of the disease and of the benefits to be had from prompt treatment and the securing of the best treatment, which this fund will make available to cancer patients.

JEFFERSON

Thomas Jefferson may be called the author of scientific agricultural thought in the United States.

Royal Air Force Attacks Germans Over Wide Area

Stettin, Rostock And Berlin Blasted At Night; Daylight Sweep Extensive

London, April 21.—Sweeping out in force in perfect flying weather, British bombers last night blasted manufacturing and other war installations in the Baltic ports of Stettin and Rostock, left Berlin alight with fire, and ranged widely over other sections of occupied Europe today in one of the war's biggest air assaults on German communications.

Simultaneously, a mass raid by Russian bombers on the East Prussian railway center of Tilsit last night started fires visible nearly 100 miles away, Moscow announced.

The broadcast said the fires merged into "one huge conflagration" at Tilsit, and that big explosions "were particularly numerous" near munitions dumps, among railroad installations and around the harbor and airfield.

All Soviet planes were said to have returned safely from the raid, the fifth big attack by the Russian forces on the northeast German area since long-range bombing from the east was resumed April 10.

Then, in a single night, Allied bombers left widespread destruction in three essential points along the German supply line to the Russian front, both Rostock and Stettin being important links in that chain. In Rostock, the British also blasted factories producing Heinkel bombers.

Enemy bombers struck back at Britain tonight, losing high explosive and incendiary bombs on a northeast Scotland town. One bomb hit a tenant building and caused a number of deaths. A heavy barrage met the raiders as they flew in with machineguns blazing.

The Air Ministry announced tonight that railway yards at Abbeville were bombed in one of the day sweeps that also hit objectives in other sections of France, Holland, Belgium and Northwestern Germany. Buildings well inland in England shuddered in late afternoon under the concussion of bombs dropped along the French coast.

During the Abbeville raid, according to Spitfires fought off Focke Wulf 190s and Messerschmitt 109s in air battles which continued several miles out at sea. Two Spitfires and Venturas were reported missing, but one Messerschmitt was definitely downed and others damaged and possibly downed. The Berlin radio claimed seven of the coastal raiders were shot down.

Heavy Sweeps

The Air Ministry called today's offensive sweeps against widely separated key points of the German war communications system one of the heaviest of the war.

The raiders last night concentrated on the Willemordt district of Berlin, but the attack there plainly was not on the great scale of those thrown against Rostock and Stettin, where great columns of smoke still rose today.

More than 150 two-ton bombs were thrown in forty minutes at Stettin in addition to hundreds of other explosives and thousands of incendiaries, and at Rostock direct hits were registered on the main plant where Heinkel bombers are assembled and on one-half mile outside town and on Heinkel manufacturing units in Rostock proper.

The Stettin raiders said that whole areas of the city, its port for Berlin, were set ablaze. One Lancaster captain reported the bombers were so thick that at times it was difficult to avoid collisions.

Pre-Easter Series Are Reported As Successful

Splendid reports have come from those attending the Pre-Easter meeting held this week at the Christian Church, both as to the spiritual benefit derived and the keen interest manifested by the unusually large attendance.

The pastor, Rev. C. B. Mashburn, has filled the pulpit each evening and delivered sermons of great power and inspiration, and Howard James, of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, has made a fine contribution to the success of the meeting, as soloist and leader of the song service.

The Easter theme will be featured in the Sunday morning sermon and in the musical program. The meeting will come to a close with the Sunday evening service.

Female Evils: From how skirts and bustles to shorts and slacks.

And there was the sword swallower he used to give up his profession because of the shortage of steel.



SERVICES OF THE EASTER SEASON

Today—Good Friday

The last hour on the cross 2:00 to 3:00 P. M., will be observed with memorial services conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Rountree, at Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

At 7:45 o'clock the Methodist Church will follow its custom of observance of this day with a celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The message at the evening service at the Christian Church, where pre-Easter services have been held throughout the week, will be based on the supreme sacrifice offered for mankind on the cross.

Easter Sunday

A sunrise prayer service will be held at the Christian Church at 7:00 o'clock, when a group from the Senior Christian Endeavor will present a program under the direction of Mrs. Loyd Smith. At the regular morning worship hour, the pastor, Rev. C. B. Mashburn, will bring an Easter message to his congregation, using as his theme, "Grave Where Is Thy Victory?" Special Easter music, under the direction of Howard James, student at A. C. College, Wilson, will feature the song service.

The closing service of the Easter series at the Christian Church will be held at 8:00 o'clock in the evening.

Rev. Chas. D. Ellis will preach at the Baptist Church with the resurrection as his theme and the Easter message in song will be presented by the choir in special anthems and hymns.

At the Methodist Church, the pastor, Rev. Marvin Y. Self, will bring a message appropriate to the glorious Easter season at the morning service and the choir will render special Easter music. No evening service.

Rev. Mr. McDaniel, of Greenville, will preach on the Easter theme at the Presbyterian Church at the eleven o'clock service and special music will be rendered at this time.

Chamber of Commerce To Hold Annual Meeting Tuesday, May 11th

Merchants Here To Begin Wednesday Afternoon Closing May 19

The Board of Directors of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association met on Wednesday, April 21st, and made plans for the annual meeting of the members to be held in the Rotary room on Tuesday evening, May 11th. The food committee is preparing a rock stew dinner, and the program committee composed of T. E. Joyner, chairman, L. E. Walston and R. D. Rouse have promised a short snappy program that will be over by 8:30.

W. H. Fisher, president, appointed a nominating committee as follows: Geo. W. Davis, chairman, C. S. Hotchkiss and R. O. Lave.

The Board voted to start Wednesday afternoon closing of business houses for the summer on May 18th.

It was decided to again distribute the popular little tobacco sales record book to the customers and patrons of the Farmville Tobacco market. This little book has proved a marked success with the tobacco farmers the past two years.

Plans for advertising the tobacco market were discussed and some tentative plans were made with further details to be worked out later.

The secretary was requested to write the State Merchants Association office and request that all towns in the Eastern area be contacted with a view to getting all towns who close one afternoon a week to adopt the same afternoon for convenience in traveling men.

The blunder is passing says an authority. Which way did she go?

OPA Orders Slash In Point Values Of Several Foods

Soups and Frozen Foods Reduced; Black-eyed Peas Taken From Ration List

Washington, April 20.—The Office of Price Administration tonight ordered drastic cuts, effective Thursday morning, April 22, in the point values of canned and dried soups, all frozen fruits and vegetables, and removed black-eyed peas from the ration list.

The reductions in most cases cut the coupon cost of the affected items by half or more. They were designed specifically to encourage people to buy more of these items.

Soup Points.

The popular 10% ounce can of tomato soup was cut from six to three points, and all other canned soups in the same size were cut from six to four points.

Most dried and dehydrated soups also were cut in half, with the popular 2½ ounce package being reduced from two points to one point. This is the second time the point value of dehydrated soup has been halved.

The popular size of frozen fruits was trimmed from 13 to 6 points, and the pound package of frozen baked beans came down from 8 to 4 points.

All other frozen vegetables were reduced. The popular 12-ounce size, which has cost 6 to 10 points, will be at a new uniform cost of 4 points each.

Black-eyed peas, which are sometimes known as black-eyed beans or cow peas, are a staple diet throughout the South and were taken off the ration list because of warm weather.

Slow Sales

Danger of spoilage in warm weather also was a factor in the changes on frozen foods and dehydrated soups. Sales of frozen foods had been below and supplies had been filling up a considerable quantity of the available refrigerated storage space, at a time when room was needed in the coolers for the new crops.

The cut on tomato soup was in line with a recent reduction on tomato juice, and the other soups were reduced because of generally slow sales.

OPA explained that ordinarily it intends to change point values only at the end of each month, but in this case, "officials decided not to withhold the present adjustment until the next ration period because reports received from consumer panels, and from the trade indicated that prompt action was required now to best serve the interests of both the trade and the public."

The implication was left that further changes, probably of a more minor character, will be made at the end of the month in addition to the changes announced today. At that time, some changes in meat point values may be announced. Officials acknowledged they are considering cuts in the coupon costs of hunches and other ham and an increase in beef hamburger.

In the case of frozen fruits and vegetables, point values were cut most drastically on commercial size packages of 2 to 10 pounds because hotels, restaurants, hospitals and other large users had curtailed purchases by more than the expected amount. The large sizes are available to ordinary consumers, too, but are usually too large to be handled. In these sizes, frozen fruits and vegetables all have a basic point value of 4 points per pound. Formerly, values ranged up to 18 points per pound.

A fool clothed with authority needs no title.

YOUNG FOR A COLONEL



CHINA—Col. Clifton D. (Casey) Vincent (above), of Texas, is executive officer of Gen. Claire A. Chennault's China Air Task Force. He is only 28 years old and the youngest Colonel in the China Air Task Force. He is being met with wholehearted enthusiasm and respect.

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EIGHTH ARMY MEN CAPTURE ENFIDAVILLE IN NEW DRIVE

WAR IN BRIEF

General Montgomery's British Eighth Army occupies Enfidaville and makes progress on other sectors in its new offensive in Tunisia. British First Army also advances slightly. Bad weather hampers Allied air attacks.

Royal Air Forces bombs Berlin, Stettin, and Rostock, all vital German supply centers, as Russians raid Tilsit. RAF also makes daylight sweeps over Northern France and Low Countries.

Russians repulse more fierce German attacks in the Kuban area of the Caucasus. They immobilize fighting on other fronts.

Great Britain, taking cognizance of reports that the Germans may use poison gas on the Russian front, again bluntly warns Berlin that Britain is ready to retaliate swiftly and completely.

Truman committee says U-boats sank 12 million tons of Allied shipping last year and calls for invention of new anti-submarine weapon.

President Roosevelt reveals that some of American flyers captured by Japanese after Tokyo raid have been executed and promises grimly that responsible Japanese officials will be punished in due time. General Arnold calls on air forces not to rest until Jap air force has been destroyed. Congress voices its anger against Japan in sharp terms.

WPB Chief Nelson says plane production will almost touch 7,000 mark this month. Leads newspapers for aiding in scrap drive.

B. & L. Holds Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Farmville Building and Loan Association was held Tuesday evening in the City Hall, when the present board of directors, composed of J. O. Pollard, G. Alex Rouse, John B. Lewis, Manly Liles, W. A. McAdams, A. W. Bobbitt and K. LeRoy Rollins, was reelected.

At a business session of the Board, held immediately following the annual meeting, the following officers were reelected: J. O. Pollard, president; W. A. McAdams, vice president; G. Alex Rouse, secretary-treasurer; John B. Lewis, attorney.

ADDITIONS TO LIST RED CROSS DONORS

In announcing in last week's issue results of the recent Red Cross War Fund Campaign conducted here, together with the donors, who contributed \$3,195.00 to the cause, Mrs. J. M. Holcomb, president of the local branch, called attention to the difficulty encountered by those checking the names and requested that errors be called to her attention.

In this connection the following names, omitted through error, are gladly added to the list and the branch expresses pleasure in making the correction:

Mrs. John B. Joyner, Mrs. Kate H. Reynolds and Levi Braxton.

Farmville Passes \$150,000 In 2nd War Loan Drive

Response To Campaign Indicates Community Will Go Way Over The Goal

Citizens in Farmville and community have made a generous response to the War Bond campaign now being waged vigorously here, and late compilation of sales by the Bank of Farmville, the Post Office and the Farmville Building and Loan Association, which totaled more than \$150,000.00 indicated that the goal had been passed.

L. E. Walston, local Bond chairman, and Robert D. Rouse, chairman of the Rotary canvassing contest, report that the drive is still in progress and that it is being met with wholehearted enthusiasm and support.

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The Bank of Farmville, the Post Office and the Building and Loan Association will welcome sales prospects and their personnel will gladly advise purchasers. A telephone call to any member of the Rotary Club is regarded as a Bond sale will get prompt action in this connection area.

Montgomery's Troops Attack Mountain Citadel of Takrouna And Gain Ground In Djebel Gafci Area; First Army Advances Slightly; Weather Interferes With Air Attack

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, April 21.—The British Eighth Army has captured the Axis coastal pivot of Enfidaville, has swung five miles northwest to storm the mountain citadel of Takrouna, and also has gained two miles in the Djebel Gafci area farther inland amid "very severe fighting," it was reported tonight.

Striking along a 10-mile front after a tremendous artillery barrage, Eighth Army infantrymen armed with knives for close-quarter fighting scaled the enemy's mountain positions at some points only 45 miles south of Tunis, while the British First Army gained slightly in the Medjes-El-Sab sector 35 miles west of the Tunisian capital.

(The Morocco radio—sometimes premature in its announcements—said tonight, in a broadcast recorded by the Associated Press, that the Djebel Gafci, 10 miles inland from the coast, had been captured after a final 90-mile assault.)

Allied headquarters announced the capture of Enfidaville, 50 miles below Tunis, and said "all initial objectives" were gained yesterday after fierce fighting which began with General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's tremendous artillery barrage Monday night.

"Four enemy counterattacks have been repulsed," said the communiqué. "Fighting continues."

Without Fight.

Field dispatches said Enfidaville fell without opposition after a British column raced around the city on its coastal side.

Official Axis communiqués had not conceded the loss of Enfidaville, but Capt. Ludwig Sertorius, Berlin radio commentator, appeared to be preparing the public for such an announcement. In a broadcast recorded by the Associated Press, he said General Montgomery had concentrated huge numbers of reserves for an assault on the Axis anchor point, and that the battle for the city Wednesday afternoon still was going on, although "with changing fortune."

(Sertorius again stressed the "gigantic masses" of Allied war material and said that Allied air superiority also made it "a rather unequal struggle.")

Sleet and snow storms closed over a large part of the Axis mountain strongholds in northeastern Tunisia to restrict the great Allied aerial offensive which yesterday was directed at smashing the last fighter fields available to the enemy.

More Planes Downed.

The communiqué said 27 Axis planes were destroyed yesterday at a cost of eight Allied aircraft. Along with other planes shot down on previous days, but not reported before, this score boosted to 161 the total of enemy planes destroyed in the last three days.

There was every reason to believe that the fighting was costly to the British Eighth Army, which now has left its desert theatre and tackled the heavy task of shattering the enemy's intricate positions in the long series of green mountains between Enfidaville and Tunis.

The capture of Enfidaville opened up the coastal road leading to Bru Fich, 12 miles farther north, but before it can be used, General Montgomery's men must clear out Axis troops in mountain flanking the road on the west. Marshal Rommel was turning every acre of ground in his final pocket into bloody battlegrounds, as was apparent in his four counterattacks yesterday.

Receives Commission As Second Lieutenant

The public relations officer at Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona, has announced that Clay A. Burnett has successfully completed training in the Air Force Advanced Flying School and was awarded the silver wings of a second lieutenant at graduation ceremony on April 18.

Burnett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Burnett of Farmville, and is a graduate of the Farmville High School. His brother, Robert Burnett, aerial gunner on a Flying Fortress, was recently reported missing in action on the African front.

VICTORY GARDEN

If Thomas Jefferson were living today he would probably be the country's most enthusiastic Victory Gardener.