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## HARRY TRUMAN TAKES OVER AS NEW PRESIDENT

Enters White House Tonight In One Of Most Critical Periods In This Nation's History; Confident He Can Meet Burdens

WASHINGTON, April 12. —Harry S. Truman of Missouri was sworn in as thirty-second president of the United States tonight at 7:09 p. m. (EWT).

WASHINGTON, April 12. —Harry S. Truman entered the White House tonight in one of the most critical periods in this nation's history with humble confidence that he is big enough to meet the burdens of a wartime presidency.

He entered it with a determination to call upon the best brains of the country to help guide him through the perils of war, peace negotiations and reconstruction.

Those of us who traveled with him on a transcontinental speaking tour for the vice presidency last fall and who were in full conference with him before and after his election, think of him as a man whose courage has demonstrated time and again as a campaigner and as chairman of the senate war investigating committee who never hesitated to lambast those high in administration favor.

Whose knowledge of his own limitations is such that he never hesitates to call on others whose qualifications on matters of high importance he may consider superior to his own.

Whose ability to pick the brains of others raised the Truman committee to a status rarely enjoyed by a congressional committee.

Whose friendliness and modesty is the same as it was when he entered the vice presidency and he it probably was when he was a farm boy down in Missouri.



Harry S. Truman

## Industrial Targets On Honshu Levelled By B-29 Assault

Returning Pilots Termed Attack 'Very Successful'; Aircraft Engine Plant Was Tokyo Target; Jap Fighters Timid

GUAM, April 12. —Tokyo and industrial Koriyama on Honshu island were plastered with bombs by American Superfortresses today roaring out on a 3,800 mile round-trip mission from the Marianas.

The Nakajima Musashino aircraft engine plant was a Tokyo target.

Returning pilots who made the 3,800 mile round-trip flight, the longest central Pacific bombing mission to date, termed their attack "very successful". The B-29s were escorted by two Jima based fighter planes.

Koriyama targets were not identified except as a "industrial" in the city situated 110 miles north of Tokyo.

Part of the Superforts hit a second industrial target at Koriyama in the first raid on that city.

Bombing was done visually from 8,000 feet with the aid of unusually good weather, and while Japanese fighters were encountered, B-29 crewmen said they were "on the timid side."

Target Left Burning "The target was burning when we left," said Lt. Joseph Currier of Lincoln, Maine. "We saw a few fighters but they weren't aggressive. After a few bursts they were scared away."

Twenty-first airforce headquarters in Washington termed the B-29 raid (To Page Two, Please)

BREAD LOAVES LEAVE TRAIL FOR POLICE

DETROIT, April 11. —Traffic patrolmen reported it was a cinch to follow Edward Johnson, 19, when they sought to halt his speeding bakery truck.

Loaves of bread kept tumbling out the back door of his vehicle, leaving them unmistakable clues which led to a \$15 speeding fine for Johnson.

Awards Announced In 1945 Industrial Arts Exhibit County Schools

Awards have been announced in the 1945 industrial arts exhibit, which will continue to be on display on the third floor of the court house until the end of this week.

Judges in this year's exhibit, which came from a large number of the rural schools of Yankton county, were Mrs. Joy Reither and Mrs. D. W. Goldthwaite, both of Yankton.

Awards made in the 78 classifications, in most of which there were entries, are as follows:

Product or salt maps of South America or Africa—First place award, Seventh grade, Grove school, district 2.

Product or salt map of United States, Fifth grade pupils—First, Darlene Knodel, 58 Second, Ruth Bjornebo and Ethel Norman, 70, Third, Charles Strunk 66.

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## NEWS OF DEATH IS GREAT SHOCK TO WASHINGTON

Capital Prepares For Roosevelt Funeral In East Room Of White House Saturday; Cabinet Meets To Swear In Harry Truman

WASHINGTON, April 12. —Death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt shocked Washington to its foundations today.

From the man who now will become president — Vice President Harry Truman — down to the least of the city's people the news was overwhelming.

Mrs. Roosevelt, after dispatching wordless messages of strength to their four sons in service, prepared to fly to Warm Springs.

The capital prepared for a funeral in the east room of the White House Saturday.

MRS. ROOSEVELT IS SORRY FOR COUNTRY

WASHINGTON, April 12. —Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said she was "sorry for the death of the president."

"I am more sorry for the people of the country and the world than I am for me," she said.

The first lady — Vice President Truman in her second floor sitting room which adjoins the president's bedroom.

She told Truman "The President has just passed away."

"What can I do?" Truman said.

"Tell us what we can do," Mrs. Roosevelt replied. "Is there any way we can help you?"

The burial of the only man to serve three terms as president — only to die in the third month of his fourth term — is to be at Hyde Park, N. Y.

Truman Present A cabinet meeting was called immediately and Truman was present — ten years ago an obscure county judge in Missouri. He would become the 32nd president.

The president's death was announced by his secretary, Stephen Early, who on Dec. 7, 1941 gave the world the news of the Pearl Harbor attack that plunged this country into war.

"The White House called the three major news services at about 5:45 p. m. (EWT), on a conference call. There was a long pause. Then Early came on the wire and made the electrifying announcement. His voice sounded fairly calm and measured, but he obviously was laboring under intense emotion.

"There Is A Flash" His first words were — "There is a flash."

"The president died suddenly this afternoon."

There was a sudden flurry among his listeners as "The president," someone shouted over the line.

"Of course," Early replied. "There is only one president."

Although interrupted several times he continued to recite what he called "notes for the story."

"I have no statement," he exclaimed.

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President Was Failing Fast In Past Months

WARM SPRINGS, GA., April 12. —The announcement was dictated to reporters in a White House cottage across a red clay road from the administration building of the foundation where Hasset and four other White House attaches were making their home here.

Reporters who attended his news conference a week ago today noted his gray pallor. This has been noticeable, however, for many months and has caused considerable comment among the White House correspondents.

Mr. Roosevelt's voice also had become weak in recent months and he frequently asked reporters to repeat their questions.



Franklin D. Roosevelt

## Death of Roosevelt May Mean Deferring Of Peace Conference

WASHINGTON, April 12. —Chairman Connally (D-Texas) of the senate foreign relations committee said tonight the United Nations conference in San Francisco may have to be postponed because of President Roosevelt's death.

Quered about conference plans as he was on the way to the White House with Democratic Leader Barkley (Ky.) Connally told a reporter:

"I don't know yet what we will do. We may have to postpone the conference. It may be several days before we can tell whether to attempt to go ahead with it or not."

Mr. Roosevelt was to have addressed the opening session. Mrs. Roosevelt planned to go along with him, merely as a "sightseer" as she explained recently.

Harry Truman, however, had made no plans to go to San Francisco in his capacity as vice president.

The immediately indications were, however, that if the conference goes on as scheduled, Truman will be there as president to follow the lead taken by his predecessor.

Consistently throughout the last campaign, Truman indorsed wholeheartedly the Roosevelt foreign policies, particularly as they pertained to the organization of a world league to preserve the peace.

FRIDAY, THE 13TH PRESENT IS FATAL

PITTSBURGH, April 12. —Carl Huff, jr., would have been nine years old tomorrow — Friday, the 13th.

But he couldn't wait for his present, a bicycle, so his parents gave it to him yesterday.

President's Life Was Colorful; Four Office Terms Make History

(By the Associated Press) had private tutors and privileges that only wealthy parents could provide. His schooling followed the family tradition, preparing for college at Groton, a private school in Massachusetts, where he later was to send his own sons, then Harvard, where he took an A. B. degree in 1904. A three year law course at Columbia followed.

Marriage He saw much of the White House 27 years before he became its president. In 1905 he was in and out of the Executive Mansion paying court to a distant cousin, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, favorite niece of Theodore Roosevelt, then president and orphaned daughter of the president's brother, Elliot, and Anna Hall Roosevelt.

They were married March 17, 1905, with the Republican president giving the bride away. To this union of the two Roosevelt

boyhood schooling His boyhood was sheltered. He

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## Brain Hemorrhage Is Fatal For President Warm Springs Today

WARM SPRINGS, GA., April 12.—AP—President Franklin Delano Roosevelt died suddenly at 3:35 P. M., central wartime, today of a massive cerebral hemorrhage.

Commander Howard Bruenn, naval physician, made this announcement to reporters shortly after White House Secretary William D. Hasset called a hurried news conference to announce the death of the nation's only fourth-term chief executive.

Mr. Roosevelt died in the little White House on top of Pine Mountain where he had come for a three-week rest. He was 63 years old.

Dr. Bruenn said he saw the President this morning and he was in excellent spirits at 9:30 A. M.

Complained of Head Pain "At one o'clock," Bruenn added, "He was sitting in a chair while sketches were being made of him by an architect. He suddenly complained of a very severe occipital headache (back of the head)."

Within a very few minutes he lost consciousness. He was seen by me at 1:30 P. M., fifteen minutes after the episode had started.

"He did not regain consciousness and he died at 3:35 P. M."

Only others present in the cottage were Cmdr. George Fox, White House pharmacist and long an attendant on the president; Hasset; Miss Grace Tully, confidential secretary, and two cousins, Miss Laura Delano and Miss Margaret Suckley.

Spreads Like Wildfire News of the president's death spread like wildfire around the Foundation and atop the adjoining mountain where guests were gathering for a barbecue.

The President's late arrival for the barbecue caused some anxiety. A telephone call was put through and a few minutes later representatives of the Associated Press, United Press and International News Service were told to rush immediately to the Carver cottage on the Foundation grounds for some news.

Death Comes Suddenly WARM SPRINGS, GA., April 12.—AP—President Franklin D. Roosevelt died unexpectedly today of a cerebral hemorrhage, at 3:35 P. M. (Central War Time) at his summer cottage here.

The shocking news of the fourth term President's death was announced to the press by Secretary William D. Hasset. Shortly before 5 P. M. (CWT).

"It is my sad duty," he told the reporters, "to announce the president died at 3:35 P. M., of a cerebral hemorrhage."

Hasset urged the reporters to rush to their telephones immediately as a simultaneous announcement was being made at the White House in Washington.

In a quivering voice, in the presence of other members of the White House staff who came here with Mr. Roosevelt March 30, what was to be a three weeks rest, Hasset said further details as to the cause of death would be given out later by Commander Howard Bruenn, naval doctor who was taking care of the President's 31st President, in the absence of Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, Navy Surgeon General.

There was no information immediately available here as to when Vice President Harry S. Truman, a former Missouri Senator, would be sworn in as Mr. Roosevelt's successor.

Cabinet In Session In Washington, at the moment this was dictated,—Truman and the cabinet were in an emergency meeting at the White House. So insistent was Secretary Hasset that the news be made public immediately that details were left for future announcement.

The President, the nation's first chief executive to break the two-term tradition, had planned to stay here another week, then he was to return to Washington and spend one day before taking a train to San Francisco to open the April 25 United Nations conference to which he had given so much attention in recent months.

In Little White Bungalow Mr. Roosevelt died in the bedroom in his little white bungalow atop Pine Mountain, where he had been coming for 20 years to take the after-treatments for infantile paralysis with which he was stricken in 1921.

Long before his presidency, Mr. Roosevelt helped found the Warm Springs Foundation for polio victims. In recent months he had taken a deep interest in expanding it for servicemen afflicted with the disease.

Only two persons were believed to be in the cottage at the time of his death. They were Miss Laura Delano and Miss Margaret Suckley. They frequently had kept house for him on many of his recent visits, including his 19-day stay here last November and December.

1,400 Box Cars Move Into Mid-Western Grain Belts Daily

ODT Is Arranging To Boost That Number By 300 Each Day; Winter Tie-Ups Keep Many Cars On Lines In East

WASHINGTON, April 12. —Empty box cars are being moved to mid-western grain belts at the rate of 1,400 a day and the ODT is arranging to increase that number by 300 daily.

This was announced by Director J. Monroe Johnson of the Office of Defense Transportation today in a letter to state Rep. John H. Mayhew of Topeka, Kas. A copy was sent to Senator Capper (R-Kas.)

Mayhew, together with grain BOX CARS (To Page Two, Please)

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## Reflection

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wonderful at the time, resulted in a drop (leaf) table with just two legs to rest the front edge on, when unhooked from the wall, where one side was fastened securely.

A set of shelves in the kitchen (which he had partitioned off), three stool chairs, a couple of barrel rockers, a lounge and our beds upstairs where a partition, also had grown. Our mattresses were unbleached muslin, filled with the inevitable prairie grassh. It took long days and many of them to accomplish this much. Housekeeping was a real labor on those days, because showers of rain would so quickly saturate

the cottonwood in houses (and with no plastering in our house) the moisture rolled and warped the outside of the house, so that rain and dust storms had plenty of chance to get inside; our dust storms, always of three days duration, were terrible in the summers while winters were a living dread, being filled up with three day blizzards — never less than two days; snow drifting and roads impassable. Many times

the snow drifts around our house came way past window sills of second story windows. Our fuel was always cottonwood — sometimes we would secure a little scrub oak, hackberry or box elder. With neighbors help we finally succeeded in constructing some rag carpet strips to lay on our otherwise bare floors. Two strips were in our sitting room, and the other one in front of father's bed. Later in the season,

father prevailed on a man who had a team of horses and heavy wagon, to make the trip to the end of the railroad at Missouri Valley Junction, and bring back for us some packing cases of books, bedding, etc. We had shipped them from home to the end of the road. We felt very much fixed up when he returned bringing two very ordinary looking rocking chairs, plain, all wooden; also, a small table for

the living room and a wooden chair for father's room. Newspapers had, in time, been gathered enough to make temporary curtains for windows, and to cover the cracks between partitions, walls, etc."

Virginia Vanderhule married D. T. Bramble January 15, 1866. "The ceremony was performed after adjournment of a Masonic Lodge

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