

Churchill Stands by for VE-Day

LONDON, April 14—Britain was torn today between mourning the death of President Roosevelt and a mounting tension fed by persistent and thinly veiled hints in the press that the formal end of the war in Europe might come at any time.

The Master's Gone



Head bowed in grief, Chief Petty Officer Arthur Prettyman, Negro valet of President Roosevelt for six years, rode alone in an Army car in the cortege today. Here he is giving Fala an airing while en route from Warm Springs here. Prettyman and a Filipino mess boy laid the President on his deathbed.

Prime Minister Churchill was described as persuaded by the possible imminence of great events to cancel a plane trip to the United States for Mr. Roosevelt's funeral.

Foreign Secretary Eden was commissioned instead to represent the British government.

Memorial services for Mr. Roosevelt will be held Tuesday at St. Paul's Cathedral. A U. S. naval memorial service was being held today in St. Marks. The U. S. Army also was holding services.

The U. S. Embassy yesterday received more than 1000 phone calls.

READY TO MEET

Wilson Broadbent, The Daily Mail's diplomatic correspondent, said Mr. Roosevelt's death apparently was one of the greatest shocks Churchill ever suffered. The secretary who broke the news withdrew for five minutes. He returned to find Churchill's eyes wet, a half-smoked cigar cast aside and dispatches scattered before him.

The Daily Telegraph's political correspondent wrote that "two important events are impending."

"Allied troops may reach Berlin and advanced elements of the American and Russian armies may soon meet.

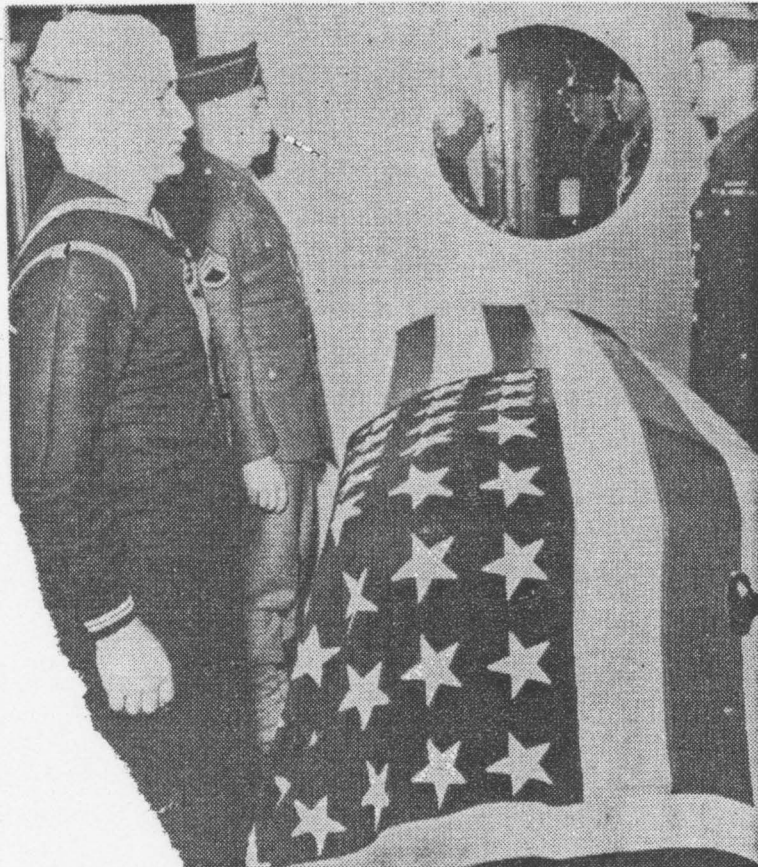
"The government is prepared for either event to occur earlier than had been expected a few days ago. The ministers are prepared to be called together any moment before Commons meets again Tuesday."

14 Lost as Tanker Rams Merchant Ship

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 14—At least 14 seamen lost their lives when an American freighter and a Canadian tanker collided and burned in Buzzard's Bay, the First Naval District at Boston announced last night.

The Navy said eight seamen still were missing and 38 hospitalized at New Bedford. Survivors of the American vessel said that their ship was proceeding in a dense fog when it was rammed by the Canadian tanker that immediately burst into flames.

Guard of Honor



Services stand at attention over the casket as the train out from Warm Springs for the ride to the Capital.

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Navy Realize Hour

conditions performed forces would mark the general services for Roosevelt today with a day of silent prayer. War Stimson and Navy announced that the would take place at 4 p. exact moment that service Roosevelt begin in the

Special memorial services and commander-in-chief all Army posts, camps aboard ship and at all posts if possible.

Army and Navy installations were flying at half mast in accordance with a 30-day period decreed in Mr. Roosevelt's honor. Gun salutes and fireworks were banned due to

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