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Weather

Continued warm with showers in afternoon. Mostly cloudy, cooler to-night and Sunday.

Today at 8 a. m., 65; 9 a. m., 68; 10 a. m., 67; noon, 79; 1 p. m., 83; 3 p. m., 83; 4 p. m., 81.

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Home Is 'The Chief' for the Last Time

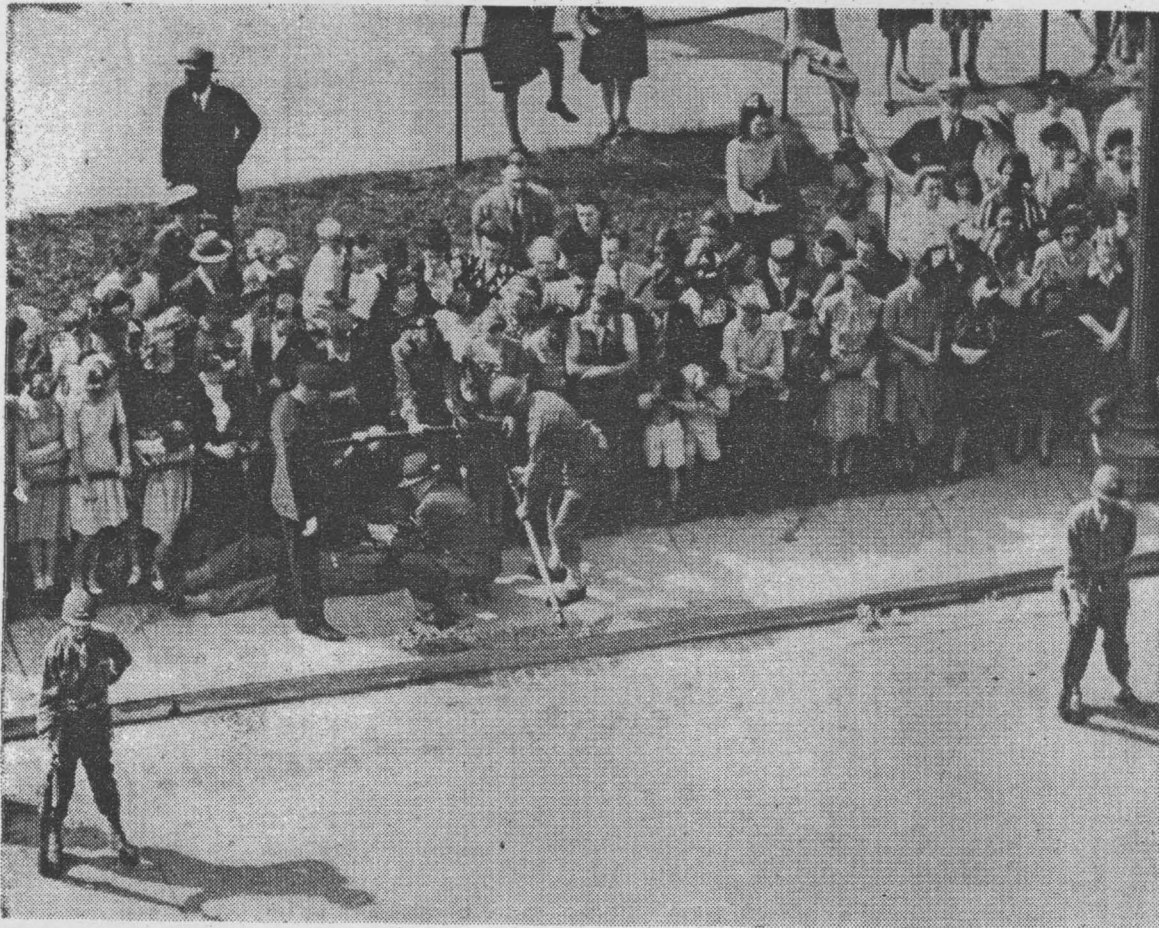
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A Day of Prayer...and Mourning



CASUALTY—Yank who guarded line of march of President Roosevelt's cortege is given first aid after fainting. Crowds in front of the White House broke cordon of police and soldiers to get closer glimpse of the hearse.

—Staff Photo



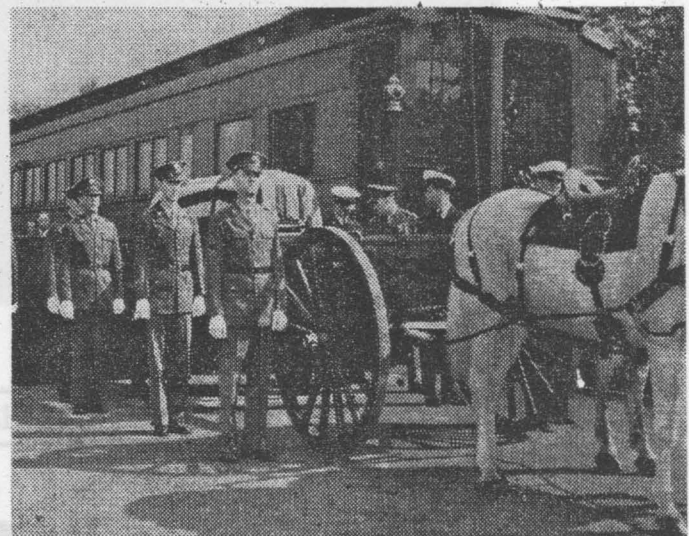
GRIEF—Unidentified woman breaks into tears as P. Roosevelt's cortege passes by—an emotion shared by thousands of Washingtonians today.



TAPS—The flag over the Senate Office Building is lowered to half-staff in memory of the late Commander-in-Chief, to remain in this position, with other emblems, for 30 days.



WAITING—Mrs. James Blake and daughter, Mary Ann, "passing thru" en route to New York, waited three hours to look at the procession.



ROAD BACK—Flag-draped casket rests on caisson at arrival here.

—New

300,000 See F. D.'s Casket Pass

Throng Outside During Services

Rt. Rev. Angus Dun, Bishop of Washington, read an Episcopal funeral ritual at 4 p. m. today over the casket of Franklin D. Roosevelt in the flower-banked East Room of the White House before his family, associates and the representatives of foreign powers.

Across the street in LaFayette Park, other thousands whose President he had been, watched mutely, undaunted by the change from sunny skies.

They were from among the 300,000 to 400,000—the largest crowd in my 41 years as a policeman, said Police Chief Edward Kelly—who earlier had lined the route from Union Station to White House along which the Roosevelt funeral procession had passed.

ANTHONY EDEN THERE

Among the solemn group was Anthony Eden who arrived by plane from London this morning.

Tonight after 9:30 the funeral train steams north to the President's beloved Hyde Park estate. There his body will be placed to rest tomorrow morning.

In the old east room of the White House the solemn words of the Episcopal ritual were intoned by the bishop.

First there was a hymn the President had sung since boyhood, "Travellers by Sea and Land."

"I AM THE RESURRECTION. . ."

Then the opening words of the ritual: "I am the Resurrection and the Life . . . I know that my Redeemer liveth . . . The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

The Rev. John G. Magee of St. John's Church read the 46th Psalm, "God is our hope and strength," and the 121st Psalm, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills."

The lessons were read by the Rev. Howard S. Wilkinson, rector of St. Thomas' Church, and another of the President's favorite hymns was sung, the old ringing "Faith of our fathers! Living still . . ."

Then Bishop Dun prayed:

"O God of Peace . . . remember thy servant, Franklin Delano . . . Grant quietness of heart and comfort and the assurance of Thy eternal love to those whose lives were knit to his in the bonds of family and friendship."

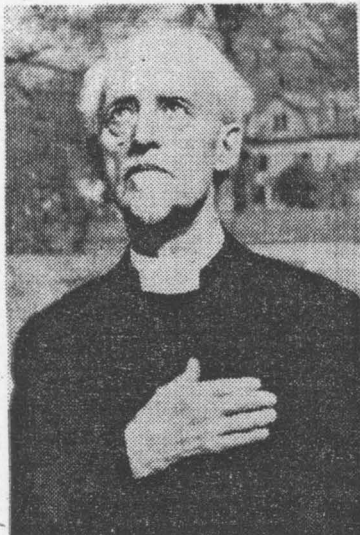
"Strengthen those on whom have fallen new responsibilities in the high tasks of government . . ."

"HELP US . . ."

"Watch over the men and women of our forces, by sea, by land and in the air . . ."

"Quicken and knit together in com-

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Dr. George W. Anthony, rector of St. James' Church, Hyde Park, stands with hand over heart as he watches the flag drop to half-staff. He will officiate at funeral there tomorrow.

Eden Arrives by Plane for Funeral, Talks

British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden arrived by air today to attend the funeral of Franklin D. Roosevelt and to discuss soon with President Truman some of the immediate problems of international affairs.

The International Security Conference in San Francisco opens in 11 days. An exchange of views by Eden and Mr. Truman within the next few days would provide an opportunity to dispel some of the uncertainty regarding international problems that followed Mr. Roosevelt's death.

President Truman has decided not to attend the San Francisco meeting, because there are too many pressing things to be done here in the coming weeks. It is understood, however, that he will address the opening session by radio.

Eden may take the opportunity to sound out Mr. Truman on the idea of an early meeting of the new Big Three.

Truman Unlikely to Parry Scribes

By United Press

NEWSMEN wondered today whether President Truman would continue to hold press conferences twice a week, a custom originated by President Roosevelt.

They may find out on Monday when the new Chief Executive will hold his first formal press conference.

Mr. Roosevelt was the first President who met reporters at regular intervals and permitted them to ask questions in person.

President Roosevelt almost always refused to let reporters use quotation marks around statements attributed to him.

Reporters did, however, use his exact language. The results were sometimes unusual, such as the time the President got out the word "discombobulate," which was used without quotes.

Mr. Truman may alter this custom. In his first brief informal utterances, reporters have quoted Mr. Truman directly—and nobody objected.

The new President is also expected to be more direct in his replies to questions from the press than was his predecessor—less apt to parry a ticklish question with a quip or evasive reply.

Lincoln-Roosevelt Memorial Group Formed

Marking the 80th anniversary of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, the Army-Navy Union, USA, today announced formation of the Lincoln-Roosevelt National Memorial Association.

F. D.'s Wreath Placed on Jefferson's Grave

MONTICELLO, Va., April 14—A wreath ordered by President Roosevelt as one of the last acts of his life was placed yesterday upon the grave of Thomas Jefferson.



Former War Mobilization Director James Byrnes, President Truman, and Commerce Secretary Henry Wallace await arrival of Mr. Roosevelt's body at Union Station.



Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt, son of the late President; his wife, Actress Faye Emerson, and Mrs. Anna Boettiger, daughter of the deceased, await the arrival of his body at Union Station.

Thousands Line Route of Train

By MERRIMAN SMITH

United Press Staff Correspondent

ABOARD PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S FUNERAL TRAIN, April 14—The special train bearing President Roosevelt's body neared Washington today after a slow run north from Georgia.

The train rolled northward at a deliberate, funeral pace. At every town and city, mute crowds lined the track side to watch the cortege pass. Some women cried and men bared their heads.

THOUSANDS AT STATIONS

Thousands massed at the stations in the bigger cities to catch a glimpse of the flower-massed casket in the final car of the train.

Each time the train paused—at Atlanta, at Greenville, S. C., Spartanburg, S. C., Charlotte, N. C., Salisbury N. C., Danville, Va.—masses of flowers were put aboard the car where the casket rested.

The casket, draped by an American flag, was placed on a small platform toward the rear of what had been the lounge car of the Presidential special. Overhead lights illuminated the car brilliantly and thru the three windows the crowds could see the casket, the increasing mound of flowers and flower guards posted a few days ago. Only a branch of the armed forces were changed.

CROWDS QUIET

The crowds at the stations swelled to swell as the night wore on. One of the largest was at Charlotte, N. C.: where street intersections for blocks were thronged with mourners. As the train moved thru the station without stopping a troop of Boy Scouts started to sing: "Onward Christian Soldiers" and the crowd took up the hymn in a ringing chorus.

More than 5000 people awaited the train at Salisbury, N. C., held back by a cordon of troops. A delegation of American Legionnaires placed flower aboard in the name of the city, of the county of Rowan and of the nearby town of Spencer.

Some 2000 townspeople were on hand to meet the train in Danville, Va.

F. D. Burial Site Abloom With Flowers

By United Press

HYDE PARK, April 14—A secluded garden on the bank of the Hudson River was prepared today for the sad ceremony which will make it a historic national shrine.

The peaceful grassy plot, set apart from the rest of the Roosevelt estate, was abloom with spring flowers as if nature had prepared its own funeral garlands for Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Mr. Roosevelt will be buried in his favorite retreat, within sight of the home he loved so well, at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

The Rev. W. George Anthony, pastor of St. James' Protestant Episcopal Church, where Mr. Roosevelt was senior warden, will officiate.

The 78-year-old white-haired clergyman said he knew of no special plans for receiving Mr. Roosevelt when the funeral train arrives from Washington.

Cardinal Seredi Dies

The Vatican radio has announced the death of Justinian Cardinal Seredi Hungarian Primate and Archbishop of Esztergom who earlier was reported abducted by the Nazis.

The broadcast said the Cardinal died of heart disease.

—News Acme

White House Crowds Break Thru Line

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mon loyalty the wills of this whole people . . .

"Keep us in this land and those peoples who struggle at our side, steadfast and united in the unfinished task of war . . .

"And do thou, with whom a thousand years are as one day, and before whom our lives pass like a watch in the night, help us to walk this day and all our days in the light of Thine own eternity; thru Jesus Christ Our Lord."

At the hour of the last service the whole nation was paying homage to Mr. Roosevelt. The armed forces in every corner of the earth, paused for 5 minutes silent prayer—unless engaged in actual combat. Factories fell silent and the great wheels of war production were stilled for a fleeting moment.

OTHER SERVICES HELD

In many churches in Washington and elsewhere memorial services for the President were read at the same hour. In Washington Government and business offices were closed as were business establishments in many parts of the country.

The ceremony brought to a close a day in the Capital as solemn and silent as could be remembered. The mourning of the people was deep. Not a few recalled the curious circumstance that just 80 years ago to the very day the nation had plunged into mourning for an other war leader, Abraham Lincoln.

Approximately 50,000 grief-stricken spectators who had waited there for hours crashed police lines in front of the White House to swarm the fences when President Roosevelt's casket was lifted from its caisson and taken in the building.

The surge climaxed a procession thru hushed streets, with which police said was "the quietest and largest crowd in Washington history" offering silent tribute.

The special train drew into Union Station just before 10 a. m.

President Truman and Government leaders who had worked with Mr. Roosevelt were waiting there. And in the plaza outside and along broad, troop-lined avenues hushed crowds stood, heads bared in the sunshine.

More than 500 Washington policemen and 110 detectives, in addition to troops stationed every three paces apart, covered the mile and a half parade route from the station down Delaware-av to Constitution, up to 15th-st, then up to Pennsylvania-av and thru the northwest gate of the White House.

ELLIOTT ONLY SON HERE

Only one of the President's four sons—Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt—had reached Washington for the ceremony. The others were with the Navy and Marines in the Far Pacific.

Elliott, the four Roosevelt daughters-in-law, and Mrs. John Boettiger were first to board the funeral train, where Mrs. Roosevelt waited. They were followed by Mr. Truman, Secretary of Commerce, Henry A. Wallace and former War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes.

A moment later soldiers and sailors gently lifted the casket from the train and passed it to the body-bearers—non-commissioned men representing each of the four service arms.

As the casket was placed on the black-draped military caisson, the Marine band played "The Star Spangled Banner," followed by "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Rock of Ages."

Battalions of the armed services led the procession thru the crowd-packed streets with the Marine band in front,

Offers Services



—News-Scene Photo
Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes leaves the White House after a 50-minute conference with President Truman. Byrnes offered his services to the President as a private citizen.

marching at funeral pace.

The crowds were so quiet that the clumping tread of the marching men down Constitution-av sounded like distant surf.

Mrs. Roosevelt, outwardly composed as she has been since the tragedy struck, was in black. She rode with Elliott, and her daughter, Anna Boettiger, immediately behind the horse-drawn caisson.

In the next car were the President's daughters-in-law and in the third, Mr. Truman, Secretary of Commerce Wallace and War Mobilization Director Fred M. Vinson.

As the cortege made its slow progress thru the streets, squadrons of giant Flying Fortresses and Liberator bombers roared overhead.

Here and there a woman fainted in the sticky heat. Some stood on chairs or boxes. Many shielded their faces from the hot sun with newspapers.

It was a hot and sultry day, with mercury at 76 at 10:30, much the kind as that exactly 80 years ago today when the country lost another wartime leader, Abraham Lincoln, shot by John Willkes Booth in Ford's Theater on the evening of April 14, 1865.

Along the Route of the Procession . . .

Twelve thousand at Union Station at 9:35 a. m., working up to nearly 25,000 at time of arrival of the funeral train . . . a group of nuns saying their rosaries in front of the station . . . two little red-headed boys outside the east concourse reading "Welcome the Coming—Speed the Parting Guest" . . . Signal Corps and newsreel photographers on tops of cars, people sitting on backs and heads of lions on Columbus Memorial . . . a great feeling of reverence in the "quietest crowd ever seen." . . .

Marching were 680 midshipmen, 375 enlisted men from Bainbridge, Md., a company of Coast Guards—men from Curtis Bay, 116 Marines, 116 Spars, a battalion of Marines and a battalion of Army. . . all street cars and cabs stopped. . . first Presidential death procession since President Harding.

All people getting to trains which left on time, carried their luggage three blocks. . . Marine guard all along route on both sides of street were members of the Guadalcanal First Division wearing two or three rows of ribbons and Purple Hearts . . . black-draped caisson with the flag-draped casket was drawn by six white horses . . . lead horse, riderless, was preceded by 22 motorcycle cops . . . A B-25 circled the station . . . eight soldiers

and sailors each wearing three rows of ribbons look on sadly. . .

Many in cars, on street, wept unashamed . . . black streamers on flag in parade . . . soldiers at parade rest since 9:30 a. m. not allowed to talk . . . boy with harmonica amusing crowd before procession; complete silence except for hum of truck motors; "I'm so glad it's a pretty day," says a woman in the crowd . . . Russian navy captain comments "you Americans will miss him." . . . A large Negro woman on a box near the White House gate bowed her head as the casket passed and wailed: "Oh, God . . . forever and forever . . ."

Twenty-eight Mustangs in formation overhead . . . A-25's and B-24's in formation . . . scores of spectators fainted from heat and press of crowds.

Thousands choked Lafayette Square . . . a greying middle-aged man, under an elm tree near the street curb, in green ink wrote "Dear One: I am writing this from famous Lafayette Square in front of the White House" . . . a young girl read Ernie Pyle's "Brave Men" . . . some stood under umbrellas, some carried suitcases, some watched thru binoculars, some poised cameras . . . Mothers pushed young sons combed, clean

to the crowd's front . . . The wait was interminable, but they talked of mundane things, chewed gum, smoked, noted that florists' trucks kept driving up "even tho the radio said not send flowers" . . . street-cleaning cart guided by two men picked up last tiniest bit of debris in the procession's path . . .

Mocking birds sang from elms on the White House lawn, twice their songs were drowned by the drone of bombers and fighter planes . . . husky-voiced sergeant called out orders to the khaki guard that lined both sides of the Avenue.

"Here they come," . . . quietness . . . a woman in a chic black hat lifted her veil, pushed her white handkerchief to her eyes.

The caisson arrived, made the turn into the White House drive . . . "There's Mrs. Roosevelt," said a bob-bysixer . . . "There's Faye Emerson." "Aw, I can't see any of the big folks."

Somewhere a band began the national anthem. Sleek cars pouring into the gateway stopped. From one Gen. George C. Marshall stepped . . . from another, Admiral Ernest J. King . . . they faced the lowered White House flag, snapped to salute. . . It was the most climactic moment of all.

Then a hand softly played "Lead Kindly Light" . . . in a moment the crowd broke. "I'm starved," said a bus driver, but he didn't go to lunch; he joined the hundreds who thronged across the street, clung to the iron fence.

. . . Women used vanity and purse mirrors as periscopes to see over the heads in the crowd . . . In Lafayette Park, step-ladders, stools and upended metal trash cans were used as vantage points . . . State and Treasury Department roofs and the Treasury Annex balustrade were crowded . . . Park police were busy chasing boys out of trees in LaFayette Park for an hour before the cortege arrived . . . Just after the cortege arrived before the mansion, U. S. Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy crossed the park, hatless and sad of face.

'Gay to the End,' Says Artist

By RANDOLPH S. HANCOCK

United Press Staff Correspondent

RALEIGH, N. C., April 14—The last impression left by Franklin D. Roosevelt on the woman portrait painter who was alone with him when he was stricken, was a man who was kind, pleasant and "gay until the end."

Mrs. Elizabeth Shoumatoff, who was sketching the late President for a new portrait as he worked on some papers in the "Little White House" at Warm Springs, was contacted at Danville, Va., today on her way home to Locust Valley, N. Y.

The shock of being so close to the tragedy had temporarily wiped the details of the scene from Mrs. Shoumatoff's mind.

Mrs. Shoumatoff, a dark complexioned, matronly, Russian-born artist, was a friend of the late President's two cousins, Laura Delano and Margaret Suckley, who were with him at Warm Springs.

She had done a water color in 1943 of Mr. Roosevelt wearing his favorite

Navy cape which he liked so well that he had it copied and distributed prints to close friends at his last birthday party.

She had gone to Warm Springs to sketch the President for another portrait while he relaxed at his southern retreat. She was accompanied by Nicholas (Robbins) Katzubinsky, Photographer whom she employs to photograph character studies. It was Katzubinsky who in the confusion following Mr. Roosevelt's death was identified as N. Robbins and was said to be the artist with him at the time he was stricken.

Hold That Line

Trout fishing season in Maryland opens tomorrow and continues thru July 15. Fishing in nontidal waters or stocked streams, however, is prohibited between 9 p. m. and 6:30 a. m.

Cabs Suspend Service Between 4 and 5 P. M.

Yellow Cab Co. drivers will pull to the curb and give up all business between 4 p. m. and 5 p. m., and the cab repair shop and gas lines will be closed in memory of the President, the company today notified Lieut. Joseph Harrington, Police Hack Inspector.

**A GREAT CALAMITY HAS BE-
FALLEN OUR NATION AND THE
WORLD IN THE DEATH OF
FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT.**

In this tragic hour we join with our fellow citizens in mourning the passing of this First Citizen of the world and this Great Champion of human rights.

As a mark of respect to his memory, the public gathering which was to have been held Sunday evening, April 15th, at Constitution Hall, has been postponed.

**American Christian Palestine Committee
American Jewish Conference
American Zionist Emergency Council**

Because of the death of our beloved President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, all Murphy stores will be closed Saturday, April 14th.

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