

Truman Confers With War Chiefs, Proclaims Mourning

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Prime Minister Churchill summoned his cabinet in emergency session there had come fears that the President's death was a blow to the San Francisco objectives.

Eden Coming for Funeral

Churchill was sending Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden to attend the President's funeral. There was no doubt that more than a gesture of respect lay in the action.

The arrival of Eden within 48 hours of the President's death will afford the first opportunity for a quick review by the British foreign secretary and the American President of the complex problems which center around the peace.

In Moscow there was concern and sorrow, quelling that of London. No other world leader had quite achieved the intimacy and informality of the relations between Premier Stalin and Mr. Roosevelt during the Yalta conference.

To the average Russian Mr. Roosevelt had been the very symbol of America and the name of Truman was unknown. Whether the Russians would match the British gesture by dispatching Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov to the United States was not known but was regarded as unlikely.

On Capitol Hill where Mr. Truman made the unprecedented gesture of journeying up to consult his old associates there were plans for a memorial service to Mr. Roosevelt.

The date was not immediately fixed.

A call to the nation's workers to maintain the national war production unbroken, despite the President's death, was issued by the war production board in line with what were believed to be Mr. Truman's desires.

Stettinius rushed into Mr. Truman's office at 10:15. He was the first administration official to confer with the new President.

It is Mr. Truman's desire that San Francisco constitute a memorial to Mr. Roosevelt's ambitions that it constitute the foundation stones of a permanent structure of world peace.

Asks Cabinet to 'Stay On'

Mr. Truman arrived at the White House exactly at 9 a. m. (8 a. m. Indianapolis Time).

The first caller of his administration was Hugh Fulton, counsel for the senate war investigating committee when Mr. Truman was its chairman. Fulton came to the White House with the President and spent more than one hour with him.

Mr. Fulton is expected to be one of the new President's closest advisers.

As Mr. Truman went into the White House he smiled at two dozen or more photographers.

A newsmen asked if he had any statement.

"No, nothing beyond what I said yesterday," he replied.

The new President took the oath of office at 8:06 (Indianapolis Time) last night on word from

'Little White House' Where President Died



Here is the "Little White House" at Warm Springs, Ga., where President Roosevelt died. He often referred to it as his "second home," and had been resting there since March 30.

Warm Springs, Ga., that Mr. Roosevelt was dead.

He asked Mr. Roosevelt's cabinet to "stay on" even before Chief Justice Harlan Fiske Stone administered the oath, which the new President took in the White House cabinet room, his family looking on.

Last night the Trumans slept in their five-room Connecticut apartment in northwest Washington. There they will remain a little while before moving to the White House. But everything last night was beginning to change.

The secret service guard which had been somewhat of a formality—and a bit of an innovation, too—was imposed in earnest. The modest man from Missouri was discovering himself one of the world's great public figures with responsibilities to match. Great problems of strategy and state were piling up, not for another to determine, but for him.

The richest nation in the world was adjusting itself to a new managing director. In the sharpest sense of the phrase, Mr. Truman was on the spot, confronted with as difficult a job as this nation ever entrusted to any man.

Elected to Senate Twice

Mr. Roosevelt, at 63, had served 12 years, one month and eight days in the office whose cruel exactions killed him, but also stimulated his desire to stay on. No other man had served more than eight years.

Mr. Truman will be 61 on May 8. Twice elected to the senate after a career in Missouri politics, Mr. Truman had been vice president only since noon of last Jan. 20. Then in the sequence of a heart-beat yesterday, the unassuming man from Missouri became the head of the greatest going concern on earth. The taking of an oath merely formalized a fact. The White House has its common man.

Home to Hyde Park

Mr. Roosevelt is coming home, but not to the White House. There will be a brief pause there tomorrow after the Southern railway funeral special arrives from Warm Springs. In the east room, where

so often he had been an easy host, there will be a funeral service at 4 p. m. Saturday. Then the late President will travel for the last time to his beloved Hyde Park.

The Rt. Rev. Angus Dunn, Episcopal bishop of Washington; the Rev. Howard S. Wilkinson of St. Thomas church; the Rev. John G. McGee of St. John's church will conduct the White House services. Present will be the elect of officialdom, a choice 200 persons of the thousands who would do Mr. Roosevelt personal honor here if they but could attend.

Truman Can Get Tough

The Rev. W. George Anthony of St. James church will conduct the burial services in Hyde Park Sunday afternoon. Simple as the White House funeral will be, the Hyde Park services will be simpler. There on the banks of the Hudson his neighbors will come, not to bury the President, but to bury the country squire in his own garden.

President Truman and his family, quiet, gray-haired Mrs. Truman and slim, blond daughter, Mary Margaret, will travel north on the Roosevelt funeral train. The cabinet and the army and navy brass, great figures of congressional and judicial life may go too. But the villagers and the farm folk of Dutchess county will claim Mr. Roosevelt for their own.

Our new President is a quiet, easy-going, smiling fellow like the man up the block. Like him, he can get tough, too. This politically sensitive capital would put him down as somewhat more conservative than Mr. Roosevelt but inclined toward the underdog. He's not so left-of-center, if at all.

Will Maintain Policies

"It will be my effort," Mr. Truman announced a few minutes after taking the oath, "to carry on as I believe the President would have done and to that end I have asked the cabinet to stay on with me."

Any vice president succeeding to the White House would say as

much and mean it, too. The tests of objective and policy come later as events unfold.

But the men who know him here are confident today that President Truman begins his administration hoping to approach most problems the way he believes Mr. Roosevelt would have approached them.

Above all there is agreement that the new President is a man, profoundly impressed by the business of his new job and the necessity for surrounding himself with the most competent advisers obtainable.

May Change Advisers

Almost inevitably there will be White House changes and perhaps in time some cabinet shifts. The late President's closest advisers—outside the membership of the Roosevelt family—were Harry L. Hopkins and Judge Samuel I. Rosenman, associates of his New York gubernatorial days. Their era of great influence probably is coming toward a close.

Hurrying to Washington today is James F. Byrnes, former associate justice of the supreme court and until a few days ago director of the office of war mobilization. Byrnes resigned less devoted to Mr. Roosevelt than he had been. He was among those bitterly disappointed at the Democratic national convention last summer. Byrnes, Sen. Alben W. Barkley (D. Ky.) and some others thought they had the nod from Mr. Roosevelt to seek the vice presidential nomination in an open field.

F. D. R. a Uniting Force

Hardest hurt of all was Henry A. Wallace, then vice president and now secretary of commerce. Mr. Roosevelt flashed the red light against Byrnes, Barkley and the rest. He left even Wallace stranded and let the word be passed that Harry S. Truman was the man.

With Mr. Roosevelt died the force that held together the opposing segments of the New Deal-Democratic party.

Political Washington foresees that

Indiana Activities Canceled By Death of President

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cities. The dinners were in the nature of between election years rallies.

Hoosiers cherished memories of Mr. Roosevelt's infrequent visits to the Midwestern state which gave him its electoral votes in 1932 and 1936, but deserted him in 1940 for a favorite son, Wendell L. Willkie, and again in 1944 for another native Midwesterner, Thomas E. Dewey, formerly of Michigan.

The President campaigned in Indiana in 1932 and 1936. His last visit to Hoosier soil was last fall when, shortly before he was elected to a fourth term, his presidential train crossed northern Indiana in the course of a trans-continental campaign tour. Mr. Roosevelt appeared briefly at Ft. Wayne and Gary on that occasion.

Indiana claimed the site where

the Roosevelt destiny was charted.

In 1931, after attending the Indianapolis 500-mile speedway race, Mr. Roosevelt, then governor of New York, went to French Lick, Ind., for a three-day conference with Democratic governors of 35 other states. There, the groundwork was laid for his nomination at the 1932 Democratic national convention in Chicago.

Governor Gates led Hoosiers in expressing the state's sorrow.

"The death of the President of the United States comes at a time when the nation and all the nations of the world were looking him for leadership," Gates said.

The sympathy of the citizens of the state was conveyed to Mrs. Roosevelt in a telegram which Gates sent last night.

Henry F. Schricker, former Democratic governor of Indiana, said: "The terrible tragedy of the President's death can hardly be comprehended so soon after his passing. Our nation and the world have suffered the loss of a great, if not the greatest, champion of the rights of the common man."

Others Express Feelings

Other Indiana politically prominent persons commented on the President's passing.

Hoosiers broke into the national spotlight with Mr. Roosevelt. Doubtless his best personal friend from Hoosierland was Wayne Coy of Franklin, who served as a presidential aide and in various federal government capacities until he resigned to return to the newspaper business last year.

Former Indiana Gov. Paul V. McNutt of Franklin and more recently a resident of Martinsville, became high commissioner to the Philippines under Roosevelt, then assumed the role of war manpower commissioner, a position he still holds.

En route to Washington when informed of the President's death, both Fred Bays, state Democratic chairman, and Mrs. Edna A. Bingham, state vice chairman, expressed their deepest regrets.

"The greatest soldier in the world has fallen. The truest friend of humanity has passed away," Mr. Bays said.

"The nation and the world today mourn the loss of the greatest leader of all time," Mrs. Bingham said.

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about next Monday there will begin a contest between Wallace, the spokesman of the left wing, and the leaders of more conservative party elements for the new President's support.

If the White House swings away from the policies of the C. I. O., the battle between Mr. Truman and Wallace is on.

Flair for Friendship

It will come more on domestic issues than foreign affairs. Mr. Truman has not been profoundly informed on international questions, as he would explain even if he were not asked.

Under him the state department will have a freer hand than under Mr. Roosevelt who was more often than not his own secretary of state. But Mr. Truman will do everything he can in the field of world collaboration for peace.

And the new President will look to congress for advice more quickly than Mr. Roosevelt did. He is legislatively minded with a flair for friendship among legislators. "This promises for a time, at least, enormously better relations between the White House and Capitol Hill. Homely and colloquial in conversation, Mr. Truman expresses him-

self about as your neighbor might. One of his most recent informal remarks on post-war problems went like this:

"There's nothing I can do about it because I'm a political encephalon (the rated influence of the vice presidency pretty low). But, I'd do anything in the world I could to prevent another war."

No Staff Conferences

The new President is expected to translate that pledge into action by maintaining the closest possible association with the senate—all the senate—as the San Francisco conferees negotiate toward agreement. Best bet here today is that whatever agreement comes from the San Francisco conference with Mr. Truman's okay will ultimately obtain senate approval. The man from Missouri knows his senate inside out.

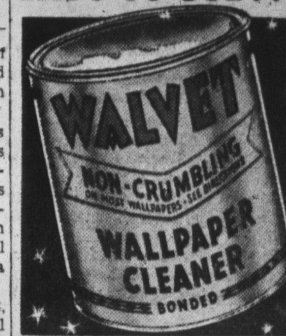
There should be nothing stiff or formal about his conferences with his former colleagues. If anyone is to be shocked by it, they may be to the shock that the President of the United States like a drink before lunch—a good stiff one. And if the company is good he'll take two—a bird can't fly on one wing. There'll be many a pre-luncheon

conference at the White House in the next four years which should avoid many a bruising battle on the floor of house or senate.

It will be almost the same as when Senator Truman sat with his colleagues in Ed Halsey's capitol office as those intimate luncheons which the late secretary of the senate delighted in giving. Or as in his own office when a few political or newspaper cronies gathered for a cheerful hour.

There will be something different, too. The President of course, will still be Harry to his friends on informal occasions.

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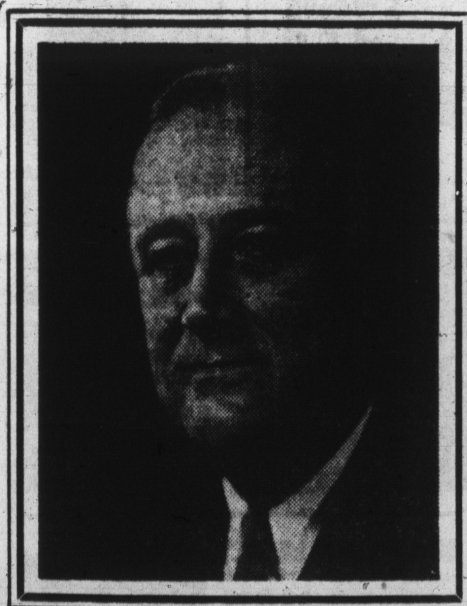
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