

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 equaling 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 call 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 newsman asked if he had any statement.

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

The new President took the oath of office at 6:08 (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 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 formally—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.

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 that's 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

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 year rallies.

Hoosiers cherished memories of Mr. Roosevelt's infrequent visits to the Midwestern state which gave him his 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 to 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.

In 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.

Fair 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 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 eunuch (he rated the influence of the vice presidency pretty low). But, I'd do anything in the world I could to prevent another war."

No Stiff 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 conference negotiates 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 and 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 as well know that the President of the United States likes 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

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