

Traffic Toll
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Yesterday ... Deaths 0 Injuries 2
1915 To Date ... Deaths 31 Injuries 187
Same Date '44 ... Deaths 1 Injuries 131
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Yanks Drive Through Nazi Bases On Russian Front

Capital Pays Homage To Roosevelt



CROSS-SECTION OF A NATION HEREAFTER—Typical of hundreds of like scenes throughout the nation is the one above which records the passive grief on the faces of local citizens at the memorial service held yesterday on Chestnut. The Rev. Father George O'Bryan, at the microphone, pays tribute to the life and accomplishments of the late President Roosevelt. Seated at left is Rabbi Julian P. Flog, and at right, Mayor R. Mack Oldham. Clergymen and public officials participated in the ceremony attended by a throng which stood motionless and mute, even during a downpour of rain which eventually drove the crowd inside the courthouse where the program was continued.

Trucks Filled With Clothing

30 Loads Taken In City Canvass

Approximately 30 truck loads of clothing, shoes and bed clothing were collected in Lexington yesterday for war-waraged victims of Europe in the first city-wide canvass of the United National Red Cross Collection. It was announced last night by Hart N. Peck, chairman of the Fayette county collection committee.

A force of more than 100 volunteer workers and 20 trucks.

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Collection Schedule For Paper Listed

Monticello park, the Konwick area and Montclair subdivision are scheduled to be covered Monday by Lexington's waste-paper truck, Charles Sturtevant, paper-salvage chairman, announced.

The Nicholasville-pike area, east of the Southern Railroad tracks and south of the Rose and Limestone intersection, will have collection service Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Harrodsburg-pike area, west of the Southern Railroad and south of the intersection of Broadway and Virginia avenues, will contribute its waste paper on Thursday.

City Honors Fallen Chief

3,000 Lexingtonians Present For Ceremony

A gathering estimated at 3,000 attended a community memorial service held at the courthouse at noon yesterday to pay tribute to the memory of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

A shower which started during the ceremony forced the crowd from Chestnut to the circuit room in the courthouse. The gathering was made up of people from every walk of life.

Contributor Burns

"I saw something that really scared me up," writes a contributor. "A wounded soldier, walking in a cane, was practically trodden down by people trying to grab the few remaining seats on a bus. He managed to get on the bus, to stand while three young men called him a coward. He called the front seats. One elderly man remarked, 'I would give my seat, but I know he wouldn't accept it from a woman.' He was the only one of those seated on the bus who seemed at all concerned about the situation."

Marines Gain On Okinawa

GUAM, April 15 (Sunday) (AP)—The First Marine Division advanced to within 10 miles of the northern tip of Okinawa—just 225 miles south of Japan—Saturday while the 8th Army Infantry Division was holding off a small but desperate Japanese counter-attack on the southern front.

The Sixth Marine Division, meantime, virtually completed occupation of Motobu peninsula.

The Leathernecks' push gave the United States control of the central two-thirds of Okinawa. Their sweep northward from the landing beachhead near Katona has been island-wide.

On the south the front lines remained virtually unchanged, extending across the strategic Ryukyu island from four miles north of Naha on the west coast to Yonabaru on the east. Aside from the quickly repelled Japanese counter-attacks, action in the south was chiefly an artillery duel.

After two days of desperate, fanatical Japanese aerial attacks on the amphibious task forces lying off Okinawa and against American-held airfields on the islands, the enemy sent only a few aircraft against Yank forces Saturday.

Nine were shot down, bringing the three-day toll of Japanese waercraft destroyed in and near the Ryukyu islands to more than 268.

The attack was defeated, apparently without any damage to American ships.

Some 350 miles to the south small groups of Japanese planes attacked the British Pacific task force's Ground action on Okinawa remained uneventful on the southern front, where the Japanese were making their strongest defense of the island.

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Emergency Measure

I don't suppose it's against the law for a man to walk along Main street wearing a woman's skirt, but it certainly attracts a lot of attention. Last Friday afternoon, in the vicinity of Hanover avenue, and I called the cops. They dispersed it was an emergency case. I was the man's point of view. He had been drinking more than he should have. He was good for a laugh, but he had locked up all his fingers to keep him from going and getting more liquor. In the emergency, he donned one of his coats and struck out. But neighbors and his strength failed; the cops took him home.

V-E Day

In a neighboring town, a little while father had been killed in the war. He had heard his olders discuss the possibility of a wild celebration. V-E Day—a lot of carousal, etc. Later she hesitantly asked her mother whether they might not do something in the country that she wouldn't have to hear meekly. Perhaps a little something that might quiet some of the contemplating a noisy celebration.

Experience Helps

Two heard newsman argue that you can learn more by actually working in a newsroom six months than you can by taking college journalism four years. However, they may be mixing the two. Experience is very successful. Top honors in a newsroom six months ago at U. K. went to Miss Felsy, who spends most of her school hours as a pre-teacher. The Leader newsroom, and Martha Yates, who has a similar job with The Herald.

More Than 300,000 Watch Procession Before Final Rites

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—Family and friends and the nation's great paid the capital's last homage to Franklin D. Roosevelt today in the sad splendor of a White House funeral.

And over the world millions joined in the mourning for the man who symbolized for them the ideals and aspirations of the United States. Their high diplomatic representatives stood for them beside the bier in the famed East Room of the executive mansion.

In a flag-draped casket the body of the fallen leader arrived from Warm Springs, Ga., at 9:00 a. m. and was carried along the once-triumphal inaugural route from the Union Station to the executive mansion, where it was viewed by 400,000 capital residents who stood in silence.

The black army caisson brought the late President to the door of the mansion at 11:15 a. m. At 4 p. m. President Harry S. Truman joined the widow and close relatives, associates of many years, and representatives of many foreign governments in the rites of the Episcopal church.

In the flower-decked room the casket stood on a small ornamental rug before an altar.

The Right Rev. Angus Dun, Bishop of Washington, officiated at the simple, 25-minute ceremony of the faith in which Mr. Roosevelt was a lifelong communicant.

At one side stood a vacant wheelchair, a mute symbol of the malady which struck the President down in his prime but could not keep him down. Bishop Dun was more than a clergyman, for he once worked off an attack of infantile paralysis like Mr. Roosevelt, counted Harvard as his alma mater.

Only a small fraction of the huge crowds of the morning funeral procession remained outside, but they were the faithful who refused to depart, standing across the street in silent tribute.

After the services the body rested before a guard of honor of unlisted men chosen from each branch of the armed forces.

The body was placed in a casket by the body tonight at 10 o'clock for interment in the garden of Mr. Roosevelt's Hyde Park, N. Y., estate.

Mrs. Roosevelt was solemnly dry-eyed but her husband liked so much but there was many a damp cheek.

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Truman Request Met By Stalin

Molotov Will Attend San Francisco Parley

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP)—The White House announced tonight that Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov will attend the San Francisco conference.

The White House revealed that Soviet Premier Joseph V. Stalin decided to send Molotov after President Truman had advised Stalin that such a move would be welcomed "as an expression of goodwill and a step toward forward plans for formulating the new international organization."

President Truman directed Ambassador W. Averell Harriman in Moscow to deliver the message to Stalin yesterday, the White House said. Mr. Truman said the message that he would also look forward with pleasure to a visit by Molotov to Washington.

"Today the President was advised by Marshal Stalin that Foreign Secretary Molotov would attend the San Francisco conference," the White House announced.

The statement was handed to reporters at the White House by the late President Roosevelt's Press Secretary Jonathan Danlick. It came less than eight hours after British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden arrived here to attend Mr. Roosevelt's funeral.

There had been great disappointment over Stalin's original decision not to send Molotov to San Francisco, Soviet Ambassador Andrei A. Gromyko had been named head of the Russian delegation.

Disclosure that Molotov will attend the conference gives it added importance. Forty-eight hours ago President Roosevelt's death made it questionable whether the conference would be held.

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Blood Donor Unit Coming April 23

Local registration for the American Red Cross blood donor unit's visit to Lexington will begin April 23-27. Units will be slow, Louis E. Hillenmeyer, blood donor service chairman for Lexington and Fayette county, reported yesterday. Four hundred and eighty-five more donors must register to reach the required quota of 1,200-Y or 3000 between 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. to make appointments.

The unit again will operate on the ground floor of the First Presbyterian church and the following schedule: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 12 noon to 5 p. m.; Tuesday and Friday, 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.

"When the unit was in Lexington last December, the quota was exceeded by 110 pints of blood. We hope an equally good record will be made this visit," Mr. Hillenmeyer said.

Additional registrations have been received from Barboursville and Manchester. Nurses' aides from the Lexington chapter corps will be on duty and Red Cross staff assistants will serve as dismissal clerks. Registration clerks will be furnished again by Beta Sigma Phi, business girls' society, and members of John McKinley chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will check hats and coats.

Jap Premier Expresses 'Sympathy' To America

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP)—Japanese Premier Kantaro Suzuki expressed his "profound sympathy" today to the American people upon the death of President Roosevelt.

In a broadcast a Domei representative said he was almost taken aback by the unexpected reaction but quickly realized that it was strange coming from a man of as large caliber as the now promoted "No enemy broadcasted by the now premier as saying: 'Roosevelt's leadership has been very effective and has been responsible for America's advantageous position today. For that reason I can easily understand the great loss his passing means to the American people. My profound sympathy goes to them.'

Heavy Fighting May Continue Long After 'Victory' In Europe

with Premier-Marshall Stalin to proclaim victory.

After the junction with the Russian large German forces still will be in the field in the north or south or both, and it is believed they will be broken down and boxed in. Already there is no cohesive front nor coherent German command in the west. The junction of the Allies of the east and west seems near, but V-E Day will come, according to best opinions here, somewhere between that junction and the end of the subsequent fighting.

It is hardly likely that General Eisenhower would proclaim victory until the eastern front too has collapsed and a proclamation is issued jointly with Stalin.

A fortnight ago Eisenhower predicted that the Germans would fight on as best they could for the last inch of Reich soil; that there

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The War In Brief

WESTERN FRONT—Fast-moving American armies drive to within 45 miles of Berlin as Russian forces begin to roll 30 miles to the east. First and Third armies sweep past beleaguered Leipzig. British forces move to within 42 miles of Hamburg; fierce resistance encountered by Seventh Army in capture of Bonn.

EASTERN FRONT—Berlin says Russians laying down heavy barrage preparatory to offensive assaults on Oder river front and defenses of Nazi capital; Germans say big tank battle developing.

PACIFIC FRONT—New successes for Allies reported in Philippines and China, as Japanese radio admits battle for Okinawa "changing for worse"; Yanks in Philippines blast Japanese garrison at Fort Drum; on Okinawa 218 Japanese planes are down in two days; B-29 Superfortresses bomb industrial targets in Tokyo; Chinese claim advantage in bitter battles on many fronts as American fliers give air support.

SOUTHERN FRONT—British Eighth Army advances four miles in sector 22 miles east of Bologna against German resistance; American Fifth Army captures three towns with little opposition.

McKinley Aids In Capture Of Notorious Von Papen

An acute case of jitter which had reached the crisis stage this week-end of Friday, the 13th in the household of Mr. and Mrs. Dixie McKinley who had grown uneasy concerning the welfare of their son, Lt. Thomas McKinley, was banished instantly yesterday.

Young McKinley's participation in the capture April 10 of the hunted Franz von Papen, former chancellor of the German republic, vice-chancellor under Hitler and former ambassador to Turkey, was announced late Saturday afternoon. The capture was made in the Ruhr sector of Germany.

"I'm so excited I can't think," Mrs. McKinley said last night as she explained that although she and Mr. McKinley "hated to be superstitious," they had become increasingly worried, having received no word from Lieutenant McKinley since March 13.

Lieutenant McKinley, who is in the Airborne Infantry, went overseas in the autumn of 1943, first to Oran, then to Sicily where he suffered a broken leg, then to Italy, where he participated in the invasion of southern France and in the Battle of the Buge in December.

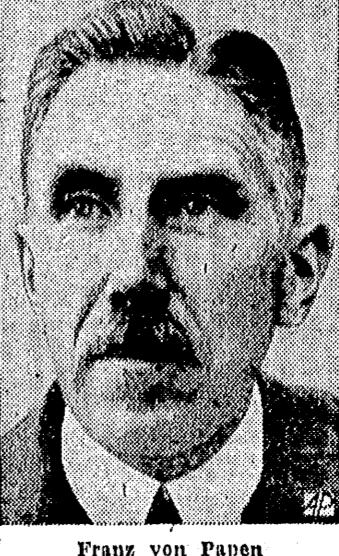
In his last letter written from a post camp near Paris, he complained of being behind the lines "cooling his heels."

The 21-year-old Lexingtonian was a first lieutenant at Kentucky Military Institute from which he was graduated June, 1942. That autumn he entered the University of Kentucky where he was pledged to Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He received orders to report Dec. 19, 1942, to Fort Benning, Ga., where he was commissioned a second lieutenant. Prior to going overseas, he was stationed at Fort George Meade, Md., and was promoted to first lieutenant last autumn.

With McKinley when he went overseas were other Lexingtonians, Lt. Robert M. Watt Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Watt, who was released recently from a German prison camp in Poland, and Lt. Robert Evans, son of P. B. Evans of 444 Clifton avenue. Lieutenant Watt, who joined the Rangers, last week reached the States and is expected home soon. Lieutenant Evans was transferred recently from the front to a supply division.



Thomas McKinley



Franz von Papen

VON PAPPEN WON NOTORIETY AS INTERNATIONAL FIGURE

PARIS, April 14 (AP)—Franz von Papen, the gray fox of Nazi diplomacy and a notorious international figure since he was kicked out of the United States in 1935, was captured in the Ruhr pocket by the American Ninth Army April 10, Allied headquarters disclosed tonight.

The 65-year-old former chancellor of the German republic, vice-chancellor under Hitler and later ambassador to Austria and Turkey, was seized at a small hunting lodge near Stockhausen, 25 miles southwest of Hamm, taken with him were his son, Capt. Friedrich-Franz and his son-in-law, Baron Max von Stockhausen.

The capture was made by Lt. (Continued on Page 6, Column 4)

Russians Stab Toward Berlin

Great Tank Battle Raging, Foe Says

By Richard Kasichko

LONDON, April 15 (Sunday) (AP)—Panicky German broadcasts said that a massive, swaying tank battle was raging early today within 30 miles of Berlin after two mighty Soviet armies opened "preparatory" offensive operations Saturday for a link-up with American troops.

The battle raged after massed Russian forces broke through powerful Nazi fortifications in preliminary thrusts which, Berlin said, indicated that the Red army had begun the grand-scale, long-planned offensive to engulf Berlin and end the war.

Late German broadcasts indicated that the major Soviet blow was about to fall along the Neisse river 85 miles from Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army. One Soviet battle group was said to be attacking from behind on the west bank to cover up heavier attacks planned to sweep south of Berlin and link up in the area of Dresden.

There was no confirmation from Moscow.

Fighting was reported spreading like wildfire along a 67-mile front east and southeast of Berlin in the initial blows of a great four-army offensive aimed at engulfing the German capital, linking with the Americans and ending the war.

The first blows were launched near Guben, 50 miles southeast of Berlin this morning. By afternoon the Red Army began attacking from behind on the west bank of the Oder river between Kuestrin and Frankfurt, due east of the capital.

The attacks were described as "diversionary" and of "regimental strength," but Berlin admitted a (Continued on Page 6, Column 3)

Peace Rumors Sweep Britain

By Alex Singleton

LONDON, April 15 (Sunday) (AP)—The London Sunday Express reported today that "news of major importance is known to have reached the cabinet ministers yesterday" and declared "the war may end literally at any moment."

(While there are indications that an American-Russian junction is in the offing, the best information available to the Associated Press is that an actual end of the war in Europe will not come for some time.)

Contributing to the wave of optimism in London, The Sunday Dispatch carried a headline saying, "This is the victory week-end."

However, when a secretary at Prime Minister Churchill's residence was asked if there had been an official state alert, he said: "No—thank you."

No special preparations had been made in official quarters in London for any startling announcements over the week-end. Generals were being dined down on any news generally known.

And though bell-ringers went on routine shifts at St. Paul's Cathedral to be sure of being on hand when the news proclaiming victory does come, there were few takers of bets that V-E Day would come this week-end.

Many Britons got their cue that something might happen from Prime Minister Churchill's decision not to attend President Roosevelt's funeral.

An authoritative report said the prime minister made the decision against his personal wishes and that it was dictated by last-minute reports from the war fronts which made his presence here essential.

Brakes Will Be Tested After Traffic Violations

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 15 (AP)—Lawyer M. J. Conroy, official throughout Kentucky today started a one-minute brake-testing campaign on all automobiles which are stopped for some traffic infraction.

Col. A. E. Kimberling, Louisville police chief, announced the drive as state campaign.

Local police departments, sheriff's law marshals and the Kentucky State Highway Patrol are cooperating, Kimberling said.

In Louisville, where brakes are found to be faulty, the driver will be given a citation, requiring him to have the brakes repaired within five days. The driver then is required to bring a stamped receipt of the Traffic Bureau, Kimberling said.

Airlines Plane Overdue After Leaving Pittsburgh

KINGSPORT, Tenn., April 14 (AP)—James Hauke, Pennsylvania Central Airlines manager at Tri-City Airport, announced tonight that flight 142 from Pittsburgh due at Tri-City at 6:30 eastern war time was overdue.

The plane was last reported at 4:55 p. m. Hauke said. All agencies have been alerted and intensive search is in progress.

Officials of the airline in Washington expressed concern about the late ship. They said failure to report for several hours indicated that the liner might have landed in an isolated area.

The names of the passengers and crew were withheld temporarily.

Pittsburgh reported the plane, with 20 persons aboard, left at 4:41 p. m. and was due in Morgantown, W. Va., at 5:08 p. m. Aboard were 17 passengers, a pilot, co-pilot, and a hostess.

Company officials at Morgantown said lightning struck the wires in that district, cutting off radio transmission and lights at the airport.

State police in West Virginia were alerted regarding the plane, which last reported south of Brownsville, Pa.

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Tank Columns Force Germans Back To Back

First, Third Armies Sweep Past Leipzig, Approach Czech Line

By James M. Long

PARIS, April 14 (AP)—Three tank columns of the American First and Third armies drove deep beyond embattled Leipzig in the heart of Germany today and ripped through rear supply and communications bases of the German army on the Russian front, now 85 miles or less to the east.

(The American Broadcasting Station in Europe told the German people that the entry into Berlin was "imminent" and asserted a "state of tension" existed in the capital, now menaced by American forces 45 miles away and Russian troops 30 miles away.)

As American armored columns roared 10 miles or more eastward under a partial news blackout in the center of Germany, one infantry unit was only 18 miles from the Czech frontier.

The First's Ninth Armored Division and the Third's Fourth and Sixth Armored Divisions had struck so deep into the enemy's rear that the Germans now must turn for a back-to-back death stand or be cut off from retreat into the southern mountains.

Already this mountain fortress of Bavaria and Austria had been penetrated on the north by yet another Third Army column—the Eleventh Armored Division—which roared into the Wagnerian city of Bayreuth 124 miles north of Munich and 173 miles from Hitler's retreat at Berchtesgaden.

The battle for refugee-packed Leipzig, 75 miles southwest of Berlin, thundered into its second day. The Ninth Armored Division quit the Leipzig siege and joined the Seventh Army's advance.

North of Leipzig the First Army's Third Armored Division broke loose on a 30-mile gallop that reached a point three miles south of Dessau, six miles from the Elbe river and 85 miles southwest of Berlin itself.

The Ninth Army forced a second crossing of the Elbe river at (Continued on Page 6, Column 1)

Yanks Seize Two Islands

PHILIPPINE, April 15 (Sunday) (AP)—American marines seized two small islands off Legaspi, important harbor on southeastern Luzon, quickly eliminating the Japanese garrisons, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today.

The landings, made Friday, secured the sea approaches to Legaspi, which is in American hands.

Doughboys of the First Army, Philippine summer capital, in northwestern Luzon, as bombers and fighters blasted the way with one of the heaviest concentrated bombings of the Pacific war.

Baguio, bitterly defended, has been a prime target since the Yanks first invaded Luzon on Jan. 9. A Japanese military headquarters is believed located there.

Bombers patrolling the China sea area wrecked six small freighters and sank 11 installations in Indo-China. Formosa's west coast was another target.

Davao on Mindanao's east coast, was severely pounded by Liberators.

The Japanese garrison at Fort Drum or Tiny El Franke island at the mouth of Manila bay has been burned out by an assault unit at the cost of three men, slightly wounded, 5,000 gallons of gasoline mixture, and a demolition charge.

The Yanks stormed the concrete decks of the battleship-shaded fort south of Corregidor Friday, and when the 25 to 30 Japanese in the bastion refused to surrender, poured gasoline into this structure and set it afire, said Fred Hampson, Associated Press correspondent.

The Weather

Forecast, Lexington and Vicinity
Continued cloudiness and cooler today and tonight. Indicated high, 68 degrees.

Lexington Figures
Highest temperature yesterday, 66 degrees; lowest, 59; normal, 64; highest and lowest on record this date, 85 in 1941, 24 in 1907. Excess in temperature since Jan. 1, 499 degrees.

Precipitation for 24 hours ending 7 p. m. yesterday, .20. Excess since Jan. 1, 2.98 inches.

Humidity readings, yesterday: 7 a. m., 89 per cent; 1 p. m., 99 per cent; 7 p. m., 99 per cent.

Sun sets today at 7:14, rises Monday at 6:01.

Temperatures In Other Cities

Station	High	Low	Station	High	Low
Ashville	82	58	Los Angeles	68	61
Albany	80	56	Memphis	68	61
Boston	68	48	Minneapolis	69	69
Chicago	68	48	Miami	79	74
Cincinnati	82	58	New Orleans	65	65
Cleveland	74	52	New York	62	54
Detroit	68	48	Pittsburgh	66	60
Fort Worth	70	48	St. Louis	62	61
Jacksonville	84	68	Tampa	80	65
Kansas City	68	48	Washington	64	62