

North Carolina banks are closed today in observance of Halifax Day. State Dept. explains the significance of this date in the Red history in a special feature on the front page of the second section.

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Tribute To A Leader

Franklin D. Delano Roosevelt

A YEAR ago today the world stood still for a long moment and was silent. The President was dead. A great man had become a shining beacon in history. For those close to him it was hard to understand how the sun could shine and the grass be green after so great a calamity.

There can be no doubt of the affection and high regard in which Roosevelt was held by the people. They elected him and re-elected him and then elected him again and again. Kind words, big and loving, they thought that they understood and loved their leader.

He was their leader as well as their friend. With a courage that approached audacity, never faint of heart or negligent of moral principle, he found a grand physical infirmity to which many other men would have surrendered. To take command in the struggle against evil at home and abroad, none can say otherwise than that he surely guided the ship of our destinies during the troubled days through which we were straining and toiling.

Roosevelt was born to leadership. He led the fight to make government serve the people. He insisted upon the reforms necessary to strengthen the physical and human resources of the America that he loved. History will not fail to set Roosevelt in the niche to which he won his way; indeed, he is one in whom where his own generation, to an overwhelming degree, has accorded him the highest and truest recognition that was his due.

Franklin D. Roosevelt conducted not only his own physical infirmity but likewise the hesitation and doubt that paralyzed America in the thirties. Reassurance, and hope and inspiration radiated from him and sustained his efforts throughout his period of leadership, starting on that fateful day of Feb. 9, 1933 when he finished his inaugural address with... "I am asking of you a mandate that they want direct, vigorous action. They have asked for direction and direction under leadership. They have made me the present

Says Troops Massed

Charges Franco Menace To France

NEW YORK — (AP) — The mounting controversy over the Franco Government in Spain, which is expected to reach the floor of the United Nations Security Council next week, was swelled today by an exiled Spanish Republican leader's assertion that Generalissimo Franco has 450,000 troops massed menacingly.

Dr. Fernando de Los Rios, former dean of the University of Madrid, ex-time Ambassador to Washington and ex-privy war Cabinet member, told a press conference last night he had documentary proof of the existence in Spain of "an aggressive spirit and an aggressive plan against France."

Blast Rocks Navy Dept.

WASHINGTON — (AP) — In shocked and angry silence the Navy Department held aloof today from the resignation of the chief of the Navy's fitting blast of admirals and their armorers merger program.

Immediate conjecture centered on whether Secretary of the Navy Forrestal would decide to quit now instead of waiting until summer, and whether Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Chief of Naval Operations, would request retirement. Both have vigorously fought the merger.

There is no question that Mr. Truman had the gloves off when he pointedly notified the Navy where he stood. He used the words "unpleasant and disturbing" speaking of continued opposition, and said the public was interested in the merger.

The President told his news conference yesterday that, while individual naval officers are entitled to have their own views, he expected both Navy and War Departments to support the unification policy when he, as commander-in-chief, once established it.

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MAN ASSAILS 'TYRANNY' House Draft Fight Is Touched Off

May Would Quit Calling Teen-Agers

Debate Opened In Chamber

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST WASHINGTON — (AP) — Chairman May, Democrat, Kentucky, of the House Military Committee touched off a fight in the chamber today over continuing inductions of eighteen and nineteen-year-old youths.

Opening debate on a committee recommendation for a nine-month extension of the draft law, May said he would offer an amendment to prohibit the induction of anyone under 20.

He said he would submit later Army figures indicating that there is no need to keep on drafting teen-agers and would cite testimony by General Dwight D. Eisenhower that youths under 20 are "not suitable" as occupation forces.

Atom Tests To Be Made

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman, who once postponed atomic bomb tests in the Pacific, said today three tests are of vital importance and he had been assured the new target dates would be met.

He issued a formal statement on the subject, but without any explanation of why he selected this particular time to give his views. However, Senator Hoffman, Democrat, Ohio, revised his resolution calling for cancellation of tests.

Mr. Truman said the experiments at Bikini Atoll should provide information "essential to intelligent planning in the future and an evaluation of the effect of atomic energy on our defense establishments."

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Mrs. Salvatori said that the publicity achieved by her husband humiliated her and made her ill. She was granted the divorce on grounds of cruelty.

British Non-Coms Held For Disciplinary Action

LONDON — (AP) — An official inquiry into the refusal of nearly 50 British soldiers to sail for the Orient on the transport Corfu this week has resulted in an order for the offenders to be held for disciplinary action.

Hyde Park Becomes National Memorial To Roosevelt

The ancestral home of generations of Roosevelts at Hyde Park, N. Y., is being turned over to the U. S. Government as a national historic site and monument to the beloved World War II President.

President Truman today announced that the site, which will be under the custody of the Department of the Interior and directly administered by the National Park Service, comprises 33.23 acres of land, and includes, in addition to the home, several out-buildings, auxiliary houses, gardens, and a greenhouse.

These Acme pictures show some of the scenes at Hyde Park.



1—A close-up of the late President's desk in his Hyde Park living room. His personal effects have been preserved as they were at the time of his death. 2—East end of the living room. 3—Bedroom occupied by the late President at Hyde Park. 4—The grave of the late President. (Acme Photos by David McLane.)

Tragic Anniversary

Roosevelt Died Year Ago Today

By D. HAROLD OLIVER WASHINGTON — (AP) — Shortly after 2 P. M. a year ago today, Franklin D. Roosevelt raised a hand to the back of his head and grimaced: "I have a terrific headache."

They were the last words spoken by the fourth term President. He died two and a half hours later in a simply-furnished bedroom of his mountain cottage at Warm Springs, Ga.

As one of three reporters at Warm Springs when death suddenly overtook the 33rd President, I was struck by its unexpectedness, like almost everyone else.

Democrats Hit 'Boner'

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A group of House Democrats today called for a party caucus to consider what one of them termed a "boner" by the Democratic National Committee.

The action to which they object was a recent letter from Democratic Headquarters to the party's county chairmen advising them to "select proper candidates" for Congress.

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William Pauley Confirmed As Ambassador To Brazil

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Ceremony At Hyde Park

Truman Arrives Today To Dedicate Site

HYDE PARK — (AP) — President Truman arrived here today to lead the nation in paying homage to Franklin D. Roosevelt and to dedicate the late President's Hudson River estate as a national historic site.

The President and his official party entered the gate leading down a tree-lined roadway to the Roosevelt mansion after motoring here from Stewart Field near West Point.

Mr. Truman traveled from Washington to Stewart Field in the plane, the "Sacred Cow," completing the trip in one hour and nine minutes.

A speech by Mr. Truman was the highlight of the dedication ceremonies.

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He learned the newspapers, which were issued of April 11, 1945.

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Professor Maxwell's Advance Predictions

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Makes Vow To Carry On Fight Waged By Roosevelt

Speaks At Hyde Park Dedication

By ERNEST B. VACCARO HYDE PARK, N. Y. — (AP) — President Truman vowed today to carry on Franklin D. Roosevelt's fight against "tyranny" abroad and for the "progressive and humane principles of the New Deal."

Standing "in reverence" at ceremonies dedicating "this hallowed spot"—the Roosevelt estate—as a national shrine on the first anniversary of Mr. Roosevelt's death, President Truman said:

"May Almighty God, who has watched over this republic as it grew from weakness to strength, give us the wisdom to carry on in the way of Franklin D. Roosevelt."

FIRST TRIP IN YEAR

It was Mr. Truman's first trip to Hyde Park since he journeyed here a year ago for the burial of his predecessor.

"The loss which America suffered through the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt cannot be softened by the spoken word," the President said. "Tributes can only emphasize our loss. But those of us who have survived in the seat of Government can pay homage to his memory by our deeds."

Mr. Roosevelt's foreign policy, he said, "recognized the solemn duty of this country toward nations which have been weakened in the death struggle against tyranny."

For these principles of international co-operation, Mr. Truman declared, "we are determined to fight with all our strength."

Mr. Roosevelt's domestic policy, he continued, was a recognition of the basic truth that this Government exists not for the benefit of a privileged few but for the welfare of all the people.

DOMESTIC PROGRAM

Mr. Truman linked up his own domestic program with the New Deal legislation for which he said Mr. Roosevelt fought, asserting: "Those same principles apply to legislation assuring full production and full employment, legislation for a health program, a social security program, an educational program, a program to provide emergency housing for veterans and to solve the long-range problem of decent homes for all Americans. These and other progressive measures stem from the principles for which President Roosevelt fought, for which we are carrying on after him, now fight, and for which we shall continue to fight."

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