



SIGN PLEDGE TO STAY ON JOB—Left to right, above, Miss Myrtle Knox, Mrs. Sara White, and Mrs. Loma Funderburk, employees of the Charlotte Garment Co., which produces essential war goods, sign a pledge to remain on the job until complete victory over Germany and Japan is won. A total of 130 employees at the company signed the pledge.

Men in New Pledge

Many war workers in Mecklenburg County have taken the War Relocation Authority's new pledge to stay on the job until complete victory over Germany and Japan is won.

The pledge follows: "As an American engaged in war work, who believes in the principles of democracy for which America and the other United Nations are at war with Germany and Japan, I pledge to my country and to the men and women of our armed forces who are engaged in deadly battle all over the world, that until that day of final victory over both Germany and Japan, I dedicate myself wholeheartedly and without reservation, to do my work honestly and with all my energy.

"Our enemies are now convinced they cannot defeat us in battle. They hope only for our discouragement and weariness, and for abandonment.

"Therefore I pledge: "That I will permit nothing to keep me from my work, every hour of every work day.

"That I will not be absent from my job for any reason whatsoever, within my control until the day that our fighting men no longer need supplies, until that day of final victory over Germany and Japan is complete. So help me God."



POW ATTACK OF TWO JAP PRISONERS—Capt. Leslie E. Nolan (right) of 1st Lt. Harold St. and Pfc. James E. Downer's Machine Platoon, killed two Jap prisoners who attempted to attack Marine patients in the Division Hospital on Iwo Jima.

French Drive At Bordeaux

PARIS (AP)—French forces in the drive to liberate Bordeaux, fourth largest city in France, has been in Allied hands since last October, but the Germans pocketed along the Gironde have prevented use of the port for shipping.

The action on the long "forgotten front" was described as the first in a series intended to break pockets of enemy strength left behind in the advance on Berlin.

Resistance was described as bitter on Point De Grave, on the south side of the mouth of the Gironde, with the French suffering heavy casualties. They were fighting head-on against a strong enemy line crossing a narrow tongue of land, and had little room in which to maneuver.

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Truman Has Ideas

Drastic Changes On Home Front Likely

By KENNETH B. VACCARO
WASHINGTON—Drastic changes in administration of the home front war program may grow out of President Truman's past differences with the Army over some production and supply phases.

As chairman of the Senate War Investigating Committee, Mr. Truman's controversies with the Services of Supply, headed by Gen. B. Somervell, operating under Undersecretary Robert F. Patterson, were sharp and sometimes bitter.

However, they concerned only such issues as production, construction and manpower utilization, in which Mr. Truman contended the military usurped civilian functions.

They had nothing to do with military strategy and the fighting itself, which the committee chairman always recognized as under "super leadership."

Mr. Truman entered into his high office last week determined to give that leadership all-out support.

During his drive and one-half years as committee chairman, he never once inquired into questions of strategy. His duties, as he saw them, were to investigate "waste and extravagance" in the munitions, camp construction, and other programs backing up the fighting men.

His committee's presence finally resulted in placing overall control in civilian hands in the War Production Board.

A still greater degree of concentrating construction and war surplus disposal activities under civilian direction would carry out his oft-expressed theories on this subject.

As Senator, Mr. Truman was outspoken in his condemnation of the Army's \$194,000,000 Canal oil development in Canada. He called it a waste of both funds and manpower.

Only recently, the Army agreed to close it down.

Mr. Truman also was sharp in his criticism of uniformed Army officers working in civilian agencies.

"Uniforms," he once told the Senate, "should be used to distinguish combatants on the field of battle."

Most of Mr. Truman's friends look for some changes within the next couple of months in his cabinet. Some of his closest advisors

have urged a drastic revision. He has told cabinet members he wants them to remain on, but that would not mean he wants all of them indefinitely.

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At Georgia Cottage

Artist Tells How F. R. Was Stricken

LOCUST VALLEY, N. Y.—(AP)—A dramatic description of how Franklin D. Roosevelt was fatally stricken while sitting silently for

his portrait was given by Mrs. Elizabeth Schuchman, a Ukrainian-born artist, upon her return from Warm Springs, Ga.

"He slipped slightly out of pose. . . . He raised his left hand to his temple, then to his forehead. . . . Slowly he lay back, reclined in the chair," the artist recounted yesterday.

She was one of the last persons to see the late President alive—making preliminary sketches of him at his little White House in Warm Springs, in the room with her and the President were his two cousins, Miss Laura Delano and Miss Margaret Buckley, and his secretary, William D. Hassett.

"He never looked better than when he greeted me," Mrs. Schuchman recalled. "He had on a dark grey suit, and had worn his red Harvard necktie, a suggested blend with his navy blue cap."

She said he was working over some official papers while she painted.

"He became so engrossed that he slipped slightly out of pose," she said. "His head went down a little, but I didn't ask him to look up. He was extremely absorbed."

"I couldn't paint his face while he was out of pose so I was making notes of that, particularly making notes of the color and light on his face."

LAY BACK

"Then he raised his left hand to his left temple, then to his forehead, and his hand went back to the arm of the chair. Then slowly he lay back, reclined in the chair, slipped slightly to the left, with his head more to the left."

"Then the two cousins rushed to him just as the Butler was coming into the room," she said.

Mrs. Schuchman said she then asked one of the Secret Service men to call a doctor. She left the Little White House without knowing how serious was the President's illness. She called back from Madison, Ga., to speak with Miss Grace Kelly, the President's private secretary, but before the call went through, the operator asked her: "Did you hear, the President is dead?"

She told at her house that she would work two more days to complete the unfinished portrait, and expressed the hope that it might be placed in Mr. Roosevelt's library at Hyde Park.

Presbytery Plans Ready

Chaplain Howie

One of the principal addresses of the April 17 session of the Mecklenburg Presbytery, which is to be held at the Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church, will be delivered by Chaplain Charles G. Howie of Charlotte, now on duty with the Navy's Seabees.

Chaplain Howie, who has been serving recently in a hospital at Danville, R. I., will speak on the Defense Service Council, an agency of the Presbyterian Church. He is to be introduced by James A. Jones, chairman of the Mecklenburg Presbytery's DSC.

The Defense Service Council is the organization which secures Presbyterian chaplains and furnishes aid for them. It also plans and promotes programs for local churches to maintain ties with all persons serving in the armed forces. The Rev. Colt Hunter of Charlotte will speak also on the Defense Service Council.

OPENING SERMON

The opening sermon, which is to be delivered at 10 A. M., will be preached by the Rev. W. I. Howell of Hamlet. A communion service will follow, and the history of the Caldwell Memorial Church will then be heard.

The new pastor, Mr. Howell, will be elected following the presentation of the history. David Owens, vice-president and business manager of O. B. Ivey & Co. and prominent Presbyterian layman, was the nominee for moderator, but he has notified the Presbytery that he will not be able to be present.

Mr. Owens once before was nominated for moderator but had to decline because of ill health.

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Jenkins Rites Are Held Today

Funeral services for Mrs. David A. Jenkins, aunt of Misses Juanita and Willie Zimmerman of Charlotte, were held today at 3:30 P. M. at Christ Lutheran Church in Stanley. Mrs. Jenkins died Friday night at her home.

A native of Stanley, she was the widow of David A. Jenkins, and the daughter of the late William and Mary Smith Richards. She was 83 years old last Christmas, surviving besides her niece here are one step-daughter, Mrs. A. G. Lay, with whom she resides here, and several other nieces and nephews.

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