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Walter H. Scherer

1944-1946

Doctor Scherer, of Houston, became the eighty-second president of the Association at the 1944 meeting in Chicago. The meeting was originally scheduled to be held in Omaha; the change to Chicago was caused by wartime travel restrictions.

Doctor Scherer, a professor of oral medicine and a private practitioner, served as president of the American Academy of Periodontology, the Houston Dental Society and the Texas State Dental Society. At the University of Texas School of Dentistry, he served on the board of trustees and as president of the faculty. In 1945 Doctor Scherer was appointed to the board of regents of the University of Texas. He was born in Kentucky in 1880 and died in 1951.

Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected president for the fourth time in 1944. Among the momentous events of 1945 were the Yalta meeting of Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin in February; the sudden death of Roosevelt at Warm Springs on April 12, and his succession by Vice President Harry Truman; the suicide of Hitler and the execution of Mussolini in April; the unconditional surrender of Germany on May 7; the Potsdam meeting of Truman, Churchill and Stalin in July; the dropping of atomic bombs on Japan on August 6 and 9; and the surrender of Japan on August 14. The first General Assembly of the United Nations met in London in January 1946. The Philippines were granted independence July 4, 1946. Eleven of 22 Nazi leaders convicted of war crimes by International Tribunal in Nuremberg were hanged.