## Roosevelt Assures Nation Supplies to Britain Will Be Delivered

### Diplomatic Representatives of **Americas** and High Officials Of US Surround President

Full Text of Speech Goes Directly to Berlin and Tokyo; FDR Secretary Says Sea Patrols to Be Strengthened

to give precedence to the products that the nation needs and "upon all our loyal workmen as well as employers to merge their lesser differences in the larger effort to fosure the survival of the only kind of government which recognizes the rights of labor or of

He referred to the labor problem in his speech as well.

"This is no time," he said, "for capital to make, or be allowed to right of way in every industrial price-lest we lose our liberties plant in the country.

conciliation and mediation of industrial disputes has been set up. people expect that impartial recservices will be followed both by capital and by labor.

"The overwhelming majority of our citizens expect their government to see that the tools of defense are built; and for the very purpose of preserving the democratic safeguards of both labor and management this goverament is determined to use all of its power to express the will of its people, and to prevent interference with the production of materials essential to our nation's security."

His pledge that whatever may be necessary to get the goods to Britain would be undertaken promptly construed in some quarters as a possible forerunner of a convoy system — was prefaced by a disclosure that the Germans were sinking merchant ships at a terrific pace - more than twice as fast as British and American ship yards can replace them.

gle measure necessary to maintain our American liberty."

Envisioning the sort of peace terms which a triumphant Hitler would dictate, he said the fuehrer would "hoist the swastika itself over vast territories and populations," accompanied by assurances to the western hemisphere that he coveted none of its territory.

But, under such circumstances he thought it would be "incredibly simple and forgetful to accept those honeyed words," for following the past pattern of nazi aggression, pressure would then be brought to bear upon us.

The nazis would fasten "an economic stanglehold" upon us, with those Americans who desired profits arguing for appeasement. "Quislings" would be planted in emnly -America and "the nazis would back up these fifth columns with invasion, if necessary." Meanwhile, they would have constructed a fleet that would make them



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(Continued from Page 1) the master of both the Atlantic and Pacific.

> Ancient American rights would crumble. Free speech, freedom of worship, freedom of trade all would vanish. America would be permanently pouring "our resources into armaments" and "standing a day and night watch against the destruction of our cities."

> Later, he turned to the opponents of his foreign policy:

"There are some timid ones retain, excess profits. Articles of among us," he said, "who say that defense must have undisputed we must preserve peace at any forever. To them I say: Never in "A nation-wide machinery for the history of the world has a nation lost its democracy by a successful struggle to defend its de-That machinery must be used mocracy. We must not be defeatpromptly - and without stoppage ed by the fear of the very danger of work. Collective bargaining will which we are preparing to resist. be retained, but the American Our Freedom has shown its ability to survive war, but it would never ommendations of our government survive surrender. "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

"There is of course, a small group of sincere, patriotic men and women whose real passion for peace has shut their eyes to the ugly realities of international banditry and to the need to resist it at all costs. I am sure they are embarrassed by the sinister support they are receiving from the enemies of democracy in our midst-the bundists, and fascists, and communists, and every group devoted to bigotry and racial and religious intoler-

all the arguments put forward by or to threaten it. We shall actively these enemies of democracy-all resist his every attempt to gain their attempts to confuse and di- control of the seas. We insist upon vide our people and to destroy the vital importance of keeping public confidence in our govern- Hitlerism away from any point in ment-all their defeatist forebod- the world which could be used and ings that Britain and democracy would be used as a base of attack are already beaten-all their self- against the Americas. ish promises that we can 'do bus-He asked whether, in view of iness' with Hitler—all of these are view of strict naval and milithe world situation, the nation but echoes of the words that have tary necessity, we shall give evpeen poured out from the axis reaus of propaganda.

"Those same words have been used before in other countries-to scare them, to divide them, to soften them up. Invaribly, those same words have formed the adrance guard of physical attack."

"Your government has the right to expect of all citizens that they take loyal part in the common work of our common defensetake loyal part from this moment

In speaking of the Hitlerian threat to the western hemisphere,

"Our people and our government will not hesitate to meet that challenge.

and determined people I say sol- existing democratic order, and a

American doctrine of freedom of destruction of all resistance on " 'We reassert the solidarity of

the Dominion of Canada in the preservation of the independence of the hemisphere. 'We in the Americas will decide whether and when and where

our American interests are attacked or our security threatened. "'We are placing our armed forces in strategic miltary posi-"'We will not hesitate to use

our armed forces to repel attack. "'We reassert our abiding faith in the vitality of our constitutional republic as a perpetual home of

treedom, of tolerance, and of devotion to the word of God.' Text of FDR Proclamation "Heretofore, with profound

ern hemisphere.

consciousness of my responsibil-ities to my countrymen and to my country's cause, I have to-night issued a proclamation that an unlimited national emergency exists and requires the strengthening of our defense to the extreme limit of our national power and authority."

The president charged in so many words that it was the purpose of Adolf Hitler and the nazis to dominate the world and "strangle the United States of America and the Dominion of Canada." This he said could not be accomplished until the axis powers gained control of the seas. Now, he said, Great Britain stood between the axis and such domination of the seas.

But he said the "blunt truth" was that the Germans were sinking merchant ships at a rate more than double the combined ability of British and American shipyards to replace them.

Then noting that the American navy was doing patrol duty in the North Atlantic and saying that the ships in that area were being constantly increased, he pledged "all additional measures necessary to deliver the goods."

The deadly facts of war compel nations, for simple self-preservation, to make stern choices, he

"It does not make sense, for instance, to say I believe in the defense of all the western hemisphere,' and in the next breath te say, I will not fight for that defense until the enemy has landed on our shores.'

"And if we believe in the indeendence and integrity of the Americas, we must be willing to fight to defend them just as we would to fight for the safety of our

Mr. Roosevelt enunciated two articles on national policy

"First, we shall actively resist wherever necessary, and with all our resources, every attempt by Hitler to extend his nazi domi-"It is no mere coincidence that nation to the western hemisphere,

"Second, from the point of ain and to all, who, with Britain are resisting Hitlerism or its equivalent with force of arms. Our patrols are helping now to insure delivery of the needed supplies to Britain, All additional measures necessary to deliver the goods will be taken. Any and all further methods or combinations of methods, which can or should be utilized, are being devised by our military and naval technicians, who, with me, will work out and put into effect such new and additional safeguards as

may be needed." In his proclamation, Mr. Roosevelt said that the objectives of the axis powers included "over-"As the president of a united throw throughout the world of world-wide domination of peo-" 'We reassert the ancient ples and economies through the

land and sea and in the air." The chief executive made an the 21 American republics and urgent appeal to workmen and employers to put aside their minor differences in "the larger effort o insure the survival of the only kind of government which recognizes the right of labor or of

> "I call upon loyal state and local leaders and officials," he said, "to cooperate with the civilian defense agencies of the United States to assure our internal security against foreign directed subversion and to put every community in order for maximum productive effort

## Puts Nation on War Basis

(Continued from Page 1) NOW, therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, president of the United States of America, do proclaim that an unlimited national emergency confronts this country, which requires that its military, naval, air and civilian defenses be put on the basis of readiness to repel any and all acts or threats of aggression directed toward any part of the west-

I CALL upon all the loyal citizens engaged in production for defense to give precedence to the needs of the nation to the end that a system of government that makes

private enterprise possible may survive.

I CALL upon our loyal workmen as well as employers to merge their lesser differences in the larger effort to insure the survival of the only kind of government which recognizes the rights of labor or of capital.

I CALL upon loyal state and local leaders and officials to cooperate with the civilian defense agencies of the United States to assure our internal security against foreign directed subversion and to put every community in order for maximum productive effort and minimum of waste and unnecessary frictions.

I CALL upon all loyal citizens to place the nation's needs first in mind and in action to the end that we may mobilize and have ready for instant defensive use all of the physical powers, all of the moral strength and all of the material resources of this nation.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington this twenty-seventh

day of May, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-

one, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-fifth. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

By the president: Cordell Hull. Secretary of State.

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He summoned all loyal citizens engaged in defense production to tently, some of the mnodding with give precedence to the needs of him as he himself bobbed his head preserving a system of government that makes private enterprise possible.

terial resources of this nation."

Indifference on the part of the United States to the increasing menace from the axis would be perilous, the president said. Common prudence, he added, requires the change over to a basis which will enable the country "to cope instantly and decisively with any attempt at hostile encirclement of this hemisphere, or the establishment of any base for aggression against it, as well as to repel the threat of predatory intrusion by foreign agents into our territory and society."

WASHINGTON, May 27-(A)-While President Roosevelt Tuesday night was "chatting" to the nation and to the world he was surrounded by a distinguished gathering of the diplomatic representatives of all the American nations. The speech went by short wave to distant lands, in English and half a dozen translations.

It went directly, too, and in full text to both Berlin and Tokyo. Newspapermen representing the German and Japanese news agencles were waiting in the White House lobby when, two hours before its delivery,th e text of the address was given to the press.

The president, seated beneath an arc of the flags of the 21 American republics, spoke in his cutomary deliberate, word-spaced manner. But his voice rose and his pace grew more rapid as he

solemnity of the occasion was broken at one point by a lady who dropped her hand bag to the floor with a loud bang just as Mr. Roosevelt reached his cli-matical point to announcing an unlimited national emergency.

Secretary Hull, chin in hand, sat almost immediately in front of the president with Mrs. Roosevelt across an aisle from him. The chief executive, in a white dinner sacket, sat in a red velvet chair before a small mahogany desk lit-tered with microphones, a bottle of water and a glass, and the leather-bound loose-leaf notebook from which he always reads his prepared speeches.

A glass, goose-necked table made it superfluous.

Secretary Stephen Early, in explanation of Mooseveit's words that "all additional measures" necessary to deliver war supplies to Britain would be taken, said they did not mean convoying "in the old sense of the word."

"It probably means," Early said, "a strengthening, a better and more efficient patrol, with more ships patrelling."

Te told recorters he had not have been bought for a dollar at powers might be exercised at once the corner drug store was at his under the proclamation of a full elbow, but the glare of flood-lights brought in by cameramen did not know, either, whether any executive orders might be issued immediately.

With emphasis, Mr. Roosevelt warned that Iceland, Greenland, Labrador, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia could, under nazi domination, become "stepping stones" for an attack upon the United States itself. In the same way, he said, the Azores and Cape Verde islands could become a "springboard" for an attack on South America.

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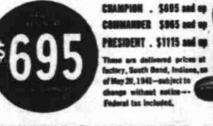
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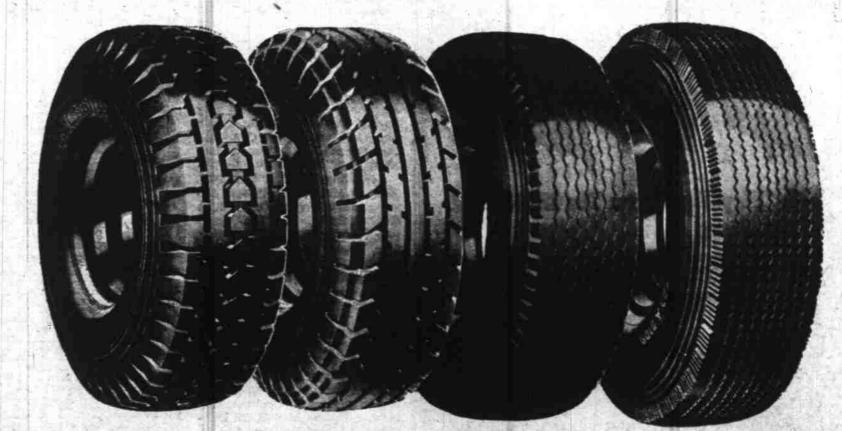
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