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Roosevelt Tells Congress Victory Possible in 1944 Long, Costly Task Ahead

Washington, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt assured a cheering joint session of congress today that the war will be won—possibly in 1944, he indicated—but that a long, tremendous and costly task in peace as well as war still lies ahead of us.

In his annual message on the state of the union to the new 78th congress he called for post-war unity of the fighting allies to disarm the Axis and to keep it disarmed.

Forty-four times the jam-packed house chamber echoed to applause and to piercing yells as Mr. Roosevelt warned the peoples and leaders of the Axis that the Yanks are coming right to the heart of their countries.

He promised that we will hit them and hit them hard.

Pithy Paragraphs

Washington, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—Punch lines from President Roosevelt's annual message to congress:

The state of the nation is good—the heart of this nation is sound—the spirit of this nation is strong—the faith of this nation is eternal.

I do believe that this year of 1943 will give to the United Nations a very substantial advance along the roads that lead to Berlin and Rome and Tokyo.

They (the axis nations) must be disarmed and kept disarmed.

Freedom from want... will loom very large as a task of America during the coming two years. I trust it will not be regarded as an issue—but rather a task for us all.

Durable Peace Aim

He put the war objectives simply as a decent and a durable peace.

But in the general terms of his message were the seeds of great political controversy over method—how to assure economic security for our own people and economic stability for the rest of the world, how to maintain and effect the post-war unity of the United Nations so that aggression can be forever swept from the face of the earth.

The comment of several members reflected a desire for more specifications on those matters.

The President said the heart of the nation is sound, its spirit strong, its faith eternal.

Against the urgent advice of some of his own legislative leaders, the President bluntly insisted that this new congress proceed to bring about the third of the four freedoms—freedom from want. He did not, however, present a detailed program.

He said he had reason to know that "our boys at the front" are interested in two broad aims beyond winning the war and he named them:

1. A lasting peace.
2. Permanent employment for themselves, their families and their neighbors when they are mustered out at the end of the war.

Want Assurance

"They want assurance," he said, "against the evils of all major economic hazards—assurance that will extend from the cradle to the grave. This great government can and must provide this assurance.

Mr. Roosevelt devoted a large portion of his message to reviewing the progress of the war in the past year and forecasts of more progress this year.

"I cannot prophesy, I cannot tell you when or where the United Nations are going to strike next in Europe. But we're going to strike—and strike hard."

"I cannot tell you whether we're going to hit them in Norway, or through the low countries, or in France, or through Sardinia or Sicily or through the Balkans or through Poland—or at several points simultaneously."

"But I can tell you that no matter where or when we strike by land, we and the British and the Russians will hit them from the air heavily and relentlessly. Day in and day out we shall heap tons upon tons of explosives on their war factories and utilities and seaports."

Noting that the air superiority which the Nazis employed over Warsaw, the low countries and London was "gone—forever," Mr. Roosevelt described as "the largest and most important developments in the whole strategic picture in 1942" the events "on the long fronts in Russia."

Going on Offensive

Discussing the war in the Pacific, he said "The period of our defensive attrition" in that area was passing.

"Now our aim is to force the Japanese to fight," he said. "Last year we stopped them. This year, we intend to advance."

He reported that Americans

JAP GUINEA BASES RECEIVE TWELFTH STRAIGHT ATTACK

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—Allied planes in their 12th straight day of heavy attacks on Japanese bases in the New Guinea area bombed the airdromes at Lae, on the Huon gulf of the north New Guinea coast, and Gasmata on New Britain Island, a communique announced today.

North American B-25 Mitchell medium bombers and Douglas A-20 Havoc attack bombers made a noon raid on the Lae airdrome, striking at ground-based planes and anti-aircraft batteries. The Havocs made six runs over the field, cannonading and machine gunning planes and troops.

A two-motored enemy bomber, caught around, was set afire, four anti-aircraft gun positions were destroyed by direct bomb hits and severe damage was done to airdrome installations.

A Flying Fortress, on armed reconnaissance, bombed the airdrome at Gasmata.

It was the seventh raid in nine days on Lae and the ninth raid in 10 days on Gasmata.

B-25s also bombed the Japanese positions at Sanananda Point, 2½ miles up the New Guinea coast from Buna, where the last remaining organized enemy troops are making a death stand.

Hollywood, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—Lana Turner, curvaceous screen beauty, today filed suit for annulment of her marriage to Stephen Crane on grounds that his divorce from a previous marriage was not final at the time of their wedding.

Crane, 27-year-old tobacco heir, said in a statement issued simultaneously with Miss Turner's action:

"I deeply regret the unhappiness which this misunderstanding has brought about. It is exceedingly unfortunate that Miss Turner should be the innocent sufferer through a legal circumstance of which she had no knowledge.

"Naturally, I feel Miss Turner

Lana Turner Seeking Annulment Of Marriage to Tobacco Heir

should do everything legally necessary for the protection of the child soon to be born as well as for her own protection."

Crane and Miss Turner, 22, were married in Las Vegas, Nev., last July 17. A month ago the blond movie star announced that she was expecting a child in June.

Miss Turner, the Idaho farm girl who ran a sweater into a movie career, and Crane were married on a whirlwind elopement to Las Vegas by the same judge who officiated at the actress' short-lived marriage to Orchestra Leader Artie Shaw.

"This time," Miss Turner told the judge, "he a knot that will stay tied for keeps."

SOLONS COMPLAIN F. R. NOT SPECIFIC ON SOCIAL GAINS

Washington, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—Congressmen generally endorsed what President Roosevelt said in his annual message today but some complained that he was not sufficiently specific, especially in connection with his statements on social security.

Speaker Sam Rayburn, D., Tex., said the speech "was a splendid report to congress and to the nation on the state of the union."

House Democratic Leader McCormack of Massachusetts: "A great message from one of the outstanding men in the world's history—a message of confidence for victory and a message of hope for the future. Without regard to race, creed or color, every American can thank God that in this crisis we have President Roosevelt for our leader."

Taft Critical

House Republican Leader Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts: "It is very encouraging to realize that we have passed from the defensive to the offensive and that we can now look to the future with bright hopes."

Sen. Robert A. Taft, R., O., said the speech was "not specific and presented no new ideas."

However, he added:

"There is nothing in it that I can disagree with. It was conciliatory and that ought to add to unity and create no dissension. As for the matter of unemployment and social security, we all are for those principles. It's on the matter of the method on which we disagree."

Clever, Says Wheeler

Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, D., Mont.: "It was a very clever political speech—one that no one could seriously find fault with. Of course, we've got to expand social security, and everybody can agree with the general principles the president outlined. But he spoke in generalities, and we need something more specific."

Rep. Jerry Voorhis, D., Cal.: "I was glad to have him indicate a belief that the war must be followed by establishment of a permanent peace and that such a peace, in turn, depends directly upon achievement of the full employment of the people within the framework of a free, economic order."

Senate Republican Leader Charles McNary, R., of Oregon: "It was an excellent review of our war production and efforts based on a faith in ultimate victory."

Riding Academy
Owner Is Fined

Cleveland, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—Harry Willis, 20, of near Twinsburg, O., was fined \$100 today on a cruelty to animals charge after officers of the Animal Protective league testified he had ridden a horse to death at his riding academy.

Myron J. Plenty of justice court remitted \$25 of the fine on the condition that Willis never again own a horse, dog or other animal.

New Orleans, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—The U. S. S. Peto, first submarine built for the nation's navy on the Great Lakes, arrived at New Orleans today in a floating drydock.

HITLERITES ADMIT RETREAT IN RUSSIA

BROADCAST GIVES FIRST ADMISSION OF REDS' SUCCESS

Southern Pincer Claw Aims
At Rostov—Drive South
Would Peril Entire Force.

London, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—The German Transocean News Agency conceded in a broadcast today that Axis troops in the eastern Caucasus were on the retreat.

So far as is known here, this is the first time the Germans have admitted that they were retreating from the Russian winter offensive, although there have been occasional references in German broadcasts to strategic withdrawals and shortening of defensive lines.

By Henry Shapiro

United Press Correspondent

Moscow, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—German armies south of the Don river faced the threat of disaster today and the great city of Rostov, gateway to the Caucasus, was brought within range of attack by Red army troops which had stormed and captured Bolshayaorolovka, 75 miles to the north.

A Red army under Co. Gen. N. F. Vatutin, advancing from the Don, thrust a sharp 18-mile wedge southward to take Bolshayaorolovka.

Vatutin was now but 63 miles north of the railroad junction of Salsk, where the Stalingrad-Caucasus and Salsk-Rostov railroads meet.

Vatutin Holds Cards

Vatutin was in position to strike direct at Rostov or to move on Salsk.

A Russian drive southward would threaten with encirclement the entire German force retreating down the Stalingrad-Caucasus railroad.

Further, Vatutin's army formed the southern claw of a pincers aimed at Rostov, the northern claw being in the neighborhood of Millerovo, 135 miles north or Rostov.

Advancing in giant strides, the Red army swept through German-held towns and villages on four fighting fronts during a night of relentless attacks by infantry, cavalry, tanks and ski troops, the noon communique reported.

23 Towns Taken

They had captured 23 towns and villages on the Caucasus and Don fronts alone yesterday.

The Germans were losing an average of more than 5,000 men a day in killed and prisoners alone, aside from their wounded, and enormous quantities of war materials.

Dispatches reported that the Germans had little hope of reinforcement because the Russians were steadily increasing their threat to main communication lines.

"Owl" Enroute to
Alcatraz Prison

Chicago, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—The justice department disclosed today that Basil (The Owl) Bangerhart, machine gunner for the old Touhy gang who boasts that no jail can hold him because six haven't, was en route to federal prison, the "rock" at Alcatraz.

Bangerhart escaped from Joliet, Ill., prison with Roger (The Terrible) Touhy and five others Oct. 9 and was captured by the federal bureau of investigation 81 days later along with Touhy and one of the other escapees.

Bill Hart to Leave
Estate to Public

Hollywood, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—William S. Hart, the lanky, two-gun western star of the silent films, today revealed he will turn over his \$300,000, 300-acre Newhall ranch estate to the public upon his death.

BEGIN CRACKDOWN IN EAST AREA ON PLEASURE DRIVING

Inspectors Checking Viola-
tions from Maine to Florida;
Ration Types Defined

Washington, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—The office of price administration today officially defined "pleasure driving" under the ban that became effective at noon in 17 eastern states and the District of Columbia, and disclosed that its inspectors already are checking violations from Maine to Florida.

Specific purposes for which "A," "B" or "C" ration books may or may not be used during the eastern emergency were defined officials as follows:

"No person to whom a basic ration has been issued may use or permit the use of such ration for any driving in the gasoline shortage area other than family or person necessity driving for which no adequate alternative means of transportation are available, or occupational driving, or driving by naval or military personnel on leave or furlough for the purpose of visiting relatives or making social calls; provided, that such leave or furlough is evidenced by leave provisions in travel or transfer orders, or by liberty cards, leave papers, furlough certificates, letters or special orders signed by the commanding officer.

"Family or personal necessity driving shall be deemed to include (but shall not be limited to): driving for the purpose of essential shopping, procuring medical attention, attending religious services, attending wakes or funerals, attending meetings directly related to the occupation or profession of the owner or person using the vehicle or necessary to the public welfare or the war effort, or driving for the purpose of meeting an emergency involving a threat to life, health and property.

"No basic ration may be used for pleasure driving."

S. F. NIGHT SPOTS FACE DRY SPELL

Sacramento, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—The state board of equalization today announced the liquor licenses of 14 San Francisco establishments, including swanky hotels and popular night spots, have been suspended for five days for asserted sales of drinks to two minor girls.

The suspensions were ordered on motion of George Reilly, board member from San Francisco, and become effective Monday, Jan. 11.

Places affected by the order include the St. Francis, Mark Hopkins and Sir Francis Drake hotel bars, the Press Club, Joe DiMaggio's restaurant, Westward Ho Club, Simpson's Restaurant, Peter Libonati, Musicians' Club, Henry M. Colobie, Cyril W. Kenike, Frank E. McCree, Tiny's Waffle Shop at 437 Powell St., and Li Tai Po.

Tugwell Absolved
In Island's Crisis

Washington, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—A senate subcommittee which has been investigating social and economic conditions in Puerto Rico today absolved Gov. Rexford Guy Tugwell and Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes of blame for the island's shipping crisis.

The subcommittee said in a preliminary report, however, that some of the measures taken by the government to alleviate the shortage were "only half-baked or became of no practical use."



A NATION'S THANKS—Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen, Director of Army Production, compliments Louis Takacs, employee of the Auto-Ordnance Corporation in Bridgeport, Conn., on visit to view latter's invention, which is saving 5000 man-hours a year in the manufacture of Thompson machine guns.

Black Market Charge for Man with Gas Coupons

Miami, Fla., Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—Eugene Brading, 27, of Miami, today was ordered held under \$5,000 bond by federal authorities for the illegal possession of gasoline ration coupons in connection with a wide-spread "black market" which may involve more than 2,000,000 coupon-gallons of fuel.

Brading pleaded not guilty at a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Roger Edward Davis. He will be turned over to the U. S. district court for indictment by a federal grand jury, Davis said.

Melbourne L. Martin, Office of Price Administration prosecutor, charged Brading with having in his possession gasoline ration coupons contrary to the provisions of rationing orders and the Second War Powers act.

Brading said that 900 coupon-gallons had been taken by OPA officials from his apartment. He said a friend in Washington gave him the gas tickets and that he purchased others from a man he knew as Joe Sowder. He said Sowder was a former employee of a Washington gasoline ration board.

Brading said he paid \$2 a sheet—five cents a gallon—for the coupons. He denied any knowledge of the coupons alleged to have been sent him through the mails by a Carl Jones, Washington restaurant operator.

Conflicting estimates as to the value of the coupons seized here ranged from 10,000 to 1,000,000 coupon-gallons.

NAZIS EXPECTING NEW RUSS BLOW

London, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—Germany is expecting a Russian offensive on the Black sea coast of the north Caucasus at any hour, neutral sources in Stockholm reported today, and a Berlin radio report said that fighting had already broken out in the Tuapse-Novorossisk area of the coast.

Informants, quoted in a United Press Stockholm dispatch, said that it was believed the Russians would attack in a combined land, sea and air operation, using their powerful Black sea fleet.

Stockholm said the German position was even more dangerous in the coastal area than in the eastern area of the Caucasus because of the fleet.

Radio Rome admitted that "to avoid serious losses" the German high command had ordered evacuation of a number of "advanced" positions both in the Caucasus and in the middle Don area.

COUNTER ATTACK FORCES BRITISH BACK IN TUNISIA

Hitler Sends New Com-
mander to African Front
—Von Arnim New Leader

London, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—Adolf Hitler has changed commanders in Tunisia, Berlin admitted today, and a strong Axis counter-attack has driven British units from hill positions they won 15 miles west of Mateur.

Col. Gen. Walther Nehring has been supplanted by Col. Gen. Hans Heinrich Von Arnim, according to a Berlin dispatch to a Stockholm newspaper. It was not clear whether Nehring would remain in Tunisia.

The Berlin radio backhandedly admitted that Von Arnim was in command. A newsreel showed his picture and the comment was that he "was called for the first time commander-in-chief in Tunisia."

Djell Assag Taken

The German counterattack was made yesterday and last night the British withdrew to their original positions in the foothills. The Germans now hold Djell Assag, a 1,200-foot hill north of the Mateur road, and another hill to the north of that one. The two positions had been in British hands for about 24 hours. Allied strength in the air appeared to be increasing.

Fighter planes and hurricane bombers supported advancing ground forces, and blasted enemy troops and vehicles. Spitfires shot down three Focke-Wulf 190's, over the battlefield, and later destroyed an enemy bomber and a fourth fighter. The allies lost one plane.

Building of Camp Gave City Court ITS BUSIEST YEAR

The yearly report of the city police court submitted by City Police Judge W. A. Allen to the city council Monday evening is expected to stand out as a local record for some time to come. A total of 1587 cases were handled and \$9,018.52 collected in fines and bail forfeited.

The heaviest volume of cases was handled in midsummer during the peak construction period of Camp White, gradually building up from March 1 and tapering downward from September 1 after the completion of the cantonment the report stated.

The report showed that drunkenness, disorderly conduct and traffic violations contributed most to the volume of cases. Recently, however, a different class of offense seems to be on the increase, including vagrancy, no visible means of support, begging and other similar law infractions by both men and women.

Twenty-two cases of driving while intoxicated were brought before the city court during the past year. The total number of cases, 1587, does not include several hundred traffic tickets issued for overtime parking handled by the department since May 1, it was explained.

During December a total of 68 cases were handled and total collections totaled \$414.50. Of this number 39 were drunk in a public place; three, disorderly conduct; three, no visible means of support; two, driving while intoxicated; one, assault, and the remainder minor traffic violations.

TACKLES WAGE ISSUE

Chicago, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—Chairman George A. Cook of the National Railway Mediation board today tackled the new wage issue between virtually all railroads and 900,000 of their non-operating employees demanding an aggregate \$450,000,000 pay boost and the closed shop.

Fred Morris announcing the shedding of a long-carried load.

A. Moore Hamilton non-plussed by the appearance of a story he had been nursing for his own publication.

SIDE GLANCES By TRIBUNE REPORTER

George Iverson and C. Y. Tengwald noted with their heads together.