

FDR's Speech 14 Years Ago Today Called One of Greatest Presidential Efforts

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Washington (U.P.)—Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a man who inspired controversy among his fellow Americans. Some hating him as equally as others loved him. But FDR's worst enemies never claimed he couldn't make a speech.

Fourteen years ago this day, Mr. Roosevelt delivered before Congress an address which surely will be in any short list of great presidential utterances. FDR was a past master at the political game of concealing thoughts in flow-

ing language. He could rouse a rabble with the best.

But when the chips were down he spoke in simple phrases which had a lightning bolt's crackling power.

So it was at noon Dec. 8, 1941, when Mr. Roosevelt addressed the Congress.

"Mr. Vice-President, Mr. Speaker, members of the Senate and the House of Representatives:

"Yesterday, Dec. 7, 1941—a day which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.

"The United States was at peace with that nation and, at the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with its government and its emperor looking toward maintenance of

peace in the Pacific. . .

"The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian Islands has caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. I regret to tell you that many American lives have been lost.

"Yesterday the Japanese government also launched an attack against Malaya.

"Last night Japanese forces attacked Hong Kong.

"Last night Japanese forces attacked Guam.

"Last night Japanese forces attacked the Philippine Islands.

"Last night the Japanese attacked Wake Island.

"And this morning the Japanese attacked Midway. . .

"As commander in chief of the Army and Navy I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense.

"Always will our whole nation remember the character of

the onslaught against us. . .

"No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous

might will win through to absolute victory. . .

"Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory and our interests are in grave danger.

"With confidence in our armed forces—with the unbounding determination of our people—we will gain the inevitable triumph—so help us God."

A few minutes later Congress declared that a state of war

existed between the imperial government of Japan and the United States.

The speech was one of FDR's truly great efforts. To those here who clocked him through the remarkable years of his reign, it packed a punch equally with FDR's stirring first inau-

ral and was bettered only once.

The best was the unforgettable first chat from FDR's fireplace with an anxious nation standing by. From the loud speaker came that powerful, reassuring voice with the memorable words: "My friends. . ."

Red Bomb Plot Seen In Apartment Blast

Frankfurt, Germany (U.P.)—West German authorities expressed suspicion today that a Communist bomb plot may have been responsible for an apartment house explosion that took at least 26 lives yesterday.

Federal authorities ordered autopsies performed on the victims and close questioning of the survivors. Federal German police and bomb experts joined state and city officials in combing through the wreckage of the five-story building for clues.

Suspicion was aroused by the fact that all but two couples living in the building were refugees from Communist-controlled East Prussia and the Sudetenland.



AMERICAN BEAUTIES—Joan Culver, 18-year-old Pasadena City College freshman from La Canada, Calif., was selected to reign as Queen of the Tournament of Roses at Pasadena New Year's Day. Joan, who will be officially crowned Dec. 28, admires her bouquet of roses, symbol of her royal title.

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Kiwanis Foundation Funds Total \$3,298

Kiwanis Foundation of Medford funds were listed at \$3,298.69 yesterday by Foundation Treasurer Dwight Houghton.

Houghton, President Boyd Budge of the foundation and E. Ron Rice spoke at the Medford Kiwanis club luncheon yesterday concerning the corporation formed by the club to provide education and charitable assistance.

Certificates were handed to 25 contributing members of the foundation. They included Ed Feldman and Les DeArmond, life members, and 23 sustaining members. C. O. Rice was introduced as a non-Kiwanis member of the foundation. It was reported that three other sustaining memberships had been received since the certificates were prepared.

Sustaining memberships are \$10 per year contributions and life memberships are given for donations of \$500 or more.

Budge outlined foundation administration and Kiwanis responsibility. Ron Rice urged 100

Hoffman Defends Funds for Republic

Los Angeles (U.P.)—Paul Hoffman, board chairman of the Fund for the Republic, today defended the controversial fund against the criticism of Henry Ford II.

Hoffman refused to take direct issue with Ford but said, "anyone who will review the record of the Fund of the Republic will agree it has made important contributions through educational means. . ."

Ford has mildly criticized the fund's activities by saying he found them "dubious."

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Committee To Discuss City Budgeting, Taxes

City budgeting and taxation will be the subject at a meeting of the legislative committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at 7:30 a.m. Friday.

City Manager Robert Duff will discuss phases of the city's financial operation, and how they relate to the tax bills received by residents of Medford.

All members of the committee and other members of the chamber interested are welcome. The meeting will be at the Medford hotel.

PHEASANT MASSACRE

Allegan, Mich. (U.P.)—Nearly 1,000 pheasants were killed in a 10-square mile area north of here during a severe hailstorm. Conservation officer Harry Plotts said he found several groups of pheasants that had huddled together when the storm hit in an attempt to protect themselves from hailstones the size of golf balls.

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