

FDR SIDE-STEPS 4TH TERM QUERY

Question Is Left Unanswered At Presidents Conference

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—President Roosevelt left unanswered today a reporter's question whether he would seek a fourth term.

The fourth term was injected into an allegorical news conference discussion of the new deal by the President, in which he referred to himself as an old doctor who had prescribed remedies for a patient—the United States—which was internally ill back in 1932 and 1933. On December 7, 1941, he said, the patient suffered an accident resulting in some broken bones and a new type of physician was required—a physician called Doctor Win-the-War.

The doctor, Mr. Roosevelt said, has the patient on the road to recovery. "Doesn't this all add up to a fourth term declaration?" a reporter broke in.

In apparent momentary irritation, Mr. Roosevelt said that that had not been under discussion and that this question was getting picayune. The President described that as a grand word, and then, leaning back in his chair and smiling a bit, he said he knew his questioner would not mind his remark because he had to say something like that.

PRISONERS OF WAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The War Department made public today a list of U. S. soldiers held as prisoners of war by Germany, and the list included these North Carolinians:

Pvt. Carl W. Davis; Father, Garland Davis, Rt. 3 Hickory.
Pvt. Bynum L. Harstin; Wife, Mrs. Edith M. Harstin, Rutherfordton.
Pvt. Charles C. Helms; Mother, Mrs. Cora B. Helms, 1409 Pecan Ave., Charlotte.
Pvt. Edgar W. Johnston; Mother, Mrs. Essie Johnson, Staley.

Pvt. Roy L. Justice; Mother, Mrs. Amanda E. Justice, 1218 S. Lafayette St., Shelby.
Pvt. Tommy C. Rhyne; Father, Thomas A. Rhyne, Rt. 1, Mt. Holly.
Pvt. Charles W. Taylor; Brother, Harvey W. Taylor, 1205 Washington St., Roanoke Rapids.

1st. Lt. William R. Makepeace, Jr.; Father, William R. Makepeace, Sr., Sanford.
Pvt. Charles J. Pruett; Wife, Mrs. Myrtle E. Pruett, 17 N. Broad St., Forest City.

Obituaries

D. C. JOLLY
Daniel Chester Jolly, 64, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. J. J. Robinson of 310 Lumberton street, Carolina Beach, early Monday morning, after a short illness.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Georgia Jolly, his daughter, Mrs. Robinson; one son, Andrew F. Jolly, all of Carolina Beach; two sisters, Mrs. Ella Todd and Mrs. Vance Hardy, of Clarendon; and two brothers, James and Dillon Jolly of Clarendon.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Tuesday from the graveside in Flynn cemetery, near Whiteville. The Rev. Ralph R. Berry officiated.

JAY F. WELLS
Funeral services for Jay F. Wells, local merchant of 901 South Fifth avenue, who died Sunday night at James Walker Memorial hospital, following a short illness, were held Tuesday at 3 p. m. at the Yopp Funeral home. The Rev. W. M. Kelly conducted the services, and interment followed in Oakdale.

Active pallbearers were LeRoy Schnibben, Curtis Benton, Walter Casteen, Frank Blanchard, Charles L. Thompson, and N. S. Westbrook. Honorary pallbearers were J. C. Brinson, Percy L. Canady, T. L. Jenkins, C. W. Sanders, Dr. E. P. Walker, and W. J. Bradshaw.

Mr. Wells who served with the armed forces in World War I, was a member of the American Legion. He is survived by his wife; one son, J. L. Wells, and one daughter, Vernelle Wells; one brother, George Wells, Jacksonville, N. C., and six sisters, Mrs. Mae Hemby, Mrs. Martha Harrell, Mrs. Nellie Jarman, Mrs. Elizabeth Pettway, Mrs. Josephine Pettway, all of Jacksonville, N. C., and Mrs. India Harrell of New Bern.

SAMUEL M. JONES
Samuel M. Jones, 75, died Monday night after a long illness. He is survived by one son, J. F. Jones of Wilmington; one sister, Mrs. R. E. Rouse; five grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Recitation of the rosary was held at the chapel of Andrews mortuary at 9 p. m. Tuesday, and requiem mass will be said at 9 a. m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic church by Monsignor C. E. Murphy. Burial will follow in Bellevue cemetery.

Pallbearers will be: W. F. Powell, John Bramer, Paul Baschon, Johnny Croom, John Sheehan, and Frank Gordon.

MRS. RUBY BARFIELD
DURHAM, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Ruby Day Barfield, 45, wife of City Councilman J. Franklin Barfield, died here at 11:45 a. m. today.

She was prominent in state and local business and professional women's club work and had served as president of both the North Carolina Association of Business and Professional Women's Clubs and the Durham organization. At the time of her death, Mrs. Barfield was clerk of Durham Draft Board No. 3, a post she had held since the establishment of the Selective Service system here.

Surviving are her husband, J. Franklin Barfield; mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Day; and one sister, Mrs. William L. Farthing, all of Durham.

S. F. HOLLOMAN
WHITEVILLE, Dec. 28.—Staniel Francis Holloman, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Holloman, of Arteria, died Monday after an illness of 17 months.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p. m. today from the residence with the Rev. R. J. Rasmussen, Baptist minister of Flatboro, officiating. Burial was in the Flynn cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, two brothers, Elbert Gordon and James Marion; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tedder; and his paternal grandfather, M. F. Holloman, all of Flatboro.

F. H. WOOD
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Fredrick Hill Wood, 66, attorney who argued successfully the case involving the constitutionality of the National Recovery Act, died suddenly today. He appeared before the Supreme

Government Will Not Aid Local Sanatorium Project

The federal government has again disclaimed responsibility for constructing a new Red Cross tuberculosis sanatorium, and has recommended that the matter be booted another time in the direction of the United States Army, on the grounds that the encroachments of the Army-operated Abundant Field necessitated abandonment of the old hospital, Addison Hewlett, Sr., chairman of the Board of County Commissioners revealed Tuesday.

Aid of the United States Public Health Service, and consequently the Federal Works Agency, has been sought in a final attempt to secure government-restitution of the vital project. The Army has already, on a previous occasion, refused to aid the county in the measure.

Mr. Hewlett declared that government assistance had been sought not so much for the financial help as for the priorities that government sanction of the construction would bring.

"We intend to complete plans for the erection of the hospital immediately, and as soon as possible to agree on a suitable site for the building. Then we will attempt to get the priorities from the War Production Board," Hewlett disclosed.

Information that the government had turned thumbs down on the project was transmitted in a letter from Dr. Carl V. Reynolds of the State Board of Health to Mr. Hewlett. Dr. Reynolds quoted Dr. W. K. Sharp of the United States Public Health Service as being of the opinion that it would be impossible to secure funds through the Federal Works Agency.

"We have information from the Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, to the effect that the officials

at Wilmington should make application to the Army for remuneration or request that they purchase a new site and move the building to that site. I hope by taking this new route you will be able to restore the old tuberculosis hospital on a new location, or secure funds for the erection of a new one," Reynolds wrote.

Joseph Bolton, medical director with the United States Public Health Service for the Army Fourth Service Command, has made this statement to Dr. Sharp: "I have discussed the matter with Colonel Souder and he states the hospital should make application to the Army for remuneration."

The Board of County Commissioners in its meeting Monday recommended that advice of Dr. Reynolds and Dr. Sharp be accepted by the directors of the Red Cross Sanatorium, but indicated that they were prepared to act, themselves, should there be another negative answer.

It has been said that should the county have to build the hospital on its own initiative a vote of New Hanover citizens on the bond issue required would be necessary. Dr. J. C. Wessell, leading figure on the sanatorium scene, has estimated that should the vote be taken "80 per cent of our people would approve construction."

The sanatorium, which operated for many years at the site now included in the Army air base, was vacated over six months ago because activities at the base had rendered it untenable. It has been contended by county officials that some payment was due the hospital for the damage incurred; also that the circumstances have made this a wartime project. Meanwhile, tubercular patients have had to seek accommodations as and where they could.

N. C. GAS SHORTAGE UNKNOWN TO PAW

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dealers must operate it is almost impossible to anticipate or prevent these temporary shortages." He said the current supply lack in North Carolina probably was because "many folks saved up their coupons for use during the holiday season and others bought heavy amounts when that false report got around that a freeze on sales was planned."

Regarding fuel oil shortages, PAW has received reports from the Office of Price Administration (OPA) that overuse by fuel ration holders has been partially responsible and this appears to be true, he said. However, total supplies of this product still are "adequate," he declared.

The spokesman said perhaps the temporary breakdown of the oil pipeline between Florida and Tennessee had cut Carolina supplies somewhat, but he doubted this. He also said the delay in arrival of a tanker at Tampa, Fla., had not affected the Carolina situation.

RALEIGH, Dec. 28.—(AP)— Governor Broughton said today, following telephone conversations with Office of Defense Transportation (ODT) and Petroleum Administration for War (PAW) officials, that North Carolina will get its full allotment of gasoline this month.

He said he had been advised by PAW that no freeze has been made nor is one contemplated.

Governor Broughton called the Washington office following reports to his office by gasoline distributors and commercial users of gasoline that many were completely out of gas and that others were experiencing a severe shortage.

PAW said that he had been brought about by holiday buying of gasoline and the recent "buying up" spree when a freeze was rumored. In addition, transportation facilities have been hurt by

having to haul more fuel oil than had been anticipated because of the severe cold.

The situation is general along the Atlantic seaboard area, the governor said he was advised by PAW.

It was indicated that, since the President has stated that plans for invasion of Europe have been made, the public will have to get along progressively with less gas as more is shipped to the fighting forces.

EVENTS IN RUSSIA SUPPORT EISENHOWER

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quickly rolled the Nazis back at points even beyond Russia's previous greatest advance west of Kiev. Both Zhitomir and Vendiचेv appeared certain of early Russian capture. This would rip a 30-mile-wide gap open in German lines at the southwest angle of the bulge, the most critical segment for the Nazi high command.

It seems clear that Red forces have not yet reached the springboard point. Resumption of the Kiev bulge offensive indicates that at Terehan, Russian leaders were supremely confident that they could split German armies in half to the Rumanian border as a preliminary to the planned final triple assaults. They are close enough to success in this venture to force anxious comment from Berlin.

The astounding aspect of the re-

opened Russian master attack in the center is that it was prepared in the face of the now broken German counter-offensive which fell far short of reaching Kiev, although it wrested Zhitomir and Korosten from Russian hands and bent back the Russian lines 40 miles eastward. That feat never broke, however, Russian commanders mustered heavy reinforcements in readiness to take up the march on Zhitomir again when the desperate Nazi effort wore itself out, as it did.

The speed with which Red elements have crashed forward again on an indicated front 20 to 30 miles wide suggests widespread exhaustion and confusion in German forces. Should that be borne out by later front like advances, it makes it at least possible that the German front will have been sliced apart in the center in Russia early in the new year.

The result must be to add tremendously to the danger in which all German troops south of the Kiev-Zhitomir railroad and of being cut off from any adequate communication with Germany proper. That includes the whole garrison of the Dnieper bend and the Crimea, and even German reserves presumably deployed west

of the Bug river preparing a new river-protected defense line behind which the Nazi right flank in Russia could retreat.

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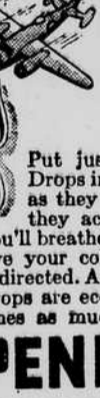
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U. S. Extends Control Of Nation's Carriers

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to 10 cents an hour wage increase and leave to Mr. Roosevelt the question whether they should receive overtime pay for work over 40 hours a week. Railroad management wants both the pay raise and the overtime issue arbitrated.

The reporter said there seemed to be some difference of opinion as to what was before him for arbitration.

Mr. Roosevelt said he was trying to get the unions and carriers to agree on the various things to be discussed during arbitration.

Turns to Byrnes
When a reporter asked whether an arbitration ruling in the case of the non-operating unions could be expected while the government was still in control of the carriers, the President turned to War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, who was seated nearby.

Byrnes said it was questionable whether the President should make arbitration determinations or leave it to Secretary of War Stimson, the government operator of the carriers.

Mr. Roosevelt praised the manner in which the Army had planned for government seizure of the rail lines and said it was an excellent example of how planning should be done, and why planning pays.

He said he had had a further news from the three operating brotherhoods which had not agreed to let him arbitrate the rail controversy and he did not know what they were going to do.

At one point he observed that all railway employees now work for the government and, if they strike, would be striking against the government.

Secretary of War Stimson, given control of the carriers after their seizure by the government to avert a strike over wages, announced at a press conference that pay and working conditions as of 7 p. m. (EWT) last night will be held in "status quo" until the roads are returned to civilian operation. It was explained subsequently at the War Department, however, that Stimson was discussing only what the Army would do on its own motion—that the service chiefs plan only to run railroads and will not themselves bargain over pay, and that if changes are ordered by competent authority such as the President or other agency, they will be applied.

Lieut. General Brehon B. Somervell, chief of Army service forces, confirmed that the secretary's statement means the two big operating brotherhoods of trainmen and engineers which permitted President Roosevelt to arbitrate their wage demands, will receive immediately the pay increases he approved. That award is four cents an hour general wage increase and 5 cents in place of overtime or away-from-home expenses. They also get no week's paid vacation per year, which non-operating workers already get.

Somervell did not say so specifically but the implication was that, as far as the Army is concerned, other unions which held out against arbitration and so failed to get a wage decision before 7 p. m. last night, will now have to wait for any wage increase.

Pending an official interpretation, leaders of these other unions

withheld comment but obviously were disturbed. They planned at one time on an afternoon conference with government officials on the point, but the meeting was put off.

Stimson and Somervell also told a press conference:

1. Army troops with railroad experience are being concentrated, and will be used in event of any manpower shortage to keep trains operating. But in the absence of any new developments, no increase in military police on railroad facilities, or use of troops, is contemplated.

2. The Army has plans ready to put a huge fleet of trucks into operation, should need arise, and will make Army vehicles and food available if civilian shortages develop.

3. Considerable progress already has been made in setting up the Army organization for operation of the railroads. Martin W. Clement, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, will be general adviser to Somervell and to Maj. Gen. Chas. P. Gross, director of transportation under Somervell. Commissions as colonels have been conferred on seven other railroad presidents who will operate divisions of the national rail network.

A. F. Whitney, president of the trainmen, and Alvanley Johnston, head of the engineers, have been appointed labor consultants to Somervell and Gross.

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