

### PRESIDENT URGES RED CROSS GIFTS

WASHINGTON, March 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt called upon his fellow Americans tonight to give to the Red Cross War Fund, not through a feeling of charity but through one of necessity.

"The need never was greater," he said. "It will not soon be less."

The Chief Executive broadcast his appeal to over-subscribe the \$200,000,000 fund. His text follows:

"There was a time when you and I gave to the Red Cross largely in a feeling of aid to others. That was a giving in humanity and in decency. This year we give in necessity — necessity for our own. The need never was greater. It will not soon be less."

"As your President, I have never indulged myself or the American people in the pastime of predicting the advent of peace. I do not know when victory will come. I do know that tonight there are over seven and a half million Americans overseas or fighting afloat in this great war. I know that there are nearly 70,000 Americans in enemy prison camps. And I know there is nothing unpredictable about their need."

"We can be proud of all that the Red Cross has meant to them. From personal observation abroad I can testify to the usefulness of the Red Cross in the battle zones. It has reached through the barbed wire of enemy prison camps with millions of parcels of food, and clothing, and medical supplies."

"It has collected for the Army and Navy vast quantities of precious blood plasma, which has saved thousands of American lives."

"It has supplied refreshment, entertainment and good cheer. It has served as a link between the fighting man and his loved ones here at home. Never, in the annals of voluntary service to humanity, has an agency performed so many tasks so well."

"This is no call for charity. This is our chance to serve those who serve us."

"As their commander-in-chief I call upon you, my fellow Americans, to over-subscribe the 1945 Red Cross War Fund. We cannot give too much to those who have given us the heroic hazard of their lives."

### RED CROSS AIDE STRESSES NEED

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his knowledge through study of books.

"If he needs recreation, let us be sure he has equipment to play games or books to read."

"Give in the spirit for which Rotary stands and invest in the future of the country."

"Keep your Red Cross at his side."

Mr. Bliss ended with an appeal to citizens generally to help put the drive over the top on schedule. Earlier in the meeting, guests of the club were introduced, and a letter was read from Albert E. Robinson, of the Rotary International Service committee in London, in which he pleaded for greater understanding of the valiant British war effort. Mr. Robinson enclosed two copies of a British "White Paper" which described Britain's part in the war.

### New Camp Davis Officers



**MAJOR JOYCE**  
Major Donald S. Joyce, recently returned from the China-India-Burma theater, has been appointed director of Administration and Services of the Camp Davis Air Forces Personnel Distribution Command.



**MAJOR CONANT**  
Major Frank E. Conant, Jr., formerly assigned to the Ninth Air Force in France and England, has been named chief of Intelligence and Security Division of the Camp Davis AAF Distribution Command.

### Yank Carrier Planes Hit Jap Fleet In Home Seas

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the invasion of the Philippines at Leyte last October.

In that battle, six enemy battleships, four heavy cruisers, one destroyer escort were sunk or damaged.

In June of 1944, in the first battle of the Philippine Sea, Mitscher's airmen located the Japanese grand fleet apparently moving to threaten the American invasion of Saipan, and sank or possibly sank eight warships. Not an American ship was lost.

The defiant Pacific Fleet planes twice raided Tokyo in February with devastating effect, wiping out 667 Japanese planes.

This startling report came in a communique telling of further mopping up by the Marines on Iwo Jima and new air raids on Chichi Jima in the Bonins and other targets.

Admiral Mitscher, overall commander of the task force, said only a few days ago that the Japanese fleet could not now overwhelm "even a fraction of our ever-growing fleet" and said the enemy's only sanctuary is the empire's inland seas.

Those inland seas are where the Americans found the Japanese fleet.

The attack came as sections of the Japanese homeland still smoldered from the first major beating dealt inland sea cities by U. S. carrier planes. Mitscher's carrier struck the southern homeland Sunday and Monday.

The attacks Monday on Kobe, Japan's principal seaport and shipping city already heavily hit by Army Superforts, and Kure, number one naval base on the inland sea, gave increased destructive attention to the enemy's naval building and repair centers.

Tokyo radio said the American task force made a daring penetration to within 60 miles of the Japanese mainland in the Sunday attack when the carrier fliers hit enemy aircraft bases and installations on Kyushu island, at the southern end of the Nipponese archipelago.

The Kure naval base was hit Sunday by about 150 Yank carrier fighters and bombers, another Japanese broadcast said, making the unconfirmed claim that 45 were "definitely" shot down by Nipponese fliers. There was no mention of damage to the base.

Domei, the Japanese news agency, broadcast Nipponese imperial headquarters' claims that the American naval air attacks were met by defending fliers who shot down 183 Yank planes, sank seven war ships and damaged another.

The enemy claims of destruction, all unconfirmed, included two American vessels of "unknown type" sunk Monday; one standard carrier, one carrier or battleship, one battleship or cruiser and two

destroyers, sunk Sunday, and one standard carrier heavily damaged.

The Japanese communique said some of the Japanese planes "have not yet returned" from their defense attacks, but gave no number. An earlier Tokyo broadcast said 20 Nipponese aircraft were lost Sunday.

Fifteen or 16 aircraft carriers were in the American task force, which was divided into five groups, Tokyo radio said, placing the Yanks' Sunday striking power at 1,400 planes and at 1,100 in the Monday attacks.

### SEVENTH, THIRD JOIN IN GERMANY

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ing about ten miles east of Saarlautern to about three miles east of Homburg.

There was no way to estimate the number of enemy troops who might be in this encirclement, but it was evident the enemy was suffering tremendous losses in manpower.

A few days ago Field Marshal von Rundstedt's First and Seventh Armies in the Saarland were believed to total more than 80,000 men. These forces now have been chopped into pieces—countless little isolated groups. Those not yet cut off from the Rhine were in headlong retreat.

Associated Press Correspondent Edward D. Ball said all opposition on the Third Army front west of the Rhine had ceased. The Germans' remaining positions in the Siegfried and Hunsbrueck Lines facing the Seventh Army south-east of Zweibruecken were outflanked and untenable, making a quick withdrawal compulsory if not already too late.

The base of the remaining enemy salient on the west bank of the Rhine was only 45 miles and at its deepest point, somewhere east of Zweibruecken, it was less than 40 miles.

The post - midnight announcement of the link-up of the American Third and Seventh Armies was the first disclosure that the Sixth Armored Division had been transferred from Patton's forces to Patch's command. To accomplish the junction the Sixth Armored, commanded by Maj. Gen. Robert Gerow, made a northward sweep of 12 miles during the day.

Mainz, a city of 160,000 at the confluence of the Rhine and Main rivers, was reached after a spectacular dash by the Fourth Armored Division and the 90th Infantry working together. The Fourth also made the plunge to Worms, a city of 50,000 which lies 16 miles north of the twin industrial cities of Mannheim and Ludwigshafen.

Kaiserslautern, from which a super-military highway runs 23 miles east to the Rhine, was the main supply point for Nazi forces in the Saar-Rhine-Moselle area. Its loss meant the end of organized enemy resistance west of the Rhine, and the entire Saar Basin upon which the Germans depended for much of their coal supply is lost.

Doughboys of the 80th Division drove into Kaiserslautern, and Allied pilots flying over the city reported its streets were lined with people waving white flags as the Americans sped through. The plunge to the three German cities in a single day eclipsed anything accomplished by the Third Army in its rampage across France.

### YANKS DRIVE INTO ILOILO

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vance of 25 miles. One column plunged up a secondary road to seize the town of Jancuy, 18 miles north-northwest of Iloilo. Another captured the seven-way rail and highway junction of Pototan, nine miles to the east, then crashed six miles southeast to the Barota Nuevo, 16 miles northeast of Iloilo.

That swift envelopment cut a total of eight roads and railroads radiating in all directions from Iloilo and left the Japanese no overland escape routes. Indicating that the Japanese already might have put the torch to Iloilo, MacArthur said big fires were raging in the city.

The drive to Jancuy put the Americans within 40 miles of splitting Panay from north to south, and in that area MacArthur said they made contact with strong Filipino guerrilla forces.

Warplanes meanwhile attacked two of the last three big Philippine islands in Japanese hands. They battered Pangdan airfield on Cebu with 44 tons and runways on Negros with 31 tons. Those two islands, along with Bohol, represent the last important Japanese holdings and lie southeast of Panay.

In capturing San Fernando on Luzon, guerrillas destroyed the Japanese garrison. Some 25 miles to the southeast, American columns pushed within six miles of the city limits of Baguio, Japanese headquarters for the Philippines, by seizing Camp Three.

East of Manila, the Sixth and 43rd Divisions scored new gains in flattening the flanks of the Japanese Shimbu line in the Sierra Madre mountains. At the southern end, the Americans captured Pantay, 63 miles east of Manila. Four miles to the north, they pushed within striking distance of the Japanese strongpoint on Mt. Baytangan.

Far to the south, the 11th Airborne Division captured the western slope of Mt. Macolod as they swung up the southeastern coast of Lake Taal.

U. S. 41st Division troops fighting on the Zamboanga peninsula of southwestern Mindanao repulsed a Japanese night counter-attack above San Roque, on the coast, and the following day resumed their push northward. To the south, on the tiny island of Basilan, the Americans occupied the island of Isabela by a combined overland and amphibious movement and thus won full control of the island.

**WILL REFUSE**  
GASTONIA, March 20.—(AP)—The Cocker Machine and Foundry company announced today that it would refuse to comply with the WLB order requiring it to put into effect a maintenance of union membership policy in its shop. All other directives of the board will be accepted, the company spokesman said.

**SAN DIEGO, Calif., March 20**—(AP)—Fifty nine Naval fliers today were awarded medals for heroism in the South Pacific, the Eleventh Naval district announced. The awards were presented by Rear Adm. Alfred B. Montgomery, USN, commander of Fleet Air, West Coast.

### Obituaries

**MRS. DORA BRANCH**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Dora Branch, who died at 4 a. m. yesterday at her home, 604 South Front street, were held at 4 p. m. yesterday at the Yopp funeral home by the Rev. C. D. Barclift. Burial was in Bellevue cemetery.

Survivors are her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Brittain, one son, S. P. Branch, and a niece, Mrs. F. W. Gerken, all of Wilmington.

Active pallbearers were L. M. Page, J. N. Jenkins, K. B. Croom, A. P. Westbrook, Woodrow Mallard, H. B. Register.

Honorary pallbearers were Carl B. Marshburn, Ben King, James H. Westerman, Hardy Schulken, Dick Mallard and E. M. Westbrook.

**MRS. R. F. CROOM**  
Funeral service for Mrs. R. F. Croom, 81, of 319 South Sixth street, will be held at 2:30 p. m. today from the Yopp funeral home. Burial will be in the family plot.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. E. S. Buck, of Wilmington, Mrs. J. H. Eakins, of Atkinson, Mrs. S. M. Way, of Savannah, Ga., and Mrs. I. J. King, of Wilmington; and four sons, J. C. R. R., E. R., and George W. Croom, all of Wilmington.

Active pallbearers will be Jim Potter, Lewis Gurganus, James E. Fisher, H. L. Herring, John Lewis and Joe Reaves.

Honorary pallbearers will be John Resley, Porter Wagstaff, J. M. Hall, Dio Lewis, Alton A. Lennon, Wash King and C. L. Myers.

**JOHN M. SPENCER**  
John M. Spencer, 57, died at 7:30 a. m. today at his home in Garden City.

He is survived by his widow, Mary Neal Spencer; three daughters, Mrs. W. G. Harris, of Swan Quarter, Lt. Mary L. Spencer, of Camp Rucker, Ala., and Miss Julia Spencer, of St. Paul's; three sons, Joe M., with the U. S. Navy at Norton Heights, Conn., Sgt. Warren G. Spencer, with the Army Air Corps in India, and Charles N. Spencer at home; and five sisters, all of Hyde county, except Mrs. J. F. Graham, of Wilmington.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed, but services will be held at Swan Quarter, where Mr. Spencer and his family resided before moving to Wilmington five years ago.

**CHESTER LEE**  
LUMBERTON, March 20.—Chester Lee, 44-year-old farmer of the Center Church section of Lumberton, died at 5:15 p. m. yesterday at a local hospital.

The son of the late Andrew and Caroline Lee, Mr. Lee is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mae Parker Lee; four sons, Andrew James, Robert Earl, Ellis and Kenneth Neil Lee, and three daughters, Mrs. Earl Caulder, of Route 3, and Agnes and Martha Ray.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. tomorrow from the home with the Rev. E. A. Paul, pastor of Smyrna Baptist church, officiating. Burial will be in the Cox family cemetery.

### Rabbi Thurman Speaks To Jaycees



Rabbi M. M. Thurman is shown speaking to the Junior Chamber of Commerce at their "business associates" meeting in the Friendly Cafeteria dining room last night. Elliott O'Neal, president of the Jaycees is seated.

### Health Board Plans Study Of Greatest County Fault

The Health Division of the Community Chest and Council decided yesterday to try to choose at its next meeting the fault most suitable for present remedial action out of those mentioned by the United States Public Health Service's recent survey-report as marking the performance of the Consolidated Board of Health.

Selections from the report and the Board's prepared commentary on its criticisms was read to the division by Dr. A. H. Elliott, City-County health officer.

Gardner D. Greer, chairman of the division, expressed the group's intention to attack the problems implied by the report, but suggested that a better start could be made after the survey of current health agency functions, ordered at the last meeting, had been completed.

To Mr. Greer's inquiry as to what shortcoming the Board of Health considered "most pressing," Dr. Elliott replied that the services of at least one additional physician and a full-time sanitary engineer were recognized by the Board and pointed to by the report as the chief present need.

The USPHS report, he said, had recommended that several additional doctors be added to the staff. Latest local efforts to secure even one, however, had run afoul of State Health Board regulations freezing available doctors in their present locations, as well as a salary difficulty, he explained.

An allied report-recommendation for more nurses—six had been set as the desideratum—had encountered similar difficulties, it was explained by Miss Columbia Munds, of the Public Health Nursing service. Responding to an offer by Mr. Greer to get the division "behind" an effort to secure nurses, she said "a regards personnel, you can get behind, but you can't push anything out in front". The local attempt to employ a supervisor has already run two years' unsuccessful course, she said.

The possibility of securing medical and nursing personnel either released by the Armed Services or now located in non-defense areas was agreed by the group to be the "most hopeful", but not very promising even so.

A brief discussion concerning the feasibility and utility of expanding the current High school interest program, consisting of annual talks to girl seniors by private and public nurses, evoked the decision that such action would be "long-view" in nature and ir-

relevant to the present personnel problem.

The meeting was attended by Miss Jennie Glisson, Miss Sue McQueen, Mrs. Ida Spiden, Miss Jennie Stout, the Rev. Mortimer Glover, Miss Munds, Dr. Elliott, Mr. Greer and George L. Stearns, executive secretary.

Earlier, Dr. Elliott, health officer, disclosed that the Consolidated Board of Health is considering the employment of a laboratory technician at the Sweeney water plant.

### Pre-School Clinics For Pender Announced

BURGAW, March 20.—Pre-school clinics for Pender county schools were announced today by T. T. Murphy, superintendent of the Board of Education. They are:

Wednesday, March 21, Rocky Point white school; Thursday, March 22, Rocky Point Negro school; Friday, March 23, Top-sail white school at Hampstead; Wednesday, April 4, Penderlea school; Thursday, April 5, Burgaw white school; Wednesday, April 11, Atkinson white school and Long Creek white school; Thursday April 12, Burgaw Negro school; Friday, April 13, Maple Hill White school.

At least one parent is asked to attend each clinic with children expected to enter school next year. If this is not possible, the superintendent pointed out that it would be necessary for an information form to be filled out by the parent. This form may be obtained from the school principal.

### THURMAN DECRIES LACK OF LEADERS

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Quoting William James' "Compared with what we ought to be, we are only half awake" Rabbi Thurman said that as a clergyman he considered among the greatest of human sins "the tendency to be satisfied with the least we can do". He claimed that happiness went with fulness of effort, not comfort or complacency.

"Thinking is a painful process," he admitted, but warned that a continuing American tendency to let others do one's thinking can only end in a form of fascist justices akin to those which "our sons and friends are fighting overseas", he said, "exist here now on America's blessed soil."

"A famine of leadership" faces the world, he said, and to cry out in torment "God, where art Thou?" is meaningless if no self-help is attempted. "God cannot be made the Cosmic Scape-goat" he warned, explaining that the current war is going on "because you and I sat back and did nothing when we heard the first cries of the oppressed."

A report of the Jacee-Boy Scout scrap paper drive was read prior to the speeches and Hal Love reported for the project committee a forthcoming consultation among city and civic groups and nearby camp commanders to organize events.

**Up in Smoke**

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|  | 6205 combat vehicles            |
|  | 34,250 general purpose vehicles |
|  | 166,885 rifles and small arms   |
|  | 23,871 mortars and machine guns |
|  | 75,245 weapons and binoculars   |

Equipment valued at \$500,000,000 has been lost by American armies in Europe since D-day, according to Brig. Gen. Stewart Reimel, New York Ordnance District Chief. Chart above shows some of the items, but does not include thousands of others, such as spare parts and ammunition.

Try sprinkling a bit of mulling on buttered cauliflower.

Entertainment for the overseas veterans to be housed at Camp Davis.



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