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## Between The Lines:

Japan has attacked my country. When Japan attacks my country, Japan attacks me! I am for myself right or wrong. I am for my country right or wrong. If my country is right, I am for it because it is right and to keep it right; if my country is wrong, I am with it to get right.

Japan has attacked my country! This country is the only one I know anything about. It is the one that has given me and my people the opportunity through which we are bidding for our place in the sun and not without some gratifying results. It is the country Negroes have died in many wars to save and it is the country which must give us full-fledged citizenship if indeed we get it at all.

Japan has attacked my country! I know we have not had all that we wanted or even deserved. I know we have grievances because of wrong unredressed. Here in this country we have quarreled with the foes and are quarreling now. But Japan has attacked my country! I know the United States needs bettering politically and otherwise, but the future of my race is no brighter than the future of the United States, and I am with the United States right or wrong, and Japan has attacked my country!

I know that Japan is a colored race and as such may evoke a certain kind of sympathy in times of peace, but Japan has attacked my country and its color is nothing to me. I know that although Japan has a dark complexion the Japanese do not love Negroes. Nobody loves Negroes except God Almighty. I know that the "Lebensraum problem" of the Japs is quite the same as that of the Germans and that there is some point in their striving to lengthen their borders and make room for a population the world needs, but which the more advanced nations have deigned to provide. But Japan has attacked my country!

I am against Japan on general particular principles. She is in league with Hitler and Hitler has nothing for Negroes to do. Hitler's success in this world means doom for the darker peoples. Japan is excluded. Japan is nothing more than a cesspool out chestnuts for Germany. It does not matter what is Japan's color; if she is casting her influence on the side of an anti-Negro combine I am against her.

If Germany wins this war, Japan will become an instant ally of Germany and the world will become slaves of German-Japs as well as Negroes. I am against Japan because she has attacked my country! There is some hope for me as a Negro if the allies win; there is no hope for me if the Axis nations win. Japan is making possible a victory for Hitler, and I

I am against Hitler and against any person or nation that plays his game including Wheeler and Lindbergh and the whole American First ensemble.

The Negro must gird himself in this national crisis. The Negro must offer himself without stint in this unparalleled emergency that many of us shun afar off and which the isolationists had eyes to see but would not see. It does not matter how carefully driver number one going north drives, if driver number two going south is reckless, there is going to be trouble.

When Japan drops bombs on American soldiers even though they be white I cannot be indifferent; for very soon Japan will be dropping bombs on Negro soldiers. Japan has attacked my country and whoever attacks my country attacks me. It attacks the amendments to the constitution which made citizens of former slaves. It attacks the bill of rights and the far flung implications thereof. It attacks the democratic ideology that gives hope and buoyancy to a nation's and race's aspirations. It attacks the advantages that we have won through sweat and tears and blood. It attacks the slain youth who laid them down in Flanders field to help lay the cornerstone of a better social and economic order.

To be sure, this order did not spring forth perfect, like Minerva from the head of Zeus; but it is in the making and in the making thereof the minority groups hope with prayer and sacrifices. I am against Japan because Japan has attacked my country and in this attack she has struck at the heart of my hope.

I am not going to be confused because Japan is a colored race. Japan does not love Negroes any more than the Germans. A Japanese victory as unthinkable as it is, would not help one iota the cause of the Negro. Negroes therefore must not overtly or covertly say or do anything to give comfort to the Japanese and Germans and Italians. These who help to win this fight are the only ones who are going to enjoy the fruits of victory. When color and country are in conflict, I stand by my country. Japan has attacked my country!

As 1941 comes to an end, we might as well admit that we are in better shape than we expected to be when it began.

One of the worse things that can happen to an individual is to be always on the look-out or the worse things that might happen. Believe it or not, there are individuals who are happy to be called upon to pay an income tax. As you?

## RED CROSS WAR FUND CAMPAIGN

By The President Of The United States Of America  
A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our country has been viciously attacked and forced into a war of vast proportions, which will inevitably bring grief and distress to many and self-sacrifice to all; and

WHEREAS, for more than sixty years, the American National Red Cross has played a vital role in binding up the wounds of the injured, in sheltering, feeding, and clothing the homeless, in succoring the distressed, in rebuilding broken lives, and in rehabilitating the victims of catastrophes of nature and of war; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for just such an emergency as we are now facing, the American National Red Cross has been spending funds at the rate of more than one million dollars a month, which is but a small fraction of the amount that the organization now requires in order to carry out effectively its functions as an essential auxiliary of our armed forces, particularly as a friendly liaison in welfare problems between the man in service and his family at home, and as a key agency in the civil-defense plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, and President of the American National Red Cross, do hereby proclaim the beginning, as of this date, of a Red Cross War Fund Campaign for the raising of a minimum sum of fifty million dollars; and I appeal to the American people to make this campaign an overwhelming success. Realizing the desire of every American to participate in the national war effort, I confidently anticipate an immediate and spontaneous response to this appeal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this twelfth day of December 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-sixth.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
By the President:  
CORDELL HULL

## Midnight Yuletide Service For Men At Fort Jackson To Be Broadcast Wed.

Fort Jackson, S. C., Dec. 21. — A Midnight Holy Communion service for the soldiers of Fort Jackson will be held Christmas Eve in the Post Chapel by the Episcopal chaplains of the post, featured by a special Christmas greeting to the men and their families from Colonel Royden E. Beebe, post commander here at the nation's sixth largest Army Camp.

The Yuletide service will be broadcast over a network of southern radio stations so that the families of soldiers who are unable to be home for Christmas may still share the religious observance of the sacred day with their loved ones. Special music for the program has been arranged by Dr. Hugh T. Williamson, professor of music at the University of South Carolina. Another feature will be solos by Sgt. Clayborn Mangum, widely-known North Carolina concert singer.

Singing of the traditional Christmas carols will open the service at 11:30 P. M. The Holy Communion service is one of the most impressive rites of the Episcopal Church and it is a fitting religious background for Fort Jackson's observance of the sacred holiday.

Chaplain Eugene Nixon, of the 8th Division Artillery group, will be the celebrant at the midnight service. He will be assisted by Chaplain Oran Zaebst, of the 102nd Cavalry Regiment, and Chaplain Austin Ecker, of the 58th General Hospital. The Christmas message will be delivered by Chaplain Zaebst.

Joining in the Holy Communion service will be the post's three other Episcopal chaplains, Chaplain W. R. Jackson, of the 120th Infantry, Chaplain Carter S. Gillis, of the 105th Engineers, and Chaplain

lain R. K. Tucker, of the 30th Infantry Division.

## SH and PWC Seeks Information About Maintenance Of State Highways

Raleigh, Dec. 25. — As accurate forecast as possible on construction, maintenance and equipment requirements for the thousands of miles of highways, county roads and city streets in North Carolina during the 1942 calendar year is being sought between now and December 31st by the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

Working under the general supervision of W. Vance Baise, Chief State Highway Engineer, five departmental heads of the State Highway and Public Works Commission are compiling data on the highway system, the county roads and streets within city boundaries that are maintained with highway funds. City officials have been requested to collect information on their own street network, excluding those thoroughfares being covered in the highway survey.

The purpose of this inventory is outlined in a letter addressed to mayors of North Carolina cities and towns. "This information," it is stated, "immediately needed by the U. S. Office of Production Management in order that they may establish material and equipment priorities for highway and street construction and maintenance needs.

"Estimates, in so far as construction and maintenance are concerned, are to be based on normal needs for the year, assuming that no conservation were practiced. Equipment lists, however, are to be limited to essential equipment for 1942."

Enclosed with the letter is a copy of instructions for the guidance of city officials in compiling the desired data and a copy of a letter from Patrick Healy, Jr., Executive Secretary of the North Carolina League of Municipalities. "We consider it extremely important," Mr. Healy states in his letter, "that you give prompt attention to the enclosed letter and material from the State Highway Commission. The availability to cities and towns of needed materials, supplies and equipment for street maintenance, repair and construction during this war will depend to a large extent on the information obtained through this survey."

The heads of city governments have been requested to compile the information needed and forward it to the State Highway and Public Works Commission as promptly as possible and "by December 31st at the latest." This data will be combined with similar statistics on the highway network, county roads and city streets maintained with state funds into a complete report for the state as a whole. This will be summarized and prepared for study by OPM officials in Washington.

Information gathered on these matters from all the states is expected to form a basis for determining the availability next year of critical materials needed in highway, road and street construction and maintenance, or the substitution of non-critical materials wherever possible. Steel and other metals required by highway and street departments take top-most place among items listed in the "critical material" category.

## DEFENSE BOND QUIZ

Q. What is the Treasury's underlying thought in avoiding a pressure campaign to sell Defense Savings Bonds and Stamps?

A. The belief that the American public is anxious to aid to the limit in defense of the Nation, and also wants to save money for future needs, especially since such savings will help to keep down the cost of living.

Q. Should I buy Defense Savings Bonds at retail stores, rather than at post offices and banks?



## Automotive Taxes Exceed Annual Revenue of State Less Than 20 Years Ago

### Thousands Of Low-Income Families Become Used Car Motorists

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### Automobile Registrations at New High

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A substantial part of the increased registrations of motor vehicles took place among families with incomes in the neighborhood of \$30 a week or less, continued Mr. Sparger, adding that now approximately half of all the cars on the highways of this state are owned by families in the lower income brackets.

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Period of Readjustment Ahead  
Warning that the present high level of automobile taxes will not continue indefinitely was sounded by Mr. Sparger. "A few years hence when the post-war readjustment comes, there may be a sharp drop in highway user taxes," he said. "For example, in the years 1930 to 1933, when incomes of millions of families in the United States declined, one out of every 10 cars in this country was forced off the road because owners could not afford to operate their cars. In some states automobile registrations dropped a third. Because car ownership among the lower income families is far more extensive than it was in 1930, a sharp decline in employment during the post-war readjustment period may bring a reduction in automobile registrations of 25 percent or more. This should be kept in mind by state highway officials in planning road improvements over a period of years.

## Finding Work For Non-Defense Labor Is Current Problem

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25. — The matter of finding suitable jobs in defense industries for workers who are unemployed because of the closing of certain non-defense plants, and the necessity of arranging for transportation and for the housing of workers needed in shipbuilding and aircraft plants were given serious consideration at a meeting of the Regional Labor Supply Committee, which was held yesterday in the Regional Office of the Social Security Board in Washington, D. C. James H. Woodall, Regional Representative of the Bureau of Employment Security and also Acting Chairman of the Regional Labor Committee, presided. Among those attending the conference were representatives of the Employment Service, the Civil Service Commission, the Office of Education, the National Youth Administration, Work Projects Administration, the Farm Security Administration, representatives of the Navy Yard and the Army and Munitions Board, and the Labor Branch, the Training-within-Industry Division, and the Negro Employment and Training Branch of the Office of Production Management.

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**Season's Greetings**

● The Holiday Season, with its spirit of good cheer and friendliness, brings to mind the splendid associations that have been ours during the past year. ● We gratefully acknowledge your consideration and favors. ● The confidence shown is our incentive to even greater service during the years to come. ● It leads us to keep thoughtfully in mind your needs and desires so that we may efficiently fulfill them. ● The old year holds scores upon scores of cherished memories—new acquaintances made—the closer binding of old ties of friendships and many happy relationships. ● That is why, as the old year draws to a close amid the good fellowship of Christmas time, we consider it an honor to extend compliments of the season to our good friends of this area. ● The sincere wish of every member of this organization is that we may continue to serve you to your satisfaction in the years to come. ● We wish for you the Merriest Christmas you have ever known and a year full of happiness, health and prosperity, with the fulfillment of your every ambition and plan and vision. May we again say to each of our good friends

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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