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### Broughton Recommends Post-War Reserve Fund

#### Pay Raises Advocated; No Tax Hike

#### Governor Asks Legislators to 'Keep the Faith' With Men in the Armed Services by Providing Adequately for Institutions

Raleigh, Jan. 7. (AP)—Governor Broughton recommended today that the legislature establish a post-war reserve fund of at least \$20,000,000, that taxes not be increased, and that salaries be raised for State employees and public school teachers, including those in colleges and universities.

The chief executive, who appeared before the General Assembly at noon, asked the legislature to "keep the faith" with men in the armed services by providing adequately for agencies and institutions, by caring for the needy, and by safeguarding the credit of the State.

Emergency Powers. He urged that special emergency war powers be conferred on him and the council of state; that an optional nine-month school term be adopted; that he and the council of state be authorized to invest in state and government securities during the next biennium any accruing surplus which would normally exceed the requirements of appropriations; that steps be taken to finance highway repairs and construction after the war; that the age limit for compulsory school attendance be increased from 14 to 16 years; that a unified board of directors, or board of control, be set up to supervise and administer operations of all four of the existing State institutions for the treatment of insane or mentally defective persons.

Among others, the governor recommended that a constitutional amendment be submitted to make the commissioner of agriculture and the commissioner of labor members of the council of state; that provision be made to give the Revenue department competent auditing and accounting personnel necessary for prompt and efficient handling of all tax accounts and tax collections; that a training school be established for delinquent Negro girls; and that funds be allocated for the work of the State planning board. Attention was called to recommendations of the State board of elections for stricter control of the absentee ballot, and to the work of the State Department of Conservation in publicizing the extent of the state's resources and bringing new industries into North Carolina.

"To Win This War." In his preface, the governor said that "over one hundred and fifty thousand North Carolinians are in the armed forces of the nation," and that under the circumstances of the war "there can be no place for non-essential expenses and petty legislation. The one thought uppermost in the minds and hearts of the people whom you and I represent is to win this war."

Too much, he said, can not be said in praise for the work of the selective service boards in North Carolina. Under the heading of war legislation, Governor Broughton asked

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#### Potato Expert Takes Stand

Wilson, Jan. 7. (AP)—The government planned to call Albert E. Mercker, potato expert with the Agriculture department's food distribution administration, to the witness stand again today at the trial in U. S. district court here of 29 defendants on charges of violating the Sherman anti-trust act.

Mercker spent all of yesterday giving statistical and technical testimony about the potato industry. Cross examination, begun in the afternoon, was not completed when the court recessed for the day. Mercker testified on cross examination that the U. S. Agriculture department tried to maintain and stabilize prices of potatoes in order to assure the farmers a fair return for his product. Correspondence relating to this was introduced by defense counsel.

#### SOVIET ARMIES ONLY 75 MILES FROM ROSTOV

#### Packages For AEF Restricted

Washington, Jan. 7. (AP)—Announcing new Army postal regulations drastically restricting the shipment of packages to soldiers overseas, Secretary of War Stimson said today "I seem to have been a better promoter than I expected when I urged people to write to the soldiers."

Because of the enormous amount of space used to transport packages, Stimson said the Army has ruled that beginning January 15, no package may be sent to a soldier overseas unless it contains an article which has been requested by the soldier, and the request has been approved by his commanding officer.

The post office, he said, will not accept a package unless the written request, bearing the commanding officer's approval, is presented.

#### Allied Airmen Pound Japs In New Guinea

Allied Headquarters in Australia, Jan. 7. (AP)—Allied airmen continued to pound enemy positions in New Guinea yesterday while ground forces grappled for the destruction of the Japanese at Sananda Point, held their lines with little change, a headquarters announcement said today.

Lae, about 160 miles up the eastern New Guinea coast from Buna, was the principal target for allied medium bombers and attack planes which fired a grounded two-engine

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#### Revolt Looms In Congress

Washington, Jan. 7. (AP)—An anti-administration group sought today to gain control of the Senate's steering committee and to return it as a policy-defining instrument in the new Congress.

Revolt against the custom which has permitted Majority Leader Barkley of Kentucky to appoint the membership, several veteran senators were reported to have agreed at a secret meeting to attempt to force a showdown in caucus today on a proposal to fill steering committee vacancies by vote of all the Democrats in the Senate.

With this in mind, the insurgents were prepared to propose the election to committee vacancies of senators Bailey (D-N.C.), Overton (D-La.) and Maloney (D-Conn.), all of whom have been critical occasionally of administration policies.

#### German Lines Broken on 20-Mile Front on Both Side of Lower Don; In Africa Allies Are Driven From the Heights Near Mateur

(By The Associated Press) Soviet quarters reported today that Russian troops had advanced within 75 miles of the great German base at Rostov, pivot for all Nazi operations in the Caucasus, and ripped through German lines on a 20-mile long front on both sides of the lower Don river.

Front line reports said Russian troops sweeping westward along the Don had pushed forward 50 miles since capturing a big Don bridgehead two days ago.

Soviet dispatches said the triumphant Red armies of the south had captured at least 21 more cities and towns and listed 239,150 Axis soldiers killed or taken prisoner since the start of the Russian winter offensive November 19.

Adolf Hitler's high command, still giving the German people no hint of the disastrous turn of events, asserted boldly that Nazi infantry and tanks "repulsed all Soviet attacks in continued fighting in all Don sectors."

Overshadowed by the magnitude of the German setback in Russia, were land clashes in the battle for Tunisia.

Reuters, the British news agency, reported from allied headquarters in north Africa that the Germans had recaptured hill positions on both sides of an important crossroads west of Mateur, 20 miles below the big axis-held naval base of Bizerte.

The heights, 15 miles west of Mateur, had been captured Tuesday in a dawn assault by a British infantry brigade and commando troops. One report said U. S. Rangers also engaged in the attack.

German counter attacks yesterday morning took the topmost heights away from the allied defenders, the news agency reported.

"Fighting went on all day, but by last night the position was decided to be untenable and the commandos and rangers went back to the positions from which they had started."

A Nazi broadcast, heard in London, asserted that 30 American parachute troops were dropped behind the German lines in north Africa last Sunday night with orders to blow up a large bridge. The broadcast said 20 of the sky troops were killed and the rest captured.

On the Russian front, the headlong Nazi retreat appeared rapidly assuming the aspects of a major flight.

London quarters said the speed of the Soviet comeback drive through the Caucasus indicated that the Germans were no longer offering organized resistance, and were intent only on setting up a defensive line nearer Rostov in an attempt to prevent the Russians from trapping all their forces to the east.

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#### FDR AWARDS MEDAL TO NAVAL HERO



Four-year-old Diana Schouland had a point of vantage from which to watch her daddy, Commander Herbert E. Schouland of the U. S. S. San Francisco, receive the Congressional Medal of Honor in the presence of President Roosevelt. The vantage point was right in the presence of FDR and Diana look on. The commander was honored for his heroism and courage as damage control officer during the Saipan Island battle. This is a phonograph.

#### Post-War Reserve Bills Introduced

##### TWO ARMY BOMBERS LOST IN CRASHES

Greenwich, S. C., Jan. 7. (AP)—The Greenville Army air base announced today that one of its medium bombers crashed at Tallahassee, Fla., early yesterday morning, killing five members of the crew, seriously injuring another, and leaving one member missing.

Madill, Okla., Jan. 7. (AP)—A four-engine Army bomber crashed and burned last night two miles southwest of Luban, a village near the Red river, a crash-landing driver dispatched to the scene reported today.

#### Coal Miners On Strike

##### Pennsylvania Hard Coal Mines' Production Curtailed by Outlaw Strike of 12,000

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 7. (AP)—An outlaw strike of 12,000 miners in the Pennsylvania anthracite fields created a shortage of hard coal today, even as the eastern seaboard felt the pinch of newly tightened rationing of fuel oil.

Outgoing shipments were curtailed sharply and deliveries to domestic consumers fell in the heart of the anthracite region were limited to one ton.

Members of three local unions of the United Mine Workers of America, disregarding leaders' pleas that they return to work immediately, voted today to remain on strike.

The shortage was reported after the OPA slashed fuel oil rations by 25 per cent for all non-residential buildings in 17 eastern states.

Anthracite is used primarily in homes, but thousands of households have converted from oil to coal in accordance with government demands.

#### Bombers 'Miracle Hit Japs From Sky

#### American Airmen Strike at Japan's Far Flung Supply Lines From the Solomons to Aleutians; Japan Masses Ships at Rabaul

(By The Associated Press) New American blows against Japan's far flung supply lines, coming from the Solomons to the Aleutian islands, were reported by the Navy today even though President Roosevelt told Congress that U. S. warplanes would strike at Japan's home islands and bomb them constantly in the air.

The Navy said American Flying Fortresses, escorted by Lightning and Tomahawk fighters, attacked a Japanese transport off the Shortland Island, in the Solomons, and scored a "possible hit."

Other U. S. aircraft bombed the Japanese airfield on Bougainville island, and the airfield at Munda, New Georgia Island. In the Aleutians, the Navy announced that American bombers sank the Japanese cargo ship 116, north of the enemy base at Kiska and scored a direct bomb hit and two near misses on another enemy vessel 185 miles southwest of Kiska. The presence of the Japanese ship 116 miles northeast of Kiska was explained, but possibly it was en route to the bleak U. S.-owned Pribilof islands, 270 miles north of Dutch Harbor, where the Japanese have been reported scouting about.

Meanwhile, Australian government circles declared that aerial reconnaissance over Japan's big base at Rabaul, New Britain, 800 miles northeast of Australia, disclosed that the massing of Japanese shipping there had been increased since Tuesday.

Earlier this week, a high Australian government official asserted that Japan was concentrating the biggest armada ever sent into the southwest Pacific war theatre in that area.

In his speech to Congress, President Roosevelt declared that the period of "our defensive attrition in the Pacific" was passing, and said the eventual outcome of the conflict "will become evident to the Japanese people themselves when we strike at their home islands and bomb them constantly from the air."

#### DR. GEORGE GRILE DIES AT CLEVELAND

Cleveland, Jan. 7. (AP)—Dr. George Grile, 78, renowned surgeon-scientist, died today at the Cleveland Clinic where he had been under observation for the past three weeks.

Recognized internationally for his surgical skill, Dr. Grile was known to scientists primarily for his more than 50 years of research work on the nature of life and the loss of energy that attended death.

#### Giraud Sure Of Victory

New York, Jan. 7. (AP)—The Dakar radio said today that General Giraud, high commissioner for French north and west Africa, declaring the defeat of Germany to be beyond doubt, had urged all Frenchmen to unite to "liberate our fatherland and avenge the infamous treatment inflicted by the Germans on the French people."

He spoke at Dakar where he arrived January 5 to confer with Vice Admiral William A. Glassford, Jr., head of a United States mission there.

#### 'Miracle Production' Backs Army

#### President Says This Year Carries Promise of 'Very Substantial Advance Along the Roads That Lead to Berlin and Rome and Tokyo'

Washington, Jan. 7. (AP)—President Roosevelt today told a victory-plighted Congress, the cause of the United Nations was moving forward at last in Europe, Asia and Africa, backed by a "miracle production" in the United States, and that 1943 carried the promise of a "very substantial advance along the roads that lead to Berlin and Rome and Tokyo."

Delivering his annual message to the legislators in person in the House chamber, he called on them to put aside bickering over economic measures, and to strive to contribute to national unity.

The President's address, on the state of the nation was divided into three major sections:

A review of the progress of the war, a report on America's mighty arms production, and a general outline of his hope for the peace to follow the conflict and for guaranteeing freedom from want and fear.

"By far the largest and most important developments in the whole strategic picture of 1942," Mr. Roosevelt asserted, "were the events on the long front in Russia; first, the implacable defense of Stalingrad, and, second, the offensive by the Russian armies at various points which started in the latter part of November and which still continues with great force and effect."

The Capitol was the scene of unusual precautions taken to safeguard the Chief Executive. Hours before his arrival time, police, secret service men and regular Army personnel threw a cordon around the hill. Steel-barricaded soldiers, bayonets affixed to rifles, stood at attention all around the Capitol and in its plaza.

Mr. Roosevelt told the lawmakers that the period of "our defensive attrition in the Pacific" was passing, adding:

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

In the African theater, he predicted the last vestige of Axis power would be driven from the south shores of the Mediterranean.

"I do not prophesy when this war will end," the Chief Executive said.

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Shakeup Is Demanded

Washington, Jan. 7. (AP)—Democratic reorganization of war production and manpower agencies under a sort of super-commissioner was called for in a committee report before the Senate education and labor committee today.

The report was filed by Chairman Pepper, Democrat of Florida, after extensive hearings, with the expectation that the full committee would hold further hearings on a war mobilization bill which he and Senator Kilgore, Democrat of West Virginia, will reintroduce in the new Congress.

It found a "lack of balance" in the war production program, and predicted that production would fall short of goals unless the problem of security in men, materials, and machines was met "head on."

"After a year of war," the report said, "the people have learned that the war production board has not been engaged in the business of war production. They are told that the chaos in raw material distribution, long recognized and admitted, will be remedied by the celebrated controlled materials plan which will come into full operation six months from now."

#### WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Occasional rain this afternoon and tonight.