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## FDR Says U.S. Must Join League

### Money Bill Passes 2nd House Vote

\$123,675,028 Measure Short Of Outlays Proposed By State

Raleigh, March 1.—(AP)—The biennial finance bill, which Chairman John H. Kerr, Jr., of the finance committee, said will raise \$129,675,028 under present estimates, passed the House today on second reading, 107 to 0, after the adoption of nine clarifying amendments. Kerr said the bill would raise \$66,330,014 the first year of the next of the next biennium, and \$63,345,014 the second year. It would mean a reduction of \$2,135,500 under the original bill as recommended by the Advisory Budget Commission. Therefore, Kerr said, the budget will be substantially in balance, since appropriations total \$123,675,028. He recommended, however, that the expenditure of \$8,800,000, if such funds were available, if that should be paid, the State would spend \$139,475,028 in the general fund. But if that fund is not paid, the budget will be out of balance only \$1,411,133, which should be made up with revenues higher than estimated. The House also passed, by 92 to 2, on third reading, a bill for a constitutional amendment to give equal rights, including jury service, to women.

### Americans Nearing Banks Of Rhine At And Above Cologne

First Army Pours Through Defenses Of Retiring Nazis

Paris, March 1.—(AP)—Powerful first army forces poured today through breached defenses within five miles of Cologne, placing the great Rhineland metropolis under siege. To the north, the Americans of the ninth army burst closer to the Rhine banks and increased the peril to the fabulously rich Ruhr in areas still masked by security silence. The American third army behind the Moselle valley crashed well past the outer defenses of Trier, reaching the vicinity of Isch, two and a half miles from that oldest of all German cities. There, one of the steepest fortress cities in western Germany, was surrounded by a ring of concrete pillboxes and machine gun emplacements. The Americans and British fought steadily with armor to break through the enemy's last ditch stand in three places of the Hunsrück gap between Weeze in Kerwenheim, within 22 miles of the great Rhine port at Duisburg, and less than ten of the Ruhr city of Wesel, across the Rhine. The Canadian and American ninth armies were within 25 miles or so of a junction which might trap thousands of Nazis west of the Rhine. Allied war planes were keeping a vigilant "watch on the Rhine" for signs of a mass retreat eastward and kept up a stream of river bombs and high-altitude incendiaries. A wholesale withdrawal of Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's small and feeble army has not yet begun across the river. AP Correspondent Roger Green reported from Field Marshal Montgomery's headquarters. First army tanks, self-propelled guns and infantry with bayonets and flame throwers rumbled across the Rur river before Cologne into several bridgeheads in a swelling flood.

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### Vaccination Bills Given Endorsement

Raleigh, March 1.—(AP)—The Senate public health committee approved today bills to require the vaccination of children against whooping cough before they reached one year, and against smallpox and diphtheria before they enter school. The bills were amended to exempt children whose religion opposes such vaccination.

### Meadows Auditor Claims Educator Is Benefactor

Greenville, March 1.—(AP)—Auditor Frank T. Wall, of Raleigh, returned to the witness stand today after furnishing the high light in the week's testimony yesterday when he said that Dr. Leon Meadows had actually spent \$154,116 of his personal funds for the benefit of East Carolina Teachers College. Meadows, former president of the college, is charged with embezzlement and false pretense in the handling of funds of the college, and the State charges he has failed to account satisfactorily for more than \$18,000 of the money. Wall, in stating that the educator actually had spent his own money

for the benefit of the school, and the figures he had compiled did not include other items, notably \$2,109 that Meadows advanced to the college for the establishment of a commerce department. The auditor said Meadows had not claimed this amount as an offset because he did not know to whom any of the funds had been paid. In arriving at the figure of \$154,116, Wall said his investigation had disclosed a total of \$27,022.90 in special college and student funds, and that his credits against this amount total \$27,177.05.

### VIEW OF DEVASTATED MANILA AFTER JAP RETREAT



HERE IS AN AIRVIEW of a war-shattered section of the residential district of Manila after the Japs had burned it in their retreat from the Philippine capital. At right center can be seen a wing and the swimming pool of the Philippine Women's University, at upper right the Masonic Temple. Signal Corps photo. (International)

### Yanks Now Hold Most Of Iwo

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Guam, March 1.—(AP)—All but the northern third of rocky little Iwo Jima was in American hands today as the Marines, their special supplies parachuted from transport planes, fought to clear the vital central plateau. From dispatches said the third division cavalry dogs already had crossed the plateau in places and were moving downhill for the first time since D-Day, eleven days ago. The battle for the pillbox-studded central plateau was termed a decisive operation by Major General

Erskine, whose third division Marines overran the main village of Motoyama, just beyond the captured central airfield, in a gain of several hundred yards yesterday. They reached a third airfield, Motoyama No. 2, which was under construction when Americans landed February 19. The marines had artillery, naval gun and close air support as they drove ahead, more than 500 yards all along the two-mile battle line against the toughest, cleverest defenses encountered anywhere in the Pacific.

### Hospital Plan Gains Support

Raleigh, March 1.—Sponsors of the amendment adding half a million dollars for State aid to rural hospitals to the pending medical care bill believed Wednesday their plan had good chance of adoption. They demonstrated strength enough to get consideration of the whole bill by the joint appropriations committee postponed until Thursday afternoon for a public hearing on the hospital aid amendment. The amendment was offered just before adjournment of the joint committee Tuesday by Senator Willie Lee Lumpkin of Franklin, but it has the backing of a rather potent group in both houses. Except that the half million dollars is allotted for one year only the amendment embodies almost exactly the provisions of the Jenkins bill proposing half a million for each year of the biennium to match dollars with local communities for hospital construction. Some objection was voiced to the limitation of 50 beds, but it was felt by sponsors that without that some big hospitals might absorb the entire fund. The public hearing Tuesday was colorful in many respects. Because the bill went to the health committee in the Senate and to the appropriations committee in the House, it was decided to have a joint meeting of the four committees for the hearing. Later upon request of the introducer, the Senate bill was referred to appropriations also, thus obviating necessity for such a large group. A hundred or more visitors crowded the big committee room to lend moral support to the bill. The construction aid amendment was not offered until after the hearing but many of those in the room were heard to declare full support for it. Senator Jenkins had telegrams Wednesday from at least two superior court judges and three doctors urging him to support the amendment, and he was told that chief men in the medical school at Chapel Hill also favored it. The groups speaking in behalf of the bill included about every sector of State life. Professional men, business men, women's organizations and representatives of organized la-

### Churchill Wins Unanimous Vote In The Commons

London, March 1.—(AP)—Britain's House of Commons tonight gave Prime Minister Churchill a unanimous 412 to 0 vote of confidence.

### Stocks Near 8-Year High

New York, March 1.—(AP)—The stock market continued to reach for new highs since mid-1937 today, although demand tapered and advances generally were restricted to modest fractions. Ahead most of the steel were General Electric, U. S. Steel, Chrysler and General Motors.

### Eastern Pomerania Cut Off By Soviets

London, March 1.—(AP)—The Russians have crossed the Inha river defense line, east of Stettin in their offensive toward the Baltic, the German high command said today. Moscow dispatches said a large section of eastern Pomerania appeared to have been virtually cut off. Colonel General A. K. Sokolsky's artillery has the Danzig-Stettin coastal railway under fire in several sectors and there is no traffic moving from east to west, said a Moscow dispatch. The German command said Marshal Gregory Zhukov's first White Russian army forced the crossing of the Inha river. Further east, the Germans said, Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's second White Russian army forced the Germans into another retreat south of Bublitz, 22 miles from the coastal railway where capture the Russians announced last night. The Moscow dispatch said Kolberg, Roeslin and Schlawe, a string of cities lined 25 miles apart from southwest to northeast on the Stettin-Danzig railway, appeared to have been cut off from one another by artillery fire brought within range of Rokossovsky's armored and motorized sweep. Tanks and motor infantry were receiving cavalry support in the northward surge toward the Baltic. Large formations of Red air force Storm-walks threw battered German armics and volkssturm units into confusion. On the Berlin front, Moscow dispatches said there were indications that the Russians had finally begun large-scale operations across the Neisse river in the thick defense zone between that river and the Spree. This is the "east wall" which the Germans have prepared as Berlin's southeastern defense.

### Good Start Made Toward World Peace

Renews Allied Plan For Unconditional Surrender Of Enemy

Washington, March 1.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told Congress and the nation today that America will have to take the responsibility for world collaboration "or we shall have to bear the responsibility for another world conflict." Mr. Roosevelt said he returns home from his long journeys "with a firm belief that we have made a good start on the road to a world peace." Sitting in the well of the House chamber at a joint session of the two branches of Congress, the President said, in a personal report on the Crimea conferences, that the Allies will not desert for one moment "until unconditional surrender" is won. "The German people, as well as the German soldiers," he asserted, "must realize that the sooner they give up a surrender, by groups or as individuals, the sooner their present agonies will be over. They must realize that only with complete surrender can they begin to reestablish themselves as people whom the world might accept as decent neighbors." Unconditional surrender of Japan is as essential as the defeat of Germany, "at our places for world peace are to succeed," he declared, adding that Japanese militarism must be wiped out as thoroughly as German militarism. The chief executive described the big three meeting at Yalta as a successful effort to find a common ground for peace. "It spells the end of the system of unilateral action and exclusive alliances, in spheres of influence and balances of power, and all other expedients which have been tried for centuries—and have failed," he said. "We propose to substitute for all of these a universal organization in which all peace-loving nations will finally have a chance to join." The President reminded the senators that they will soon have an opportunity to make a great decision, "which will determine the state of the United States—and the world—for generations to come."

Mr. Roosevelt asserted that the Senate and House both would be represented at the San Francisco United Nations conference beginning April 25, with both major parties having equal representation. Discussing the big three agreement for united action in the political and economic fields in liberated areas, the President mentioned the specific agreement regarding Poland's future boundaries as an outstanding example of such joint action. The decision to partition Poland he described as a compromise under which the Poles will receive compensation in territory in the north and west in exchange for what they lose east of the Curzon line. The limits of the western boundary, he said, will be permanently fixed in the final peace conference. The President emphasized the unity of the major Allies and said they are determined to continue to be united, so that the "ideal of lasting world peace will become a reality."

The President said the big three had agreed on voting procedure in the proposed world security council. He pointed out that France has been invited to accept a zone of control in Germany, to join as a sponsor of the United Nations conference, that she will have a permanent member on the international security council with the other four major powers, and will be associated in the joint responsibility over liberated areas. He said there were two main purposes at the conference, the first to defeat Germany with the greatest possible speed, and the smallest possible loss of Allied lives, and the second to continue to build for lasting peace.

Shipyard Strike Ends.—Pascagoula, Miss., March 1.—(AP)—E. L. Manell, president of the Pascagoula Metal Trades Council (AFL) announced tonight that the 10,000 workers at the Ingalls Shipbuilding plant here, who went on strike Saturday, would return to their jobs tomorrow morning.

**WEATHER**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Fair and moderately cool today and tonight, followed by partly cloudy and slightly warmer Friday.

### NOTE OF APOLOGY DURING U.S. DRIVE IN REICH



A COUPLE OF SMILING YANKS, Pfc. Thomas Snyder, New York City, and Pvt. Paul Mattox, Washington, D. C., members of the 29th Infantry Division of the Ninth Army, display a huge banner that humorously explains the power and effect of the present Allied offensive in Germany. Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International)

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