

TOTAL VICTORY TOTAL EFFORT

President Tells World Objectives Of The United States

Warning that sacrifice and inconvenience lie ahead for all, President Roosevelt Saturday night made a "total victory" over the dictators the objective of an American "total effort," unflinchingly sustained, to place the implements of warfare in the hands of nations resisting aggression.

"You will feel the impact of this gigantic effort in your daily lives," he said in an address before the White House Correspondents association in Washington.

"You will feel it in a way that will cause you many inconveniences."

No Profiteering

The nation must be prepared for lower profits and longer hours of labor, he said. The arms program must not be obstructed by "unnecessary strikes." The idea of "normalcy" and "business as usual" must be abandoned. There must be "no war profiteering."

And, he hailed the passage of the lease-lend bill by congress as a decision ending "any attempts at appeasement in our land; the end of urging us to get along with the dictators; the end of compromise with tyranny and the forces of oppression."

The address was one of the president's most vigorous utterances, a speech bristling with determination to eliminate nazism as a world force, and dedicating the material and industrial resources of the country anew to that purpose.

World-Wide Audience

From the ballroom of the Willard hotel, his words went out, not only to the people of this country by way of all the big networks, but by short wave in 14 languages, including those of all the German-occupied nations.

As the president spoke, he stood between two flags—the American flag and the blue flag that symbolized the highest office in the land. He was frequently interrupted by applause, and particularly when he said that arms production should not be obstructed by "unnecessary strikes" or "by short-sighted management."

Here Today Gone Tomorrow

HARTFORD, CONN. No single catastrophe in the United States last year approached the daily average of almost 100 lives lost in automobile accidents, according to a new booklet entitled "Here Today—" just issued by the Travelers Insurance company. The booklet is the eleventh in a series issued annually and presents a comprehensive analysis of the facts about accidents in which 35,000 persons were killed and more than 1,300,000 others were injured in 1940.

Automobile accidents on an average day last year took twice the number of lives lost in the Kenil, N. J., powder blast, three times the toll of the Georgia-South Carolina hurricane, and four times that of the Little Falls train wreck or the Lovettsville airplane crash, the report says. The number injured in traffic on an average day exceeded the total casualties of the six major disasters of 1940 combined.

"If fatalities make news," the booklet points out, "then the nation's traffic death toll is the banner headline story 365 days of every year."

Nantahala National Forest

Did You Know That



Friday, March 21, is Arbor Day in the State of North Carolina. The superintendent of public instruction each year issues a program for its observance by the school children of the State in order that they may be taught to appreciate the true value of trees and forests to their state.

Arbor Day originated and was first observed in Nebraska in 1872. The plan was conceived and the name "Arbor Day" proposed by J. Sterling Morton, then a member of the State Board of Agriculture, and later United States Secretary of Agriculture.

Arbor Day was first observed in North Carolina in 1893. The present law was enacted in 1917. The United States Forest Service is probably the largest single agency in the State of North Carolina active primarily in the propagation of trees. With its 800,000 acres of timberland comprising the Nantahala, Pisgah, Ucharie and Croatan National Forests, it is actively engaged in growing trees on a mammoth scale.

Truth crushed to earth will rise again and the crushing and the rising constitute continuous performance.

Great-Grandmother at 48



A great-grandmother at the age of 48, Laura Bowen (center) proudly holds her great-grandson, three-weeks-old Gerald Horton. With Mrs. Bowen is her daughter, Lucy Horton, 32, and Mrs. Horton's son, Luther, 17, father of Gerald. The group are all from St. Louis, Mo.

This Week In Defense

Congress passed and the President signed the Lease-Lend Act. The President sent a request to Congress for \$7,000,000,000 to finance the Lease-Lend program.

The Budget Bureau recommended that the President be permitted to transfer up to 20 per cent of the funds for any specific item to any other category, so long as transfers did not increase any category by more than 30 per cent.

In addition to empowering the President to make available to other governments defense material and equipment, the Lease-Lend Act also provides that the powers granted, unless revoked earlier by concurrent Congressional resolution, shall end June 30, 1934; that the President report to Congress at least every 90 days on the operations under the Act; and that repayment to the United States by other governments may be made in any way the President deems satisfactory.

Naval Expansion

Congress passed the fourth supplemental national defense appropriation act providing \$1,533,500,000, of which \$33,000,000 will go for a naval base in Puerto Rico and \$4,700,000 for harbor improvements at Guam.

The President asked Congress for an additional emergency naval appropriation of \$300,000,000, of which \$133,000,000 would be used for acquisition of guns and ammunition and \$63,000,000 for 12 more fleet auxiliary cargo ships.

Defense Plant Expansion

The War Department dedicated the \$44,100,000 smokeless powder plant at Radford, Va., which is one of a chain of 40 munitions factories.

The Government awarded \$44,400,000 for expansion or construction of other defense plants, and OPM Director Knudsen reported the British Government financed expansion of 61 plants, the United States, 302 plants.

Labor Supply

OPM Director General Knudsen reported that between May, 1940, and January, 1941, 1,445,000 additional persons were working in nonagricultural industries. To find several million additional workers needed for the balance of this year, OPM asked defense industries to call on Government employment agencies.

Federal Security Administrator McNutt announced an intensive one-month drive to register the Nation's potential defense workers at State employment offices, beginning March 15. An appeal is being issued to every unemployed worker in the country, and to those persons with urgently needed skills which are not being used in their present jobs, Mr. McNutt said.

Defense Housing

The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill authorizing a \$150,000,000 expansion in the defense housing program, in addition to the \$150,000,000 authorized and appropriated in the last session of the 76th Congress.

The Army

President Roosevelt called for the observance of Army Day on April 7, and the War Department estimated the present strength of the Army at 1,003,000 officers and men.

Aviation

The OPM announced that during February 972 airplanes were delivered by manufacturers to the Army and Navy, British and other governments and commercial airlines, as compared with 1,036 in January and 799 in December. The lower total resulted from fewer days in the month.

OPM Director Knudsen said that during 1940 domestic airlines were at their highest efficiency and said the airlines would continue to receive motors, propellers and other replacement materials.

WPA And Defense

WPA inaugurated a 48-hour week on defense construction projects—mainly airports, access roads and more than 3900 buildings at Army and Navy posts. The change affects approximately 200,000 workers, causing increases from 20 to 60 per cent in the average work week.

Defense Labor Strikes

The Labor Department reported strikes and labor disputes in January numbered 220, an increase of 60 over December, 1940. There were 65,000 workers involved in the strikes compared with 40,000 the previous month, the Bureau said. The OPM Labor Division announced settlement during the week of 13 strikes or threatened strikes in defense industries.

Health, Welfare, Morale

The Red Cross advised the Army it would purchase up to \$1,000,000 worth of equipment for Army and Navy recreational camps and the WPA announced it will extend its Library Service in the defense centers. The War Department announced creation of a new Mobile Branch of the Army ranking equally with other branches. The Public Health Service established a special training school for physicians, engineers, nurses and laboratory technicians at the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Md.

FEATS OF POWER



ESSEX PUTS MUSCLE IN YOUR MOTOR

Cowee

The Snow Hill Methodist church is beginning a series of prayer services Friday, March 21. They will start at 7:30 p. m.

The Sunday school convention will be held Sunday, March 23, at the Rose Creek church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith and daughter of Cullowhee spent the week-end among relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry West, of Candler, visited relatives Sunday. Ralph Shelton, who is employed in Asheville, spent Sunday with his

family.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Leatherman celebrated their 25th anniversary March 12.

A shower was given to Mr. and Mrs. Judd Duvall at the home of Fred Lowe Wednesday, March 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hurst was given a shower at the home of D. T. Allen last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peek announce the birth of a son March 17, at their home at West's Mill.

We are glad to say Mr. Paul Potts and Luther Raby who have been sick, are improving.

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