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United States Declares War On Axis Partners

Washington, Dec. 11.—The United States swiftly replied to Axis declaration of war against this country Thursday, with Congress acting within minutes after President Roosevelt's urgent warning that "delay invites great danger."

The Senate voted war against Nazi Germany and Italy, Thursday, responding within minutes to President Roosevelt's urgent warning that "delay invites great danger." The House followed swiftly with its vote.

The Senate vote was 88 to 0. Immediately a vote was started on a similar resolution declaring war against Japan's other Axis partner, Italy.

The Senators lined up unanimously again—90 to 0 for war against Mussolini's government. Simultaneously the House voted war against Germany and proceeded to take similar action against Italy.

Senate galleries were only partly filled during the momentous action. Lord Halifax, the British ambassador, and Lady Halifax sat in the diplomatic galleries with other representatives of the diplomatic corps.

At the other end of the Capitol, jammed galleries and a crowded floor saw the Representatives follow the lead of their Senatorial colleagues.

The Rev. James Shera Montgomery, the House chaplain, opened the session with an appeal for divine aid for the nation.

In a brief, six-paragraph message to Congress, which followed declarations of war on this country by the Axis partners, Mr. Roosevelt asserted that "the forces endeavoring to enslave the entire world now are moving toward this Hemisphere."

Never before, he said, has there been "a greater challenge to life, liberty and civilization."

Declaring that delay invites greater danger, Mr. Roosevelt added that "rapid and united effort by all of the peoples of the world who are determined to remain free will insure a world victory of the forces of Justice and righteousness over the forces of savagery and barbarism."

There was no definite indication whether it was intended as such, but this sentence appeared to bear the implications of an appeal to our Latin American neighbors to join in the victory effort.

The Chief Executive asserted that Germany's declaration of war was in pursuit of "its course of world conquest."

Not until the next to the last sentence of his message did he also mention that Italy, too, had declared war against the United States."

The text of the war message:

"On the morning of December 11, the government of Germany, pursuing its course of world conquest, declared war against the United States.

"The long-known and long-expected has thus taken place. The forces endeavoring to enslave the entire world now are moving toward this Hemisphere.

"Never before has there been a greater challenge to life, liberty and civilization.

"Delay invites greater danger. Rapid and united effort by all of the peoples of the world who are determined to remain free will insure a world victory of the forces of justice and righteousness over the forces of savagery and of barbarism.

"Italy also has declared war against the United States.

"I therefore request the Congress to recognize a state of war between the United States and Germany, and between the United States and Italy."

"WE WILL WIN AFTER LONG HARD CONFLICT" SAYS ROOSEVELT

Washiington, Dec. 9. — President Roosevelt has told the nation that it faces war which will be long and hard, against crafty and unscrupulous enemies. In a radio talk to his countrymen, Mr. Roosevelt declared that the conflict already has brought a "serious set-back" to America in the surprise Japanese attack on Hawaii. He said that "so far, the news has all been to the bad," but that he doesn't know himself what the full damage is.

He declared, also, that the people must be prepared to accept news that the Pacific outposts of Guam, Wake and Midway Islands have been lost to the Japanese. He said that Germany and Italy — regardless of any lack of a formal declaration—already consider themselves at war with the United States. But that was the worst of what the President told the American people.

He said this—and he said it with sincerety and confidence:

"We are going to win the war, and we are going to win the peace that follows."

Mr. Roosevelt declared: "The United States can accept no result save victory, final and complete.

"Not only must the shame of Japanese treachery be wiped out, but the sources of international brutality, wherever they exists, must be absolutely and finally broken."

Said Mr. Roosevelt: "I do not think that any American has any doubt of our ability to administer proper punishment to the perportrators of these crimes."

The President warned Latin-American nations that they, too, are considered by Rome, Berlin and Tokyo as among the axis enemies. He said that American coasts may be attacked with the same crafty surprise as were the nation's outposts.

American workers were told by the President that the war means a seven-day week for many of them. He said, too, that America's use of metals for non-defense purposes must be cut in half, but he declared that there will be enough food for the nation.

Mr. Roosevelt said:

"There is enough food for all of us, and enough to send to those who are fighting on the same side with us."

He declared that it will not be a sacrifice for Americans to go all out to win this war—rather it will be a privilege. And he said that it will be a privilege, also for the farmer, the storekeeper, the trainman, or the doctor, to pay more taxes, to buy more bonds, to forego extra profits, to work longer and harder.

As for the actual fighting up to now—

The President said that "many American soldiers and sailors have been killed by enemy action."

American warships—he reported—have been sunk, and American airplanes have been destroyed.

He said that "our forces in the Philippines, which include the brave people of that commonwealth, are taking punishment."

The President said reports from Guam, Wake and Midway Islands still are confused, but that we must be prepared for possible news of their capture. Moreover, he reported that America's casualty lists for the first three days of the war undoubtedly will be large.

Said Mr. Roosevelt: "I deeply feel the anxiety of all families of the men in our armed forces and the relatives of people in cities which have been bombed.

"I can only give them my solemn promise that they will get news just as quickly as possible."

The President said that all information which can be given out without giving secrets away to the enemy, will be disclosed.

However, Mr. Roosevelt warned the people against believing rumors. And he ridiculed Japan's claim that she now has gained Pacific naval supremacy, as just an old trick.

Singing Class At Methodist Church Sunday, Dec. 21

The Singing Class of the Methodist Orphanage will present a program under the direction of Rev. Rosser, at the Methodist Church, Sunday evening, December 21, at eleven o'clock, at which time the congregation is expected to raise its contribution for the orphanage for 1942.

The Christmas message of the Church will be delivered by the pastor on a Sunday morning, December 28, at the regular eleven o'clock hour.

THANK YOU

RAID ALARM

Blackout ..... No. 22
All Clear ..... No. 4

Farmville Sees Necessity For Organized Defense

Mayor George W. Davis, the Board of Commissioners and the heads of the municipal departments met together Thursday afternoon to make specific plans for acquainting the citizenship with the necessity of meeting this present emergency with an adequate and prepared force for local civilian defense.

Mayor Davis was authorized to appoint for immediate organization purposes seven committees for the following services:

1.—Fire Fighting.
2.—Police.
3.—Medical.
4.—Public Works.
5.—Utilities.
6.—Maintenance and Vital.
7.—Public Relations and Education.

The seven committees will organize the entire citizenship into these various branches of service so that Farmville will be prepared for an emergency and everyone will know just what to do and have his specific duty laid out in case of necessity.

The town has decided at this time to keep a 24-hour watch on the power plant and plans were made in this connection.

Superintendent W. A. McAdams announced that No. 22 would be the Raid Alarm sounded as a signal for a blackout and No. 4 for all clear.

List of Christmas Opportunities Here

The following list of Christmas opportunities has been released by the Town Authorities, who with the assistance of Miss Tabitha DeVisconti, is striving to bring some relief and happiness to families who are in dire need of clothing, shoes, underwear, sweaters, etc., food fuel, and bed clothes, with toys and fruits appreciated as a matter of course.

No. 1—Man, wife and daughter.
No. 2—Mother, three children, boy 4 years, girls 2 and 1 year.
No. 3—Widow.
No. 4—Girl.
No. 5—Man and four children, boys, 7, 2, 5, girl 4 years.
No. 6—Man, wife, 6 children, girls 12, 11, 8, 5, boys 7, 2 years.
No. 7—Man, wife, 3 children, boy 8, girls 6, 5 years.
No. 8—Widow and 3 children.
No. 9—Man, wife, grown daughter.
No. 10—Man and wife.
No. 11—Man, wife, 5 children.

More Than 2,000 Aliens Detained By Government

Washington, Dec. 10.—The government has seized 2,303 enemy aliens since Sunday, apparently completing its initial program for such arrests.

Attorney General Biddle, announcing the total today at a press conference, said that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had apprehended all those listed for arrest in this country within two hours after receiving its orders. In Hawaii the job was done within three hours.

Those held include 1,291 Japanese, 865 Germans and 147 Italians.

They are in the custody of the immigration service pending a review of evidence concerning them by civilian boards. Aliens ordered detained for the duration of the war will be turned over to the Army, wile immigration officials will have charge of those paroled.

The seizures, brought to around 4,300 the number of aliens held in connection with war developments. About 900 Italians are at Fort Missoula, Mont., 300 Germans at Fort Lincoln, N. D., more than 400 Germans at Fort Stanton, N. M., and around 400 Germans and Italians are held under sub-chapter charges or have been convicted as a result of damage done to Axis ships in United States ports.

During the World War this country interned 2,300 enemy aliens, of whom about 4,000 were paroled. Those detained for the duration included 1,704 civilians and 5,000 navy seamen, mostly officers of merchant marine.

Takes Action For Full Use Of Man Power

Acts To Retain Fighting Forces; Reclassification of Selectees and Extention of Age Limits Also Under Consideration

Washington, Dec. 10.—The United States moved today to make the fullest use of its great reservoir of man power.

Chairman May (D.-Ky.) of the House Military Committee called for swift passage of legislation which would permit retention of all fighting forces for the duration, and allow selectees to be dispatched to any point on the globe. A similar measure was ready for Senate action.

Congress sent the President only yesterday a bill freezing naval enlistments for six months beyond the end of the war.

Brig. General Lewis B. Hershey, National Selective Service director said reclassification of selectees who had been given occupational deferment was under consideration, and that later the reclassification of men deferred because of dependents might be discussed.

Although General Hershey said there was a "strong possibility" that Congress would lower the draft age minimum from 21 to 18, Rep. May depreciated the likelihood of such a change.

"I don't think there will be any such step soon, maybe not at all," the Kentuckian said. "There is no sentiment for such a change in the committee. Of course, in a long war anything is possible."

He said that if any change in the present registration limit of 21 through 35 became necessary, he thought it more likely that the maximum might be raised to some extent.

General Hershey spoke of the possibility of calling up men of 28 or over, who under the revised Selective Service act were deferred from call, or released if already inducted.

Attend Meeting State Fire Chiefs This Week

R. A. Joyner, President of the State Firemens Association, Haywood Smith, Farmville Fire Chief and L. T. Lucas, Chief of Police, attended a conference which was held at the State Capital in Raleigh Wednesday for fire and police chiefs of the State, and called by Sherwood Brockwell, State Coordinator Fire Departments Mobilization, for the purpose of giving vital initial instructions in civilian defense.

Firemen listened three hours to a lecture on ways of combatting incendiary bombs, and law enforcement officers spent the morning perfecting plans against possible sabotage of centers vital to national defense.

Addressing both groups in rapid succession, Governor Broughton revealed that he planned to invoke emergency authority to confer police power upon the Highway Patrol. Such a move probably will result in a "blackout" of the now conspicuous, aluminum - colored Highway Patrol cars.

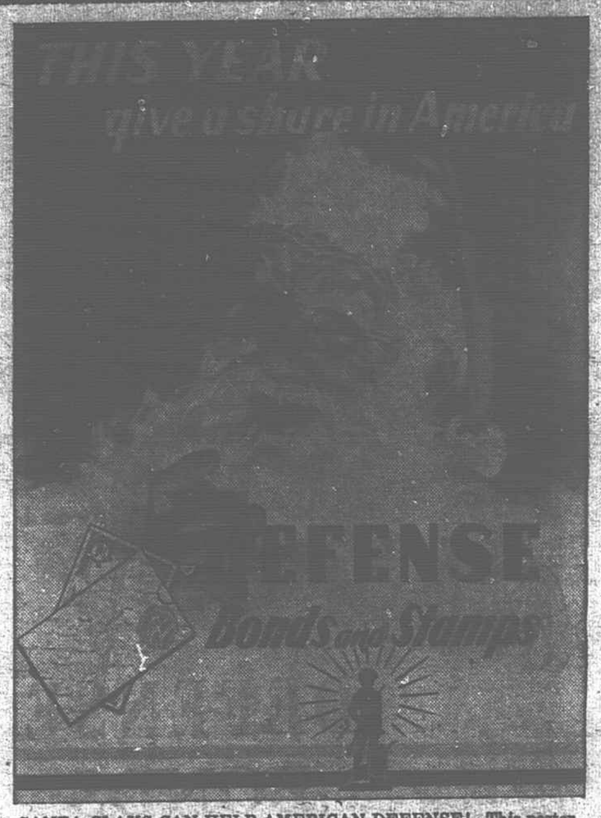
Armed with blackboard, charts and a dummy bomb, State Fire Marshall Sherwood Brockwell spent three hours acquainting fire chiefs with various types of bombs and prescribing effective ways of combatting the fires that follow incendiary bombing raids.

WANTED

Sewing Machines For Red Cross Work. Call Mrs. W. M. Willis.

SELF-CLEANING

Research in paint and pigment technology has resulted in the development of improved house paints which clean themselves under the action of wind, rain, and sun.



SANTA CLAUS CAN HELP AMERICAN DEFENSE! This poster, drawn by J. W. and W. J. Wilkinson, a father and son artist team of Baltimore, reminds Americans that they can help the Defense Program this Christmas by giving Defense Bonds and Stamps in addition to the usual present. Nation-wide distribution of this poster has been made, especially in the windows of 500,000 retail stores where Defense Stamps—for as low as 10 cents—are now on sale.

SANTA WARMLY GREETED UPON ARRIVAL FROM FROZEN NORTH

Christmas Decorations Contest For Stores To Close 12th; For Homes 18th; Judging To Take Place 22nd

Providing a gay setting for the annual visit of Santa Friday evening, and for the holiday season, which was formally opened here at that time, are thousands of yards of mountain laurel, trapped about telephone poles, festooned across streets of the business section and interspersed with hundreds of red, green, blue, yellow and orange lights.

Santa Claus arrived from the frozen North promptly at the hour set for this event, Friday evening, and was warmly greeted by hundreds of little folks, who brought their mothers and fathers along to share in the merriment.

The parade and Santa's visit provided an extra thrill for the children, making the opening of the season a joyous occasion indeed to the poorest child on the street as well as to those more fortunate.

Led by the marshals on horseback and two of the State's patrol cars, the parade was formed in Pine Street and brought down Main Street. After circling the block Santa was brought back to the main business section. The Boy Scouts with Marvin Horton as flag bearer received hearty applause. The horses and ponies were next in line and the High School Band did itself proud.

Santa Claus occupied the most conspicuous position waving and "shaking like a bowl of jelly" atop the fire truck. Accompanying him were workmen from Toyland, who assisted him in dispensing presents he had packed in for the children of Farmville.

J. W. Joyner, Mayor pro tem, and Frank Williams, president of the Chamber of Commerce, extended Santa an official welcome and the kiddies left no doubt in the merry old gentleman's mind as to their joy in having him to visit Farmville before his special trip on Christmas Eve.

The bicyclists and clowns were among the featured paraders, with the following firms cooperating with the sponsoring organization, the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, in the matter of floats and cars:

The Chamber of Commerce float was first, then came Rollins Cleaners & Dyers, Holmes Brothers, Paramount Theatre, Farmville Furniture Company, Turnage Company, Farmville Motor Co., Farmville Furniture House, Imperial, Farmville Literary Club, Rosebud Club, Women's Club, Farmville Garage and the latter group completed their window displays, had arranged to remain open from seven to nine o'clock, so that their stocks of gifts might be inspected by the large number of visitors, who were on the streets that evening. Most of the stores are remaining open at night now for the convenience of customers.

Prizes in the parade were given as follows: First prize, $5, for the most beautiful went to the Paramount Theatre; second prize, $2.50, for the most appropriate, Rollins Cleaners and Dyers. Honorable mention, The Turnage Company, Chamber of Commerce.

The Christmas decorations contest will close to entrants for stores on December 12, and to entrants for homes and grounds on the 18th, according to Mrs. E. F. Gaynor, president of the Garden Club, which organization has taken over the direction of this part of the holiday observance. Entrants are urged to telephone Mrs. Gaynor as early as possible regarding this, and those in charge are urging that everyone cooperate in the effort being made to have Christmas as usual in 1941.

The contest judges will make their rounds Monday evening, December 22, and decide on winners for the decorations as specified by the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association and published in last week's issue of The Enterprise.

RED CROSS WAR FUND

Greenville, Dec. 10.—A telegram has just been received from Norman H. Davis, National chairman of the American Red Cross, by J. Nat Harrison, chairman of the Pitt County chapter. The message reads as follows:

"Again the American Red Cross is called upon to serve our nation in war. Both nationally and locally we face vast and definite responsibilities for the service to our armed forces and for relief to distressed civilians. To provide esential funds Red Cross today is launching a campaign for war fund of minimum of fifty million dollars. The President will issue on Friday a proclamation supporting this appeal. Your chapter quota is ten thousand dollars. ($10,000). Chapters may retain fifteen per cent of their collections for local war relief expenditures. Chapters should at once devote full efforts to raising their quotas in shortest possible time. Please report action taken. We must not fail in this crisis.

(Signed) Norman H. Davis."

Mr. Harrison announced last night that plans for securing these funds will be made public at an early date.

Farmville is a beautiful place in the Christmas season adequate proof of this statement is the fact that people from other communities come here to see the Christmas decorations.

Red Cross To Open Sewing Room Tuesday

The Farmville Red Cross Council for National Defense held a meeting at the home of Mrs. W. M. Willis, Monday evening at eight o'clock, when plans were made to open a Red Cross sewing room in the American Legion Hall.

Operation of the sewing room will begin on Tuesday, December 16, at ten o'clock in the morning and be continued to ten in the evening. On Wednesday, 17, the sewing room will be open from ten in the morning to four in the afternoon.

All workers are requested to take scissors, needeles and thread with them to the sewing room. Those who will knit or crochet will take their needles and report to Mrs. J. W. Joyner.

All who will sew, knit or crochet are requested to come on the dates given and during the hours specified. Please do not wait to be called. The need is urgent and your services are needed now.

The Council is requesting the loan of sewing machines at this time. The following women have rallied to the call for machines; Mrs. R. A. Joyner, Mrs. G. M. Holden, Mrs. R. D. Rouse and Mrs. Lath Morris.

Grace S. Carraway,
Council Reporter.

There are hard-headed business men who will tell you that religion is the most important factor in life and then contribute little or nothing to the church life of their community.

The U. S. Navy Is Calling Volenteers Between 17 to 49

Raleigh, Dec. 11.—"The United States is at war and the need for men in America's fighting Navy is urgent," today asserted Lt-Comdr. McFarland W. Wood, officer in charge of Navy recruiting in the Carolinas.

"Carolinas have always been foremost in defending this country in time of war and I am sure the people of these two Southern States will not fail to respond now," he declared.

"During all the wars in America's histozy, the men in North Carolina and South Carolina have joined the colors to fight off attackers, and a quick, large muster of recruits is expected from the Carolinas to help defend the nation in this time of crisis.

"The Navy is relaxing its physical standards to enlist men between 17 and 49 years of age in the regular Navy or Naval Reserve. Men with physical defects will be accepted if the defects can be corrected after entrance into service. Applicants who have been previous physical rejections or who think they might be rejected are asked to contact their nearest recruiting station.

"All active men between the ages of 17 and 49 may now take a definite step toward defending America by applying at Navy recruiting stations in North Carolina at Raleigh, Charlotte, Greensboro, Salisbury, Asheville, New Bern, Wilmington, or in South Carolina at Columbia, Spartanburg, Greenville, Florence, Charleston.

The Raleigh recruiting station and the 41 representatives over these and South Carolina have gone on the recruiting job, with all members being prepared to take care of the heavy call.

MEXICAN AID

Mexico City, Dec. 10.—All the Mexican troops, airplanes and gunboats "that could be spared" were moving west tonight and it was revealed that General Lazaro Cardenas, former president of the republic, had been named commander of Mexico's entire armed forces along the Pacific, from the American border to Guatemala.

Official sources said President Manuel Avila Comacho had designated Cardenas to coordinate the nation's emergency defense plans, in cooperation with the United States, against a possible invasion threat by Japan.

P.-T. A. MEETING IS CHANGED TO MONDAY

The Parent-Teacher Association will meet Monday, December 15, at 7:30 o'clock in Perkins Hall. Mrs. Mack Carraway, president of the Association, states that the meeting has been changed that the program may include Christmas music by the Junior and Senior choirs of the Farmville High School under the direction of Louis S. Hallock, of Greenville.

The price of liberty will be paid with Dollars and Dimes, Pennies and Nickels, with all members being prepared to take care of the heavy call.