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HEAVY JAPANESE ATTACKS REPULSED

77th CONGRESS RECONVENES TODAY

Roosevelt Will Deliver Annual Message Tuesday

President Appears In Person Tuesday For Annual Message To 77th Congress

Washington, Jan. 5.—(UP)—President Roosevelt will deliver his annual message to the 77th congress in person at 12:30 p. m. tomorrow.

This was announced by senate democratic leader Alben Barkley after a White House conference today.

The president will deliver his message to a joint session in the case chamber tomorrow. It is expected to be a fighting message, reading the highlights of the strategy and supply arrangements worked out in his conference with time minister Winston Churchill. Barkley said also that the senate could take up the price control bill Wednesday, and that both houses would speed consideration of daylight saving time legislation through their respective committees.

House Democratic leader John C. McCormack said the present plan of daylight saving would give the president authority to advance or retard the clock two hours at his discretion.

It was also announced the president's annual budget message will go to congress on Wednesday.

Mr. Roosevelt has indicated that he would ask for the largest budget history to prosecute the war against the Axis. He is contemplating expenditure of \$50,000,000, or this year on the war effort alone.

There has been no indication that, if any, recommendation he will make concerning taxes. It is learned from a reliable source at the budget bureau has been giving him to put in his message recommendation for some form of direct consumption tax, probably manufacturers' tax. However, a treasury was said to be opposing such a plan, preferring instead let congress work out a tax program without White House recommendations.

The budget recommendations will follow in many respects the outline for cutting non-defense items as made in the report by the committee headed by Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D., Va. Non-defense agencies will be cut to the bone, although a skeleton of most of them will be preserved for enlargement later if needed. These, it is understood, include the national youth administration and the civilian conservation corps. The works projects administration, it is said, will be cut to about \$50,000,000 with a provision that unused funds are to be turned over to the treasury if a need for an agency disappears.

No immediate house schedule is being worked out, as arrangements await the return of speaker Sam Rayburn from Texas. The House Interstate Commerce committee, however, plans to speed action on a minor piece of wartime legislation—a bill authorizing the

Allied Commander



Gen. Archibald P. Wavell, British commander for India and Burma, has been named chief of the anti-Axis land, sea and air forces in the Far Pacific.

Military Age Men Register Feb. 16

Registration Date Is Set By Roosevelt

Washington, Jan. 5.—(UP)—President Roosevelt today set Feb. 16 as the date for registration of men between the ages of 20 and 44, inclusive.

Although recent changes in the selective service act permit registration of men from 18 through 64, the president called for the registration now of only those eligible for military service — men in the age brackets of 20 through 44. Men who had registered under the previous 21 to 35 need not register again.

Mr. Roosevelt by proclamation ordered the registration in the United States and territories of Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico on Monday, February 16, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m.

The proclamation ordered all unregistered men who were born on or after February 17, 1897, and on or before December 31, 1921, to present themselves for registration.

The registration will be conducted by duly designated registration officials of local selective service

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To Salvage Ton Of Waste Paper Here

Many tons of waste paper, hitherto lost through being destroyed by fire, are expected to be saved in Indiana for the national defense effort, following a suggestion by William Schumacher, custodian of the Adams county court house.

Mr. Schumacher suggested that used ballots from the past election be turned over to the salvage committee of the civilian defense council. These previously have been destroyed by fire.

However, when the matter was called to the attention of state officials over the weekend, George Beamer, attorney-general, stated that upon written request of prosecuting attorneys, he would rule that the ballots may be "destroyed" as the law requires, in this manner, instead of by fire as in the past.

Mr. Schumacher estimates that approximately a ton of this paper will be available in this county from the 1940 election, and on this basis, it is expected that more than 100 tons may be salvaged throughout the state.

ons Of Legion To Meet Tonight

The Sons of the American Legion will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Legion home. The meeting is of special importance to all members are urged to attend.

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WEATHER

Fair and continued cold this afternoon and tonight.

Five Billions In War Orders To Auto Plants

Army And Navy Offer Huge Arms Order To Auto Industries

Washington, Jan. 5.—(UP)—The automobile industry today receives army and navy orders of \$5,000,000,000 worth of new armament orders, the first step in a huge plan to convert that industry to war production.

The industry already has been ordered to cease all civilian production by Feb. 1, making acceptance of the army-navy offer a virtual certainty. The plan will boost the industry's stake in the war production drive to \$9,000,000,000.

The automobile manufacturers association gave an advance pledge of wholehearted cooperation "in letter and spirit" with whatever demands made by the government.

The announcement of the new orders for the industry was made by undersecretary of war Robert P. Patterson and undersecretary of navy James E. Forrestal a few hours before labor and management officials of the auto industry met here today to plan for conversion of their production lines for the output of war weapons. The \$5,000,000,000 offer will be presented at that conference.

The conference will be under the direction of OPM co-directors William S. Knudsen and Sidney Hillman. Officials of the army, navy, maritime commission, office of price administration and various OPM divisions, including civilian supply, priorities and contract distribution, will aid in formulation of the program.

The joint army-navy announcement said the military items involved in the projected \$5,000,000,000.

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Mercury Dips To New Low Today

Severe Cold Wave Strikes In City

All mercury marks for the season were blasted into oblivion last night as the thermometer made a descent unparalleled this winter.

Starting in the 20's at noon Sunday, the mercury slipped fast, bringing about the first sub-zero temperatures of the season and the new year.

The lowest mark was reported at 2 below zero about 6 o'clock this morning. The mercury then started a gradual rise, moving up to the zero mark.

At 8 a. m. the Daily Democrat thermometer registered exactly 0.

Although weathermen had been predicting the arrival of a cold wave for several days, the citizens of this city and community were hardly prepared for the sub-zero weather which struck so suddenly.

Early this morning, activity on the city streets was at a minimum and here and there a "stalled" car was in evidence as the extreme cold thwarted the best efforts of the car's owner to get it started.

Firing the furnace occupied most of the time for a number of residents this morning as they sought to keep out the chilly blasts of winter.

Windows in stores and homes here and there were frosted over—a sure sign of unusually cold

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Boy Scouts To Aid Salvage Of Paper

Decatur Boy Scouts Pledge Full Support

The executive committee of the Decatur Boy Scouts, meeting with L. E. Archbold, chairman of the county committee for salvage of waste material, pledged the wholehearted support of the Boy Scout organization for a sustained drive to gather waste paper.

The entire city of Decatur will be set up in blocks, with all Boy Scouts in the city to make a sustained campaign to gather all waste paper, both from business houses and residences.

As an aid in training the Scouts in the program, the organizations which sponsor Scout troops, namely the Rotary and Lions clubs, and the American Legion, will be asked to provide approximately 70 men for initial training.

Scout leaders who have pledged this full aid are as follows:

County chairman, Lloyd Cowser; county commissioner, Sylvester

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Mrs. Helen Ivetic Reported Unimproved

The condition of Mrs. Helen Ivetic, well known Decatur lady, was reported as unimproved today at the Adams county memorial hospital where she was taken Saturday. Mrs. Ivetic suffered a stroke while visiting at the Raymond C. Keller home Saturday and was removed to the hospital.

Evacuated from War Zone



Mrs. Therese Hall arrives at San Francisco from the Pacific war zone, bringing her twins, Priscilla Brenda and James Lennard, whose sole interest at the moment is in their dinner.

Township Trustees Endorse Campaign

Back Campaign For Salvaging Material

The township trustees, meeting in the offices of Lyman L. Hann, county school superintendent, Saturday afternoon unanimously endorsed the waste material salvaging campaign, recently inaugurated by the Adams county civilian defense council.

L. E. Archbold, county agricultural agent and chairman of the salvaging committee of the council, appeared before the trustees in seeking their cooperation.

A speaking tour is being arranged by Mr. Hann, who, with the respective township trustees, will visit all rural schools of the county in the interest of the campaign.

School students will be reminded of the "patriotic duty" of economizing in the use of paper towels and other paper materials in the schools. They will also be asked to collect waste paper, which will be picked up at the individual schools by county trucks as a part of the campaign.

In the addresses, the students will also be urged to purchase United States defense bonds and stamps. This matter, brought to their attention by Earl Caeton, county stamps and bond chairman, was also heartily endorsed by the trustees. The sale will be started at once.

A photo of the trustee group was

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Infantile Paralysis Members Meet Tuesday

The charter members of the national foundation for infantile paralysis will meet in the office of John L. DeVoss, Adams county chairman, Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. All charter members are asked to be present.

Defense Classes To Open This Evening

Classes for the second term of the defense engineering training program in Decatur, jointly sponsored by the Decatur Rotary club and Purdue university, will be opened in the Decatur junior-senior high school this evening at 7 o'clock.

W. Guy Brown, local representative for Purdue, stated this morning that four classes have been definitely assured for the second 12-week term. These classes are in metallurgy, mechanical drawing, elementary electrical engineering, and production engineering.

Mr. Brown also stated that there is a definite possibility of forming a class in the fundamentals of mathematics, which is a review course. Persons interested in this course are asked to be at the school tonight. Several persons who were enrolled in other courses during the first term, were forced to drop out because of insufficient mathematics, an essential basis for engineering work.

It was also stated that women are invited to enroll in these classes. One woman attended classes the first term.

There is no charge for these classes, with the single exception of text books, which are not mandatory. At the conclusion of the 12-week term, a certificate is issued by Purdue university, and this certificate is recognized by industries.

Hip Is Dislocated In Auto Accident

Edward Fox, 68, of near Berne, suffered a scalp laceration and dislocated right hip at 11 o'clock last night when he lost control of his car and it struck a utility pole on state road 118, five miles west of Berne. The injured man was brought to the Adams county memorial hospital.

Clarence Weber Is Slightly Improved

The condition of Clarence Weber of this city, was reported as slightly improved today by hospital attendants. He underwent a major operation at the institution Friday.

Tire Rationing Will Start In County Thursday

Board Meets Here Wednesday Evening To Launch Program

Tire rationing under the OPA regulations will begin in this county Thursday, following a meeting of all tire dealers in Adams county at the American Legion home, Wednesday evening, when blanks and instructions will be given out. Glenn Hill, chairman of the county board, announced today.

County civilian defense director Vincent J. Bormann, who, with members of the county tire rationing board, attended a state meeting in Indianapolis yesterday, called the meeting for 8 o'clock.

Chairman Hill announced that subjects of great importance would be discussed and acted upon at the meeting.

The appointment of tire inspection points in the county will be left up to dealers to select the places in Decatur, Monroe, Berne, Geneva, Preble, Pleasant Mills and other points which are deemed advisable, so that persons who are in the eligible list of those who may purchase new tires, can have their old tires inspected.

The combatting of car and tire thefts will be another interesting topic, great stress being made by Governor Schriener and Don L. Stiver, state police director, that each community should safeguard itself against thefts. To aid the car owner, registration of their tires with the serial numbers, a coupon is printed in today's paper by the Daily Democrat, asking the owner to fill it out and mail either to the sheriff or chief of police, so that a record can be maintained. In case of theft, the name and serial numbers of the tires can be broadcast.

Certificates for the purchase of tires and tubes were obtained by Mr. Hill at Indianapolis. The certificates begin with number 444001. These must be filed out by the prospective buyer after his tires are inspected.

For January, this county has an allotment of 19 tires and 16 tubes for passenger cars, light trucks and motorcycles; 35 tires and 32 tubes for heavy trucks and busses.

Besides Mr. Bormann and Mr. Hill, the other members of tire rationing board, who attended the meeting yesterday were, I. Bernstein, Earl B. Adams, this city; Ernest Stengel, Elmer Baumgartner, of Berne.

Adjourn Politics

Indianapolis, Jan. 5.—(UP)—Governor Schriener told Indiana's county civilian defense directors yesterday that "politics has been adjourned for this emergency" as

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Appointments Are Approved By Board

Commissioners Make Appointments Today

The county commissioners made several appointments today, effective with the new year.

Earl B. Colter was re-appointed a trustee of the Adams county memorial hospital, for a four year term. The other members of the board are J. D. Briggs, Geneva, Fred Kamholz, Berne, John Stults, Decatur.

Harley Ehsam, county engineer, was renamed county road supervisor. He will have supervision over the 730 miles of road in the county highway system.

The appointment of a county physician and a county health officer are yet to be made. Dr. Floyd Grandstaff is the health officer and Dr. James Burk is the county physician.

Bids for county infirmary supplies were awarded to the Stults grocery for groceries, \$117.31; to

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Japanese Suffer Serious Reverses In Island Battle

Reds Continue To Smash Nazi Advance Forces

Washington, Jan. 5.—(UP)—The war department said today that American and Philippine troops yesterday repulsed a heavy Japanese frontal attack, killing at least 700 invaders.

The Japanese, attacking the forces of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of the U. S. far eastern forces, suffered one of the "most serious reverses" since the war began, a communique said.

It said that our own losses were relatively small.

The Japanese bombed the fortified island of Corregidor in Manila bay for the fourth successive day, but our anti-aircraft batteries shot down four bombers, and hit four others.

The department said that 52 Japanese war planes participated in the latest attack on the fortress for more than three hours on Sunday, but that they caused only slight material damage and casualties.

This means that the ground batteries at Corregidor have now definitely shot down 15 Japanese bombers.

Turning to the big Japanese attack on American forces northwest of Manila, presumably in the Batan peninsula or nearby Pampanga province, the department said that the invaders had attempted to close a pincer on our forces, and destroy them by weight of greatly superior numbers.

"The tactics pursued by the Japanese in the invasion of Luzon contemplated crushing the greatly outnumbered defenders between two invading forces operating as pincers from the north and south," the communique said.

"The Japanese trap was closed but American and Philippine troops were not in the jaws. To this extent the Japanese strategy failed, necessitating yesterday's frontal attack, which likewise failed."

Although MacArthur's forces beat off the invaders and inflicted heavy losses, observers here did not regard it as a final decisive action, but they were greatly cheered by the results.

"It is estimated that at least 700 of the enemy were killed in this 'Our losses were relatively small, attack,' the communique said.

"This was one of the most serious reverses suffered by the Japanese invaders since the war began."

Mrs. Berling Dies Sunday Afternoon

Prominent Decatur Woman Dies Sunday

Mrs. Helena Berling, 83, widow of the late Gerhard Berling, and a prominent Decatur resident for the past 60 years, died at 1:05 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the St. Joseph hospital in Fort Wayne. Death was caused by complications after an illness of 90 days. She was taken to the hospital Friday.

She was born in Easton, Pa., July 17, 1858, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hartman. She was married to Gerhard Berling, who died in 1904. The family operated the H. Berling Produce company in this city for many years.

Mrs. Berling was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic church, the St. Mary's Sodality, and the Third Order of St. Francis. In her lifetime she donated many gifts to the parish.

Surviving are the following children: Sister M. Clea of Fon Du Lac, Wis.; William Berling of Indianapolis; Edward F. Berling and Mrs. Paul Briede, both of Decatur; Joseph, Misses May and Genevieve Berling, all at home; and nine grandchildren, including Father Alban, St. Minrod.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a. m. Wednesday at the St. Mary's Catholic church, Rev. J. J. Seimetz officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery. The body will be returned from the Gillig & Doan funeral home to the residence late this afternoon, and may be viewed after 7 p. m. until time of the services.

Fireman's Removal Ordered By Board

Ralph "Nig" Bentz was ordered removed and dismissed from the city fire department late this afternoon by the board of public works and safety of the city council. The action of the board followed charges of running a red light and reckless driving on November 1 to which Bentz entered a guilty plea and was fined.

Frank H. Vernor, Fort Wayne attorney, who represented Bentz at the hearing held in the mayor's office, notified the board after hearing its decision that an appeal will be taken to the Adams circuit court. The board also overruled Vernor's motion to dismiss the ouster proceedings against Bentz.

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Gasoline Check Is Received From State

A gasoline check totalling \$27,268.26 has been received from the state by Auditor Victor H. Eicher. It was announced today. The check is that of the first quarter.