

## Recurring Rumors Disgust Roosevelt

### Truth-Twisting Set Scored By President

Washington, Feb. 18. — (UP) — President Roosevelt wants Americans to know that their capital houses a big rumor factory aided in its production by a truth-twisting Cliveden set.

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Hardly before the echo of his voice died away, the faint murmur began in the cocktail bars and some fashionable salons:

"I hear that he . . ."

If Washington was the rumor capital of the nation before Pearl Harbor, it is the rumor capital of the world today. Representatives, official and otherwise, of virtually every nation at war are here.

"Inside information" or a reasonable facsimile is on many tongues, a great portion of it hopelessly distorted from the actual fact as it passes from person to person and some of it purposely twisted away

from the truth.

It is loose talk leading to unfactual rumors and disturbance of unity and the war effort that disturbs Mr. Roosevelt. He was told yesterday of reports that Secretary of Navy Frank Knox had not told the complete story of Pearl Harbor; that damage suffered in the Japanese raid was much worse than Knox said it was.

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He was told of reports of current arguments in Washington against new loans by this country to the Soviet Union; arguments based on the fear that large-scale lending might put the Soviet government in a too-powerful position after the war.

These arguments, he said, are about on a par with other arguments set up by what he called Washington's Cliveden set. The president declined to name the members of this set, telling correspondents they knew the names as

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