

BRITISH PRAISE 1941 MESSAGE; NAZIS STUDY IT

Administration Heads Back
President; Republican
Leaders Restrained.

By UNITED PRESS
Administration leaders today praised President Roosevelt's message to Congress yesterday; most Republicans were restrained in their comment; highest German quarters received a complete text today and were making a study of it, and London newspapers hailed the United States' stand on aid to all foes of aggression.

The reaction:
EUROPE
GREAT BRITAIN—Only newspaper reaction available. The London Daily Express, typical, said: "We know by experience in our struggle against Hitler aggression how well pledges of the United States are honored."

GERMANY—Newspapers ignored message; official quarters refused comment until the full text has been examined to determine the official attitude.

BUCHAREST—Diplomatic quarters said the address was so close to an open declaration of war that the United States should now be regarded as an active belligerent. (Rumania is a German-occupied country.)

HUNGARY—Informed quarters said the address brought the United States one step closer to war. (Hungary is a member of the German-Italian-Japanese alliance.)

JAPAN—Officials said the address was about "what we expected."

LATIN AMERICA
HAVANA—The Government was silent. There was no editorial comment in the newspapers. Typical headlines were: In Paris: "Frankly and clearly, Roosevelt defines the dangers the Americas face if totalitarianism wins; says all hemisphere republics face most serious dangers"; in Advance: "Roosevelt says secret agents already have begun the first phase of the invasion of this continent."

BUENOS AIRES—Argentines commented enthusiastically, but the Government maintained official attitude. There was no editorial comment in the newspapers.

RIO DE JANEIRO—There was no official comment.

PROMINENT CITIZENS
ALF M. LONDON—The whole tone of the President's message shows us further into under-writing a British victory. What else can the President mean when he says we cannot acquiesce in a peace except one acceptable to us. I heartily agree with the President in his demand for swift and driving efforts to speed production and to build up our national defense.

WENDELL L. WILKIE—Will comment soon in a nation-wide radio speech.

CONGRESS
SENATOR ALBEN BARKLEY (D. Ky.)—It expresses the overwhelming determination of the American people.

SENATOR CARTER GLASS (D. Va.)—It couldn't have been better.

SENATOR PAT HARRISON (D. Miss.)—It is the ring of real Americanism to it.

Would Limit Aid



Senator Frederick Van Nuys draws the line on aid to England.

NOTE SHARP CUT IN SHIP LOSSES

British Try New Devices for
Dealing With Sub-
Meat Is Scarce.

LONDON, Jan. 7 (U. P.).—A pronounced decrease in British shipping losses during the week which ended at midnight Dec. 30 was announced by the Admiralty today. It said that for the third successive week British and Allied losses had been below the weekly average for the entire war.

During the week ended Dec. 30, the Admiralty said, the British lost three ships totaling 18,208 tons by enemy action. Four Allied ships totaling 19,248 tons were lost, making the total loss for the week 37,456 tons.

Weekly losses have averaged 69,666 tons.

The British, Allied and neutral shipping losses by enemy action in 1940 totaled 3,519,408 tons, more than for any year of the World War except 1917. A total of 10,677 vessels were lost. The British lost 837 ships of 3,519,408 tons.

Coincident with the announcement, however, Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, said the meat supply situation in the British Isles was difficult and that little relief could be expected for a fortnight.

Last week Woolton explained that shipping, instead of carrying meat to the British Isles, was munitioning the British Army in North Africa.

During the week ended Dec. 30 the Germans claimed to have sunk 130,183 tons of shipping.

Authoritative naval circles said it was difficult to give precise reasons for rises and falls in shipping losses. They said that new devices for dealing with the submarine menace were being tried out at all times and that the same was true of attempts to meet the menace of German air attacks on shipping.

DELAYED FIRE CALL PLEASES FIREMEN

NEW HAVEN, Ind., Jan. 7 (U. P.).—Nominated today by the New Haven Fire Department, night shift for the year's mythical "consideration" prize was the Fred Robke family.

The Robkes' awoke in the middle of the night to find their home filled with smoke. Investigating, they failed to discover either fire or the source of the smoke, so they waited until morning to call the firemen.

The firemen found a choked flue causing the trouble. They cleaned it.

HOOSIERS FAVOR AID FOR BRITAIN, BUT OPPOSE WAR

Congressional Delegation
Cautious in Comment
On F. D. R. Speech.

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. — Hoosier Senators and Congressmen, like those from the other 47 states received President Roosevelt's message with great gravity and were cautious in their comments today.

All agreed on the need for speed in national defense, but they are in a quandary as to the point where all-out aid to Britain may make U. S. participation in war inevitable. And they are united against going to war unless the Western Hemisphere is attacked.

Pointing out that most of the ideas advanced by the President yesterday had been expounded in his recent broadcast from the White House, Senator Frederick Van Nuys (D. Ind.) declared that the whole program will need detailed study by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Senator Van Nuys is a member of that committee.

"Our committee is ready to consider whatever proposals for greater aid to England the President may offer," he said. "From the beginning I have favored helping Britain to the best of our ability, but drawing the line on anything which would make us a belligerent in the war."

Opposes Neutrality Repeal

"I am not at this time in favor of amending the Neutrality Act to change the cash and carry provision, or for repeal of the Johnson Act to provide loans and credit to England."

"I am definitely against sending American-made war goods into the war zone in American ships. I am equally definite in my views against a convoy from the American Navy guarding such shipments for that will be tantamount to entrance into another foreign war."

Senator Raymond E. Willis (R. Ind.), who was hearing a Presidential message for the first time as Senator, expressed deep concern over the import and the danger of war which faces the new Congress.

"While the message followed the ideas expressed in the President's recent broadcast, there were fewer controversial points raised, in my opinion," Senator Willis asserted.

"There seemed to be more truth in it than in some of his former messages."

All Support Defense

"There is a universal feeling in support of the best defense possible for the democratic process. But there will be a sharp division as to how far we may go in aiding England without weakening our own defenses or being dragged into the war."

Senator Willis pointed out that he took office only recently and already has received about 250 letters from Indiana and that they are 20 to 1 against aiding England to the point of entering the war.

Rep. Charles A. Halleck (D. Ind.), dean of the Indiana G. O. P. delegation in the House, made the point that never in recent years has the opposition party been charged with such responsibility in doing what is best for democracy, but preventing participation in a foreign war.

"We must judge each suggested step with the greatest consideration for the consequences if we are to stay out of war," he declared.

Rep. William H. Harrabee (D. Ind.) termed the President's message "wonderful" and backed the recommendation for all-out aid to Britain with the utmost speed 100 per cent. He is the only member of the delegation from Indiana in either house who voted for conscription and was re-elected.

Minton in Front Row

Former Senator Sherman Minton, defeated Democrat who did so, was in the front row listening to the President.

Other Indiana Congressmen commented as follows:

Rep. Noble J. Johnson, Republican: "The message didn't deal with the state of the union, but only foreign affairs. It was wisely phrased."

Rep. George W. Gillie, Republican: "In some respects I thought it was all right, but in others I considered it too belligerent. The need to hurry with our defense program is universally approved. More aid to England is timely, but Congress should be consulted on just how far we should go."

Rep. Raymond E. Springer, Republican: "There was nothing new in it. I am for defense of this country, but not for forming any society to save the whole world."

Rep. Springer, who has a perfect record of attendance at all House sessions, rose from a sick bed to be present at the joint session when the President spoke.

Asks \$19,760 for Keeping House

PLYMOUTH, Ind., Jan. 7 (U. P.).—Jane Moslander today sought compensation totaling \$19,760 for 38 years' service as housekeeper to her divorced husband, Charles Moslander.

Mr. Moslander, who became wealthy as a Plymouth real estate owner, died last year without making a will.

The ex-wife filed suit in Marshall Circuit Court against his estate asking recompense at the rate of \$10 a week.

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Lovesick Girl Revealed as 'Ghost of Haunted House'

BROCKWAY, Pa., Jan. 7 (U. P.). — The mystery of Brockway's haunted house was solved today—the "ghost" turned out to be a lovesick 13-year-old girl.

After the James Whitmans and their seven children moved into the big house in the Beechwoods section several months ago, the place seemed to be possessed by "evil spirits."

There were mysterious rappings and tapplings, always about midnight.

The word got 'round, and finally 25 townsfolk agreed to "sit up" in the house and wait for the "ghost" to go through his paces.

Finally, the rappings were repeated. One of the watchers accused the 13-year-old Mae Whitman of making the ghostly noises.

The girl finally admitted, it was lonely for her sweetheart and reported, that she had been the "ghost." Part of her noise-making equipment was a wooden block she had rigged up to bang against her bed nightly.

It was reported that the girl was lonely for her sweetheart and wanted to frighten her parents into moving back to Brockville. The Whitmans did move—but not to Brockville. Instead they went to live at another farm.

Mae still is pining for her boy friend.

NAMED TO BEAUTY BOARD

Dr. Daniel L. Bower, of Indianapolis, former State legislator, has been appointed a member of the State Board of Beauty Culture by Governor M. Clifford Townsend.

AWARD TO BE GIVEN BY JUNIOR C. OF C.

The annual distinguished service award of the Indianapolis Junior Chamber of Commerce will be presented Thursday noon at a luncheon in the Canary Cottage.

Mark S. Matthews of New York, national president of Junior Chambers, will speak, and special guests will include Herbie Lewis, manager of the Indianapolis ice hockey team, and several of his players.

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—Downstairs at Ayres.

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- ★ Tans!
- ★ Greens!
- ★ Browns!
- ★ Teal!
- ★ Navy Blue!
- ★ Oxford
- ★ Fleeces!
- ★ Tweeds!
- ★ Herringbones!
- ★ Diagonals!
- ★ Mixtures!
- ★ Overplaids!
- ★ Navy Blue
- ★ Balmainians!
- ★ Double-Breasted!
- ★ Raglan Shoulders!
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- ★ Half-Belt Styles!
- ★ Bal Military!

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