

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 news paper reaction available. The London Daily Express, typical, said: "We know by experience in another struggle against brutal 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.

ITALY — Only newspaper reaction available. The Popolo Di Roma, key Fascist newspaper, said Mr. Roosevelt was "leading his people well beyond non-belligerency" with a "propagandist pretense of democracy."

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-American-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 *Pan American*, "Frankly and clearly, Roosevelt defines the dangerous American face if totalitarianism wins; says all hemisphere republics face most serious danger"; in *Advance*: "Roosevelt says secret agents already have begun the first phase of the invasion of this continent."

Buenos Aires — Argentinians 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. LANDON — The whole tone of the President's message shoves 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 demands for swift and driving efforts to speed production and to build up our national defense.

WENDELL L. WILLKIE — 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 has the ring of real Americanism to it.

Would Limit Aid



Senator Frederick VanNuys draws the line on aid to England.

NOTE SHARP CUT
IN SHIP LOSSESBritish Try New Devices for
Dealing With Subs:
Meat Is Scarce.

LONDON, Jan. 7 (U.P.) — A pronounced decrease in British shipwreck 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 19,348 tons were lost, making the total loss for the week 37,556 tons.

Weekly losses have averaged 65,666 tons.

Total 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 1067 vessels were lost. The British lost 857 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 130,163 tons of shipping.

Authoritarian 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.

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Caution in Comment
On F. D. R. Speech.

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY
Times Staff Writer

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 to day.

All agreed on the need for speed in national defense, but they are in a quandary as to the point at which to 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 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 aid to England the President may offer," he said. "From the beginning I have favored helping Britain to the best of our ability, but I am drawing the line on anything which would make us a belligerent nation."

Opposes Neutrality Repeal

"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 entrancing into another foreign war."

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Senator Willis pointed out that he took office only recently and already has received about 25 letters from Indiana and that they are 20 to 1 against aiding England to the point of entering the war.

Rep. Charles A. Halleck (G. Ind.), 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.

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Lovesick Girl Revealed as 'Ghost of Haunted House'

BROOKWAY, Pa., Jan. 7 (U.P.) — The mystery of Brookway'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 Beechwood section several months ago, the place seemed to be possessed by "evil

spirits." There were mysterious rappings and tappings, always about midnight. It was 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 Brookville. The Whitmans did move—but not to

Brookville. 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

TUESDAY, JAN. 7, 1941

AWARD TO BE GIVEN
BY JUNIOR C. O. 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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