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RUSSIAN WARSHIPS SINK GERMANY'S CONVOY ATTACKS

Convoy Gets Through to Soviet Ports Undamaged

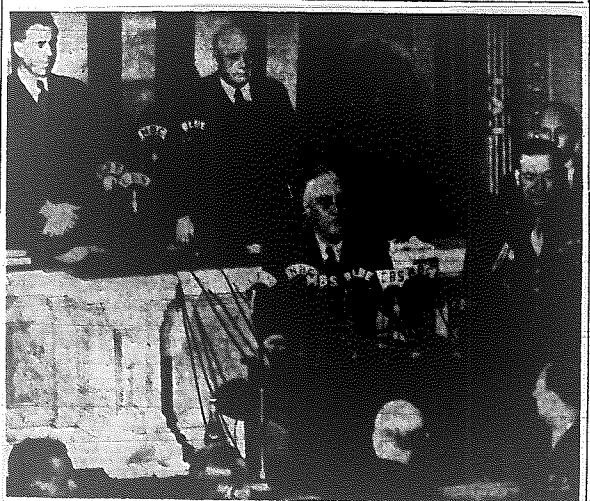
Enemy Warcraft Flee to Bases LONDON.—(AP)—British destroyers beat off four assaults by a superior German naval force and enabled Allied cargo ships with important war supplies for Russia to escape without loss or damage in the snowy darkness on the North Cape Route Dec. 31, the Admiralty announced today.

General Assembly 'Gag Rule' Under Umstead's Fire

Orange Solon Would Substitute 'Majority' for 'Two-Thirds' RALEIGH.—(AP)—Representative Umstead of Orange introduced a resolution today to amend rules 52 and 65, dubbed the "gag rules," which require a two-thirds vote before a bill may be withdrawn from a committee to which referred and before a minority report of a committee may be adopted so the bill may be placed upon the favorable calendar.

Batter at Remnants Of 10-Ship Jap Convoy

Large Transports Reported Sunk BY ASSOCIATED PRESS ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA.—Allied planes battered furiously at the remnants of a ten-ship Japanese convoy of the New Guinea coast today in the violent climax to a 24-hour running battle in which they were reported officially to have sunk two big transports, one heavily loaded with troops, damaged a third and shot down eighteen fighters.



SERIOUS PRESIDENT FACES NEW CONGRESS — With stern visage, and flanked by equally serious aides, President Roosevelt faced the new 78th Congress in joint session in the House chamber at Washington to report on the progress of the nation in a year of war.

Soviet Army Within 65 Miles of Key Point

Smash Through Nazi Resistance By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW.—(AP)—Smashing through the wall of German resistance across the lower Don with tank attacks and planes, the Russians reported today that their forces had driven further to within 65 miles of Rostov, whose fall would trap the Nazis in the Caucasus.

F. R. For Pay-You-Go Tax Plan

But Cites Problem of Whether All or Part of Taxes Would Be Dropped WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Roosevelt gave his approval today to a pay-as-you-go tax plan, but qualified his endorsement by saying there was a big problem involved.

Bickett Gets Flying Cross

Mecklenburg Flier Wins Coveted Honor Sergeant George L. Bickett, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Bickett Sr., of the Derita section, on a windswept North African air heroics that with the wreckage of Axis planes, today received the distinguished Flying Cross from Maj.-Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, Middle East air commander.

Study FR Message Called 'Conciliatory'

By Many Members WASHINGTON.—A Congress which exhibited unusual bipartisan approval of President Roosevelt's new policy message noted today that the message was called the "conciliatory" tone of the speech and pondered its significance.

French-American Mine Fire Force In Drive Traps Men

Three or Four Believed To Have Died MORGANTOWN, W. VA.—(AP)—A sudden mine fire caught the night shift of the Purslove Coal Mining Co. underground early today and first official reports said it was "reasonably certain" that three or four men had died.

Nazi Raiding Plan Bomb English Town

LONDON.—(AP)—Seven German raiding planes, believed to be FV 109's, bombed a small coastal town and caused considerable damage today. A hotel was reported hit and another seriously damaged.

F. R. Hopeful Allies Will Win In 1944

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt repeated today what he said he intended to convey in his message to Congress, for a United Nations victory in 1944.

Army Wants More Than 1,000 Weather Men

WASHINGTON.—The Army wants more than 1,000 weather men to meet the need, the War Department announced today. Qualified men aged 18 to 30, inclusive, are being sought.

U. S. Subs Take Heavy Toll And Figure Higher Than Disclosed

NEW YORK.—(AP)—American submarines are taking heavy toll of enemy shipping in the war, Navy announced today, but the number of ships destroyed was undoubtedly much larger than has been revealed.

British Attack Ruhr Targets

LONDON.—(AP)—British bombers attacked targets in the Ruhr last night, shifting into Germany for the third time this year, the Air Ministry announced today.

Suit Accuses ASCAP Of Being Music Trust

LOS ANGELES.—(AP)—A music publisher, charging violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, seeks \$200,000 damages from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP).

Eastern Cities' Streets Already A Horse & Pedestrian's Paradise

By ASSOCIATED PRESS The ban on pleasure driving and the cut in fuel oil rationing combined today to put motorists back on their road feet.

Enemy Raid Jap Bases at Kiska

WASHINGTON.—The Navy reported today that enemy forces had again bombed Japanese bases at Kiska in the Aleutian Islands and Unalaska in the Solomon Islands, but that no results were reported.

WEATHER Rain or drizzle; Slightly cooler; tonight.