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Listening tonight also are those who have been the victims of this disease -- a disease which attacks with little regard to age and none to race or station; which strikes those in the full stride of useful work as well as children in their play; ~~and those which display none of the fairness of open attack, but which fights~~ ~~from ambush with all the uncertainty of a barbarous foe.~~ Small wonder, then, that so many people unite in the attack against it -- that the army is one of volunteers. This army needs no cheering from me, but I do want to thank, in the name of Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, all those who in a few days (January 30th) will be making their contribution to the fight by attending the thousands of Birthday ^{celebrations} ~~parties~~ throughout the country.

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where may be treated patients who have injury remaining after the acute disease is over. It can take care of only a few such patients, and, therefore, in itself, as regards direct treatment, makes only a very slight impression on the general problem.

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~~These are all conditions which are essential and they can be, and are, found elsewhere; but Warm Springs Foundation in its national aspect has been and is recognized as the great co-ordinating group which pushes forward the battle.~~

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~~it is too early to speak of results.~~

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Assistant Secretary to the President

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