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Radio Message on Behalf of the Red Cross War Fund
RADIO ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE
MARCH 20, 1945

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THE PRESIDENT: (CONTINUED)

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NEVER, IN THE ANNALS OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE TO HUMANITY, HAS AN AGENCY PERFORMED SO MANY TASKS SO WELL.

UPON THIS RECORD, I RESEACH YOU, MY FELLOW AMERICANS, TO BACK THIS CAUSE TO THE LIMIT OF YOUR ABILITY. LET'S PICK UP THE SLACK WHEREVER SLACK EXISTS. LET'S FINISH THE JOB. LET'S OVERSUBSCRIBE THE RED CROSS GOAL.
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As your President I have indulged myself in the American people in the pastime of predicting the advent of peace. I do not know when victory will come in the West or the East; I do not know any admirals who know. I do know that there are more than five million American men overseas, I know that there are over sixty thousand Americans in enemy prison camps, and I know that is no thing immediately about their need. There is no uncertainty about who they are. They are your sons.

We can be happy and proud for all that the Red Cross has meant to them. May it serve the Red Cross in action as it has in peace.
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In some chapters these Stewart Red Cross Workers have completed the canvass. In many other localities the campaign has just begun. Whether these solicitors call on you at your office, or your plant, or your home, I trust that they are being welcomed and encouraged.

Patriotic men and women who form this year's army of Red Cross War Fund Volunteers are busy people — people who shouldering many other community responsibilities — people who somehow find the time in their crowded days to get the really worthwhile job done well.

The purpose of the message to you is primarily — because the subject is so well known — so close to the hearts of most of us and to me — THE AMERICAN RED CROSS — IS SO WELL PRONOUNCED TO THE HEARTS OF MANY OF YOU AND TO ME.
This is no call for charity. This is our chance to send those who need us. They are not the accidental victims of disasters who deserve our pity. They are those who have been left behind, who have gone, fully aware of their danger, to hold back disaster, which threatened our homes and our world. They deserve — they will get that warm, helpful service which the Red Cross can provide. I know Americans at home will quickly and generously subscribe to the 1945 Red Cross War Fund.

As their commanding chief and your fellow in responsibility to them I call upon you, my fellow Americans, to quickly and generously subscribe to the 1945 Red Cross War Fund. We cannot go to those who have given us the bittersweet years of their lives.
All this is no idle dream. It has happened time after time, in nation after nation, during the last two years. Fortunately, American men and women are not easy dupes. Campaigns of group hatred or class struggle have never made much headway among us, and are not making headway now. But new forces are being unleashed, deliberately planned propaganda to divide and weaken us in the face of danger as other nations have been weakened before.

Those dividing forces are undiluted poison. They must not be allowed to spread in the New World as they have in the Old. Our moral and mental defenses must be raised as never before against those who would cast a smokescreen across our vision.

The development of our defense program makes it essential that each and every one of us feel that we have some contribution to make toward the security of our country.

At this time, when the world -- and the world includes our own American Hemisphere -- is threatened by forces of destruction, it is my resolve and yours to build up our armed defenses.

We shall build them to whatever heights the future may require.

We shall rebuild them swiftly, as the methods of warfare swiftly change.

For more than three centuries we have been building on this continent a free society, a society in which the promise of the human spirit may find fulfillment. Commingled here are the blood and genius of all the peoples of the world who have sought this promise.

We have built well. We are continuing our efforts to bring the blessings of a free society, of a free and productive economic system, to every family in the land. This is the promise of America.

It is this that we must continue to build -- this that we must continue to defend.

It is the task of our generation. But we build and defend not for our generation alone. We defend the foundations laid by our fathers. We build a life for generations yet unborn. We defend and we build a way of life, not for American alone, but for all mankind. Ours is a high duty, a noble task.

Day and night I pray for the restoration of peace in this mad world of ours. It is not necessary that I, the President, ask the American people to pray in behalf of such a cause -- I know you are praying with me.

I am certain that out of the hearts of every man, woman and child in this land, in every waking minute, a supplication goes up to Almighty God; that all of us beg that suffering and starving, that death and destruction may end -- and that peace may return to the world. In common affection for all mankind, your prayers join with mine -- that God will heal the wounds and the hearts of humanity.
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We can be proud of all that the Red Cross has meant to them. From personal observation abroad I can testify to the usefulness of the Red Cross in the battle zones. I can assure you that wherever our fighting forces are stationed, this organization’s services have become well-nigh indispensable in every theatre of war.
It has supplied refreshment, entertainment and good cheer. It has served as link between the fighting man and his loved ones here at home.

Attends a great at home to celebrate occasion.
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The month of March -- Red Cross Month -- is two-thirds gone.

Unfortunately, however, the two-hundred-million-dollar campaign for the maintenance needs of the Red Cross is not yet two-thirds covered.

I know it will be over-subscribed. I know it in terms of my confidence in the American people in their determined devotion to their men abroad. I know it also in my confidence in the four million patriotic men and women who form this year's army of Red Cross War Fund, Solicitors.
For the most part, these volunteers are busy people — people who shoulder other community responsibilities — people who seldom find the time in their crowded days to get the really worthwhile jobs done well.

(In some chapters, these stalwart Red Cross workers have completed the canvass. In many other localities, the campaign has just begun.) Whether these solicitors call on you at your office or your home, or your house, I trust that they are being welcomed and encouraged as men and women helping us do our job for our own interests they may be.

This is no call for charity. This is our chance to serve those who serve us. They are not the accidental victims of disaster who deserve our pity. They are those who have gone, fully aware of their danger, to hold back — to drive back disaster which threatened our homes and our world. They deserve — they will get that munificent service which only the Red Cross can provide.

As our Commander-in-Chief and as their Commander-in-Chief and responsibility to them, I call upon you, my fellow Americans, to over-subscribe to the 1943 Red Cross War Fund. We cannot give too much to those who have given us the heroic hazard of their lives.

and now address anxiety and concern to them with you.
THIRD DRAFT

There was a time when you and I wisely gave to the Red Cross largely in a feeling of aid to others — or at most as a sort of insurance against unpredictable disaster to our neighbors. That was a giving in humanity and in decency. I hope we shall never end such giving. But this year we give in necessity — necessity for our own. The need never was greater. The need will not soon be less.

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The Red Cross Field Director, assigned to each army corps, serves
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Domestically, the Red Cross continues as the Nation’s No. 1 troubleshooter
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You will remember asking me for some newsworthy figures on the contributions of the Red Cross to the Armed Services. The following facts have been verified:

1. Since the beginning of the Red Cross Blood Donor Service, enough blood has been processed to fill a train of 172 railroad tank cars. Because of the increased demands of the Service, nearly half of this amount has been obtained within the past twelve months.

2. A special 11-pound package containing food ordinarily lacking in the prison diet is provided each week for every American prisoner held by the Germans. The total volume of such food parcels prepared during the last year would require a fleet of 27 Liberty ships to transport. To carry the parcels to a port would require a total of 4,628 box cars.

3. Red Cross overseas clubs in four theaters of war serve in an average day enough meals to service men and women to provide three meals a day for every person in a town the size of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

4. Seven out of every ten American school children are members of the American Junior Red Cross making comfort and recreational items for the Armed Services, and in addition maintaining a national children's fund which has provided warm clothing for children all over the world. In addition to these things, the Junior Red Cross has a part in the educational rehabilitation of the liberated countries, and the young members salvaged 100,000,000 pounds of waste fat, paper and metals last year.

B. W. DAVIDPORT
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Asst. Sec., Gen. Staff
This does not appear to be anything for this office unless the material is usable in the Red Cross speech. War Dept. is unable to confirm or check on figures given.

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The White House
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PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHDC

THE HAMLET OF HASKINVILLE STEUBEN COUNTY NEW YORK POPULATION
SIXTY FIVE PEOPLE SENT SIX MEN INTO SERVICE AND FIVE HAVE
BEEN KILLED FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE IS NATIONAL CASUALTY RECORD.
TODAY THEY REPORT EIGHT HUNDRED ONE DOLLARS RAISED AND MORE
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COMMUNITY SHOULD BE AN INSPIRATION TO THE NATION. WE HOPE
YOU MAY BE ABLE TO USE THIS IN YOUR TUESDAY RED CROSS
ADDRESS

MRS CHARLES EDDY DIRECTOR HORNELL RED CROSS CAMPAIGN.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
March 12, 1945

MR. DANIELS:

ALL FOUR NETWORKS HAVE AGREED UPON
9:00 to 9:05 P.M.
Tuesday
on March 20th — President's
broadcast for the Am. Red Cross.
The networks will not release
until we give them word.

BR

[Signature]
MEMORANDUM FOR US:

The President will make a five minute broadcast on the evening of Tuesday, March 20th, sometime between 9:00 and 10:30 P.M., in behalf of the Red Cross campaign.

Doc O'Conor will be here for the broadcast and will be accompanied by Mr. Bonham, Vice Chairman in charge of Public Relations, National Headquarters of the American Red Cross.

The proposed draft will be ready March 12.
MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT:

1. All arrangements have been made for Norman Armour to fly to his new post as Ambassador to Spain. Mr. Armour sent word that he was standing by to come to see the President, if the President desired to see him.

Mr. Summerlin now suggests that inasmuch as Mr. Armour was former Minister to Canada, the President might like to have him come in to tea with Prime Minister Mackenzie King this afternoon.

2. Mr. H. F. A. Schoenfeld, former Minister to Finland, for whom Mr. Summerlin requests an appointment with the President, at present holds the title "United States Representative for Hungary." Upon his arrival in Hungary he will assume the title "United States Representative in Hungary with Ministerial Rank."

3. Doc O'Connor would like to have a Marine from Iran present a $20,000 check — contribution to the Infantile Paralysis Fund — to the President on Monday, March twelfth, at noon or five o'clock in the afternoon as is convenient to the President.

4. Doc O'Connor informs me that the President has agreed to broadcast for five minutes in behalf of the Red Cross campaign on Tuesday evening, March twentieth, sometime between 9:00 and 10:30 P.M.

5. Clark Griffith wishes to come in to present the President with his annual Baseball Pass.

W. D. H.
Dear Mr. Daniels:

This will confirm our conversation of today regarding the
President's broadcast for the American Red Cross between 9:00 and 10:30
p.m. on Tuesday, March 20. As I mentioned to you, the date of the
broadcast already has been cleared with Mr. William Hassett.

In accordance with your suggestion, I am listing below the
points which you said you felt could be cleared by Tuesday, March 13,
the date which we agreed to have the script in your hands.

1. The entire broadcast is to be limited to five minutes
with the President using three minutes after a brief
opening by the announcer and an introduction of the
President by Mr. Basil O'Connor.

2. Due to the importance our local chapters attach to the
President's appearance, we wish to advise them through
our areas of this broadcast at the earliest possible date.

3. Will it be satisfactory if Mr. O'Connor is accompanied to
the broadcast by me and Mr. Colby Chester, the national
chairman of our 1945 War Fund, providing he is in Washington
on March 20?

4. We would deeply appreciate it if arrangements could be
made by the White House for a news picture of the President
and Mr. O'Connor and possibly Mr. Chester at the time of
the broadcast.

As I understand it the White House will make all of the arrange-
ments with the networks for this broadcast and that your office will advise
us of the exact time decided upon within the period between 9:00 and
10:30 p.m.

Many thanks for your helpful guidance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Howard Bonham
Acting Vice Chairman
In Charge of Public Relations

Mr. Jonathan Daniels
Administrative Assistant to
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Miss Harvey, Admiral Merrill's office, called and gave me this information:

MEN IN THE NAVY, MARINE CORPS AND COAST GUARD
AFLOAT OR ASHORE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL LIMITS:

PRISONERS OF WAR

- 2,352,275 -

Navy.......2,378
Marines....2,002
Coast Gd...None

62,302 Army prisoners

665,700
Taylor has written to Dep't of Justice in 1940 that 20th Century Fox lost it's producer away from it and gave them to King Cole Theatres - Fox said purely a question of cost = other man met price
1943 - Taylor wrote again that his competitors had bought the contract for lease = case went to State Court Taylor lost in lower court both an appeal + writ of Prohibition alleging what rights had if lost in Supreme Court.