
Franklin D. Roosevelt — “The Great Communicator”
The Master Speech Files, 1898, 1910-1945
Series 3: “The Four Freedoms” and FDR in World War II

File No. 1574-1

1945 March 20

**Radio Message on Behalf of the Red Cross War
Fund**

RADIO ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MARCH 20, 1945

Lafayette and Six Thousand

There was a time when you and I gave to the Red Cross largely ^{thru} ~~in~~ a feeling of aid to others. That was a giving in humanity and in decency. This year we give ^{as well} ~~in~~ necessity -- necessity for our own. The need never was greater. It will not soon be less.

As your President I have never indulged myself or the American people in the pastime of predicting the advent of peace. I do not know when victory will come. I do know that tonight there are over seven and a half million Americans overseas or fighting afloat in this great war. I know that there are nearly seventy thousand Americans in enemy prison camps. And I know there is nothing unpredictable about their need.

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.

It has reached through the barbed wire of enemy prison camps with millions of parcels of food and clothing, and medical supplies.

It has collected for the Army and Navy vast quantities of precious blood plasma, which has saved thousands of American lives.

It has supplied refreshment, entertainment and good cheer. It has served as a link between the fighting man and his loved ones here at home.

Never, in the annals of voluntary service to humanity, has an agency performed so many tasks so well.

This is no call for charity. This is our chance
to serve those who serve us.

As their Commander-in-Chief I call upon you, my
fellow Americans, to over-subscribe the 1945 Red Cross
War Fund. We cannot give too much to those who have
given us the heroic hazard of their lives.

Orig. starting 4/6/45

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Attent

Bois O'Connor

ARE

STATEMENTS FILE

HOLD FOR RELEASE

HOLD FOR RELEASE

HOLD FOR RELEASE

MARCH 20, 1945

CAUTION: The following address of the President, to be broadcast in connection with the annual Red Cross War Fund drive, MUST BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE until released.

NOTE: Release to editions of all newspapers appearing on the streets NOT EARLIER THAN 9:00 P.M., E.W.T., March 20, 1945. The same release applies to radio announcers and news commentators.

CARE MUST BE EXERCISED TO PREVENT PREMATURE PUBLICATION.

JONATHAN DANIELS
Administrative Assistant to
the President

There was a time when you and I gave to the Red Cross largely in a feeling of aid to others. That was a giving in humanity and in decency. This year we give in necessity -- necessity for our own. The need never was greater. It will not soon be less.

As your President I have never indulged myself or the American people in the pastime of predicting the advent of peace. I do not know when victory will come. I do know that tonight there are over seven and a half million Americans overseas or fighting afloat in this great war. I know that there are nearly seventy thousand Americans in enemy prison camps. And I know there is nothing unpredictable about their needs.

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.

It has reached through the barbed wire of enemy prison camps with millions of parcels of food, and clothing, and medical supplies.

It has collected for the Army and Navy vast quantities of precious blood plasma, which has saved thousands of American lives.

It has supplied refreshment, entertainment and good cheer. It has served as a link between the fighting man and his loved ones here at home.

Never, in the annals of voluntary service to humanity, has an agency performed so many tasks so well.

This is no call for charity. This is our chance to serve those who serve us.

As their Commander-in-Chief I call upon you, my fellow Americans, to over-subscribe the 1945 Red Cross War Fund. We cannot give too much to those who have given us the heroic hazard of their lives.

HOLD FOR RELEASE

HOLD FOR RELEASE

HOLD FOR RELEASE

MARCH 20, 1945

CAUTION: The following address of the President, to be broadcast in connection with the annual Red Cross War Fund drive, MUST BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE until released.

NOTE: Release to editions of all newspapers appearing on the streets NOT EARLIER THAN 9:00 P.M., E.W.T., March 20, 1945. The same release applies to radio announcers and news commentators.

CARE MUST BE EXERCISED TO PREVENT PREMATURE PUBLICATION.

JONATHAN DANIELS
Administrative Assistant to
the President

OK

~~SECRET-ORANGE~~

There was a time when you and I gave to the Red Cross largely in a feeling of aid to others. That was a giving in humanity and in decency. This year we give in necessity — necessity for our own. The need never was greater. It will not soon be less.

As your President I have never indulged myself or the American people in the pastime of predicting the advent of peace. I do not know when victory *over seven and a half million* will come. I do know that tonight there are ~~nearly 7,500,000~~ *nearly* Americans overseas or fighting afloat in this great war. I know that there are ~~undoubtedly~~ *nearly* ~~seventy~~ *seventy* thousand Americans in enemy prison camps. And I know there is nothing unpredictable about their need.

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.

It has reached through the barbed wire of enemy prison camps with millions of parcels of food, and clothing, and medical supplies.

It has collected for the Army and Navy vast quantities of precious blood plasma, which has saved thousands of American lives.

It has supplied refreshment, entertainment and good cheer. It has served as a link between the fighting man and his loved ones here at home.

Never, in the annals of voluntary service to humanity, has an agency performed so many tasks so well.

Page 2

This is no call for charity. This is our chance to serve those who
serve us.

As their Commander-in-Chief I call upon you, my fellow Americans,
to over-subscribe the 1945 Red Cross War Fund. We cannot give too much to those
who have given us the heroic hazard of their lives.

- - - - -

THE PRESIDENT:

TONIGHT I SHALL BE VERY BRIEF.
PRIMARILY, BECAUSE THE SUBJECT --
THE AMERICAN RED CROSS -- IS SO
WELL KNOWN -- SO CLOSE TO THE HEARTS
OF MOST OF YOU AND TO ME.

THE PURPOSE OF MY MESSAGE TO YOU
IS TWO-FOLD. FIRST, I HASTEN TO
PAY PERSONAL TRIBUTE TO 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
MANY OTHER COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITIES --
PEOPLE WHO SOMEHOW FIND THE TIME IN
THEIR CROWDED DAYS TO GET THE REALLY
WORTHWHILE JOBS DONE WELL.

IN SOME CHAPTERS THESE STALWART WORKERS
HAVE COMPLETED THE CANVASS. IN MANY OTHER
LOCALITIES THE CAMPAIGN HAS JUST BEGUN.
WHETHER THESE SOLICITORS CALL AT YOUR
OFFICE, OR YOUR PLANT, OR YOUR HOME.
I TRUST THEY ARE BEING WELCOMED AND
ENCOURAGED ON EVERY SIDE.

(IN SALUTE)

THE PRESIDENT:
(CONTINUED)

IN SALUTE TO THEM I SAY "WELL DONE —
AND CARRY ON."

FROM PERSONAL OBSERVATION ABROAD, I CAN
TESTIFY TO THE USEFULNESS OF THE RED
CROSS IN THE FAR-FLUNG BATTLE ZONES.
I HAVE SEEN IT IN ACTION AGAIN AND
AGAIN OVERSEAS.

AS AN AGENT OF OUR GOVERNMENT, IT HAS
REACHED THROUGH THE BARBED WIRE OF ENEMY
PRISON CAMPS WITH PARCELS OF SUPPLEMENTARY
FOOD, AND CLOTHING, AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

IT HAS COLLECTED AND TURNED OVER TO THE
ARMED FORCES VAST QUANTITIES OF PRECIOUS
BLOOD PLASMA, WHICH HAS SAVED THOUSANDS
OF AMERICAN LIVES.

IT HAS PROVIDED A TOUCH OF HOME FOR OUR
TROOPS ON LEAVE OVERSEAS, THROUGH ITS
NETWORK OF SERVICE CLUBS.

IT HAS SUPPLIED REFRESHMENT, ENTERTAINMENT,
AND GOOD CHEER IN THE FORWARD AREAS, THROUGH
FLEETS OF CLUBMOBILES, STAFFED BY AMERICAN
GIRLS.

(THE RED CROSS)

THE PRESIDENT:
(CONTINUED)

THE RED CROSS FIELD DIRECTOR, ASSIGNED
TO EACH TASK FORCE, SERVES AS A LINK
BETWEEN THE FIGHTING MAN AND HIS LOVED
ONES HERE AT HOME.

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

UPON THIS RECORD, I BESEECH 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.

2nd draft

THE PRESIDENT:

TONIGHT I SHALL BE VERY BRIEF.

PRIMARYLY, BECAUSE THE SUBJECT —
THE AMERICAN RED CROSS — IS SO WELL
KNOWN — SO CLOSE TO THE HEARTS OF
MOST OF YOU AND TO ME.

THE PURPOSE OF MY MESSAGE TO YOU IS
TWO-FOLD. FIRST, I HASTEN TO PAY
PERSONAL TRIBUTE TO 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 MANY OTHER COMMUNITY
RESPONSIBILITIES — PEOPLE WHO SOMEHOW
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 PLANT, OR
YOUR HOME, I TRUST THAT THEY ARE BEING
WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED ON EVERY SIDE.
THESE FOUR MILLION MEN AND WOMEN ARE
DEVOTING THEIR ENERGIES AS WELL AS THEIR
FUNDS TO THIS GREAT CAUSE. THE SATISFACTION

(WHICH ONE)

THE PRESIDENT:
(CONTINUED)

RED CROSS IS NOT YET TWO-THIRDS SUBSCRIBED.

THIS OBJECTIVE REPRESENTS A MINIMUM NEED.

WITH THIS IN MIND, I BESEECH YOU, MY

FELLOW AMERICANS, TO BACK THIS CAUSE TO THE

UTMOST OF YOUR ABILITY. LET'S PICK UP THE

SLACK WHERE THE SLACK EXISTS. LET'S FINISH

THE JOB IN THE ALLOTTED TIME. LET'S

OVERSUBSCRIBE THE 1945 RED CROSS WAR FUND

AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

Conclude

636

THE PRESIDENT:
(CONTINUED)

WHICH ONE FINDS IN HELP TO OTHERS IS
THEIR REWARD. IN SALUTE TO THEM I SAY
"WELL DONE -- AND CARRY ON."

SECONDLY, I WISH TO CALL ATTENTION ONCE
MORE TO THE VITAL ROLE OF THE AMERICAN
RED CROSS IN THESE CRUCIAL WAR DAYS. FROM
PERSONAL OBSERVATION ABROAD I CAN TESTIFY
TO THE USEFULNESS OF THE RED CROSS IN THE
FAR-FLUNG BATTLE ZONES. I HAVE SEEN THE
RED CROSS IN ACTION AGAIN AND AGAIN OVERSEAS.
I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WHEREVER OUR FIGHTING
FORCES ARE STATIONED THIS ORGANIZATION'S
WELFARE WORK, ITS SERVICES TO THE SICK AND
WOUNDED, ITS COMFORT ITEMS, AND ITS ALL-
AROUND MORALE BUILDING VALUES, HAVE BECOME
WELL NIGH INDESPENSIBLE IN EVERY THEATRE
OF WAR.

AS AN AGENT OF OUR GOVERNMENT, IT HAS REACHED
THROUGH THE BARBED WIRE OF ENEMY PRISON CAMPS
WITH MILLIONS OF PARCELS OF SUPPLEMENTARY
FOOD, AND CLOTHING, AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

IT HAS COLLECTED AND TURNED OVER TO THE ARMY
AND NAVY VAST QUANTITIES OF PRECIOUS BLOOD
PLASMA, WHICH HAS SAVED LITERALLY THOUSANDS
OF AMERICAN LIVES.

(IT HAS)

THE PRESIDENT:
(CONTINUED)

IT HAS PROVIDED A TOUCH OF HOME FOR
OUR TROOPS ON LEAVE OVERSEAS, THROUGH
ITS NETWORK OF SERVICE CLUBS AND REST
HOMES.

IT HAS SUPPLIED REFRESHMENT, AND ENTERTAINMENT,
AND GOOD CHEER IN THE FORWARD AREAS, THROUGH
ITS FLEETS OF ROVING RED CROSS CLUBMOBILES
AND CINOMOBILES, STAFFED BY CAREFULLY PICKED
AMERICAN GIRLS.

THE RED CROSS FIELD DIRECTOR, ASSIGNED TO
EACH TASK FORCE, SERVES AS A LINK BETWEEN
THE FIGHTING MAN AND HIS LOVED ONES HERE AT
HOME.

DOMESTICALLY, THE RED CROSS CONTINUES AS THE
NATION'S NO. 1 TROUBLE-SHOOTER TO LESSEN
SUFFERING AND DISTRESS WHENEVER AND WHEREVER
DISASTER STRIKES.

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

THE MONTH OF MARCH -- RED CROSS MONTH --
IS TWO-THIRDS GONE. UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, THE
TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN GOAL OF THE

(RED CROSS)

THE PRESIDENT:
(CONTINUED)

RED CROSS IS NOT YET TWO-THIRDS SUBSCRIBED.
THIS OBJECTIVE REPRESENTS A MINIMUM NEED.

WITH THIS IN MIND, I BESEECH YOU, MY
FELLOW AMERICANS, TO BACK THIS CAUSE TO THE
UTMOST OF YOUR ABILITY. LET'S PICK UP THE
SLACK WHERE THE SLACK EXISTS. LET'S FINISH
THE JOB IN THE ALLOTTED TIME. LET'S
OVERSUBSCRIBE THE 1945 RED CROSS WAR FUND
AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

unpredictable

There was a time when you and I wisely gave to the Red Cross largely in a feeling of aid to them - or at most as a sort of insurance against unexpected disaster to our neighbors + ~~perhaps~~ ~~more generally in our thinking to ourselves~~. 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. ~~May I remind you that you I know that some glit thinkers are glit talking now of early peace. God be~~

As your President ^{there} never indulged himself or 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 or general who know. I do know that there are ~~over~~ ~~five million Americans overseas~~ ~~and I know~~ that there are ~~over~~ ~~sixty thousand~~ ^{just} Americans in enemy prison camps. And I know there is nothing unpredictable about their need. There is ~~no~~ no uncertainty about who they are. ~~There are no Americans who cannot count them as their own.~~ ~~There are no Americans who cannot~~

~~(The Americans who cannot count them as their own)~~

We can be happy and proud for ~~all~~ all that the Red Cross has meant to them ~~I know~~ ~~the RC in action overseas~~ ➔

A

nearly 7,500,000 overseas
or fighting afloat in this
great war.

THE PRESIDENT:
(CONTINUED)

WHICH ONE FINDS IN HELP TO OTHERS IS
THEIR REWARD. IN SALUTE TO THEM I SAY
"WELL DONE AND CARRY ON."

~~(SECONDLY, I WISH TO CALL ATTENTION ONCE
MORE TO THE VITAL ROLE OF THE AMERICAN
RED CROSS IN THESE CRUCIAL WAR DAYS)~~ FROM
PERSONAL OBSERVATION ABROAD I CAN TESTIFY
TO THE USEFULNESS OF THE RED CROSS IN THE
FAR FLUNG BATTLE ZONES. I HAVE SEEN THE

RED CROSS IN ACTION ~~ACROSS AND ACROSS OVERSEAS.~~

I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WHEREVER OUR FIGHTING
FORCES ARE STATIONED THIS ORGANIZATION'S *services*
~~WELFARE WORK, ITS SERVICES TO THE SICK AND THE~~
~~WOUNDED, ITS COMFORT ITEMS, AND ITS ALL-~~
~~AROUND MORALE BUILDING VALUES~~ HAVE BECOME
WELL NIGH INDESPENSIBLE IN EVERY THEATRE
OF WAR.

~~(AS AN AGENT OF OUR GOVERNMENT)~~ IT HAS REACHED
THROUGH THE BARBED WIRE OF ENEMY PRISON CAMPS
WITH MILLIONS OF PARCELS OF SUPPLEMENTARY
FOOD, AND CLOTHING, AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

IT HAS COLLECTED AND TURNED OVER TO THE ARMY
AND NAVY VAST QUANTITIES OF PRECIOUS BLOOD
PLASMA, WHICH HAS SAVED LITERALLY THOUSANDS
OF AMERICAN LIVES.

(IT HAS)

THE PRESIDENT:
(CONTINUED)

~~IT HAS PROVIDED A TOUCH OF HOME FOR
OUR TROOPS ON LEAVE OVERSEAS, THROUGH
ITS NETWORK OF SERVICE CLUBS AND REST
HOMES.~~

IT HAS SUPPLIED REFRESHMENT, AND ENTERTAINMENT,
~~with service clubs and rest homes and~~
AND GOOD CHEER IN THE FORWARD AREAS, THROUGH
ITS FLEETS OF ~~MOVING RED CROSS CLUBMOBILES~~ ^{mobile units}
~~AND CINCIMOBILES~~, STAFFED BY CAREFULLY PICKED
AMERICAN GIRLS.

THE RED CROSS FIELD DIRECTOR, ASSIGNED TO
EACH TASK FORCE, SERVES AS A LINK BETWEEN
THE FIGHTING MAN AND HIS LOVED ONES HERE AT
HOME.

DOMESTICALLY, THE RED CROSS CONTINUES AS THE
NATION'S NO. 1 TROUBLE-SHOOTER TO LESSEN
SUFFERING AND DISTRESS WHENEVER AND WHEREVER
DISASTER STRIKES.

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

THE MONTH OF MARCH -- RED CROSS MONTH --
IS TWO-THIRDS GONE. UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, THE
TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN ~~GOAL~~ OF THE
*Red Cross is not yet two-thirds
described.*

(RED CROSS)

*for the minimum
needs of the*

4

2nd draft

THE PRESIDENT:

TONIGHT I SHALL BE VERY BRIEF.

PRIMARYLY, BECAUSE THE SUBJECT --

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS -- IS SO WELL

KNOWN -- SO CLOSE TO THE HEARTS OF

MOST OF YOU AND TO ME.

~~THE PURPOSE OF MY MESSAGE TO YOU IS~~

~~TWO FOLD. FIRST, I WISH TO PAY~~

~~PERSONAL TRIBUTE TO 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 MANY OTHER COMMUNITY

RESPONSIBILITIES -- PEOPLE WHO SOMEHOW

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 PLANT, OR

YOUR HOME, I TRUST THAT THEY ARE BEING

WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED ~~ON EVERY SIDE~~

~~THESE FOUR MILLION MEN AND WOMEN ARE~~

~~DEVOTING THEIR ENERGIES AS WELL AS THEIR~~

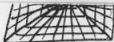
~~RESOURCES TO THIS GREAT CAUSE. THE SITUATION~~

I know it
will be collected on our shoulders.
I know it is because
my confidence in the
American people is the
strongest foundation of the
men abroad. I know I
also in my confidence
in the four million

so men and women
helping us do our
job for our own
whether they
may be.

(WHICH ONE)

5



This is no call for
 charity. ~~████~~ This is our chance
 to serve those who serve us. They
 are not the accidental victims of
 disasters who deserve our pity. They
 are those but could lay us all
 who have gone, fully aware of their
 danger, to hold back - to drive
 back disasters which threatened our
~~very~~ ~~very~~ ~~very~~ homes and our world.
 They deserve - they will get that
 warm-hearted service which the Red
~~Cross~~ only the Red Cross can
 provide. I know Americans at home
 will quickly ~~over~~ subscribe
 the 1945 Red Cross War Fund

~~I ask you all warm-hearted~~
 Americans to join

as quickly as possible

As their commander-in-chief and
 your fellow in responsibility to them
 I call upon you, my fellow Americans,
 to ~~quickly~~ ~~over~~ subscribe the 1945 Red Cross War
 Fund. We cannot give to each & those who have given us
 the heroic safeguard 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 propagandas to divide and weaken us in the face of danger as other nations have been weakened before.

These 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 America 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.

80 = 150	20
	24
	56

It has supplied refreshment,
entertainment and good cheer.
It has served as link between
the fighting man and his loved
ones here at home.

~~It still stands on guard at home~~
~~to domestic destruction~~

It has reached through the barbed wire of enemy prison camps with millions of parcels of ~~supplies~~ food, and clothing, and medical supplies.

It has collected ~~and turned over to~~ ^{for} the Army and Navy vast quantities of precious blood plasma, which has saved ~~literally~~ thousands of American lives.

It has supplied refreshment, and entertainment, and good cheer, in its service clubs and rest houses and in the forward zone, through its

~~units of mobile units staffed by carefully picked American girls.~~ ^{ed}

⁵⁶ ~~has served~~ The Red Cross Field Director, assigned to each task force, serves as a link between the fighting man and his loved ones here at home.

~~It will stand guard at home against the~~
~~harmful, the Red Cross continues at the Nation's No. 1 trouble~~
~~maker, to lessen suffering and distress wherever and whenever disaster strikes.~~

Never, in the annals of voluntary service to humanity, has an agency performed so many tasks so well.

⁷⁰ The month of March -- Red Cross Month -- is two-thirds gone.

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

⁵⁷ ~~as Red Cross War Fund~~
I know ~~it~~ 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 ~~the~~ people — people who shoulder
~~any other community responsibilities~~ — people who volunteer first 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 canvases. In many other localities the campaign has just begun.) Whether
these collectors call on you at your office, or your home, or your home,
I trust that they are being welcomed and encouraged by men and women helping
us do our job for our own wherever 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~~ 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 same hearted service~~
which only the Red Cross can provide.

As our Commander-in-Chief and ~~our~~ ^{as one who shares with you} ~~our~~ ^{concern} responsibility to
them, I call upon you, my fellow Americans, to over-subscribe ~~possible~~
the 1945 Red Cross War Fund. We cannot give too much to those who
have given us the heroic hazard of their lives.

98 and now who shares anxiety and concern
for them with you,

THIRD DRAFT

There
This 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.

As your President I have never indulged myself or 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 or generals who know. I do know that there are nearly 7,500,000 overseas or fighting afloat in this great war. I know that there are sixty-five thousand Americans in enemy prison camps. And I know there is nothing unpredictable about their need. There is no uncertainty about who they are. There are no Americans who cannot count them as their own. *about?*

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 reached through the barbed wire of enemy prison camps with millions of parcels of ~~supplies~~ food, ~~and~~ clothing, and medical supplies.

It has collected ~~and turned over to~~ the Army and Navy vast quantities of precious blood plasma, which has saved thousands of American lives.

It has supplied refreshment, and entertainment, and good cheer ~~in its service clubs and rest homes and in the forward areas, through its fleets of mobile units staffed by carefully picked American girls.~~

~~The Red Cross Field Director, assigned to such tasks, has~~
as a link between the fighting man and his loved ones here at home.

Domestically, the Red Cross continues as the Nation's No. 1 troubleshooter to lessen suffering and distress whenever and wherever disaster strikes.

Never, in the annals of voluntary service to humanity, has an agency performed so many tasks so well.

The month of March — Red Cross Month — is two-thirds gone. Unfortunately, however, the two-hundred-million dollar campaign for the minimum needs of the Red Cross is not yet two-thirds ^{subscribed.} ~~described.~~

^{The Red Cross War Fund}
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 many other community responsibilities — people who somehow 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 plant, or your home, I trust that they are being welcomed and encouraged as men and women helping us do our job for our own wherever 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 best loved by us all 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 ^{uninterrupted} warhearted service which only the Red Cross can provide.

As their Commander-in-Chief and your fellow in responsibility to them, I call upon you, my fellow Americans, to over-subscribe as quickly as possible the 1945 Red Cross War Fund. We cannot give too much to those who have given us the heroic hazard of their lives.

412 Draft

There was a time when you and I gave to the Red Cross largely in a feeling of aid to others. 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.

As your President I have never indulged myself or 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 know that tonight there are nearly 7,500,000 Americans overseas or fighting afloat in this great war. I know that there are sixty-five thousand Americans in enemy prison camps. And I know there is nothing unpredictable about their need. There are no Americans who cannot count them as their own.

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.

It has reached through the barbed wire of enemy prison camps with millions of parcels of food, and clothing, and medical supplies.

It has collected for the Army and Navy vast quantities of precious blood plasma, which has saved thousands of American lives.

It has supplied refreshment, entertainment and good cheer. It has served as a link between the fighting man and his loved ones here at home.

Never, in the annals of voluntary service to humanity, has an agency performed so many tasks so well.

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.

As their Commander-in-Chief and as one who shares anxiety and concern for them with you, I call upon you, my fellow Americans, to over-subscribe the 1945 Red Cross War Fund. We cannot give too much to those who have given us the heroic hazard of their lives.

- - - - -

FOURTH DRAFT

There was a time when you and I ~~would~~ gave to the Red Cross largely in a feeling of aid to others. That was a giving in humanity and in decency. (I hope we shall never end such giving. But) ^c this year we give in necessity -- necessity for our own. The need never was greater. st (The need) will not soon be less. ^(b)

As your President I have never indulged myself or 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.) ^(d) I do know that tonight there are nearly 7,500,000 Americans overseas or fighting afloat in this great war. I know that there are sixty-five thousand Americans in enemy prison camps. And I know there is nothing unpredictable about their need. (There are no Americans who cannot count them as their own.)

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.

It has reached through the barbed wire of enemy prison camps ~~with millions~~ ^{of} parcels of food, ^{and} clothing, and medical supplies.

It has collected for the Army and Navy vast quantities of precious blood plasma, which has saved thousands of American lives.

It has supplied refreshment, entertainment and good cheer. It has served as a link between the fighting man and his loved ones here at home.

Never, in the annals of voluntary service to humanity, has an agency performed so many tasks so well.

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. ³⁰⁰ 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.)

some who share anxiously and concern for them with
As their Commander-in-Chief (and ~~your fellow in responsibility~~ *you* ~~to~~)

you I call upon you, my fellow Americans, to over-subscribe the 1945 Red Cross War Fund. We cannot give too much to those who have given us the heroic hazard of their lives. ³⁷³

- - - - -

FOURTH DRAFT

There was a time when you and I ~~would~~ gave to the Red Cross largely in a feeling of aid to others. 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.

As your President I have never indulged myself or 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 know that tonight there are nearly 7,500,000 Americans overseas or fighting afloat in this great war. I know that there are sixty-five thousand Americans in enemy prison camps. And I know there is nothing unpredictable about their need. There are no Americans who cannot count them as their own.

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.

It has reached through the barbed wire of enemy prison camps with millions of parcels of food, and clothing, and medical supplies.

It has collected for the Army and Navy vast quantities of precious blood plasma, which has saved thousands of American lives.

It has supplied refreshment, entertainment and good cheer. It has served as a link between the fighting man and his loved ones here at home.

Never, in the annals of voluntary service to humanity, has an agency performed so many tasks so well.

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.

As their Commander-in-Chief and ^{as one who shares anxiety and concern for them} ~~your fellow in responsibility~~

^{with you,}
~~then,~~ I call upon you, my fellow Americans, to over-subscribe the 1945 Red Cross War Fund. We cannot give too much to those who have given us the heroic hazard of their lives.

- - - - -

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 19, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

I am attaching a copy of the draft
of the Red Cross speech tomorrow night. It
runs to 292 words.

If there is anything further I can
do with regard to it, please let me know.



JONATHAN DANIELS

FIFTH DRAFT

There was a time when you and I gave to the Red Cross largely in a feeling of aid to others. That was a giving in humanity and in decency. This year we give in necessity — necessity for our own. The need never was greater. It will not soon be less.

As your President I have never indulged myself or the American people in the pastime of predicting the advent of peace. I do not know when victory will come. I do know that tonight there are ^{over seven and a half million} ~~more than 7,500,000~~ Americans overseas or fighting afloat in this great war. I know that there are ^{nearly} ~~sixty-five~~ ^{seventy} thousand Americans in enemy prison camps. And I know there is nothing unpredictable about their need.

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.

It has reached through the barbed wire of enemy prison camps with millions of parcels of food, and clothing, and medical supplies.

It has collected for the Army and Navy vast quantities of precious blood plasma, which has saved thousands of American lives.

It has supplied refreshment, entertainment and good cheer. It has served as a link between the fighting man and his loved ones here at home.

Never, in the annals of voluntary service to humanity, has an agency performed so many tasks so well.

Page 2

This is no call for charity. This is our chance to serve those who
serve us.

As their Commander-in-Chief I call upon you, my fellow Americans,
to over-subscribe the 1945 Red Cross War Fund. We cannot give too much to those
who have given us the heroic hazard of their lives.

- - - - -

FIFTH DRAFT

There was a time when you and I gave to the Red Cross largely in a feeling of aid to others. That was a giving in humanity and in decency. This year we give in necessity -- necessity for our own. The need never was greater. It will not soon be less. .

As your President I have never indulged myself or the American people in the pastime of predicting the advent of peace. I do not know when victory will come. I do know that tonight there are nearly 7,500,000 Americans overseas or fighting afloat in this great war. I know that there are sixty-five thousand Americans in enemy prison camps. And I know there is nothing unpredictable about their need.

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.

It has reached through the barbed wire of enemy prison camps with millions of parcels of food, and clothing, and medical supplies.

It has collected for the Army and Navy vast quantities of precious blood plasma, which has saved thousands of American lives.

It has supplied refreshment, entertainment and good cheer. It has served as a link between the fighting man and his loved ones here at home.

Never, in the annals of voluntary service to humanity, has an agency performed so many tasks so well.

Page 2

This is no call for charity. This is our chance to serve those who
serve us.

As their Commander-in-Chief I call upon you, my fellow Americans,
to over-subscribe the 1945 Red Cross War Fund. We cannot give too much to those
who have given us the heroic hazard of their lives. 298

- - - - -

FIFTH DRAFT

There was a time when you and I gave to the Red Cross largely in a feeling of aid to others. 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.

As your President I have never indulged myself or 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 know that tonight there are nearly 7,500,000 Americans overseas or fighting afloat in this great war. I know that there are sixty-five thousand Americans in enemy prison camps. And I know there is nothing unpredictable about their need. There are no Americans who cannot count them as their own.

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.

It has reached through the barbed wire of enemy prison camps with millions of parcels of food, and clothing, and medical supplies.

It has collected for the Army and Navy vast quantities of precious blood plasma, which has saved thousands of American lives.

It has supplied refreshment, entertainment and good cheer. It has served as a link between the fighting man and his loved ones here at home.

Never, in the annals of voluntary service to humanity, has an agency performed so many tasks so well.

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.

As their Commander-in-Chief and as one who shares anxiety and concern for them with you, I call upon you, my fellow Americans, to over-subscribe the 1945 Red Cross War Fund. We cannot give too much to those who have given us the heroic hazard of their lives.



WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



March 16, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DANIELS: *x-5230*

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. Davenport
B. W. DAVENPORT *x-25-7*
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.

xpp71820

The White House
Washington

MAR 15 1 45 PM 1945

WUS 7 DL PD

HORNELL NY MARCH 15 1945 1255P

PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHDC

THE HAMLET OF HASKINVILLE STEUBEN COUNTY NEW YORK POPULATION
SIXTY FIVE PEOPLE SENT SIX^X 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
TO COME ON A HEAVY RED CROSS QUOTA OF FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY
DOLLARS. SUCH RED CROSS^LGIVING FROM SUCH A STRICKEN
COMMUNITY SHOULD BE AN INSPIRATION TO THE NATION. WE HOPE
YOU MAY BE ABLE TO USE THIS IN YOUR TUESDAY RED CROSS

WU37 SHEET TWO

ADDRESS

MRS CHARLES EDDY DIRECTOR HORNELL RED CROSS CAMPAIGN.

X

X

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.

RR

O.K.
No further

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1945

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'Connor 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.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 9, 1945

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 ~~near~~ five o'clock in the afternoon as is convenient to the President. *Dragas 1 PM*

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.



AMERICAN RED CROSS

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

WASHINGTON 13, D. C.

March 9, 1945

9:00-9:05
O.K.

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.

No pictures

As I understand it the White House will make all of the arrangements 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
Howard Bonham

Acting Vice Chairman

In Charge of Public Relations

Mr. Jonathan Daniels
Administrative Assistant to
the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

x 136-Muc. Broadcasting Folder

Hills

This goes with the
Red Cross speech material
sent you the other day
WTC

March 19, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

I am attaching a copy of the draft of the Red Cross speech tomorrow night. It runs to 292 words.

If there is anything further I can do with regard to it, please let me know.

JONATHAN DANIELS

FIFTH DRAFT

There was a time when you and I gave to the Red Cross largely in a feeling of aid to others. That was a giving in humanity and in decency. This year we give in necessity — necessity for our own. The need never was greater. It will not soon be less.

As your President I have never indulged myself or the American people in the pastime of predicting the advent of peace. I do not know when victory will come. I do know that tonight there are ~~more than~~ *over seven and a half million* ~~more than~~ *70,000* Americans overseas or fighting afloat in this great war. I know that there are ~~sixty-five~~ *nearly 70,000* ~~Woodward~~ Americans in enemy prison camps. And I know there is nothing unpredictable about their need.

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.

It has reached through the barbed wire of enemy prison camps with millions of parcels of food, and clothing, and medical supplies.

It has collected for the Army and Navy vast quantities of precious blood plasma, which has saved thousands of American lives.

It has supplied refreshment, entertainment and good cheer. It has served as a link between the fighting man and his loved ones here at home.

Never, in the annals of voluntary service to humanity, has an agency performed so many tasks so well.

Page 2

This is no call for charity. This is our chance to serve those who
serve us.

As their Commander-in-Chief I call upon you, my fellow Americans,
to over-subscribe the 1945 Red Cross War Fund. We cannot give too much to those
who have given us the heroic hazard of their lives.

- - - - -

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 17, 1945

MR. DANIELS:

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:

2,352,275
PRISONERS OF WAR

Navy.....2,378

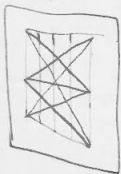
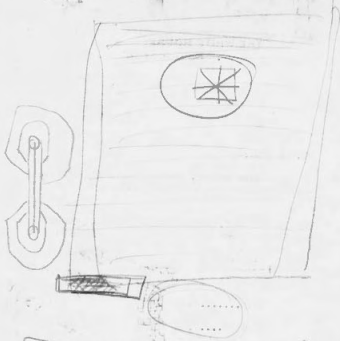
Marines....2,002

Coast Gd...None

Feb 28
2,400,000
Mar 20 - Navy 2378
Marine 1889

62,302 Army prisoners -

665700 ~~677900~~



30%

25%

12,000,000

~~Ken... ..~~

Wheat's #
Russo While

Program - ~~should organized~~



50th anniversary year
B town

10 years public service

~~7500,000~~

release from 1st security
control

66,800

30.8%

25%

King Cole Theatres Inc
(not part of any chain)
Query, managers,



Taylor has written to Dept of Justice
in 1940 that 20th Century Fox took it
pictures away from L. C. 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, took an appeal
+ wrote President asking what rights had
if lost in Supreme Court -

