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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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Radio Station WSM
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Dear Harry or Ott:

I am leaving tomorrow for a War Department assignment which will, I think, take me on quite a journey.

During my absence, I have arranged for Percy Priest, who is not just now conducting his radio program on another Nashville station, to substitute for me during the month of December and with Estes Kefauver to substitute for me for the month of January or thereafter until my return.

I hope for you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Albert Gore, M. C.

AG:WF

Copy to Hon. Percy Priest

Copy to Hon. Estes Kefauver

December 2, 1944

Good Morning, Friends:

The outstanding news of the week in Washington was Secretary Hull's resignation as Secretary of State and the President's appointment of Mr. Stettinius as his successor.

Secretary Hull has been sick and away from his office for about two months, ~~but~~ His doctors ^{finally} advised him that the heavy responsibilities which he continued to carry were seriously handicapping his recovery. The doctors advised that only with complete rest could he regain his strength. Therefore, the great Secretary, feeling a keen disappointment at the tragedy that he must resign his work just as it reached its culmination, felt compelled to resign.

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Mr. Hull's successor, is the Honorable Edward R. Stettinius, has served under Secretary Hull for a year and besides this, he has had very valuable experience and training. He was Lease-Lend Administrator, which brought him in contact with all of our allies, and then he did a masterful job as the chief American representative at the Dunbarton Oaks Conference. It is a great undertaking that has fallen on the shoulders of this young man. That is as it ever will be. Burdens can not forever be borne by those who have grown great. *Time and tide wait for no man.*

The Congress has had a very busy week. Insofar as the House is concerned, it has virtually completed its work for the year. During the week, Congress passed the ^{post war} road bill, the War Power³ Act, ^{the} Smaller War Plants Act, and other pending legislation, virtually cleaning its slate of major legislation other than the Social Security Tax Freeze Bill which is scheduled to come up next Tuesday. The Senate was a little laggard, but when the Senate gets ready to finish legislation, it can certainly pass it in *Rapid fire* order.

As this Congress, the 78th in the history of the United States, thus neared sine die adjournment, several members were taking leave ~~xxx~~ either to have a look at the war or to take assignments in it. The House Military Affairs Committee is now in France. The House Naval Affairs Committee leaves ^{next Wed} ~~this~~ week for the Pacific theater of war. These men will come back with a knowledge and experience which will be invaluable to them in ~~the~~ coming problems of the country, not only of war and demobilization, but in problems, too, of collaboration and in dealing justice to those ^{fighting men} who are undergoing tremendous hardships.