

Gigantic journeys --- even linking up with China --- but only planning on a gigantic scale can influence the course of this world war. The Alaskan Highway will be finished at the beginning of December --- months ahead of scheduled time. A task that parallels the building of the Burma Road or the Great Wall of China --- but with every modern device to give speed and more speed. Hacking a route through frozen earth --- battering a path for civilization through the grim, killing wastes of the far north. A miracle of engineering --- and an epic of human determination against remorseless nature. A half-dead world --- and the security of ~~a~~ <sup>all</sup> children in London and Chungking and Athens and Moscow and Amsterdam ~~and~~ depend upon it. Fearful times these are to live in --- but in our mortal peril we are deciding the fate of all the world.

Those supplies that are so desperately needed for victory --- this was President Roosevelt's tour of eight thousand seven hundred odd miles to see for himself how American war production was going. In California he visited the plants that were turning out huge bombers to pound the Axis from Kiska to New Guinea --- from El Alamein to Stalingrad. And tanks that roar in battle from the Rhweiset Ridge to Leningrad.

On to a shipyard --- one of those fantastic enterprises of Henry J. Kaiser where supply ships are churned out daily. With the President on this visit was Mrs. Roosevelt.