

## HONOLULU DEATH TOLL RISES IN JAP ATTACK; U. S. DECLARATION EXPECTED BY NOON

### U. S. Hunts Japanese Spies As Censorship Is Invoked; Defense Council Summoned

#### NIIPPON NATIONALS FACE INTERNMENT IN FBI ROUND-UP

Outgoing Cablegrams And Radio Messages Halted By Navy Order

#### NATION ON WAR BASIS

Prisco Mayor Calls On Labor To End Strikes; Unity Urged

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The Navy department announced tonight that a censorship had been placed on all outgoing cablegrams and radio messages from the United States and its outlying possessions.

No other information was disclosed about the censorship. The three-line announcement said: "The Navy department announced tonight that censorship on all outgoing cablegrams and radio messages from the United States and its outlying possessions had been placed in effect."

Shortly before, the War department had issued this memorandum to the press:

"All information relative to strength, location, designation, composition and movement of U. S. troops or army transports outside the continental United States is hereby classified as confidential."

#### AMERICA RALLIES TO DEFEAT JAPAN

Isolationists And Other Classes United Behind Nation In War

By The Associated Press  
Like a momentarily stunned giant, the nation awakened Sunday night to the grim fact of war in the Pacific and Americans of all classes and ranks responded immediately to the necessity of repelling attacks on the far-flung ocean ramparts of their homeland.

On the whole the reaction was calm. Amid the hurried recall of all the nation's military elements, citizens gathered in small and usually silent groups to watch new bulletins, buy newspaper extras or listen to their radios.

The western coast of the country, where the war was closest, sprang immediately to the alert, air raid listening devices were turned on.

#### NO DOUBT!

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(AP)—"I have not the slightest doubt as to what a United America should and will do," declared Wendell Willkie today on hearing that Imperial Japan had declared a state of war against the United States and England.

#### Japanese Troops Swiftly Grab Shanghai Settlement

SHANGHAI, Monday, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Japanese Army and Navy surrounded the International Settlement at 4:40 a. m. today and served notice on the commander of the U. S. Gunboat Wake that war had been declared.

About the same time, the British Gunboat Petrel exploded off the settlement waterfront, and drew Japanese artillery fire, after which it was seriously damaged.

The Japanese columns marched swiftly through the section of the settlement vacated by the U. S. Marines only a week ago.

The Wake, lying not far from the Petrel, suffered no immediate harm.

#### Broughton's Prophecy Of U. S. In War Comes True Almost To Hour!

RALEIGH, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Governor Broughton qualified as a prophet of the first magnitude last Sunday.

Teaching his Sunday school class at the Tabernacle Baptist church, he said, "this country may be involved in war even before we meet here again next Sunday."

The news of the Japanese attack in the Pacific was received soon after church time today.

The governor immediately began conferences with heads of the agencies which must protect industries from sabotage—the SBI, the State Highway patrol, the adjutant general's office, the state office of civilian activities, the Home Guard units and the local defense councils.

"We will be thoroughly prepared," Broughton said.

#### SECOND SUICIDE BY GAS REPORTED

#### Ray Smith, Shipyard Worker Found Dead In Apartment; No Inquest Slated

The second suicide by gas in the last four days was reported by city police Sunday when Ray Smith, 24-year-old shipyard worker, whose home is reported to be in Jacksonville, was found dead on the floor of his room in 606 Greenfield Terrace, about 9:30 Sunday morning.

Coroner Asa W. Allen pronounced the death as suicide from asphyxiation, and said that no inquest would be held.

Officer Teague, who investigated the death, said that Smith was found in his room which was filled with gas from three jets, which were wide open.

A suicide note was found in Smith's pocket, the officer stated. He was discovered by a Mr. Miller who roomed next door to him.

Jack Mathis, of Nesbit Courts, who was found dead Thursday night, was the first suicide victim.

#### Murray, Kennedy Refuse Mediation Board Return

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Philip Murray and Thomas Kennedy of the CIO refused today to withdraw their resignations from the Defense Mediation board, and told President Roosevelt also that labor would take no part in any mediation machinery which might be established by "repressive anti-labor" legislation.

#### New Russian Ambassador Arrives In Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Maxim Litvinov, the new Russian ambassador, arrived in Washington today to assume an important part in troubled world affairs, and assured the American people that the Red Army would continue its stout resistance against the Nazi invasion.

#### WILMINGTON AREA PLACED ON ALERT AGAINST SABOTAGE

#### Page Calls Urgent Meeting Of New Hanover Group To Map Defense Plans

#### UTILITIES GUARDED

#### Railroads Also Watching To Prevent Damage By Enemy Groups

The New Hanover Defense Council was called to assemble Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in what was termed "an urgent meeting" by R. B. Page, chairman.

The meeting, called Sunday night following reports of Japanese attacks on American islands in the Pacific, will be held in the council's room in the basement of the Wilmington Post Office.

Mr. Page, in announcing the call for the meeting, stressed its importance, urging all members of the defense council and chairmen of all committees to attend.

He said that defense plans for Wilmington and vicinity, as viewed from the "new emergency facet of the country as a result of Japan's attack," must be promptly met.

Meanwhile, power, telephone, and railroad companies operating into Wilmington were reported taking "necessary precautions."

One other man in uniform (Continued on Page Six; Col. 4)

#### CIVILIAN DEFENSE OFFICE WILL OPEN

#### Volunteers' Bureau Will Be Set Up In Postal Building

Following the formal declaration of war on the United States by Japan the Civilian Defense council immediately went into action in an effort to cope with the situation and George Jeffrey, director of civilian defense in Eastern North Carolina, said a volunteer participation office would be set up at once in Room 16 of the Post Office building.

In a statement issued Sunday night Mr. Jeffrey said, "This is the day defense councils have been preparing for and our programs for civilian defense will go forward at an even faster rate."

#### War Stirs City; All Flay Japs

#### 'Time To Get It Over With' Consensus On Streets Of Wilmington

#### SOLDIERS READY

#### Tough On Christmas Furloughs, But Doughboys Take It Smiling

People on the streets of Wilmington Sunday night, following the first Star-News extra, from the oldest citizen to the smallest lad, were alive with excitement as the newsboys yelled the headlines, "U. S. Attacked By Japan."

"Jeez," was the general statement of the soldiers listening to a Sunday night program over the radio at a USO club when the announcer broke in with the news that the Japanese had bombed Honolulu.

All of the soldiers were very quiet about the prospect of going to war, but were loudspoken on the subject of Christmas furloughs being cancelled.

"I wouldn't mind fighting 10 years, if I could get my 16 days' furlough," one buck private stated.

Another soldier shouted with glee when he heard the news and yelled, "Maybe we will get a little action now."

Complete Text Of President Roosevelt's Appeal To Emperor Hirohito On Page Eight.

#### TOJO TELLS JAPS 'NOTHING TO FEAR'

#### Premier Promises Nation Victory; Says War In 'Self-Protection'

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Premier Hideki Tojo told the Japanese people in a broadcast from Tokyo tonight, "I hereby promise you that Japan will win final victory."

He said Japan was declaring war on the United States for "self-protection and self-existence."

#### U. S. ARMY PLANES ROAR INTO ACTION FROM MANILA BAY

#### Air Corps Craft Depart After Attack On Honolulu, Pearl Harbor

#### ISLAND CAPITAL QUIET

#### Asiatic Fleet Placed On Alert As Gen. MacArthur Calms Filipinos

MANILA, Monday, Dec. 8.—(AP)—United States Army bombers and pursuit planes roared into the air and headed northward at dawn today soon after word reached Manila of the outbreak of hostilities between Japan and the United States.

This was the only sign of war here at 5:25 a. m. (4:25 p. m. EST Sunday).

Upon being advised of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Lieut. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of the U. S. forces in the Far East, placed his entire command on the alert.

Adm. Thomas C. Hart, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Asiatic fleet, declared that all steps had been taken to meet the situation.

For the past 10 days Admiral Hart has kept the fleet out of Manila.

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#### Nazis Map 'Knockout' In Russian Campaign

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#### Thailand Invaded By Nippon Forces; Singapore Bombed

#### Tokyo Declares Hostilities After Surprise Attack On American And British Possessions

#### NAVY, ARMY REPORT HEAVY LOSSES

#### Island Of Wake And Gunboat Taken And Two Battleships Damaged, One Possibly Being Sunk

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Japanese troops have invaded Thailand, the Tokyo radio said tonight in a broadcast held by the NBC listening post.

Radio Tokyo said that "in order to maintain the independence of Thailand, Japan has entered the southern portion of the tiny country to combat British troops which have entered from the Malayan border."

The broadcast also said informed sources in Japan believed Germany will declare war on the United States within 24 hours.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(Monday)—(AP)—Bombs from Japan made war on the United States today and as death tolls mounted President Roosevelt announced he would deliver in person today a special message to congress.

In the background as the Commander-in-Chief planned to go before the joint session of the House and Senate was a government report of "heavy" Naval and "large" losses to the Army.

Whether Mr. Roosevelt will ask for a formal declaration of war by this country, to match the action taken in Tokyo, was left uncertain after a hurriedly summoned meeting of his Cabinet and congressional leaders of both parties.

Complete texts of American and Japanese Diplomatic Exchanges Will Be Found On Page 3.

Sunday night at the White House. Also uncertain was whether that declaration might extend to Japan's Axis allies, Germany and Italy.

It was clear from a statement made by the participants, however, that congress would be requested to adopt a resolution of some nature, and equally clear that it would quickly give its approval. A request for governmental power equivalent to that under a war declaration was expected as a minimum.

War came suddenly to the United States Sunday afternoon. Without warning, and while Japanese diplomats were still conducting negotiations for peace, the Japanese air force struck at Honolulu, Pearl Harbor, and Hickam Field, all in the Hawaiian Islands. Soon afterward, Japanese bombs were raining upon Guam and later, portions of the Philippines were attacked.

As quickly as word of the first bursting bomb was received, the President as commander-in-chief called upon the Army and Navy to repel the attack. Far in ad-

#### 350 LISTED DEAD AT HICKAM FIELD FROM JAP BOMBS

#### U. S. Battleship Oklahoma Also Set Afire In Surprise Attack

#### HONOLULU DAMAGED

#### Two Nippon Planes Shot Down As U. S. Forces Go Into Action

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Japanese warplanes killed 350 men at Hickam field and set fire to the U. S. Battleship Oklahoma today in a sudden raid on Pearl Harbor and Honolulu, an NBC observer radioed direct from the scene today.

Two other ships in the harbor also were attacked, he reported. The first news of the attack came about 8 a. m., Honolulu time, (1:30 p. m. EST) he said.

This was when a private plane owner reported he was given a salute of machine gun bullets by the Japanese planes. His craft was damaged but he managed to land.

The private flier was Ray Budnick, an attorney, the announcer said. The attacking planes seemed to come from the south, the observer said.

He reported that two radio stations announced the attack but that residents still were skeptical until bombs began falling in various parts of Honolulu and at Air Force and Naval bases.

Heavy anti-aircraft gunfire greeted (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

#### NATION PLACED ON WAR FOOTING

#### Service Men's Furloughs Cancelled; Utilities Under Heavy Guard

NEW BERN, Dec. 7.—(AP)—All leaves at the New River Marine Barracks have been cancelled, effective 6 a. m. tomorrow. Approximately 6,000 men are stationed there.

#### MEN CALLED BACK

FORT LEWIS, Wash.—All men who have been honorably discharged from the Ninth Army Corps during past months because of reaching the age of 28 were called back to active duty by the Army today.

The men called back, including draftees, are members of the Active Reserve corps. They were ordered to report to their induction boards.

#### WAR-TIME BASIS

FORT DEVENS, Mass.—The United States' crack First Division, which many believe would be the first to see action, was placed on a war-time basis tonight.

Col. William A. Smith, post commander, issued the order and announced (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

#### War Bulletins!

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(AP)—All three major networks—National Broadcasting co., Columbia Broadcasting System and Mutual Broadcasting System—will carry President Roosevelt's message to Congress at 12:30 p. m. (EST) tomorrow.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Brig. General E. A. Stockton, Jr., commanding the harbor defenses of San Francisco, requested the Associated Press to circulate the following message: throughout the United States:

"All coast artillery officers and soldiers of the harbor defenses of San Francisco are ordered to report to their stations immediately. All leaves and furloughs are cancelled."

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(AP)—An Axis-controlled radio station at Shanghai broadcast a Japanese report tonight saying "a large number of Thai military forces have commenced moving towards the southern border of Burma."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The War and Navy departments issued the following announcement tonight: "The War and Navy departments are receiving many inquiries regarding personnel stationed in the

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#### WEATHER

FORECAST: NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA—Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday, slightly warmer Monday.

(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday):

High	44	46	48	50	52
Low	30	32	34	36	38
Temp.	44	46	48	50	52
Humidity	70	72	74	76	78
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