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JAPAN, ITALY AND GERMANY DECLARE WAR ON U. S. A.

Makes Attacks While Peace Talks Progressing

UNITED STATES CONGRESS DE-CLARES WAR TUESDAY

Country United On War Times

Sunday Morning, While All Was at Peace Japan attacks Suddenly and Secretly; Pearl Harbor and Honolulu First Targets As Japanese Start Far East War

(By Francis McCarthy)

Honolulu, Dec. 7.—War broke with lightning suddenness in the Pacific today when waves of Japanese bombers assailed Hawaii, and the United States fleet struck back with a thunder of big naval rifles.

Japanese bombers, including four-motored "Flying Fortresses," dive-bombers and torpedo carrying planes blasted at Pearl Harbor, the great United States naval base, the City of Honolulu and several outlying American military bases on the island of Oahu. There were casualties of unstated number.

Parachutists appeared off Harbor Point, five miles from the center of Honolulu. (It was assumed that they were suicide squadrons of saboteurs.)

Then the United States fleet steamed out of Pearl Harbor. The sound of gunfire was heard off Oahu and gunflashes were seen from the shore. It was believed that most of the Japanese bombers operated from aircraft carriers, which might have been intercepted.

Battle Under Way

The cry "Now let's get the Japanese," was raised as the fleet steamed out. (Japanese sources at Shanghai reported that a Japanese-American naval battle was under way "in the Western Pacific.")

The air attacks began at 7:55 a. m. rousing most Honoluluans from their beds. Some were still prowling the city at noon in their pajamas. "Several persons" were killed in the city.

Estimates of the number of attacking planes ranged from 50 to 150. They were said to have come from carriers anchored off Barber's Point. Pearl Harbor is protected from that direction, the northeast, by a range of mountains and the raiders skimmed the peaks and were almost over the naval base before they were detected. At least one plane was seen to launch a torpedo at warships in the harbor.

It now is possible to reveal that the United States forces here had known for a week that the attack was coming and they were not caught unprepared. It broke with such suddenness, however, that at first the identity of the planes was not definitely known. But observers soon could plainly see the rising sun insignia of Japan on the dive bombers' wings.

State of Emergency

After the shock of the first bomb impacts had been absorbed, Governor Joseph B. Poindexter declared a state of emergency, ordered the public to stay off the streets, and threw out police cordons to guard all roads and important intersections.

The attack on Hawaii, as well as the one on the international settlement at Shanghai, where Japanese marines took over the main business section and Japanese gunfire sank the British warship Petrel, was believed designed to knock out the centers of resistance to Japan in surprise blows.

The method followed was similar to the Nazi blitzkrieg tactics which depended largely on surprise and powerful blows at

enemy bases and communications lines in the rear, but in this case it was applied to sea warfare over incomparably greater distances.

Heavy anti-aircraft fire shook the Pearl Harbor sector as the defense forces struck back at the attacking planes, especially around Ford Island Air Base in the center of the harbor. Some attack planes were seen falling in flames and smoke rose over some targets.

Jap Troops At Philippines

Manila and Number of Other Points Bombed; Fifth Column Aid Feared

By CLARK LEE

Manila, P. I., Tuesday, Dec. 9.—Japanese troops were reported today to have landed, with the probable help of "fishermen" Fifth Columnists, in Lubang Island, near the entrance to Manila Bay, as Japanese planes carried out widespread raids on military objectives throughout the Philippines, including moonlit assaults on Manila itself.

The report of the landing on Lubang, some 60 miles southwest of the big American naval base of Cavite, was not confirmed officially, but enough credence was placed in it that defense officers were trying urgently to contact the provincial governor.

Japanese Fifth Column activity also was reported unofficially from Davao, on the big southern island of Mindanao, where 25,000 Japanese present a vital threat to Philippine security. One report said 3,000 armed Japanese already were resisting.

The United States aircraft carrier Langley was reported attacked in Malagal Bay near Davao in a series of daylight raids culminating in the raids early this morning on Manila. Other daylight objectives included Clark Field, a military airfield 40 miles north of Manila, where 230 casualties were reported unofficially.

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NATIONAL DEFENSE

There will be a meeting of the Franklin County Council for National Defense at the Court House, Friday night, (tonight) Dec. 12th, at 8:00 o'clock. All members are urged to attend. Requested to be present.

E. H. Malone, Chairman.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Dec. 13th:

Saturday—Don "Red" Barry in "Death Valley Outlaws" and Billy Lee and Alfalfa Switzer in "Reg'lar Fellers," also "King of Texas Rangers."

Sunday—Walter Brennan, Walter Huston and Virginia Gilmore in "Swamp Water."

Monday—Tuesday—Nelson Eddy and Rise Stevens in "Chocolate Soldier." Also "Holt of The Secret Service."

Wednesday—Jimmy Lydon and June Preisser in "Henry Aldrich for President."

Thursday—Loretta Young and Conrad Veidt in "The Men in Her Life."

Friday—Saturday—Gene Autry and Smiley Barette in "Sierra Sue" and Ralph Bellamy and Margaret Lindsay in "Ellery Queen and The Murder Ring."

WAR AND THE RED CROSS

The following telegram was received Tuesday evening by Dr. A. Paul Bagby, the Chairman of the Louisburg District of the Red Cross:

Dr. Bagby, Chm'n. Louisburg Red Cross:—Again the American Red Cross is called upon to serve our nation in war. Both nationally and locally we face vast and definite responsibilities for service to our armed forces and for relief to distressed civilians. To provide essential funds Red Cross today is launching a campaign for war funds of minimum of fifty million dollars. The President will issue on Friday a proclamation supporting this appeal, your chapter quota is \$2,000. We must not and shall not fail in this crisis. Please report action taken.

NORMAN H. DAVIS.

The telegram is self-explanatory. A meeting of all Red Cross members was called for 11 o'clock Thursday morning to consider the appeal the President of our country is making. Shall Franklin County do its part? A definite effort will be made. The organization already intact in the Annual Roll Call will be held to the task. As our President has said, "All this is not a sacrifice, but a privilege."

Do we love our country? Do we care for our own boys who are fighting for us

Britain Declares War On Japanese

Churchill Keeps Pledge To America Promptly; Says Great Struggle Ahead

London, Dec. 8. — Britain sprang proudly today to the aid of her kinsmen and ancient friends, declaring war upon Japan even before the United States itself had taken formal action.

Winston Churchill rose before an impressively united and cheering Parliament to make good without reserve the pledge that he had solemnly delivered a month ago—the pledge that the outbreak of Japanese-American hostilities would put the British instantly at the side of the United States.

He had spoken during the night with President Roosevelt over transatlantic telephone, he said, to arrange "the timing of our respective declarations," and, he went on:

"The President told me he would this morning send a message to Congress which, as is well known, can alone make a declaration of war on behalf of the United States."

Immediately "I then answered him that we would follow immediately. However, it soon appeared that British territory in Malaya had also been the object of Japanese attack and later on it was announced from Tokyo that the Japanese high command—a curious form, not the Imperial Japanese government, but the Japanese high command—had declared that a state of war existed between them and Great Britain and the United States.

"That being so, there was no need to wait for the declaration of Congress. In any case, American time is nearly six hours behind ours. The cabinet, which met at 12:30 today, therefore, authorized an immediate declaration of war upon Japan."

The girl next door says that life is made up of getting and giving and forgetting and forgiving.

Boy Scouts to Collect Toys, Clothes

The Woman's Society for Christian Service will have its annual Harvest Day Service Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. The president of the society, Mrs. Walter Patten, requests each member to bring a gift of non-perishable food which will be used in the filling of Christmas Baskets.

Mr. Hedden will speak at 7:30 on "Before, Christmas And Now." Church School convenes at 9:45.

Young People's Services, 6:45. You are welcomed to these services.

Early Thursday morning Radio dispatches states that Italy and Germany have declared War on the United States.

At 1:02 P. M. Thursday at President Roosevelt's request Congress unanimously passed resolutions that war was declared against Germany and Italy.

HOME GUARD GETS ORDERS

Captain Fred E. Fraizer, of the 8th Company, North Carolina State Guard, received orders early this week by telegram from Adjutant General Metts to hold his Company in readiness for any eventuality. These orders were later confirmed by a written communication in which the Captain was ordered to prepare his company for quick mobilization and to hold it on the alert. Additional equipment and ammunition are being shipped to the local company immediately.

Captain Fraizer states that many inquiries have been received from men desiring to enlist in the State Guard. The top strength for the company is fifty men, and at the time of its organization the list was full. However, several vacancies exist now by reason of discharges and transfers and all men interested in joining the State Guard are requested to see Captain Fraizer or to report at the Armory in Louisburg at the regular drill hour of 7:30 P. M. on Thursday night. New enlistments will be gladly received, but the Captain wishes it to be understood that those joining the Company are subject to military law and will be expected to attend all drills and to perform all duties in connection with the training program now being carried on in other similar State Guard units throughout the United States.

Captain Fraizer further stated that the 8th Company will immediately commence intensified drills and training in accordance with instructions from the War Department of the United States, as contained in the recent orders from Adjutant General Metts. "The morale of the Company is excellent," said Captain Fraizer. "All the men are eager and ready to do their part. They realize that the country is in grave danger and that lack of preparedness is largely responsible for this condition. They are determined

that the Louisburg Company shall not find itself unprepared when the call comes for actual duty."

UNLOCATED DRAFTEES

The following is a list of unlocated draftees, given out by the local Board, before it reports the names to the F. B. I.

WHITE — Edward Franklin Long, Clarence Willard Roberson, COLORED — Otis Kiney, James Edward Solomon, Elton Ewins, Charlie Perry, Daniel Lawrence, William Ellis Johnson, Cleveland Jones, Matthews Herman Hunt, Frank Ewins.

A young man who works his way through college is very likely to be able to work his way through life.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

The annual Community Christmas Tree Service will be held on Sunday, December 21st, 3:00 o'clock, at the Armory building in Louisburg and every person in Franklin County is cordially invited to come and take part. The Junior Woman's League is sponsoring this service in cooperation with the County Council of Social Agencies.

The following are opportunities for Franklin County and anyone or any organization wishing to take a family or fill a stocking for one of our county home friends will please call or write Mrs. James E. Malone or Rev. L. F. Kent. Mrs. Malone will have charge of the list of the Louisburg families and Mr. Kent the rest of Franklin County.

County Home: 7 white men, 7 white women; 13 colored men, 4 colored women; 2 men helpers, 3 women helpers.

Opportunity No. 1: Man, wife, 6 children. (Louisburg). Opportunity No. 2: Man, wife, 3 children. (Louisburg). Opportunity No. 3: Man, wife, 5 children. (Louisburg). Opportunity No. 4: Widow, 4 children. (Louisburg). Opportunity No. 5: Widow, 3 children. (Louisburg). Opportunity No. 6: Man, wife, 3 children. (Louisburg). Opportunity No. 7: Man, wife, 2 children. (Louisburg). Opportunity No. 8: Man, wife, 3 children. (Louisburg).

Opportunity No. 9: Man, wife, 7 children. (Louisburg). Opportunity No. 10: Widow, 2 children. (Cedar Rock). Opportunity No. 11: Widow, 2 children. (Cedar Rock). Opportunity No. 12: Widow, 2 children. (Justice). Opportunity No. 13: Man, wife, old couple. (Gold Sand). Opportunity No. 14: Man, wife (old couple disabled. (Justice).

Opportunity No. 15: Two sisters, poor health. (Gupton). Opportunity No. 16: Man, wife, 1 child. (Pearces). Opportunity No. 17: Widow, 5 children. (Pearces). Opportunity No. 18: Brother and sister. (Pearces). Opportunity No. 19: Father and daughter. (Youngville). Opportunity No. 20: Man and family. (Youngville). Opportunity No. 21: Man and wife. (Youngville). Opportunity No. 22: Father, 2 children. (Youngville). Opportunity No. 23: Man and wife. (Franklinton). Opportunity No. 24: Man, wife, 2 daughters. (Franklinton). Opportunity No. 25: Father, 4 children. (Franklinton). Opportunity No. 26: Man, wife, 2 children. (Franklinton). Opportunity No. 27: Widow, 5 children. (Harris). Opportunity No. 28: 1 boy, (Harris). Opportunity No. 29: Mother and 1 daughter. (Harris).

TO BROADCAST

The Louisburg College A Capella Choir will broadcast directly from the College Chapel, Sunday night, Dec. 14, over WPTF (Raleigh) from 8:30 to 9:00 P. M. This will be the fourth Annual Christmas broadcast of the choir.

The public is cordially invited to be present at this broadcast. There will be no admission.

Heretofore the choir has gone to Raleigh for the broadcast and they were highly pleased when WPTF requested that the broadcast be done from Louisburg.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS SETTLE DIFFERENCES

AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER THE WAR

Agree Not To Purchase Engines or Power, But to Make Repairs To Engine

The Board of Town Commissioners met in called session Tuesday, Dec. 9th, at 3:30 P. M., upon the request of Commissioners R. C. Beck and W. G. Lancaster.

All members of the Board were present.

Mr. Lancaster stated to the Board that due to a sudden change in conditions due to America's entrance into war, he felt that the parts for the 360 H.P. Engine that are at the Louisburg depot, should be accepted and installed, and that any necessary repair parts for the engines on hand should be purchased as needed. He further stated that he did not think that any contract should be entered into for purchased power and that no new engines should be purchased until the present war in which we are engaged is over with.

Mr. R. W. Smithwick stated to the Board that he felt that it is now time to reconition the 360 H.P. Engine and that no further financial commitments should be made.

Mr. H. C. Taylor stated that he was not entirely familiar with the proposition under discussion, but that he could not understand why any Commissioner would want to buy any parts for the engines except those parts that are absolutely necessary.

Mr. E. M. Bartholomew informed the Board that in his opinion no unnecessary additional tax burdens should be incurred unless it became absolutely necessary to do so.

Mr. W. L. Lumpkin stated that he believed that after this war is over there will be a tremendous surplus of steel and other commodities, and that following this war it will be possible to buy either engines or power at much better prices than they can be purchased for under prevailing conditions.

Following the discussion of the problem Commissioner W. G. Lancaster made the following motion which received a second from Commissioner R. C. Beck: "That the Board of Town Commissioners oppose the purchase of power from any Power Company or any new engines until after the present war emergency is over with; and that the parts for the 360 H. P. Engine that are now in the Louisburg depot be accepted and installed; and that any necessary repair parts for the engines now owned and operated by the Town of Louisburg be purchased from time to time as needed."

A roll call vote was taken upon this motion with the following result:

Those Commissioners voting "Aye" were R. C. Beck, W. G. Lancaster and W. J. Cooper. Those Commissioner voting "No" were: W. B. Barrow, F. H. Allen and W. J. Shearin. The result being a tie vote, Mayor W. C. Webb voted "Aye." The motion was carried and so ordered.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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