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U. S. IS AT WAR WITH THE NIPPONESE

HUNS AND WOPS DECLARE WAR ON UNITED STATES

Germany and Italy declared war on the United States, this morning, asserting that America has attacked Japan. Hitler announced the state of war in a speech before the Reichstag, and the Italian government made a simultaneous announcement.

Hitler's declaration was handed to the State department in Washington by German emissaries; but Secretary Hull refused to see the Germans. Hitler, in announcing the German declaration, stated that Germany, Italy and Japan have agreed not to make separate peace with either the United States or Britain, and to fight the war through to the establishment of a "new and just order in the world".

Observers take the view that the German and Italian declarations while not unexpected, clarify the situation in the minds of all the people, and show conclusively that the United States was included as one of the victims in the conspiracy against a peaceful world, by Germany, Italy and Japan, from the very beginning; and that America, while caught not as unprepared as some of the other nations, is much in the position that every other nation that was attacked found itself.

Nobody is in the least fooled about the attack. It was apparent from the first moment that this new hell was "Made In Germany", that Germany is the principal enemy of the United States, and that Germany must be forever defeated. The slogan that has been suggested now is, "On To Berlin via Tokyo."

F. D. R. Predicts Long, Hard War And Sure Victory

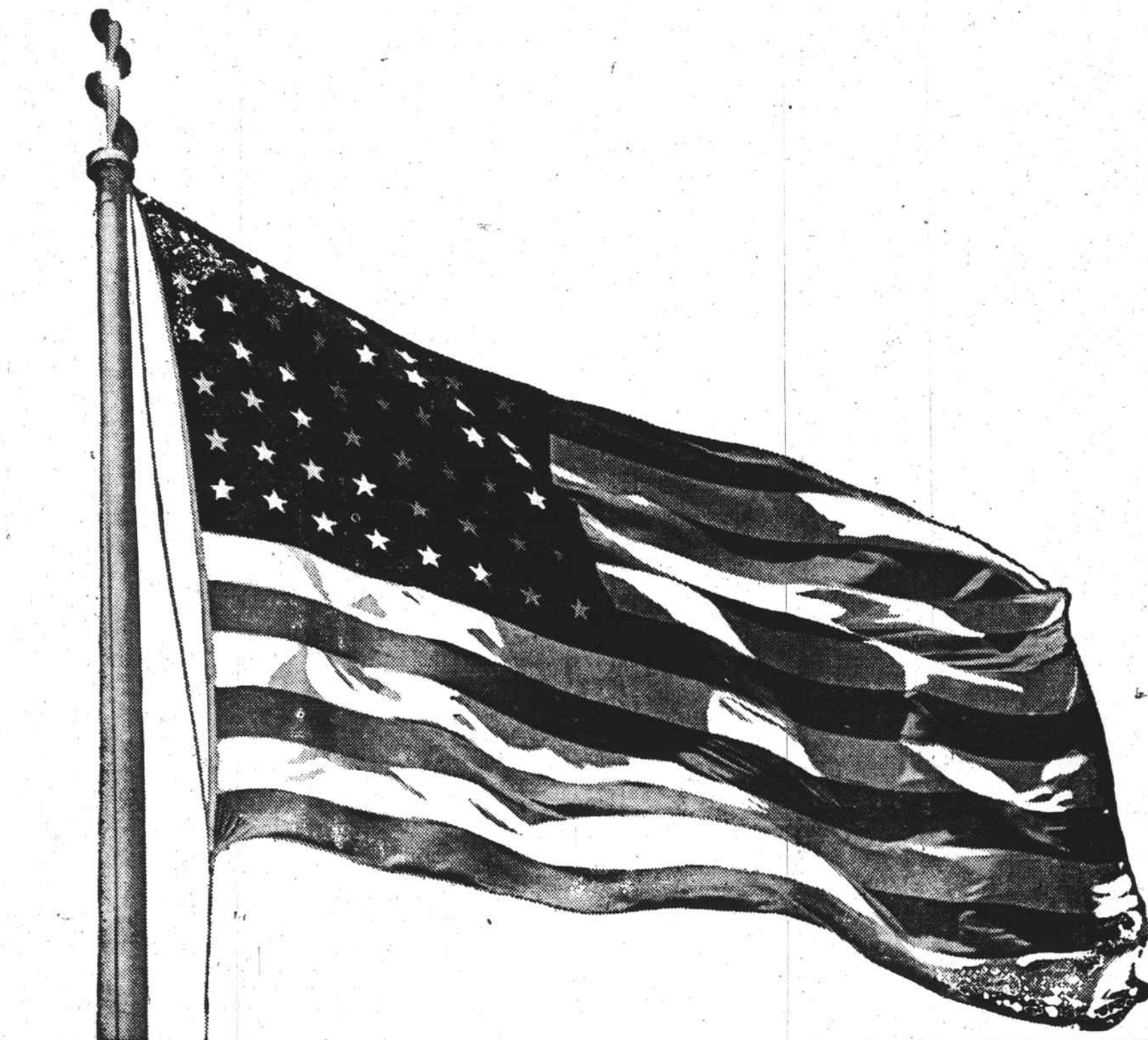
President Roosevelt, speaking directly to the American people, Tuesday night predicted certain victory after a long hard war. He cautioned the American people against accepting rumor and propaganda instead of waiting for facts, which he solemnly promised them would be given to the people of the United States as fast as they are ascertained and so long as they do not contain information that will be of value to the enemy.

The President stated that Japan had been induced to make the attack upon the United States by Hitler, who had warned Japan that she would not share in the spoils of war when peace comes unless such an attack was made, and that by making war upon the United States, the Japanese would be given complete control of the Pacific area, including the west coasts of North and South America.

Asserting that our theory of isolation has been forever exploded by the attack upon us, he asserted that we must now fight through to absolute victory, in which we will win the war and also win the peace.

LUTHER BAKER, JR., ENLISTS IN U. S. ARMY

L. H. Baker, Jr., arrived home Wednesday to visit his mother, Mrs. L. H. Baker, and his sisters, Mrs. L. T. Reed and Miss Dot Baker, and to enlist in the United States Army from the Asheville recruiting office. Mr. Baker has been employed as assistant manager by the Delchamps Company, in Mobile, Ala., for the past year. He formerly served two years with the army in the Canal Zone.



DISTRICT WILL HOLD ANNUAL CHURCH PARTY

The annual Waynesville District Christmas party will be held at Cullowhee Methodist church on Monday, December 15, beginning at 11 o'clock. The meeting will be in charge of Mrs. W. L. Hutchins, wife of the District Superintendent. All ministers, wives of ministers and workers in the children's departments from every Methodist church in the district are expected to be present. Dinner will be served by the women of Cullowhee church.

The program will consist of a discussion of the plans for celebrating Christmas in several churches, led by Mrs. Hutchins. Then there will be three group meetings. One will be for ministers, one for ministers' wives, and one for the workers with children.

The meeting will adjourn at 3 o'clock. During the day an offering of clothing, money, and commodities will be taken for the children of the district who are at the Children's Home in Winston-Salem.

4 OFFER SERVICES AT DRAFT BOARD OFFICE HERE FIRST OF WEEK

Three white men and one Indian have volunteered at the local selective service board office since the beginning of the war with Japan, and many others have gone to naval and army recruiting offices.

The three who volunteered before the local board are Merrill Johnson, William Rogers Cogar, and David Ernest Henry, all white, and Wilson Hunter Reed, Cherokee Indian.

Congress Will Lift Ban On Use Of Selectees Overseas

A bill pending in Congress and which will undoubtedly be passed, repeals all sections of the Selective Service Act that would prohibit the use of the selectees outside the Western Hemisphere.

RALLY 'ROUND THE FLAG

(An Editorial)

America is at war. The Congress has so declared, and has pledged the entire resources of the United States to the successful prosecution of the war. That resolution means just exactly what it says. Every man, every woman, every dollar, every bit of food, everything we possess in physical wealth is pledged United States is fighting for the very existence of United States if fighting for the very existence of our country. If we should lose, there will be no more United States of America as we have known them.

There has never been a time in the entire history of our country when our peoples were so solidly united in one purpose. The very character of the attack upon us is such that it solidified every shade of opinion in America. Henceforth we have but one common purpose, the winning of the war, the perpetuity of our country, the safety of our institutions. And, it may be said that never before have they been placed in such jeopardy as they are at present.

This is a war to the death. A war between two ideals of government, between two ways of life. One or the other must perish. Arrayed on one side are the Axis powers, Japan, Germany, Italy, and their satellites. On the other is the British Empire, the United States of America, China, Russia, The Dutch East Indies, the Dutch government in exile, the Greek exile government, and the republics of Latin America. There will be no quarter asked and none given. The war must be prosecuted until Japan is forever blasted from her place in the sun as a world power. She must be left with no larger craft than a row boat. She must be stripped of her military, air and naval power. She must restore the independence of Korea, of Manchuria, of Manchukio, and of China. She must be reduced to the point where she can never again be a menace to her neighbors in Asia or on this side of the Atlantic.

Germany and Italy must be soundly thrashed until the German menace that has hung over the world like a nightmare for the past century is forever removed.

Then must come a new world, made orderly and founded upon law and humanitarianism, backed by the armed force of the United States and the British Empire, strong enough to patrol the world and enforce the peace. Isolation is forever in the discard in the American mind. We have learned that we cannot isolate ourselves from the rest of the world. Pacifism is dead in the American mind, except that pacifism that is backed by the might of the English-speaking peoples, pledged to see that the peace is maintained.

In the meantime, we have a job to do. There must be no hysteresis, no rushing to do this and that. There is a place for each of us in America's mighty scheme of war-making. Some can serve best in the air, some on the ship, some in the various branches of the army to page two, 2nd column)

Treacherous, Dastardly Attack By Japs Brings America Into World War

Launching a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor and the barracks and airfield at Honolulu, the Japanese initiated a war against the United States, on Sunday, and set the whole of the Pacific area aflame with the war that has now virtually engulfed the world. Even while the envoys from Japan were still parleying with the State Department and the President, expressing a desire for peace in the Pacific, the Japanese forces were on the way to Honolulu, Guam, Midway Island, the Philippines, and were launching attacks against Thailand and British possessions in the east.

SOLDIERS COME TO GUARD DAMS, POWER HOUSES

The first taste of the seriousness of the war that was brought home to Sylva, Tuesday morning, less than twenty-four hours after the declaration of war, when a detachment of infantry from Fort Bragg, under Captain Ervin, arrived in Sylva enroute to the sites of the various power dams and power houses in Western North Carolina. These men will be temporarily at least, charged with the responsibility of guarding the vital power lines from Western North Carolina into the defense industries in Tennessee.

Guards will be placed at the dams and at the power houses and the lines will be patrolled by armed soldiers.

The headquarters of the detachment will be at Robbinsville at present, the commanding officer stated.

There will be close cooperation between the armed forces in this vicinity and the civilian defenses, including the activities of the American Legion.

Army trucks transported the soldiers to Sylva, and there were small armored cars for patrol purposes.

Among the dams and power houses placed under the protection of Captain Ervin and his men will be the dam and Lake Glenville power house, some twenty miles from Sylva.

Volunteers Crowd Offices In This Part Of Country

The declaration of war by Japan on the United States brought a flood for enlistments in the army and navy, according to recruiting offices, who have been forced to keep open far into the night in attempt to care for the long lines of men seeking to enlist in the army, the navy, and the marine corps.

The navy immediately announced that it would accept men from 17 to 50.

BATTLE IS BELIEVED TO BE RAGING IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN AREA

Nothing having been heard from the American fleet since it steamed out of Pearl Harbor, Sunday night, and it is believed that a major naval battle is raging between our forces and the Japanese in the Pacific. Berlin news sources report that one of the greatest naval battles of history is raging in the Pacific.

Dr. Charlotte Boatner has discovered an allergy preventive to relieve hay fever and asthma.

Without the slightest warning one or more aircraft carriers stealthily approached Honolulu, released their planes and began the bombing of the city, the fleet anchored in Pearl harbor, and the airfields, of a nation then at peace with all the world. The treacherous attack included the Philippines, and other island possessions of the United States; but its greatest force was spent against Pearl harbor and the airfield at Honolulu, where the main body of the Pacific fleet lay at anchor, and where the principal part of our Pacific aircraft was in the hangars.

An estimate from the War and Navy Departments places the casualties in the American armed forces at around 3,000, with about half of that number listed as dead.

President Roosevelt summoned Congress into session at noon on Monday, when he related the circumstances of the dastardly attack, and within an hour both houses of Congress had passed the resolution, declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and the Japanese Empire.

There was but one vote cast against the declaration, and that was of Congresswoman Jeanette Rankin of Montana.

Never before has such a resolution been passed with such unanimity. The declaration of war against Germany on April 2, 1917, passed the House by only three-fourths of the votes. The solid vote in Congress indicates that the country is solidly behind the prosecution of the war on Japan. Not a voice of protest has been raised, for the circumstances are such that it is apparent to everybody in America that there was nothing left for us to do except fight our way through to victory, in the defense of our country.

Even before the United States declared war, Canada, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Great Britain had declared war upon the Nipponese for their unprovoked and cowardly act. Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Panama, Colombia, Australia, South Africa, the Dutch East Indies, Greece, and Mexico quickly declared war on the side of the United States. Other Latin American countries are expected to follow the lead of America, and the war will probably engulf the entire world, before the end of the week.

LEGION SENDS LETTER TO GOV. BROUGHTON

William E. Dillard Post, American Legion, meeting Tuesday night unanimously adopted a resolution directed to the Governor of North Carolina tendering the services of the Post and its members to him, and through him to the State and Nation, to be used in any way that service can be rendered in the present war.

The resolution, drafted by a committee composed of Dan Tompkins, Dr. Grover Wilkes, and H. P. Cathey, was signed by Commander Edward Bryson and Adjutant Walter Ashe, and forwarded to the Governor.

PEOPLE NOW AT HONOLULU FROM COUNTY LISTED

A number of Jackson County people are known to have been at Honolulu and Pearl Harbor on Sunday, when the Japanese attack was made. A partial list of these from this county stationed at Honolulu are John and George McLain, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. McLain, who are in the Navy; Charles Deitz, son of Rev. and Mrs. Thad F. Deitz, also in the Navy; Charles Osborne, son of Mrs. Myrtle Osborne of Dillsboro, in the Navy; Mrs. H. S. Parry, daughter of Mrs. Dora Collins, whose home is in Honolulu; Sterling T. Elders, of Barker's in the 8th Field Artillery, at Schofield Barracks; Ralph Buchanan, a son of John Wesley Buchanan, of Savannah; Jesse Bishop, a son of Nell Bishop of Cullowhee; Talmadge Walter Middleton, son of Ferry Middleton, Tuckaseegee; Halls Reed, of Caney Fork; Thomas C. Bumgarner, at Schofield Barracks; and Frank Ensley, son of Tolvin Ensley. There are doubtless other Jackson county people on the scene of the Japanese attack, but The Journal has been unable to obtain their names.

ARMY ASKS THAT AGE EXTEND FROM 18 TO 44 FOR ARMY DRAFTEES

The United States Army authorities has asked Congress to change the selective service act so that all men between the ages of 18 and 44 will be subject to selection, thus adding twenty million men to the potential man power of the Army.

JAPANESE TROOPS EFFECT LANDING ON LUZON ISLAND

The first land battle in which American soldiers take part is forming on the Island of Luzon, some distance from Manila, where Japanese had effected a landing. This is the first invasion of American soil by foreign troops since the war of 1812.