

JAPAN OFFICIALLY DECLARES

WAR

JAPS ATTACK HONOLULU, MANILA; F. D. R. ORDERS ARMY, FLEET INTO ACTION

TOKIO--Monday--(A.P.) -- Japanese imperial headquarters announced at 6 A.M. today that Japan had entered a state of war with the United States and Britain in the western Pacific as from dawn today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.--(AP)-- Japanese airplanes today attacked American defense bases at Hawaii and Manila, and President Roosevelt ordered the Army and Navy to carry out undisclosed orders prepared for the defense of the United States. Later it was reported it was all quiet at Manila.

The White House said that Japan had attacked America's vital outposts in the Pacific -- Hawaii and Manila -- at 3:20 P.M. (E.S.T.) and that so far as was known the attacks were still in progress.

Announcing the president's action for the protection of American territory, Presidential Secretary Stephen Early declared that so far as is known now the attacks were 'made wholly without warning -- when both nations were at peace--and were delivered within an hour or so of the time that the Japanese ambassadors had gone to the state department to hand to the Secretary of State Japan's reply to the secretary's memorandum of the 26th.

Promptly, Navy officers said that long prepared counter measures against Japanese surprise attacks had been ordered into operation and were "working smoothly."

There was a disposition in some quarters here to wonder whether the attacks had not been ordered by the Japanese military authorities because they feared the president's direct negotiations with the emperor

HONOLULU--(UP)-- Parachute troops were sighted off Harbor Point today.

might lead to an about-face in Japanese policy and the consequent loss of face by the present ruling factions in Japan.

The White House announced that heavy damage had been

inflicted in the Japanese attack on Hawaii and that there probably had been heavy loss of life.

The report of damage and casualties came to the White House from Rear Admiral C. C. Bloch, commanding the 14th naval district which embraces Hawaii.

The White House asserted, too, that Japan sent her bombers over the islands in dawn of early morning.

Asked about reports broadcast from Honolulu of a naval

engagement off Hawaii, presidential secretary Stephen Early said he could not confirm them.

A little later, the White House reported that an Army transport loaded with lumber had been torpedoed 1,300 miles west of San Francisco.

This is well east of Hawaii.

The first announcement did not say whether the ship was

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BILLINGS, Mont. -- Senator B. K. Williams, Republican, said today he believed Japan had attacked bases at Honolulu and

Britain Expected to Declare War on Japs at Once

Action Was Promised Within Hour

London First Hears News From Washington

LONDON—(AP)—An authoritative British source declared that British reaction to President Roosevelt's announcement that the Japanese had attacked Hawaiian and Philippine bases of the United States "could be expected fairly soon."

Prime Minister Churchill, who promised Nov. 10 that Britain would declare war on Japan "within the hour" if she attacked the United States, was presumed to have been informed immediately.

British sources, however, could not disclose when or where he had heard it.

United States Ambassador John G. Winant was away from the embassy but aides said he was in a position to hear the news immediately and it may be presumed he was informed.

Most of the British cabinet was believed to be in London. The prime minister's promise, made in a speech Nov. 11, was recalled on every hand.

It was then that he said United States naval operations in the Atlantic had freed Britain to send formidable elements of her naval power to the Pacific.

Excitement swept this capital. In a strained voice, a BBC announcer broke into a Sunday evening program to tell the news.

Officials of the ministry of information said their first knowledge of the Washington announcement came from Washington. They expressed amazement.

There was an instant flurry as spokesmen made contact with their departments but all official sources declined to make any immediate comment.

Hotel lobbies filled quickly with amazed people asking, "Is it really true?"

They crowded around chattering news tickers but learned no details to fill in the bare announcements.

One Man's Opinion

By WALTER KIERNAN (International News Service Staff Writer)

We have confirmed a report that 10,000 monkeys will be imported into the United States next year.

We are not doing so well on the report concerning a 5,000,000 soldier AEP.

The way the dice now lay, we can confirm any rumor that concerns a monkey and we expect the same prompt service from our Simian friends.

Either that or we will cut them off from further banana aid.

All of us are being asked to kindly get justice for the emergency. This is the first time our indignation has been of national interest and our own defense problem.

If you are accustomed to taking mustard on your nose, you are siding the potential enemy.

The time has come to choose between patriotism and playing in bed with the Sunday papers. Get out there and jump around like crazy.

If you are not in condition by next March 13 abandon all hope.

Thought for the day: So far there is no shortage of people to fill other people's shoes.

FALSE ALARMS COSTLY

HOLLIDAYSBURG Pa.—(INS)—Hollidayburg, Pa., has been alerted by a few false fire alarms resulting in L. S. Mason having the choice of raising \$225 cash for fire and costs or a year's jail sentence subject to a parole in 90 days. Judge George C. Patton imposed sentence when Mason pleaded guilty to sounding the alarm in Altoona.

DEFENSE UPS BOOK DEMAND

ST. LOUIS—(AP)—Charles R. Compton, of the Public Library staff, says the St. Louis library is in the front line of defense. He reported a marked increase in requests for books on mechanical aspects of defense industries during the autumn months. Books are the backbone of every trade, Compton said, and he is supplying them.

TO MAP DESERT REGION

OCEANSIDE Cal.—(INS)—Under simulated wartime conditions, a desert region approximately 50 miles by 100 miles will be mapped for the first time by two platoons of Army engineers in the interests of national defense. The operations extend to the Mexican border and include the Salton sea and Imperial valley.

WHERE THERE'S SMOKE

KANSAS CITY—(AP)—A common sight during recent Kansas rainstorms were hay stacks that smoked and smoldered although they were surrounded by water. The smoke, farmers said, was caused by spontaneous combustion within the stacks. This, in turn, was caused by the water seeping into the hay and "heating" it.

Japanese Battleships on Move



Led by first-line battleships Huzo and Kirisima, a Japanese flotilla is pictured during recent south Pacific maneuvers. Jap war craft were reported off Saigon, French Indo-China, early in the summer as relations between Japan, the United States and Great Britain neared the breaking point as a result of Nippon acquisition of bases in southern Indo-China from France.

Eyewitness Tells How Shooting Started Today in Honolulu

HONOLULU, Dec. 7.—(AP)—At least two Japanese bombers, their wings bearing the insignia of the rising sun, appeared over Honolulu at about 7:35 a.m. (Honolulu time) today and dropped bombs.

The sound of cannon firing came to me here in Honolulu, as I telephone this story to the San Francisco Associated Press office.

Reports say that the Japanese bombers scored two hits, one at Hickam Field, air corps post on Oahu Island, and another at Pearl Harbor, setting off an oil tank fire.

Shortly before I started talking on the trans-Pacific telephone, I saw a formation of five Japanese planes flying over Honolulu.

American anti-aircraft has set up a terrific din, and the sky also is filled with American battle aircraft.

The sound of cannonading coming from the direction of Pearl Harbor has been continuing for an hour and a half. So far, there are no reports of casualties.

No bombs have fallen in Honolulu itself, so far as I could determine before making this call.

There is much commotion going on, with planes in the air and anti-aircraft firing.

The citizens of Honolulu have been cleared from the streets by military and naval units, assisted by civilian volunteers, all carrying arms.

A lot of citizens have left the city for hills, to watch the planes and anti-aircraft, and get a general view of the excitement.

The district embraces southern California, from San Luis Obispo, south to the Mexican border, and all of Arizona and New Mexico.

LONDON.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill and John G. Winant, United States ambassador to Britain, were in conference tonight a short time after Roosevelt's announcement that Japanese planes had attacked Hawaii and the Philippines.

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Chief Police Inspector Louis Costanzo set up a police guard around the Japanese consul general's office and home today and announced that all commands would make an immediate survey of Japanese sections in New York.

OTTAWA.—(AP)—Prime Minister L. MacKenzie King called the Canadian cabinet to meet at 6 p.m. EST, today to consider the Far Eastern situation.

SAN FRANCISCO.—(AP)—"It's a disaster," said the way Josho Muto, Japanese consul general here, reacted to word the Japanese were bombing Honolulu and Manila.

NEW ORLEANS.—(AP)—A Japanese attaché of the Japanese consulate here this afternoon began hurriedly burning papers in the back yard of the consulate, around which a police guard had been placed. The smoke was visible from the street as the attaché piled papers on the flames.

LOS ANGELES.—(AP)—All aircraft observation posts were ordered manned by observers immediately in an order issued today by Brig.-Gen. William O. Ryan, commanding general of the Fourth interceptor command, which has jurisdiction over the southwestern portion of the United States.

FBI Ready For Spies

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The federal bureau of investigation announced today that it is "completely mobilized and ready" to deal with Japanese espionage and sabotage.

Nazi Radio Jibes U. S. in Broadcast

LONDON.—(AP)—A German radio broadcast heard here said tonight that "President Roosevelt has at last got his war, which he has always looked for."

War With Japan 350 Men Killed By Bomb Hit

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Three hundred and fifty men were killed by a direct bomb hit on Hickam field, an NBC observer reported tonight from Honolulu.

In addition to these casualties from an air raid by planes which the observer identified as Japanese, he said three U. S. ships including the battleship Oklahoma, were attacked in Pearl harbor.

Several of the attacking planes, which came from the south were shot down, he said.

Jap Bombs Kill 5 In Honolulu

HONOLULU.—(AP)—Japanese bombs killed at least five persons and injured many others, three seriously, in a surprise morning aerial attack on Honolulu today.

Some aerial dogfights are in progress in the skies over Honolulu.

At 9:30 a.m. (Honolulu time—3 p.m. eastern standard time), the attack still was in progress.

What damage was done by the swift surprise raid was not immediately apparent. But reports said enemy bombers scored a hit at Hickam field, Army airport, and another on an oil tank at the Pearl harbor naval base.

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Before his interruption, his report said: "We have witnessed this morning the attack of Pearl harbor and a severe bombing of Pearl harbor by army planes, undoubtedly Japanese."

"The city of Honolulu has also been attacked and considerable damage done."

"This battle has been going on for nearly three hours."

"One of the bombs dropped within 50 feet of the KGU tower."

"It is no joke; it is a real war."

"The public of Honolulu have been advised to keep in their homes and away from the Army and Navy. There has been severe fighting going on in the air and on the sea."

At this point the broadcast was interrupted.

The speaker continued a few minutes later: "We have no statement as to how much damage has been done, but it has been a very severe attack."

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The sky was filled with puffs of smoke from exploding shells fired by American Army and Navy anti-aircraft units.

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There was no information whether the transport had been sunk or whether there was loss of life among the crew.

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Whether it had been torpedoed was not immediately learned.

F. D. R. May Ask Declaration of War Monday

WASHINGTON.—(INS)—President Roosevelt tonight was expected by congressional leaders to deliver a message to congress tomorrow asking for a declaration of war against Japan.

The supreme command of the nation's defense forces went into conference at the White House at 4 p.m. this afternoon. Secretary of War Stimson, Secretary of Navy Knox and Gen. George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff were with President Roosevelt. Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations remained at his desk in the navy department.

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Hawaiian Islands Crossroads

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Hawaiian islands stand at the crossroads of the Pacific, approximately one-third of the way across the vast ocean separating the United States and Japan. In these islands the United States has constructed a great naval fortress, centered in the naval base and drydock at Pearl Harbor on the picturesque island of Oahu. This harbor, 60 feet deep and some 10 square miles in area, can accommodate the entire U. S. fleet.

The strategic location of Hawaii and the great defense works centered there make the territory a major key to war in the Far East.

Honolulu, the principal city of Hawaii, lies a dot in the ocean approximately 2,000 nautical miles from California, 3,500 from Japan, almost 5,000 from the Philippines, and the naval base at Hongkong.

To the average American Hawaii may mean hula dancers, leis and pineapples; to the Army and Navy and air force it is one of their major outposts, dotted with guns, sinewed with the most modern machinery for all types of warfare.

In combined area the islands, although only slightly larger than Connecticut, are the only major group in the north Pacific. Most of the population of 423,000 are Orientals, slightly more than a third of them Japanese stock. One-seventh are Polynesian, one-eighth Filipino, one-fifteenth Chinese.

Pearl Harbor lies on the southern shore of Oahu. A narrow channel provides the only entrance from the sea and makes it one of the world's natural havens. Ships in the harbor cannot be seen from the open water.

Thousands of soldiers, their numbers increasing steadily recently, are housed in the Schofield barracks on the center of Oahu. There also is on the island a big Army air field to which a mass flight of 21 big bombing planes was made secretly from California earlier this year.

The Hawaiian Islands politically are territory of the United States, ceded to the United States by the republic of Hawaii in 1898 and made a territory by congress in 1900.

All Navy Officers Called In

NEW YORK. — (P) — A naval official who declined to be quoted said today that the Navy department sent out an urgent call to all officers on leave to report at once to naval districts in which they are located.

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — The War Department today requested the United Press to announce that Secretary Henry L. Stimson had ordered all officers in the United States to wear uniforms when reporting for duty on Dec. 8.

All Japs In Norfolk Arrested

NORFOLK, Va. — (P) — Col. Charles B. Borland, Norfolk director of public safety, immediately ordered the arrest of all Japanese nationals in this strategic naval center today as soon as he learned of the Japanese attacks on the United States Pacific bases.

New York Excited

NEW YORK. — (P) — News of the Japanese attack on outlying U. S. possessions caused crowds to gather in Times Square today and at 4 p. m. the crowd was rapidly increasing.

A newspaper rushed into the district said in screaming headlines: "Japs attack U. S.; Hawaii, Philippines bombed by airmen." Hundreds cheered and comments were: "We're into it, boy."

"We didn't start it."

In newsreel theaters programs were interrupted and after a hush hearing broke out.

Meanwhile attaches in the Japanese consulate on Fifth avenue worked feverishly piling records into suitcases and began cutting them away. A stack of burning paper indicated that some records had been destroyed.

No Comment From Berlin

BERLIN. — (P) — A German spokesman declared tonight there could be no reaction from Germany to the announced Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor until all sides of the case were at hand.

"We cannot comment," the spokesman said, "until full and exact details of the Japanese as well as the American statements are available."

British Ship Is Attacked

SHANGHAI. — (Monday) — (INS) — Japanese forces have attacked the British ship Petrel in Shanghai harbor and the vessel was on fire today.

Governor Asks War Be Declared

JACKSON, Miss. — (P) — Gov. Paul B. Johnson of Mississippi today called for a declaration of war by the United States on Japan.

"We are at war, but it is a one-sided proposition. We ought

to call congress and declare war on Japan and blow them out of the Pacific. Whatever the White House says for us to do, Mississippi is ready 100 per cent," he said.

NEW YORK. — (P) — The USS Oklahoma, a battleship, was set afire in today's air attack on Pearl Harbor, an NBC broadcast from Honolulu said.

"War, and We'll See It Through," Wheeler Says

BILLINGS, Mont., Dec. 7. — (P) — Senator E. K. Wheeler, leading isolationist, said today when informed Japan had attacked U. S. bases at Honolulu and Manila,

"that means war, and we'll have to see it through."

Asked if President Roosevelt had asked congress to declare war, Wheeler said he had received no notification, "but I assume he will."

PANAMA CITY. — (P) — The Panamanian government today ordered the arrest of all Japanese nationals in the country.

Canal Zone Blackout Ordered

BALBOA, Canal Zone. — (INS) — All the armed forces of the United States throughout the Panama canal zone were placed on wartime alert tonight.

A blackout was expected to be enforced momentarily.

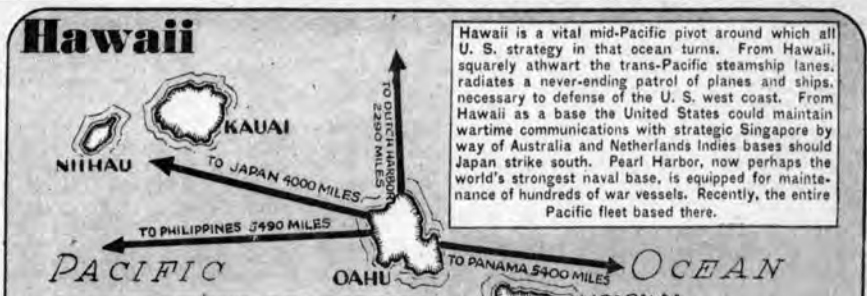
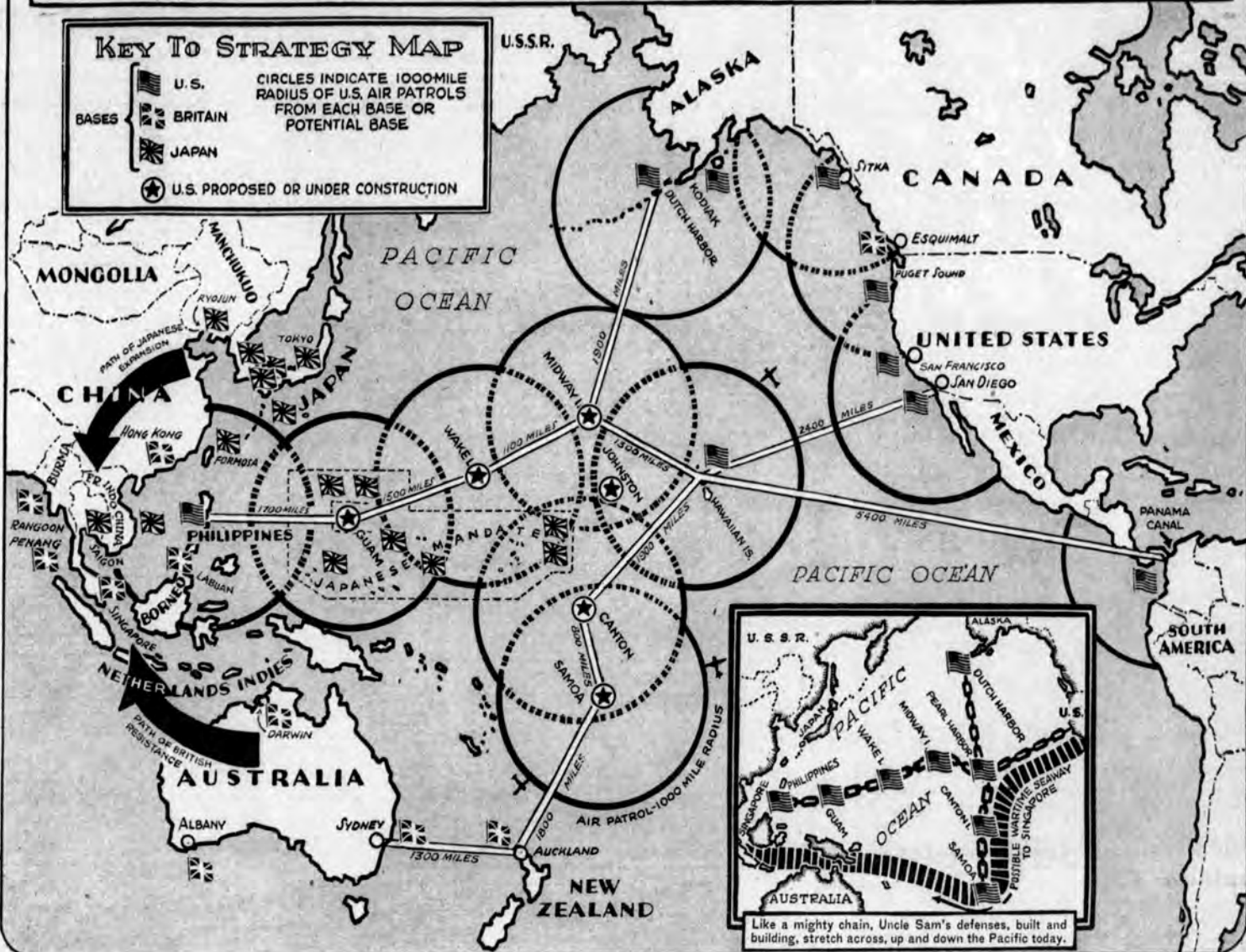
British Gunboat Sunk Off Shanghai

SHANGHAI (Monday) — (P) — The Japanese have sunk the British gunboat Petrel as it lay off the International settlement waterfront.

U. S. Air Force Goes Into Action

NEW YORK. — (P) — The air force of the United States in the Far East has taken to the air, an NBC observer reported by radio direct from Manila today.

War Comes to the Pacific



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