

Naval War Games To Test Defenses; New Bases Sought

First Operations of Fleet As Western World Show To Be in Caribbean.

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SAN PEDRO, Cal., Jan. 4 (U. P.).—The fleet sailed today for elaborate war games designed, it was believed, to test its ability to defend the Western Hemisphere.

First operations will be in the Caribbean, where the "Black Fleet" will protect the Panama Canal against the "White" Division. Then will come the climactic test, Fleet Problem XX, the protection of the North Atlantic shores from attack, late in February.

The maneuvers will include, next week, the greatest mass flight in naval record. Sixty long-range patrol bombers will try to fly non-stop from San Diego to Panama.

200 Planes in Mock Battle

While the Atlantic exercises are in progress, 60 vessels and 200 planes will engage in mock battle in the California-Hawaii-Alaska triangle of the Pacific.

Six days and nights of battle practice was ahead of the 140 surface vessels and submarines en route to Panama. Sailing from San Diego and San Pedro bases, the vessels held a rendezvous off San Clemente Island before dawn. Secret radio sailing orders had cracked from the flagship Pennsylvania and the ships sailed with doused lights.

Shore leave was up at 6 p. m. yesterday and 53,000 officers and enlisted men bade goodbye to wives and sweethearts for perhaps six months.

Auxiliary Ships Left Early

Auxiliary vessels of the fleet departed last week because they move more slowly.

Along the 3000-mile course to the canal were stationed six vessels, to render aid if necessary to the bombers during next week's flight. Whether the planes would land in the Canal Zone or cut across Central America and rejoin the warships in the Caribbean was one of the secret details of the maneuvers.

Included in the armada are nine battleships with 14 and 16-inch guns, which will reach Balboa Jan. 13, 14 heavy cruisers, and the aircraft carriers Saratoga and Lexington with 600 fighting planes.

The Pennsylvania is flagship of Admiral C. C. Bloch. He, as commander-in-chief, will act as chief umpire in the war games.

DIES FILES BILL, ASKS \$150,000

Wants Un-American Quiz to Be Extended for Two Years.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (U. P.).—Rep. Martin Dies (D. Tex.) introduced a resolution in the House today to continue the committee investigating un-American activities and appropriate \$150,000 for its expenses.

Mr. Dies asked Congress to extend the life of his committee for two years to permit further investigation of alleged Nazi and Communist activities in America. The committee reported it could not recommend any legislation to curb alien activities because insufficient funds had allowed it merely to "scratch the surface" of its investigation.

Mr. Dies' resolution was sent to the House Rules Committee, of which he himself is a member. The committee, which broke with the Administration last year, is considered slightly more favorable to New Deal forces this session because of the defeat in November of its former chairman, John J. O'Connor of New York.

Scored by President.

The Dies committee, criticized by President Roosevelt for what he termed "un-American" behavior, attempted to "hamstring" its investigation and denounced Secretary of Labor Perkins for failure to report Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast labor leader.

Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R. N. J.), a member of the committee, announced that he would institute impeachment proceedings against Miss Perkins within a week for alleged failure to enforce deportation laws. Administration leaders in Congress were believed ready to oppose continuation of the committee on grounds that an extensive anti-espionage drive instituted by governmental agencies last week precluded the necessity for further Congressional inquiry.

NAMED FARM AGENT

FULTON, Jan. 4.—Martin J. Huxley of Versailles has been appointed Fulton County agricultural agent. He assumed duties today, succeeding Noah S. Hadley. Mr. Hadley became Park County agricultural agent.

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Congress Studies Additions to Sea Power to Warn Rival Nations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (U. P.).—Congress today began a study of recommendations for extension of United States naval defenses designed to halt any territorial aspirations of Japan in the Pacific and to forestall possible European encroachment upon the western hemisphere.

A five-man naval board, headed by Rear Admiral Arthur J. Hepburn, member of the Navy's general board, reported to Congress that funds are needed for establishment of new fleet facilities in the Caribbean, Alaskan and far western Pacific areas.

The board declared that American security and territorial integrity might eventually depend upon greater air, surface, and undersea strength in Alaska, Hawaii and farther west toward Japan in the Pacific atoll of Guam.

The board urged immediate favorable action on recommendations to improve naval defenses in the Caribbean and Atlantic coast sections, regarded as the first step in President Roosevelt's program for a "continental defense system."

Relations Now Strained

Officials indicated that the United States has definite information Japan "will deeply resent" any program to increase defenses in the western Pacific and likely will "retaliate" with efforts to strengthen her own position, particularly near Alaska.

United States-Japanese relations already have been strained by a series of sharply worded notes protesting Japanese activities in China. Officials said it would be "extremely difficult" for the United States to defend Alaska under present conditions against a nearby major power, such as Japan. The proposed program, it was said, is also required for protection of a large section of the Pacific Northwest.

The Hepburn board recommended that Guam be heavily fortified as an advance fleet base to provide "practical immunity to the Philippines against hostile attack in force." Now virtually defenseless, Guam could be so fortified as to make any attack on the Philippines a "precarious undertaking," the board reported.

"To an even greater extent," it said, "Guam would greatly impede, if not actually deny, extensive hostile naval operations to the southward, thus greatly simplifying our naval problems should the fleet ever be called upon for operations in the Far East."

Major Air Base Urged

"The foregoing considerations are of sufficient strength to warrant the recommendation that Guam should be developed as a major air and submarine base, with a garrison sufficient in strength to make its reduction or occupation a major effort on the part of any probable enemy."

The board urged development of the already powerful fleet air base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, to "major" status with facilities for two aircraft carrier groups, 10 patrol plane squadrons and complete repair machinery; equipment of Wake Island with facilities for one patrol squadron, a pier, channel and other necessary defense developments; the strengthening of defense facilities on the Pacific Islands of Johnson, Palmyra, Canton and Rose.

Other recommendations included: Three secondary air bases for Alaska, together with submarine bases at Kodiak, Alaska, and Unalakleet, Alaska. Submarine facilities for two divisions at Midway and Wake Islands.

Caribbean Cited

Establishment of air bases in the Caribbean area at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; San Juan, Puerto Rico; St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and expansion of the Coco Solo, Canal Zone, base.

Enlargement of air bases at Hampton Roads, Va., Pensacola, Fla., Alameda, Cal., and Seattle, Wash.

Establishment of an Eastern seaboard base at Quonset Point, R. I., to protect the Eastern industrial area, and another one five miles south of Jacksonville, Fla.

Enlargement of the New London, Conn., submarine base to accommodate larger craft; reopening of the Key West, Fla., base; retention of the naval holdings at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and development of an air base "treasure island," in San Francisco Bay.

NOISY AUTO TRAPS THIEF

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 4 (U. P.).—A broken exhaust pipe on the automobile of Thomas Davis foiled an attempt to steal the car. The peculiar sound made by the auto as it started awakened the owner. He notified the police, who recovered the car and captured the thief.

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That stream of incoming members assembling for the 76th Congress seems to have momentarily baffled Vice President John Nance Garner, whose role in national politics looms larger than ever. "Cactus Jack" wrinkles his face in perplexity which the camera registers faithfully.

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FISH DEMANDS QUIZ OF ROPER'S 'YACHT PARTIES'

Hoosier Charges U. S. Paid For Private Trips With 'Paint Vouchers.'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (U. P.).—Rep. Hamilton Fish (R. N. Y.) demanded a Congressional investigation today of private parties aboard the Government boat Eala in which former Secretary of Commerce Daniel G. Roper and other officials were alleged to have participated.

Rep. Fish said that if Mr. Roper or any official spent public money for nonpublic purposes, he should be forced to reimburse the Government. Acting Controller General Richard N. Elliott of Indiana charged in his annual report to Congress yesterday that in 1934 and 1935, soda water, flowers, cigars and cigarettes "were vouchered as paint, provisions or supplies" for the Eala.

He estimated that the boat, which belongs to the Steamboat Inspection Service of the Department of Commerce, costs \$800 a week to operate and that in the six-month period on which he reported, \$9506 was spent "which was not authorized under the appropriation providing for inspection service."

Rep. John Taber (R. N. Y.) contended that Republican members of the House Appropriations Committee "exposed" the private parties aboard the Eala two or three years ago. Rep. Fish said that the small Republican minority had made it impossible to take action then, but

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