

'Japan's Action Suicidal—She Cannot Win,' Says Admiral Yates Stirling

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JAPAN HAS ATTACKED the United States by surprise and without declaration which throws us into war in the Pacific Ocean. Fighting now is under way.

A great pattern of events appears to be shaping up roughly as follows:

1. The Japanese, if they have followed what has been understood to be their great master war plan, probably have launched simultaneous attacks on all Russian, British and Netherlands Indies bases in the Pacific Ocean.
2. If the master war plan has been thrown into operation, and if the Emperor of Japan has approved the attack, the United States is in for a war of unguessable magnitude. Our effort will be to crush the Japanese navy and all Japan's armed forces as quickly as possible.
3. The Japanese must clear their flanks if they are to be successful. That means an effort to occupy Vladivostok, Russia's Far East base which presumably might be made available to our forces, Soviet Kamchatka to the north, and possibly our own bases on the

Editor's Note: A reconstruction of the tremendous pattern of events involved in Japan's unprecedented attack upon the United States is given in the following dispatch by the former U. S. Naval Commander at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, who saw long service in the Pacific and is intimately familiar with the broad strategy involved.

Aleutian Islands off Alaska. An effort to attack the Alaskan mainland is possible.

4. The Japanese may be receiving a measure of German advice and assistance. We must be prepared for news that limited numbers of German planes, submarines and surface ships are in action against us in the Pacific.

TO THIS NAVAL observer, intimately familiar with the whole pattern of events in the Pacific—military, political and economic—for many years, the Japanese action appears suicidal.

We may be in for a long and hard war but the Japanese cannot win. We are likely to suffer initial reverses but for them we will obtain a terrible vengeance.

Generally speaking our positions in the Pacific Ocean have been carefully prepared. They are ably manned and details of our co-operation with Britain, the Netherlands Indies, Australia and China, were worked out weeks ago.

We can expect news of engagements between the raiding force and our warships.

The United States Navy will not be satisfied until the entire Japanese raiding force in Hawaii has been sunk.

The bombing of Pearl Harbor by Japanese dive bombing planes probably came from the direction of the high mountains back of the base to the northeast. From this position the attackers would have been concealed from view until they were almost over the base.

THIS HAVING BEEN a surprise attack, in time of peace United States planes could not have been expected to be in the air in great force. Therefore, the only defense at first would have been by anti-aircraft guns. Thus, there would have been no excuse if the Japanese airmen had not done great damage with their bombs.

If they did not inflict great damage, it shows the inefficiency of Japanese aviation, which has been reported frequently by our observers, especially from the Shanghai area during Chinese-Japanese hostilities.

Japanese submarines have been on their way to the American coast for several weeks, showing that even while negotiations were being carried on in Washington, Japan had decided upon war.

It would take at least 17 days for Japanese submarines from Japan to cruise to the Pacific Coast of the United States.

A submarine, which has been reported 1300 miles southwest of

San Francisco, would have taken at least 15 days to get there from Japan.

The Japanese may try for a series of hit-and-run air raids from aircraft carriers on cities on the west coast of the United States proper but it is unlikely they can achieve much. One may be sure air patrols already have been established all along the West Coast region and that any Japanese effort will be met before it gets started.

THE NIPPONESE COMMANDERS probably do not envisage anything like an occupation of our islands but merely are seeking to do all the damage they can in a belief their losses will be less than ours and that they can hamper our war effort by crippling at least some of our ships and shore establishments at the start.

An effort, of course, will be made to save the aircraft carrier or carriers involved in the raid. These ships probably are protected by submarines and will seek to run for the nearest Japanese base once the raid has been completed. Submarines previously would have been spotted along their prepared return course for protection.

CANADA GOES INTO THE WAR QUICKLY

Cabinet Called Into Emergency Session; General Order Issued to "Engage Enemy Wherever Found."

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 (U. P.).—Canada came quickly to the support of the United States last night with an announcement that a state of war exists between the Dominion and Japan.

The action, taken at an emergency session of the Cabinet, was the first such move by a member of the British commonwealth of nations.

Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King called the Cabinet into session after receiving reports of the Japanese attack on Hawaii.

At the same time a general order was issued to the armed forces of the Dominion "to engage the enemy wherever they may be found."

The order-in-council declaring war on Japan was transmitted by cable to the King for his personal signature on behalf of the people of Canada.

The state of war was effective, however, from the moment of announcement here.

Netherlands East Indies Also Acts Fast

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (U. P.).—The Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies declared war against Japan last night. The declaration was made at 6:30 a. m. Netherlands time.

Mexico, Angry, Almost Ready to Declare

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 8 (U. P.).—Foreign Minister Ezequiel Padilla today angrily condemned Japan's "aggression" against the United States and pledged Mexico's full assistance to her neighbor under the Havana Treaty.

Simultaneously the pro-administration newspaper La Prensa of Mexico City demanded that Mexico declare war against Japan—an attitude which a Foreign Office spokesman told the United Press was "impossible."

BRIDE OF LEOPOLD ESCHEWS A DIADEM

BERLIN, Dec. 8 (U. P.).—A pastoral letter read in all Belgian churches yesterday announced the marriage of Sept. 11 of Leopold III, King of the Belgians, to Mary Lillian Baels, who eschewed the rank and title of queen and elected instead to be known as Princess of Reby.

Joseph Ernest Cardinal Van Roey, Archbishop of Malines, revealed that "we had the honor and joy of performing the royal marriage according to church ritual" in the chapel of Laeken Castle outside Brussels, where Leopold has lived in almost complete seclusion since he surrendered the Belgian forces to the German army of invasion.

Leopold declared that any children born of the marriage would have no rights to the throne.

INVOKE ESPIONAGE ACT
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (U. P.).—The War Department today invoked the 1917 Espionage Act against publication of military information regarded as secret and relating to army strength outside the continental limits of the United States.

HOLD EVERYTHING



"Eat your vegetables, Jimmy—you don't want to be a little squirt like your father, do you?"



This picture taken aboard the huge U. S. S. North Carolina during recent ship trials is a scene being re-enacted in earnest on every ship in the American fleet today. The men in the foreground are bending over to batten down the hatch. Others ran to their posts. The place is the after deck beneath the No. 3 turret. The forbidding 16-inch guns towering at an angle now are ready to answer Nippon's challenge.

AMERICAN NAVY OUTRANKS JAPS'

U. S., British and Dutch At Least Equal to Her Pacific Sea Power.

By UNITED PRESS
Japan, the world's third naval power, opposed equal, possibly superior, American, British and Netherlands East Indies naval forces in the Pacific today.

The last official record listed Japan as having nine capital ships, five aircraft carriers, 12 heavy cruisers, 27 other cruisers, 112 destroyers, 59 submarines, 12 torpedo boats and a naval personnel of 107,000 men.

Navy Secretary Frank Knox said recently that Japan has nine aircraft carriers, and the authoritative British Press Association said it was believed that more than 12 destroyers had been commissioned since the last official estimate.

The United States has 17 battleships, seven aircraft carriers, and an eighth newly completed; 37 cruisers, 171 destroyers and 111 submarines. Some of these ships, possibly half, are operating in the Atlantic.

The British recently transferred to Singapore the new battleship Prince of Wales, another capital ship and a number of other vessels.

The East Indies have a small, but well-equipped navy.

The British Press Association suggested that the Japanese air force development is the lowest among major powers, that all its planes are copies of the world's second best designed six years ago.

STANDARD MODIFIED FOR NAVY RECRUITS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (U. P.).—The Navy today announced a modification of physical standards for enlistment in the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Naval Reserve and the Marine Corps reserve.

Men with varicose veins, hernia and hydrocele will be accepted for duration of the emergency in all but the Marine Corps. The Marine Corps will accept men with varicose veins and hydrocele but will not enlist those with hernia. Applicants with hernia will be treated at the naval training station.

Other physical defects which formerly barred men from service but now are acceptable are seasonal hay fever, correctable nasal deformity, undernourishment and underdevelopment which are not due to organic disease, and other minor surgical defects.

The Marine Corps is going out into the backwoods with recruiting trucks to enlist men in the service, the Navy announced.

Get New 'Pots,' Freshmen Told

Times Special
GREENCASTLE, Dec. 8.—DePaul College freshmen have found that it's not so easy to get rid of their little green freshmen caps.

Deciding to celebrate the perfect record of the freshmen football team they built a bon-fire and fed the flames with their caps. Upperclassmen heard of the incident and have decreed that the offending freshmen must buy new "pots" and wear them until spring.

"Nothing to Fear," Tojo Tells Japanese Empire

TOKYO, Dec. 8 (U. P.).—Japanese Premier Hideki Tojo in an address to the Japanese empire by radio today said: "There is nothing to fear in this war."

Announcing that Emperor Hirohito had declared war on the United States and Great Britain, Tojo said:

"Japan has done her utmost to prevent this war, but in self-protection and for self-existence, we could not help from declaring war—considering the past attitude and acts of the United States."

Tojo said that the rise or fall of East Asia "depends on this fight." He pointed out that in the 2100 years of Japanese history they had never lost a war.

"We therefore ask your co-operation. I hereby promise you that the final victory will be that of Japan."

"I ask that every individual in the island empire do his utmost to defend our country."

Urging the nation to be calm and collected, Tojo said "there is nothing to fear in this war."

In his remarks, Tojo maintained that Japan "had endeavored to settle her problems peacefully."

The Premier concluded his brief address with the words:

"Japan cannot help from fighting when we know we are actually on the crossroads of a rise or fall in our great history."

IMPOSE RADIO AND CABLE CENSORSHIP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (U. P.).—The Navy Department announced today that censorship has been placed on all outgoing cable and radio messages.

"Censorship on all outgoing cablegrams and radio messages from the United States and its outlying possessions had been placed in effect."

No details were given as to the procedure that would be followed but observers believed a system similar to that employed in England would be used.

No censorship was imposed immediately on outgoing mail.

FUNNY BUSINESS



"Sell you a good watch dog, Mister!"

FIELD NAMED FOR A HOOSIER

Target of Air Attack Was Named for Spencer Man; Kin Lives Here.

Hickam Field, target of the air attack by the Japanese raiders yesterday and focal point for the Army Air Corps in the Hawaiian Islands, was named in honor of Horace Hickam, a native of Spencer, Ind.

Lieut.-Col. Hickam attended Indiana University for a year preparatory to entering the United States Military Academy at West Point from which he graduated in 1908.

During the last war he became a pioneer in aviation only to meet death in an airplane crash while in charge of Midwestern air mail deliveries seven years ago. His home base was Ft. Crockett, Tex.

Col. Hickam's mother, Mrs. Willa Hickam, lives at 3410 N. Pennsylvania St. and Hubert Hickam, a brother, lives at 4400 N. Meridian St. Another brother lives in Spencer.

Col. Hickam, in whose honor a memorial plaque was unveiled in the Spencer Armory last January, was the founder of the Air Corps News Letter, news organ of the Air Corps, published by the Information Division in Washington, D. C.

Speed Defense Job Recruiting

IN ORDER to obtain speedy recruiting of workers to take the place of those in defense plants who may be called to the services, the Employment Security Division today canceled all vacations and said employees would work overtime if needed.

The order was made by Col. Everett L. Gardner, director, and affects 27 local offices throughout the State as well as the central office at 141 S. Meridian St. here. During the President's speech today, approximately 400 employees in the central office listened by radio. Following the speech, the employees took the oath of allegiance to the flag.

BAYS PLEDGES AID OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Fred F. Bays, Democratic state chairman, in a letter to Clarence A. Jackson, State Defense Council Director, today pledged "the entire organization and facilities of the Indiana Democratic party for whatever purpose the Defense Council may deem it can be helpful to the cause of the United States."

He offered the services of "12,000 loyal Hoosiers in the immediate organization, the office personnel and equipment."



Work Still Ahead, Leaders Of America First Declare

Leaders of the isolationist America First Committee declared today that there still is work to be done by the Committee, regardless of the war with Japan.

Merle H. Miller, state chairman of the Committee, was en route to Washington by plane when the Japanese attack became known. Contacted as he landed at the Washington airport, he issued the following statement:

"Our services both as individuals and as an organization belong to our Government. The sole question now is how best we may unite our energies to bring this conflict to a successful conclusion."

A further statement is expected upon Mr. Miller's return in the next few days.

Meanwhile, other leaders of the group said one of its functions will be to guard against those "who don't like our form of government and who would like to make it Fascistic."

The local America First group several weeks ago began plans for setting up its offices as a Red Cross workshop, and had started plans for co-operating with the United Service Organizations in looking

after the welfare of the boys in camp, it was reported.

America First officials declined to comment on a petition signed by a dozen local persons demanding immediate disbanding of the America First Committee.

Mrs. Roosevelt Flying to Coast

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (U. P.).—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, an assistant director of the Office of Civilian Defense, will leave for the Pacific Coast by airplane tonight to assist emergency civilian defense work.

Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by her secretary, Miss Malvina Thompson, expects to arrive at Los Angeles tomorrow morning and to work in all the coast states. The extent of her stay will be determined by the necessities of the situation.

Mrs. Roosevelt told a nationwide radio audience last night that there was no more uncertainty over the United States' role in the war.

"We know what we have to face and we know that we are ready to face it," she said.

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