

New Air Alarms Stir San Francisco Area

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has begun to learn how to respond to air raid warnings. "This is war—death and destruction may come from the

skies at any moment," Lieut. General John L. WeWitt, commanding general of the fourth army, said in a blunt rebuke. General DeWitt, heaped scorn upon San Francisco for the manner in which it responded to first mainland air-raid alarms of the Japanese-American war Monday

night and early Tuesday.

The general's warning of the danger of death from the air spurred other west coast cities, from Canada to Mexico, to make blackout and air raid preparations.

All of them admittedly had much to learn.

Criminal Conduct Seen

General DeWitt said the conduct of some San Franciscans who failed to heed the blackout orders was criminal, and said persons who doubted the reality of enemy planes being over California Monday night were "inane, foolish, idiotic."

"It is damn nonsense to assume we would practice an alert," he said. Some buildings were blacked out completely during that period, while across the street huge advertising signs continued to burn. The lights of Alcatraz island gleamed brilliantly in San Francisco bay, while three miles away in the city, an air warden banged on a householder's door and demanded that he turn off a light in the bathroom window.

PEDESTRIAN KILLED IN BLACKOUT NEAR CANBY

PORTLAND, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Oregon suffered its first blackout fatality this morning as the western part of the state darkened streets and homes for the second successive day.

Oscar Johnson, about 42, a pedestrian, was killed on the Pacific highway near Canby 10 minutes after the lights went out at 12:30 a. m.

Portland also had its first blackout blaze, and fire trucks, racing through the streets with shielded lights, reached a furniture store in time to limit damage to less than \$650.

Administrator L. F. Allen of the Oregon liquor commission informed the state that beer, wine and mixers could not be sold or served during blackout hours. Liquor stores will close a half-hour before blackouts, or at 10 p. m., whichever ever is the earlier hour. He warned that violations would lead to suspension or revocation of licenses.

THREE KILLED, 12 HURT IN CALIFORNIA AREAS

LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Within half an hour after last night's blackout was established in Long Beach, Henry C. Riggs, 70, of Walla Walla, Wash., was killed by an automobile. Only a block away, Allan A. Britt, 35, of Long Beach was struck by another car. Doctors said he suffered concussion and possibly a fractured skull.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Mrs. Marie Sayre, 27, of San Francisco, lay critically injured at a hospital today, victim of a bullet fired at an automobile by a sentry during Monday

night's air raid blackout.

The shot was fired, police said, by Private A. Rownd, of company L of the California state guard.

The sentry, stationed at a San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge, said he fired after his order to halt was disregarded.

Don Sayre, the woman's husband who was driving the car, said he did not hear the command to stop.

Commanding officers of company L of the California state guard ordered the sentry to remain at his post. Guard officers said they had instructed their men to stop "anything strange" on the bridge.

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Two persons were killed and 11 injured in blackout automobile accidents in the San Francisco bay area Monday night. Edward C. Franks, 39, Oakland taxi driver, and a woman tentatively identified as Mrs. H. J. McInerney, Alameda, were killed. Their unlighted automobiles collided.

ROUNDUP OF AXIS ALIENS GOES ON IN WASHINGTON

(By the Associated Press) The expected arrival of America's first lady—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt—and New York city's Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, in Seattle tonight emphasized the stress on home defense preparations in the Pacific northwest today.

Mrs. Roosevelt and LaGuardia will arrive by plane at 7 p. m., and join Washington's Governor Langlie in a meeting at Olympia of the Washington state defense council.

The federal bureau of investigation continued its roundup of Japanese, Germans and Italians suspected of plotting "overthrow of the government." Some 150 suspects already have been detained, including 122 Japanese, 27 Germans and three Italians.

The Seattle city council prepared blackout ordinances containing penalties ranging up to 90 days and \$100 fines or both. The council also authorized employment of 50 additional regular policemen and between 30 and 40 more special police.

Fire Hits \$125,000 Blow At Gonzaga University

SPOKANE, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Fire of undetermined origin swept through a large part of the administration building of Gonzaga university, shortly after 2 a. m. today, causing damage estimated by fire department officials at \$125,000.

Between 45 and 50 men, members of the Jesuit order, sleeping in the building, escaped without injury although they lost most of their personal belongings. A fireman, Ormond Zapf, was slightly injured.

LOCAL NEWS

Here From Days Creek—Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Tison, of Days Creek, were business visitors in this city Tuesday.

Improving at Hospital—Mrs. Lillian Plaster, of Roseburg, is reported to be doing nicely at Sacred Heart hospital in Eugene, where she underwent a major operation two weeks ago. Her two sisters, Mrs. Alice Mahn and Mrs. Barton Hellwell of this city, spent Sunday in Eugene with her.

Undergoes Operation—According to word received here, Mrs. W. F. Harris underwent another operation on her fractured leg at Good Samaritan hospital in Portland yesterday and her condition this morning was reported to be satisfactory. Mrs. Harris was seriously injured in an automobile accident with her husband several weeks ago. Mr. Harris, who was also badly injured and is a patient at Good Samaritan hospital, is reported to be able to be up every day now with the aid of crutches.

A tax or assessment of money once was known as a "scot"; hence, "to go scot free" means to escape without tax or penalty.

2 British Battleships Sunk by Japanese Forces

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most tremendous news of war successes so far—the sinking of two of Britain's mightiest capital ships and the landing of Japanese forces in the Philippine islands—today to jubilant throngs of war stirred Japanese.

Announcing that Britain's new, 35,000-ton battleship Prince of Wales and battle cruiser Repulse had gone down in the Pacific off the Philippines, the Japanese air force declared "the British far eastern fleet has been obliterated."

(The loss of the two ships was acknowledged by Britain but there was no indication of other losses to substantiate the Japanese claim that Britain's newly massed naval strength in the far east had been nullified.)

Japan already had claimed naval supremacy of the Pacific after her Sunday air smash against the United States fleet in Pearl Harbor, and today a spokesman of the naval section of imperial headquarters declared the Japanese navy is determined and prepared to obtain control of the air and seas in the Pacific, Indian and Antarctic oceans.

Losses Acknowledged. In a virtual broadcast of communiques the army and navy sections of the imperial headquarters:

Said Japanese landing parties had been set ashore successfully in the Philippines north of Manila in joint land-sea-air operations against Philippine resistance.

Declared that previously reported occupation of the United States Pacific island of Guam had been confirmed and that Japanese military and naval forces now were securely established there.

A member of the navy press section of imperial headquarters asserted that "all Japanese aircraft carriers in the Pacific are carrying out their tasks with full force" contrary to rumors abroad that one had been sunk.

Against all these successes, the communiques said Japan had not lost one warship.

They acknowledged only that two transports had gone down and two others were damaged, with no loss of life on any of them, and that 51 planes were missing.

A terse announcement said that the Repulse sank instantly and that the Prince of Wales, crippled and in flight from a first air assault, was destroyed in a second aerial attack.

Restraint Urged. Emperor Hirohito dispatched a message of congratulations to Admiral Yamamoto, commander in chief of the combined fleets.

Capt. Hiraide, spokesman of the naval press section, urged restraint, however. He told a national rally that Japan had smashed the main British and United States naval forces in the Pacific but must be prepared to carry on the war for a decade.

Contrary to British and American expectations, he declared, the qualitative strength of the Japanese fleet had risen tremendously since the 1922 Washington conference where, he said, Britain and the United States forced

Japan an inferior (5-53) naval ratio in hopes of preventing a Japanese naval victory.

But the smash on Pearl Harbor, he declared, has reversed the ratio and "the Japanese navy will continue to let actions speak in proving to the world the superiority of the Japanese navy."

BREMERTON, Wash., Dec. 10.—(AP)—Two marines on blackout patrol duty were killed early today when the automobile in which they were riding collided head-on with a Washington Motor Co. car on the intersection of the Keyport-Poulsbo highway. The marines were not immediately identified.

ROME, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The Italian high command announced today that an Italian ship with 2,000 British prisoners aboard had been torpedoed.

The attack occurred off the coast of Greece, a communique

said, and asserted that rescue operations still were underway.

Produce From Japanese Gardeners Under Boycott

A boycott on produce from Japanese gardeners has been placed in effect by the Pacific Fruit and Produce company, according to Floyd Lewis, manager of that company's branch office in Roseburg. Mr. Lewis reports he has received an order from company headquarters to cease buying produce from Japanese-operated truck farms under any circumstances.

The same order has gone to California fruit buyers, Lewis said he was informed. One of the reasons given for the action, it was stated, was the fact that it would be possible for such growers to sell produce carrying an excessive 1934; desertion.

amount of poisonous sprays. The local warehouse will cooperate fully with the instructions, Lewis states.

Argentina, Chile to Fortify Magellan Strait

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Rossetti announced today that Argentina and Chile had agreed to fortify the strait of Magellan, where German surface raiders sheltered at times during the World war.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

DEMENT - BOOHER - Ellsworth Lloyd Dement and Vera Elsa Booher, both residents of Leona.

DIVORCE COMPLAINTS

HENDERER - John J. versus Addie Henderer; married Mar. 4, 1934; desertion.

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