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Geography No Longer a Shield

LET every American remember this: Except for the chance of geography, San Francisco or San Diego or Seattle might have received on the infamous December 7 the same deadly introduction to war that came to Honolulu and Manila.

Japan has willed war with the United States, war without warning, war of which the first notice is the first bomb. Except for the fortunate fact that continental United States is thus far out of reach, we should have felt in the midst of our own great continental cities, the fury of this dastardly assault. It may yet come.

So we are one with Norway, and the Netherlands, and Belgium after all. When the German invaders swiftly and silently descended on those countries without warning, we were horrified, we were sympathetic, but we did not feel the reality as being anything that might touch us directly. Now it has come also to us. We are one with every country defending its freedom against aggression. Perhaps we always were. Now at last it is clear.

Be sure we are invaded. The mere fact that the initial steps had to be taken by Japan far out in the Pacific is mere coincidence. Thus far geography protected us. But geography is no longer to be relied upon. Longer range bombers, new and deadlier devices at sea, the fall of bases which bring Japanese airfields nearer and nearer, these factors are stripping away the last shreds of our reliance on mere geography.

We see now, written in the blood of our own murdered countrymen, the lesson we were so reluctant to learn. Security lies not in remoteness, but in the destruction of the very airfields, fleet bases, arms factories and governments from which the menace comes. The oceans are no safety any more, though they shield us temporarily from the direct attack that would certainly have come had it been possible. They are a temporary shield only. They cannot protect us permanently or with the slightest assurance for the future.

Only the elimination from the world picture of those forces which have so callously mocked the world's hope of a peaceable order offers the slightest hope of future peace.

We have before us a period of trial. There will be hardships, not the tiny inconveniences we have thus far suffered, but real hardships, perhaps real suffering and death.

We face them unflinchingly, for the sake of the future. On this road there is no turning back.

Button Up the Lip

LOOSE talk and rumors have been for many months a disservice to the nation.

Now they are downright dangerous. In the first place, the simplest common sense dictates that it is unwise to speak in public of troop or ship movements or defense plant activities. You never know who may be listening; you never know in what odd ways information may get to the wrong ears.

If you hear a rumor not publicly substantiated in the newspapers, question it. You may be sure that all authentic news will be in the papers. When you've questioned the verbal rumor yourself, don't repeat it to others, for the

deliberately launched whispering campaign is a weapon in the hands of our country's enemies. It is time to button up the lip and buckle down to work.

Editorials on News

(Continued from page 1.)

winter foreshadows something—just what can not yet be said with certainty. Moscow says Hitler's Russian campaign has been crushed. A soviet communique today claims 85,000 nazis have been killed and 23 out of a total of 51 nazis divisions have been smashed, routed, surrounded or forced to retreat in the Moscow zone since November 16. The Germans are still falling back along the Black sea.

OPINION

In London is that Hitler is pulling out of Russia in order to hit harder somewhere else. A "British source" says today that the German air forces reported to be withdrawn from Russia may be thrown full strength at the British Mediterranean fleet which has been preventing reinforcements and supplies from reaching axis forces in Africa.

Hitler, watching the spectacular successes of aircraft against surface craft in the Japanese war is expected to strike swiftly and with all his power against the British in the Mediterranean.

THE British have been making progress in Africa in this week when our eyes have been turned elsewhere. If Hitler is unable to relieve his hard-pressed forces there, he will suffer another defeat.

GERMAN FORCES

continue to mass in southern Bulgaria. Bulgaria declares war on Britain and the United States.

There is growing expectation that Hitler will strike through Turkey to reach the oil fields of the Middle East.

Turkey is on an extremely hot spot.

MEANWHILE

The Netherlands goes spectacularly into action. A Dutch East Indies submarine, operating in the Gulf of Siam, sinks four Japanese transports carrying 4,000 soldiers to the fighting in British Malaya.

The British at Singapore says the Jap invasion of upper and middle Malaya has been substantially checked.

British and DUTCH destroyers pounce suddenly on two Italian cruisers in the Mediterranean and sink one of them and leave the other burning from stem to stern.

AND IN WASHINGTON

Litvinoff, the new Russian ambassador to the U. S., says: "Japan is the COMMON enemy. The Japanese are axis gangsters."

With Hitler trying to make some sort of deal for a Russian peace, every word spoken by every Russian official is full of interest.

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(REMAINING HOURS TODAY)

- MONDAY, DEC. 15
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
4:15—Here's Morgan.
4:25—Around the Ring.
4:30—Casey Jones, Jr.
4:45—Orphan Annie, Quaker Oats.
5:00—Jack Starr Hunt.
5:10—Musical Interlude.
5:15—American Legion Auxiliary.
5:30—Capt. Midnight, Ovaltine.
5:45—Jack Armstrong, Wheaties.
6:00—Dance Review.
6:15—Phil Stearns' News, Aviation.
6:30—Dinner Music.
6:50—News, Cal. Pac. Utilities.
7:05—Interlude.
7:00—News and Views, Studebaker.
7:15—Spotlight Bands, Coca Cola.
7:30—Your Defense Reporter.
7:45—Recital Hall.
8:00—Parade of News.
8:30—The Shadow.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Dance Orchestra.
9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
9:45—Ray Noble's Orch.
10:00—Number Please, Roseburg Tavern Keepers.
10:15—Sign Off.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17, 1941

- 6:30—Top O' the Morning.
7:00—L. A. Soap, News.
7:15—Musical Clock, Plough Chem. Co.
7:30—Stuff and Nonsense.
7:40—Motorist's Edition of State and Local News.
7:45—J. M. Judd says "Good Morning."
7:50—Rhapsody in Wax.
8:00—Breakfast Club.
8:30—This and That.
8:45—As the Twig is Bent, Post's Bran Flakes.
9:00—John B. Hughes, Aspartane.
9:15—Man About Town.
9:30—Shopper's Guide.

OUT OUR WAY



Air Control Will Decide War, Says Admiral Yarnall

SEATTLE, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Control of the air will be the deciding factor in the war in the Pacific, Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnall, former commander of the Asiatic fleet, declared here yesterday.

The United States will take over control, he said, but indicated it will be a desperate struggle that may take two years or more "but make no mistake about the fact that we will win."

The admiral, on an inspection trip through shipyards here, expressed the belief that battleships must be better protected against hostile airplanes—the best of which protection "is provided by their own aircraft," he declared.

Japan's principal weakness is a lack of supplies which will handicap her in any long battle, he said.

"They are good fighters," he admitted. "They have a good navy, and, as events of the last week have demonstrated all too well, they have a mighty efficient air force."

"We have the supplies, but our problem is to get them across the Pacific to our forces in the Philippines. That will be done but we must be prepared for the possibility of additional severe losses."

"The Japs have won the first round, but we're going to win the last one."

9:45—Words and Music for M. lady.

10:00—Alka Seltzer News.

10:15—Helen Holden.

10:30—Front Page Farrell, Anacin.

10:45—I'll Find My Way.

11:00—Adventures of Jane Arden, Coppo.

11:15—Wheel of Fortune.

12:00—Interlude.

12:05—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer.

12:15—Interlude.

12:20—Parkinson's Information Exchange.

12:25—Rhythm at Random.

12:45—Local News, Hansen Motor Co.

12:50—News Review of the Air.

1:00—Henninger's Man on the Street.

1:15—Music by Willard.

1:30—Johnson Family, Swans down.

1:45—Boake Carter.

2:00—Music Depreciation.

2:15—At Your Command.

2:45—Let's Play Bridge.

3:00—Have of Heat.

3:30—News, Douglas National Bank.

3:45—Musical Matinee.

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr.

4:15—Here's Morgan.

4:30—News, Musical Fill, Royal Gunnison.

4:45—Orphan Annie, Quaker Oats.

5:00—Lest We Forget.

5:15—Homes on the Land.

5:30—Capt. Midnight, Ovaltine.

5:45—Jack Armstrong, Wheaties.

6:00—Dance Review.

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All Vets Bidden to Meet On Defense Here Tonight

The meeting of veterans to be held tonight at the Knights of Pythias hall for the purpose of hearing explanations of civilian defense plans is open to all ex-servicemen, according to Irving Riegel, commander of Umpqua post of the American Legion. While the meeting has been arranged by the local Legion post, it is not required that veterans be affiliated with that or other organizations. Mr. Riegel states. Speakers will be Lieutenant John Truman Runyan, commanding officer of the Roseburg filter center; Harry Pinniger, county defense coordinator; V. J. Mirelli, district commander of the American Legion, and Ellen Post, executive secretary of the Douglas county chapter of the American Red Cross. The meeting will start at 7:30 p. m. and will be followed by the annual joint Christmas party of the Legion post and auxiliary.

Oregon Group Named for Blackout Traffic Rules

SALEM, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Governor Sprague yesterday appointed an Oregon motor transportation committee to work with a Washington state committee to adopt uniform regulations for control of auto traffic during blackouts or during troop movements.

Oregon members are state defense coordinator Jerrold Owen, State Superintendent of Police Charles P. Pray, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldoek, Public Utilities Commissioner O. R.

Japs Cannot Last Long in War, Says U. S. Engineer

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Henry Stevens, Bonneville dam engineer who once constructed a hydroelectric plant in Japan, said yesterday the Japanese could not last long in war with the United States.

He doubted that they have enough materials and he doubted their ability.

"Their engineers are the most logical fellows I ever saw. All their reports disregard the scientific facts if they can save somebody's face that way," he told a reporter.

"Japanese engineers came from all over the country to watch while we were building the Kiso hydroelectric plant. After they've watched you three or four months they think they know everything you do and start doing it their own way. Then they need face-saving."

He predicted that if U. S. bombers head for Japan, the prize target will be the electrical substation at Osaka.

"It's the biggest electrical substation in the world with lines from seven major power developments leading directly to it for distribution. If they knocked out that, they would knock out the entire manufacturing center of Japan."

Bean and Earl F. Campbell, director of the Portland traffic safety commission.

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HORIZONTAL

- 1 Pictured U. S. government official.
11 Harvest.
12 Ex officio (abbr.).
13 Part of "be."
14 Native compounds.
16 Baseball player.
18 Everlasting.
20 Punitive.
23 Diner.
23 Myself.
24 Drive.
26 Winter toy.
28 Either.
29 Articles.
31 Standing room only (abbr.).
32 Egyptian goddess.
33 Advertisement (abbr.).
34 From.
36 Ice rain.
38 Work with a spade.
40 North America (abbr.).
41 Merit.
42 Funeral pile (abbr.).
43 Tibetan monks.
48 Daughter of Phorcus (myth.).
50 Mountain hats.
52 Domestic.
54 Beverage.
55 Indian army (abbr.).
56 Mystic syllable.
57 He is U. S. Price.
58 Turp.
59 Muddled.
60 Note of scale.
61 Against.
62 Observed.
63 Suffix.
64 Morindin dye.
65 Monkey.
66 Rest.
67 Transpose (abbr.).

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



SERIAL STORY BRIDE FROM THE SKY

BY HELEN WELSHIMER

THE STORY: Angered by newspaper stories romantically linking aviator Sandy Ammerman with belle Peg Gordon, Judy Allen decides her love for Sandy, who has courted her persistently, is just intuition. Determining to put him out of her mind, she agrees to marry Philip Rogers, attorney for the magazine in which she is an associate editor. Philip can give her the peace, comfort and security sandy cannot offer unless he can intercept her in a parachute he has invented. Judy is also upset by the duplicity of her secretary, Sara Fuller, who signed her own name to one of Judy's stories in Judy's absence.

OFF FOR THE WEDDING

CHAPTER XII PHILIP'S news was simple enough. It stated that promotion on the forthcoming magazine had been sent out that day. Much of the space was given to the article which carried Sara's signature.

"Never mind," Judy answered. "She's worried enough about it. If the laurels fit, let her keep them."

"That aunt of hers would kick her off the staff in 20 seconds if she knew that her niece was double-crossing you," the attorney's voice said. "I'll guarantee it won't happen again."

"Let's skip it," Judy said, never suspecting that less than one month later she would wish she had taken the matter straight to the editor-in-chief. "I'll not be away again. It's a lot of anxiety over property rights! Anyway, I'll be giving special attention to yours in a few more weeks."

He would be a pillar, a good-looking pillar, against which to lean. "I sent out our announcements today," she said. Just as she might have said, "I ate breakfast," or "I broke my wrist watch."

There was no need to explain that Sandy had come to her office to make peace, since neither her home telephone nor doorbell answered to him. No need to tell of the young aviator's refusal to believe of her engagement. "You want Philip Rogers as much as I want a nice, quiet life," he had said. "Never fear, you're my girl!"

Nor was there time to explain that Sandy had calmly taken her to task because she had not used pictures of Peg in an earlier layout.

"This is a business matter, Judy," he had said. "We'll discuss our romance tomorrow—tonight—whenever you say. But why did you pick seven others for the pictures and omit Peg?"

"How does she know I did it? And even so, I merely figured on a good layout." Her eyes were snapping with fire. "Why didn't you plead for her in time? It's old stuff now—good for the morgue. You've known her since mudpie days!"

"Listen, Judy, just because you sit at a desk and dole out picture space or the fashion horoscope doesn't mean you can't make a mistake. You're not omnipotent, my jelly puff, and the girl needs a break to recapture her crown. I'm for her. And I've merely met her casually before now. I know her."

Judy ended the conversation there. Two columns had had practically the same thing. One had suggested an engagement and had hinted at a broken-hearted career girl.

ITCHING FOR MORE JAPS

HONOLULU, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Take it for what it's worth, but this is the story that has been circulating in Honolulu: When navy officials established contact with the marine garrison defending tiny Wake island they asked, "Is there anything you want?"

"Yes," came the reply, "send us some more Japs."

JOY FOR MOTHER

SEATTLE, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The marine laid claim today to "the perfect man." Donald Daniels, 25, handsome Seattle truck driver, was to be inducted after an examination that failed to show a physical defect, not even so much as a filled tooth.

It would be strange to spend seven carefree days with Phil Phil, who for all his rugged strength, probably wore pale green pajamas, gold-embroidered in his monogram.

The office staff was enthusiastic when it heard of the approaching marriage. Judy was present with a silver coffee service by the editorial force and enough hats and frocks and suits by wholesale houses and designers who liked her to take her either to the Bahamas or Iceland.

"Is it because you're holding my job for me?" Judy asked the managing editor, Miss Barnard. "Does Sara object?"

Miss Barnard's hair was maturely white and her face unlined and lovely. She laughed until the white curls bobbed.

"Darling, never give up your job! You don't know when you'll need it. Philip likes you as a careerist. He can speak of you as a personality outside your home. Inside the walls just smile and agree. Oh, yes, never forget to tell him he's wonderful, child in time he'll believe it. Never forget a man likes a pillow waiting for his head when the work trips him up."

Judy spoke slowly, her eye laughing uncertainly. "You mean if I'm a very person he'll never take his secretary to dinner? Yes, indeed, yes, if he has to talk business, but to dinner, never!"

BLACKOUT A LA MODE

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Blackout cloth for curtains has become such an item on every

Japan Votes War Funds; Heads Voice Claims of Success

TOKYO, Dec. 16.—(Official radio received by AP)—Both houses of the Japanese diet passed unanimously today an extra war budget of 2,800,000,000 yen (about \$644,000,000).

Premier General Tojo, recapitulating Japanese claims of successes won in the first week of the war, told the diet today that "the bulk of the American fleet which had been in Hawaii is destroyed and the main body of the British Far Eastern fleet is crushed."

Declaring that "our fighting forces have speedily broken through enemy key positions within less than 10 days," Tojo said:

"The encircling front against Japan, the strength of which the enemy had exaggerated and given wide publicity in an attempt to intimidate us, has been shattered at various places. The anti-Japanese encircling front is on a fair way to collapse."

The premier reiterated assertions that Japan had declared war only after exhausting all possible means of a peaceful settlement, and charged the United States and Britain with responsibility for the conflict.

Foreign Minister Togo, who also blamed the United States and Britain for the war, said that "all Asiatic peoples had come forward to cooperate closely with Japan, realizing our real objective is to secure the emancipation and prosperity of the Far East."

Referring to Japan's relations with soviet Russia, Togo said: "There is no change in the imperial government's attitude for insuring security in the north. As for the soviet government, they repeatedly have enunciated their intention is to abide by their neutrality pact with Japan."

Telling of the sinking of the British battleship Prince of Wales and battle cruiser Repulse, navy minister Admiral Shigetaro Shimada said the Japanese southwestern Pacific fleet learned of the British ships leaving Singapore on Dec. 9, the day before the sinkings, but was unable to reach them for a surface battle.

A Japanese aircraft carrier went into action the following morning immediately upon discovery of the British fleet off the Malayan coast, he said.

New Strike Threat Voiced by Welders

TACOMA, Dec. 16.—(AP)—A work stoppage in Tacoma shipyards is imminent, a head of the welders' and burners' council said today in an appeal to President Roosevelt to "ease the situation."

Charles Brinkerhoff, secretary of the Tacoma council, said in a telegram to the president that the office of production management's fact-finding board had "failed miserably in mediation of the welders' dispute."

"The decision was so raw that acceptance would mean abandonment of the fruits of over 20 years' struggle for a fair deal."

"The OPM offered, he said, to 'forget the past if the welders would pay their delinquent dues.'"

AFL-affiliated welders struck recently in west coast shipyards and elsewhere for the right to establish their own union, but called off the walkout when the United States entered the war. The welders have been scattered throughout numerous unions within the AFL.

Brinkerhoff said the union was putting its case before the National Labor Relations board, and "meantime, unless the OPM decision is laid aside, stoppage of work in the shipyards is imminent."

woman's Christmas shopping list that department stores have set up special counters to handle the demand, but from one of them comes a report of a new high in ambiguity.

"Blackout cloth," one customer ordered, "with flowers."

Advertisement for Old Oscar Pepper Brand-Sourbon Whiskey. Includes text: 'HEY! WHAT'S THE BEST WHISKEY VALUE? OLD OSCAR PEPPER! ECHO CANYON. Old Oscar Pepper Brand-Sourbon Whiskey, 49% grain neutral spirits • Frankfurt Distilleries, Inc., Louisville & Baltimore. \$1.15 PT. \$2.25 QT.' and an illustration of a man and a bottle.

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