

Sunday Raid Prediction To Kimmel Is Related

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method by which the Japanese might strike by air.

He said it was possible, but less likely, for the Japanese to smuggle seaplanes into the Hawaiian area on merchant ships.

Talked With Jap Admiral

The conversation with Kimmel came about, Zacharias said, as the result of a conference the witness said he had with Adm. Nomura on Feb. 8, 1941, in San Francisco.

Nomura then was on his way to Washington to take over as Japanese ambassador. Zacharias said he had known Nomura intimately as a result of 31 years he spent in Japan learning the Japanese language.

Adm. J. O. Richardson, who was relieved by Kimmel as commander in chief of the fleet on Feb. 1, 1941, had asked for a report on his conversation with Nomura, the witness said.

Zacharias said that he forwarded to Adm. Harold R. Stark, then chief of Naval operations, a re-

port on the talk with Nomura and sent a copy of it to Kimmel. He called on Kimmel when he arrived in Pearl Harbor. Zacharias said, to learn if Kimmel had received the report.

Other Predictions Cited

Kimmel had the report, the witness continued, and they discussed the strained relations then existing between the United States and Japan. He said Kimmel asked him if the situation became worse, what Zacharias thought would happen.

"I said that if the situation became such that the Japanese decided they must go to war with us, it would begin with an attack on the fleet on a week-end, probably a Sunday," Zacharias related.

He said he predicted the Japanese would attempt to knock out four American battleships, that number having been fixed in his mind as the minimum the Japanese were likely to try to disable before moving southward.

When Kimmel asked how the Japanese could effect such an attack, Zacharias said he predicted either by the seaplane method or by carriers launching their planes from the north.

"I told him such an attack undoubtedly would come in from the north, because that is the direction of the prevailing wind," Zacharias testified.

meat dispute has transferred its activities from Chicago to Washington. Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, acting for the government in the seizure, has pledged he will apply immediately any authority to put into effect any pay increases the fact-finders might recommend.

This pledge was solicited by Lewis J. Clark, CIO Packinghouse Workers Union president, before he would urge his 193,000 members to go to work for the government. Duration of the "temporary truce" declared by representatives of 55,000 AFL Meat Cutters and Butcher Workers also depends on the fact-finders' report. The CIO wants at least 17 1/2 cents hourly pay increase, and the AFL said it would accept 15 cents.

End of Steel Strike in Sight, Official Asserts

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General Motors Corporation faces union charges of refusing to bargain in good faith with the CIO United Auto Workers at National Labor Relations Board hearing opening today in Detroit.

GM, alone of the automotive industry's "Big Three," has not made its peace with the UAW. Wage settlements over the week-end will give Ford employees a 15-cent hourly wage increase and Chrysler workers an 18 1/2 cent raise.

The UAW insists General Motors must pay an increase larger than those agreed to by the other big motor makers. The highest GM has offered to date is 13 1/2 cents. A 19 1/2 cent raise recommended by a fact-finding board, which the union said it would accept was rejected by the company.

Two Rail Unions Dissent

The railroad arbitration agreements affected 1,250,000, or approximately 85 per cent, of the country's rail employees. They were entered into by the major roads and 18 of the 20 railroad unions.

Conspicuously absent from the latter stages of the Chicago mediation conferences, which brought about the decision to submit wage demands to arbitration, were the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Representatives of these two groups left the conferences because the arbitration plan did not cover rules changes asked by the brotherhoods.

The BRT now is conducting a strike vote, and the engineers next month will decide whether to take a similar ballot.

Two separate arbitration boards will be set up to decide the wage demands of the 15 non-operating brotherhoods and the three operating unions. The non-operating employees requested 30 cents an hour more pay, and the operating union's demand was for a daily increase of \$2.50.

An agreement was reached between the CIO Electrical Workers Union and the Radio Corporation of America on a 17 1/2 cents an hour wage increase for 8,900 Camden, N. J., workers. Some labor circles were quick to suggest the raise might set a pattern for settlement of the CIO strike against three other manufacturers of electrical appliances—General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors.

Meanwhile, efforts were resumed in Washington to end a truck strike which has tied up shipments in the Midwest since Nov. 15. Senator Young (R-N.D.) arranged a meeting of senators with representatives of the AFL Central States Drivers Council and the Midwest Truck Operators Association. The drivers are seeking higher mileage rates.

3 Drown as Auto Dives Into Columbia River

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 28.—(AP)—Bodies of two of three persons drowned in the Columbia when their car plunged from a dock here were recovered yesterday. Search continues for the third.

The Coast Guard reported a fourth person, Mark Banjavich, Jr., a sailor, escaped after the car dropped from the 40-foot-high pier Saturday night. Banjavich said a woman he tried to help get out of the car broke from his grip.

Bodies recovered were those of John C. Olen, Wildrose, N. D., and Mrs. Dorothy Walker, whose husband is a patient in the Naval hospital here. Still missing is Blanche L. La Counte, Rainville, Mont.

U. S. to Buy Rubber From British, Dutch and French

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The State Department announced today completion of price negotiations for purchase of natural rubber from British, Dutch and French areas in the Far East.

The price was fixed at 20 1/2 cents a pound for standard top grades.

The American-British-French-Dutch study group reported November 24 that the United States capacity for the production of synthetic rubber is now about 1,055,000 tons a year and that the estimated total world capacity is between 1,200,000 and 1,400,000 tons.

Tax Studies Build Hope Of Benefit to Cities

PORTLAND, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Hope that legislative action resulting from tax studies now under way by interim committees would aid Oregon cities to remain solvent in the postwar period was expressed in Mayor Riley's annual report.

Riley declared Portland finances were "in excellent shape" but condemned the municipal tax system as "obsolete" and "hopeless unless radical changes are brought to the relief of property."

He predicted the city was soon to experience its biggest building boom and that residential and industrial building plus new industries would help reduce unemployment by the middle of this year.

Iranian Delegate Claims Russian Interventions

LONDON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—A. H. Taqizadeh, Iranian delegate to the United Nations, charged today in a dramatic personal appearance before the security council that "there have been a number of interventions in Iranian affairs by Soviet authorities."

Iran's dispute with Russia was being brought before the council, he said, because it might lead to "international friction" unless settled.

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Senators Warned on Labor-Baiting Action

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The Ball-Hatch bill is not exactly the answer to a corporation president's prayer," he said. "It does not undermine labor's strength."

Other Changes Advised

He also urged that "unfair labor practices" be redefined to place responsibility on unions as well as employers, including court action for "breaches of collective agreements" by either party.

Havighurst also asked amendment of anti-trust laws so that unions would be subject to them if they attempted to "use the strike and the boycott... to drive the employer out of business."

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Weekend Fires Over Nation Kill 25 Persons

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ing through part of a small hotel killed one and injured six. Blazes at three other places left heavy property damage with several reported hurt.

Ten Buildings Swept

Wind-driven flames swept through 10 business buildings in the heart of Charleston, W. Va., and in which four were injured. A business district conflagration at Columbia, Tenn., caused an estimated damage of \$400,000. In New York harbor, the 3,537-ton cargo ship Jacob Luckenbach, anchored a mile south of the Statue of Liberty, had a fire in its hold which raged more than an hour before crew members and fire boats brought it under control.

A 14-year-old boy died at Fort Atkinson, Wis., when fire destroyed a lakeside cottage. His 15-year-old companion, crossed lake ice while barefooted in sub zero temperature to go for aid.

Hero of Hong Kong Is Remembered in Sorrow

He always had liked to do favors for people.

"I believe he was an aviator during the last war and just felt that when the chance came for him to do something in this war that he had to follow through," said Da Silva, who had scorned a chance to capture fat legal fees under the Japanese for the thankless duty of a spy.

Held By Hong Kong Spell

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place and date of birth as Feb. 12, 1892, San Francisco. Like most Americans who make their careers in the Far East, he had come originally only for a visit. He was a Hollywood photographer and small scale producer and his assignment when he arrived 12 years ago was to look into the possibilities of wild animal pictures in the Orient.

But he fell under the Hong Kong spell and decided to stay. He had fallen in love, too, with Elsa Soares, a flame-haired girl of Portuguese and Irish descent whose father was a justice of the peace.

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