

Warplanes Beaten Off Near San Francisco

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US Goes To War With Nippon

Attack Stopped Says Air Chief; Raid Confirmed

Invasion Follows Test Blackout Of California Port

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday, Dec. 9—(AP)—Army information sources confirmed early today that two squadrons of enemy planes—numbering about 15 planes to the squadron—crossed the coast line west of San Jose Monday night and reconnoitered the San Francisco bay area and other sections of California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8—(AP)—An apparent attempt by warplanes to reach the San Francisco bay area was reported Monday night by Brigadier General William Ord Ryan of the Fourth Interceptor command, who said a large number of unidentified aircraft were turned back at the Golden Gate. He said the invading planes vanished to the southwest over the sea, after searchlights at the presidio of San Francisco were turned on and other measures taken to thwart an attack. Ryan did not disclose the nature of these measures.

The general's statement came after three hours of uncertainty in which San Francisco was partially blacked out.

It was the city's first attempt to black out for air raid protection.

Sirens wailed continuously, air wardens rushed from door to door darkening lights in their areas, and in the downtown area there were numerous crashes as automobiles piled against each other.

Police said a woman was shot and wounded by a California state guardsman near the bay bridge.

The reported repulse of the planes was not explained in detail by General Ryan, who said no night fighting planes were sent aloft.

Regarding the invaders, Ryan said: "They came from the sea, were turned back, and the navy has sent our three vessels to find where they came from," General Ryan said.

"I don't know how many planes there were, but there were a large number.

"They got up to the Golden Gate and then turned about and headed southwest."

General Ryan was asked whether he thought they were Japanese bombers.

"Well, they weren't army planes, they weren't navy planes, and you can be sure they weren't civilian planes," he answered.

The general was asked if he was willing to be quoted directly.

"Certainly," he said.

The general's statement came at the end of three strange hours in which this city of 630,000 population—4500 miles from Yokohama—alternately believed it was in peril of immediate air assault, and that the blackout was merely practice.

Police who ordered the blackout at 6:30 p.m. announced at 7:30 p.m. that lights could be turned on again, but before (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Salem On Alert In Blackout

Civil Defense Units Prepare For Emergency

Salem went on "alert" Monday night. No "practice" blackout brought about the cancellation of night radio broadcasts, the darkening of neon signs and the blinking of lights even before the appointed 11 o'clock hour.

Seriously, intently and without hysteria, the army and police requests were obeyed. Except for an occasional night light over a safe, a small advertising sign or two, the downtown portion of the capital city was black shortly after 11 p. m. Only cars designated as "emergency" vehicles, with cellophane-coated lamps, moved on the almost empty streets. No siren sounded to warn householders, nor will a siren sound in such future emergencies.

"Until further notice, Marion county blacks out every night at 11," Bryan H. Conley, county civilian defense coordinator, announced Monday night.

Officers said, except as a warning of an expected air attack, Monday night's blackout, civilian defense authorities understood, was considered a wise precaution because of the reported presence of an enemy aircraft carrier off the Pacific coast in a position which would have made possible sending of planes into this territory.

Air raid wardens patrolled their assigned city blocks, notifying those who had not received or understood the blackout request given by radio shortly before broadcasts ceased at 7 o'clock.

Possibility that radio operations might serve as directional beams for planes of the group that approached San Francisco was declared the reason for the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Hoover Urges United Nation Behind FDR

NEW YORK, Dec. 8—(AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover issued the following statement Monday night regarding the war situation:

"American soil has been treacherously attacked by Japan. Our decision is clear. It is faced upon us. We must fight with everything we have. I have opposed the foreign policies of our government. I have believed alternative policies would have been better. But whatever our differences of view may be as to the causes which lead to this situation, those are matters to be thrashed out by history.

"Today there is just one job before the American people. We must defeat this invasion by Japan and we must fight it in any place that will defeat it. Upon this job we must have and will have unity in America. We must have and will have support for the president of the United States in this war to defend America. We will have victory."

Tells Latest News of War



Stephen Early, secretary to the president was surrounded by newspaper men in the White House press room Monday afternoon following declaration of war against Japan by the United States. The secretary is depicted here attempting to answer the numerous questions asked him on the war situation.

Legislature Promises Defense Cooperation

Both House Leaders Meet With Sprague, Pledge Assistance and Discard Plans For Economic or Personal Campaigns

By STEPHEN C. MERGLER

Full cooperation of the Oregon legislature in any measures deemed vital to the state's defense was pledged Monday by leaders of both houses in a call at the office of Gov. Charles A. Sprague.

"We told the governor we were ready to do whatever was necessary," Sen. Dean Walker, president of the senate, said.

Robert S. Farrell, jr., speaker of the house, remarked, significantly, that "economic issues have been shoved aside by the situation that confronts us now." He has been interested in the Multnomah county tax assessment issue, raised by a tax commission order requiring a change in assessment methods.

Farrell, frequently spoken of as a probable candidate for the republican nomination for secretary of state next year, said he believed "personal campaigns" would get little attention within the next few months. Gov. Sprague told the legislators he had not completed his estimates of emergency budget requirements.

The state emergency fund has \$99,500 available and in addition substantial state military appropriations are said to be possible for use of such activities as the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Maximum cost of the chief's radio was set at \$350, to be taken from the fire tax fund.

The emergency fund is to be increased for possible needs of defense by transfer of \$315.05 from the airport hangar fund, \$32.50 from the codification of city ordinances and \$1500 from the general lighting fund. The resolution was introduced by the ways and means committee.

Also authorized for purchase (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Fifth Column Indies Scare

BATAVIA, N.E.I. Tuesday, Dec. 9—(AP)—A warning against possible fifth column action and attempts by the Japanese to land air-borne troops in The Netherlands East Indies was issued to the populace today by General H. Ter Poorten, commander-in-chief of the N.E.I. army.

The commander's order, announced by The Netherlands news agency, warned inhabitants not to leave their homes without identification cards.

At the same time the naval commander asked inhabitants to report any persons attempting to conceal Japanese nationals.

Weather

Cloudy, with scattered showers today. Cloudy with probable rain Wednesday. Max. temp. Monday, 40, Min. 35. Trace rain. South wind. River 10.1 feet. Cloudy.

Russ Cold Too Bitter For Nazis

Quit Attempt to Take Moscow; Aloof on Japan

BERLIN, Dec. 8—(AP)—Winter has stopped the Germans short of Moscow and the capture of the Soviet capital is not expected this year, a military spokesman declared Monday night.

It seemed likely from the spokesman's statement that until spring there could be no further major German offensive except along the extreme southern front.

This word reduced the Russian campaign to secondary interest for the Germans for the first time, and attention focused instead on Japan's war with the United States in the Pacific.

D.N.B. asserted that nearly 10,000,000 Russian troops had "been put out of action" since Germany invaded Russia last June.

Explaining a statement by the high command that the conduct of the war in Russia "now is dictated by the setting in of winter," the spokesman said:

"The cold is so terrific that even the oil freezes in motorized vehicles. Soldiers and officers trying to take cover simply freeze to the ground. "Fighting under these conditions is practically impossible."

BERLIN, Dec. 8—(AP)—Adolf Hitler and a small group of his official advisers alone knew Monday night how Germany would identify itself with the United States. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

British Claim Win in Vital Libya Battle

CAIRO, Dec. 8—(AP)—Small, fast armored British columns were said by a spokesman Monday to have destroyed a third of the German tanks engaged in battle since Saturday, between Tobruk and El Gobi.

The Germans finally pulled their best fighters westward to end the battle, a British spokesman said. The German general, Erwin Rommel, entered the fight with 30 tanks and 500 motor vehicles, the spokesman said.

Other axis forces were said to remain caught in pockets along the frontier line south of Halfaya (Hellfire) pass, completely cut off from Rommel's main force.

The outcome of the battle was said to have left the British in control of much of the territory around Tobruk and the whole desert east to the Egyptian border.

British Break Borneo Attack

BATAVIA, N.E.I. Tuesday, Dec. 9—(AP)—British forces have broken up a Japanese landing party in North Borneo, The Netherlands news agency reported today.

The news agency dispatch, which lacked official confirmation, did not make clear whether this was the same attack reported by the British Monday.

Souvenir

Souvenir as well as news value of the two war extras published by The Statesman Sunday night and Monday morning became evident as many calls for additional copies were received by the circulation department. A limited number of the two issues is still available.

The Statesman was first to present local readers with a rounded-out picture of Japan's multiple attacks on United States possessions, followed up by an even more detailed Monday morning extra.

Declare War

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic, Dec. 8—(AP)—Congress Monday night unanimously authorized a declaration of war against Japan.

BOGOTA, Colombia, Dec. 8—(AP)—Colombia broke off diplomatic relations Monday night with Japan.

MANAGUA, Dec. 8—(AP)—Nicaragua followed up her declaration of war on Japan Monday by immediately jailing the country's entire Japanese population: Just two, Gusidi Yakata and Juan Hissi.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Tuesday, Dec. 9—(AP)—Australia declared war on Japan today.

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Tuesday, Dec. 9—(AP)—New Zealand declared war on Japan today.

LONDON, Dec. 8—(AP)—The exiled Greek government Monday severed relations with Japan, instructed its minister in Tokyo to ask for his passport and cabled to Washington an expression of "complete solidarity" with the United States.

PANAMA, Dec. 9—(Delayed)—Panama Monday night declared war on Japan.

Heavy Losses Admitted Here

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8—(AP)—The United States acknowledged Monday that its armed forces had suffered heavy losses from initial Japanese attacks, and reported fighting was continuing in the vicinity of Hawaii, in the Philippines, at Guam, Wake and Midway islands.

The progress of the battles at the widely scattered points was obscure, so far as official disclosures went, but the White House said reinforcements of planes were being rushed to Hawaii, and that repair work was underway there on damaged ships, planes and ground facilities.

A statement listed these American losses: (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Japs to Head Home

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 8—(AP)—A Japanese merchant ship has arrived at Manzanillo on Mexico's west coast to embark Japanese nationals who wish to return home, it was announced Monday night.

Recruit Posts Jammed With Volunteers

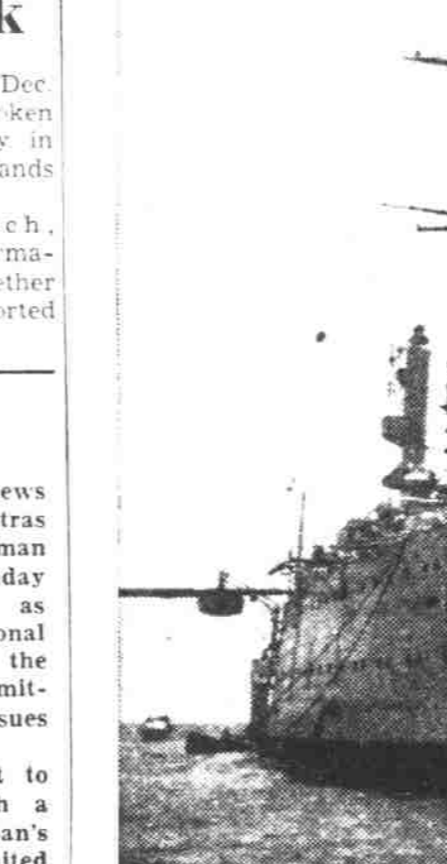
By The Associated Press

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Congress United In War Vote

FDR to Reveal Details in Air Address Tonight

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8—(AP)—America declared war on Japan Monday after that nation's air bombers had dealt the navy the severest blow in its history and inflicted losses which raised the harsh possibility that the Japanese fleet may now enjoy a temporary superiority in the Pacific.

Some details of the savage Japanese attack—which admittedly cost the navy a battleship, a destroyer, a number of smaller craft, and killed or wounded 3000—will be given to the nation by President Roosevelt Tuesday night in a 7 o'clock (PST) radio address.

His speech will supplement the brief message with which he asked congress for a declaration of war Monday—a request which both houses followed up with action that was breathtakingly swift and, save for one vote, unanimous.

These developments came at the close of a day which saw this country not only declare war on Japan but also accuse Germany of doing its utmost to push the Japanese into the conflict, with the purpose of impeding the program of American assistance to Great Britain.

But, a White House statement said, the program of American many were relighted, a second blackout was decreed. The In- (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

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