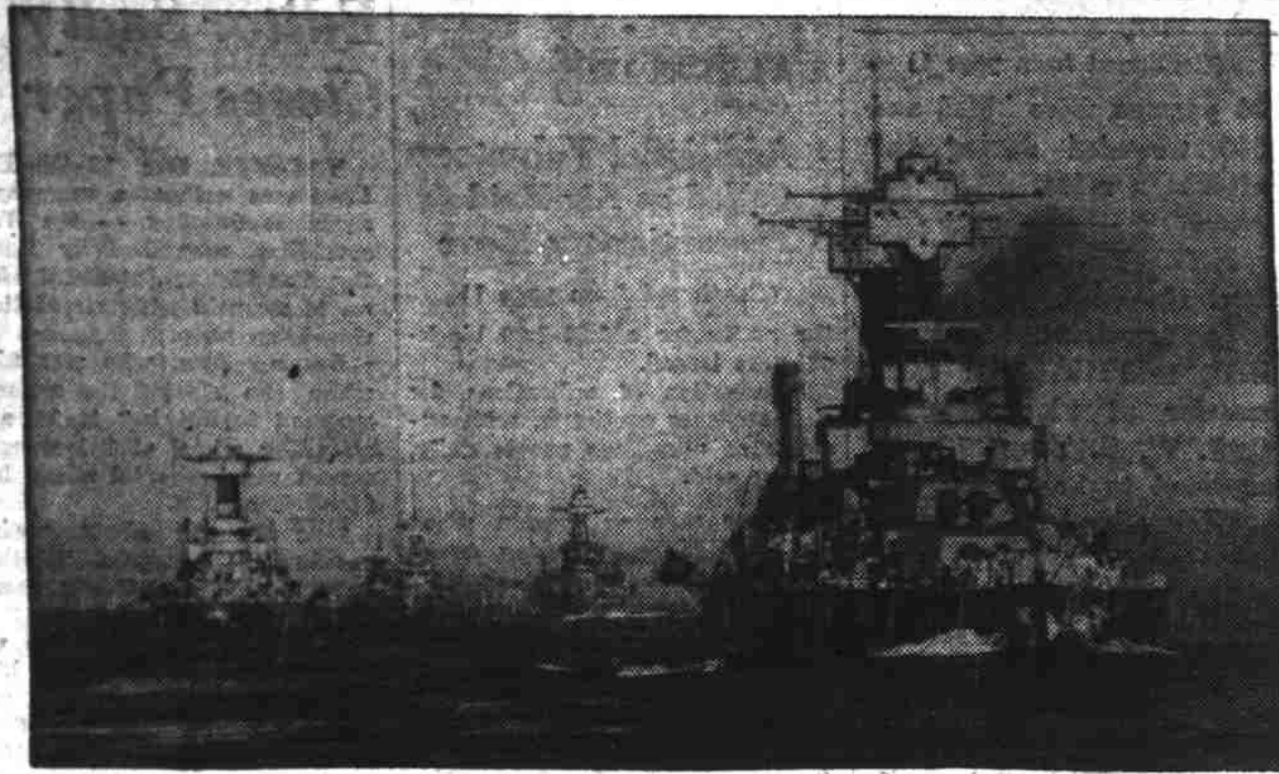


Powerful US Battle Fleet Seeks Japanese Targets Nation Ringed With Steel To Meet Invasion

US Army Issues First Communiques; Gives Defense, War News



United States battle fleet steams to action.



Japanese fleet US warships hope to meet.

Following the sudden attack by Japanese planes upon Honolulu and Pearl Harbor, the United States battle fleet, above, in the Hawaiian islands pulled up anchor and sailed to seek battle with units of the Japanese fleet that were believed hovering off Hawaii with the aircraft carriers from which the attacking planes were launched.

Reports Rear Admiral Killed At Honolulu, Sinking of Jap Transports, Luzon Landings

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—(AP)—The army announced Wednesday night it had ringed the nation with men and steel sufficient to "meet any threat" of invasion—and added that a search was on for fifth columnists who lit beacons to guide enemy airmen to Seattle.

In two communiques, its first of the war, it told of both successes and setbacks in the far Pacific, and disclosed what had been done to protect the nation's coastal areas, their dense populations and mighty war industries against axis attack.

The fifth columnist search was on in the region of Port Angeles, Washington. In that vicinity, state police last night found and extinguished a series of fires, in the form of arrows pointed toward Seattle.

"Steps to augment the defense of both the east and west coasts commenced Sunday night when the war department placed plans in effect which have materially strengthened the forces already stationed in those areas," the communique said.

"The railroads aided greatly in the movement of troops and material, operating through trains to destinations on emergency schedules. In addition to the ground troops moved, the air force has completed a re-distribution of air units which has placed it in a position to meet any threat on both the east and west coasts."

Bulletins

At the same time, the war department made public 88 more names of those killed at Pearl Harbor, and the navy disclosed that Rear Admiral Isaac Campbell Kidd was killed in action during last Sunday's savage peacetime attack on that outpost. Total casualties had already been officially estimated at 3000, with nearly half of them fatalities.

Success took the form of bombing attacks on a convoy of Japanese troop transports off Luzon in the Philippines. One of the transports was sunk and five others damaged.

Subsequent landing parties successfully gained footholds on northern Luzon, the principal Philippine island, and the capital was stunned at word of the sinking of the British battleship Prince of Wales and battle cruiser Repulse.

"Reports from the Far Eastern command," said the army communique, "indicate a definite attempt of the enemy to invade the island of Luzon. Initial Japanese (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)"

MANILA, Thurs., Dec. 11—(AP)—A Japanese battleship of the Hirinuma class, 29,000 tons, was struck by three bombs by an American army bomber Wednesday and was left blazing fiercely off northern Luzon, an army spokesman announced today.

Besides three direct hits on the vessel, he said "two bombs were laid very close alongside."

The attack took place about 10 miles northeast of northern Luzon.

Other than this development he said "the situation is completely in hand."

(This is the closest point to Manila on the island of Luzon that Japanese troops have been reported.)

MANILA, Thurs., Dec. 11—(P)—The Japanese were reported reliably today to have made a new landing on northern Luzon island while Manila counted probably heavy casualties from yesterday's afternoon air attacks.

The report of the new landing was not confirmed and there were no details.

The Philippine army received reports that the Japanese had been checked at Aparri, on the northern tip of the island.

Newspaper reports said (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)"

Checks to swell the Army's Christmas-Winter fund may be mailed to Maj. G. Houghton, The Salvation Army, 241 State street, Salem, or word left for a call by telephoning 5677 or 3325. Contributions also will be accepted at The Statesman office for delivery to Maj. Houghton.

All receipts of Christmas kettles now on the streets of Salem will go for Christmas dinners and winter relief.

Christmas Aid Still Needed By Thousands

"Though thousands of formerly unemployed men of the cities have found work in defense industries and other thousands have gone from rural districts to big industrial centers, more thousands still remain ill housed and ill fed," Maj. G. Houghton, Salvation Army officer here, said Wednesday.

"For that reason," he pointed out, "the Salvation Army is making a special effort this year to raise a sufficient fund for Christmas dinners and winter relief for needy families, and a real Christmas for needy children."

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Coastline Prepares For Raids

Volunteers With Time, Energies Called to Serve

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10—(AP)—Word and deed emphasized but one thing up and down the war-menaced Pacific coast today—prepare.

"Be prepared for any eventuality," urged Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at San Diego on a tour in which she is conferring with defense council officials.

"It is best to be ready even for things that may never happen."

"We need more air raid wardens and fire wardens," emphasized Mayor Fiorella H. LaGuardia of New York, national director of civilian defenses, in a San Francisco interview.

"We need men who are willing to drill every day."

"We are going to need more air raid wardens in Marion county and may be calling on the women for duty," declared Marion County Coordinator Bryan H. Conley on Wednesday night, as (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Salem Isle Group Safe

Store Executive Says WU Grid Party Fine In Phone Message

All members of Salem's temporary colony in Honolulu are "safe and sound" and "fine and dandy," Harry Miller of Miller's store here told his secretary, Miss Agnes Meyer, in a brief telephone conversation Wednesday night from the Hawaiian city.

With Mrs. Miller and the group of other capital city residents who accompanied the Willamette university football team to the islands for its game with University of Hawaii, Miller said he expected to be seeing Salem friends "some day."

Before telephone connections were completed, Miss Meyer was informed that neither party would be allowed to discuss letters or telegrams, the weather or military movements.

Portland, Dec. 10—(P)—The city council passed an ordinance Wednesday providing fines not to exceed \$500 and jail sentences not to exceed six months, or both, for infractions of blackout regulations.

Uniform Blackout Road Rules Issued

Uniform rules for automobile lighting and movements during blackout periods were prescribed for all of Oregon by Jerrold Owen, state defense coordinator, and Supt. Charles P. Pray of the state police department here late Wednesday afternoon. Their order follows:

"Official regulations for control of vehicular traffic during precautionary blackouts:

"Highway traffic within city limits will be restricted to emergency vehicles such as fire, police and ambulance; commercial vehicles engaged in essential service such as milk trucks, newspaper delivery trucks, mail trucks and the regular transport services; and such private cars as those of physicians on emergency call and those required for transporting workers to and from employment. Metropolitan areas may take further precautions if considered advisable by local police authorities.

"Highway traffic outside city limit will be subject to the restrictions noted above without exception.

"Pending issuance of permits for operation during precautionary blackout periods, employers should furnish credentials to drivers of commercial vehicles and private cars which come under the permitted classifications.

"For city driving, it is directed that as soon as possible after receipt of this order, all motor vehicles permitted to operate must be equipped with dark olefin or rubber masks or hoods attached securely to headlights, with a horizontal slit in the lower portion about 1/2 inch by 3 inches, covered inside with not less than two thicknesses of blue cellophane or one coat of blue lacquer paint.

"License lights must be blacked out with an opaque covering. Tail lights must be hooded with an opaque material, leaving an aperture at the bottom not more than 1/4 inch in diameter.

"Side and clearance lights on trucks must be extinguished or completely hooded.

"Use of fog or spot lights with or without covering is prohibited.

"For operating on the open highways beyond the corporate limits of cities, removal of the lower one-half of the hood will be permitted for the time being, provided the unhooded section is covered by at least two thicknesses of blue cellophane or one coat of blue lacquer paint.

"IN AN EMERGENCY BLACKOUT DURING AN AIR RAID ALERT ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON ALL ROADS AND HIGHWAYS MUST CEASE, EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY FIRE, POLICE AND FIRST AID CARS. All motor vehicles must proceed to the curb and all lights must be extinguished.

"OFFICIAL: December 10, 1941.
"CHARLES P. PRAY,
"Superintendent of State Police.
"JERROLD OWEN,
"State Defense Coordinator."

State Auto Dimming Rules Announced to Motorists

State defense and police officials seeking to end prevailing confusion over what constitutes adequate dimming of automobile lights during precautionary blackouts promulgated a set of rules Wednesday afternoon intended to be observed throughout the state.

Motorists Are Warned Bridge Lights Few

Flare pots at site of county bridge repair work left burning during precautionary blackouts have been cut to the minimum, County Engineer N. C. Hubbs warned motorists Wednesday night.

They have been made the direct responsibility of a group of men who have been ordered to extinguish them at any air raid warning, defense officials said.

OPM Adopts War Slogan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—(P)—OPM press releases took on a punch line Wednesday, above the heading "Office of Production Management" three words appeared, in spaced capitals: "Remember Pearl Harbor."

Save 2000 In British Sinkings

Survivors Taken To Singapore By Destroyer

SINGAPORE, Dec. 11—(AP)—More than 2000 survivors were saved from the British warships Prince of Wales and Repulse, it was officially announced today.

SINGAPORE, Thurs., Dec. 11—(AP)—Many hundreds of survivors of the British battleship Prince of Wales and battle cruiser Repulse sunk by the Japanese in the South China sea, were rescued by destroyers today and brought here.

British land forces meanwhile consolidated their positions along strong new lines in northern Malaya, where the Japanese had driven a wedge across the frontier. Singapore heard in stunned silence of the sinking of the two powerful capital ships which led Britain's new eastern fleet into Malayan waters only eight days ago. Naval authorities said they were unable at present to give details of the grievous setback to the fleet which had gone on a sweep (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Pan-American Session Urged

Hull Proposes Joint Action for Defense Of Hemisphere

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—(P)—The United States today called upon its good neighbors, the 20 other American republics, to consult on joint action for defense of the western hemisphere against the axis.

Secretary of State Hull formally proposed to the governing board of the Pan-American Union that the foreign ministers of the American nations convene in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, the first week in January to consult on defense measures in conformity with good neighbor pledges already made at Pan-American conferences.

The United States acted at (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

CBS Reporter Is Rescued

SINGAPORE, Dec. 10—(P)—Cecil Brown of the Columbia Broadcasting system was rescued Wednesday after the sinking of the British battle cruiser Repulse, on which he had embarked as a correspondent.

Saved with him was O'Dowd Gallagher, a war correspondent for the London Daily Express. The two previously had been reported aboard the battleship Prince of Wales, which also was sunk by the Japanese.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—(P)—The British radio reported Wednesday night that "severe losses" were inflicted on Japanese ships taking part in the attack on Kongsmoon, near Hongkong.

Gen. Pershing Would Again Serve Nation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—(P)—General John J. Pershing, commander of the AEF in the first World war, offered his services to his country again Wednesday to the "last ounce" of his strength.

Pershing was 81 last September and has been in poor health, but he said in a letter to President Roosevelt he was one of millions of Americans who wanted to be of help in the fight.

The chief executive wrote him: "You are magnificent. You always have been—and you always will be. I am deeply grateful to you for your letter of December tenth. Under a wise law, you have never been placed on the retired list. You are very much on the active list and your services will be of great value."

Nazis Retreat From Fronts

Tactical Reasons Are Given; Reds Claim Capture of Towns

BERLIN, Dec. 10—(P)—German troops are withdrawing from many of the offensive wedges they have driven into the Russian front, German military spokesmen said Wednesday, but they declared the retreatment was to winter positions for tactical reasons.

The spokesmen acknowledged that Tikhvin, rail center 110 miles southeast of Leningrad which the Russians claim to have recaptured, may have been among the places vacated.

The German push is through until spring, spokesmen indicated, declaring "Germany has no strategic ambitions this winter."

(Regarding "speculations," attributed to the soviet press, of possible German peace moves, the German radio said: "It was again categorically declared at the foreign office Wednesday that 'there will be no talking with the bolsheviks. They will be beaten.'")

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Salem 60 Man Rifle Company Will Be Organized Tonight

Recruiting of the Salem rifle company of 60 men, one of nine units outlined as foundation for a state military organization to serve during absence of the national guard from the state, has been ordered for 7:30 tonight at the armory by Capt. Charles L. Unruh.

Simultaneously with the recruiting call, issued through state guard offices, came Unruh's announcement of his selection of Lt. Roy Finster and Lt. Lewis T. Graves as junior officers. Finster has only recently been released from active service at Fort Stevens; Graves was released from the national guard at St. Helens shortly before it was inducted into active service.

Hope that work of recruiting might be completed tonight was expressed by Unruh, who was Tuesday named to organize the wartime guard company.

Eligibles are men 25-60 years of age, with previous military experience, World war veterans preferred, but ex-national guardsmen or men who have served with the regular army will be acceptable, according to

Reichstag Meets For War Talk

US Newsmen Arrested; Wire Messages Halted

LONDON, Thurs., Dec. 11—(AP)—A number of United States citizens, including newspapermen, were arrested in Berlin today, DNB said in a report issued here by Reuters.

By The Associated Press

Adolf Hitler's reichstag was called to meet at 3 pm today (5 am, Pacific standard time) to hear "a declaration by the German government."

It undoubtedly concerns the United States and the war in the Pacific.

In the fast-breaking zero hour developments leading up to the German radio announcement of the reichstag meeting, both Berlin and Rome isolated themselves from communication with the United States.

Two previous—and devious—reports of the fateful reichstag meeting reached the United (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Los Angeles Raid Scared

Three Hour Blackout Caused When Reported Enemy Planes Heard

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10—(P)—A three-hour blackout, during which unidentified planes were reported by the army's intercept or command as circling in the vicinity of Los Angeles, was lifted shortly after 11 p. m. (PST) Wednesday night.

Radio broadcasting, which was suspended simultaneously with the blackout throughout southern California from Bak (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

By federal order, all weather data and forecasts for Oregon and Washington are discontinued until further notice.

12 Shopping Days Left BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

Remember Pearl Harbor.