

Berlin, Rome War Declarations Seen Anti-Climax; Russ May Surprise Japan in Attacks

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The German and Italian war declarations against the United States have an anti-climax, propaganda flavor—pending some move to implement those pronouncements with action.

Tummy Fixed



Five-day-old William Thomas Johnston sleeps peacefully in St. Agnes Hospital, Philadelphia, recuperating from an operation. The infant was born with an upside down stomach, but surgeons turned it right side up and the little lad is now well on his way to recovery.

Blackout Bulletin

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to make permanent blackout provisions for your homes or places of business if you intend to have lights at night. No standardized methods or materials have yet been suggested and we must depend upon cooperation and ingenuity of the individual to accomplish the blackout purpose—namely to eliminate the filtration of any light that may be discernible from without and particularly from the air. Plywood frames to fit tightly in windows with stripings around the edge are proving satisfactory. All skylights must be made light proof.

3. Everyone must cooperate or all may be lost. The single light may serve to guide the enemy to the point he seeks. Your defense council cannot protect you unless you help.

4. Every citizen must be alert for any unusual or suspicious circumstances and report same to this office. This should include anything unusual in the way of lights that might be in use for directional purposes or code message work. Under such circumstances all persons should

remember that their failure to cooperate brands them in the eyes of others as possible fifth columnists. The task of your council and coordinator is great and you must cooperate. Marion County Defense Council. Bryan H. Conley, coordinator.

rays. Sea and air patrol of the Sea of Japan to watch Russia is also reducing the naval or air strength available to press attacks southward against Malaya and Burma and the Philippines.

Those thrusts are the core of Japanese strategy. They are still short of their objective of gaining adequate invasion footholds quickly.

Time is vital for the Japanese. To gain it and the initiative they risked world-wide infamy by attacking Pearl Harbor and Singapore without advance notice. Yet Russian air bases in Siberia hold a potential strategic veto over Japanese dictation of the pattern of the Pacific war, once they become available to the anti-axis powers. And the axis victory-or-death war pact makes it virtually certain they must become available to them sooner or later.

That pact goes far to explain the Japanese plunge into the war. Behind it, however, must lie pledges of potent Nazi action to lessen the odds against the Pacific member of the triumvirate.

Council Passes Blackout Bill

Rules and Penalties Listed; Will Invest in Defense Bonds

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treatment bond fund in series F United States defense bonds. Use of the fund has been postponed because of withdrawal of WPA aid caused by the defense emergency.

The airport committee was authorized to spend \$100 to repair rest rooms at the airport.

Recommendation of the purchasing agent on bids to furnish the city's gasoline supply for the next budget period was approved. Purchases are to be divided among the Richfield, Gilmore and Shell companies, each of whom bid 14.9 cents per gallon on ethyl, 13.23 on first grade and 12.73 on third structure. Bid of 10.87 on kerosene was made by Shell, Union and Standard companies.

Contract for \$557.06 with the Southern Pacific company for cutting curbs and repaving at 14th and Mission streets was authorized. City Engineer J. H. Davis explained the work had already been done.

Charles L. Creasy, jr., was sworn in Thursday as a city policeman, replacing Julian W. Graham, who was added to the force Tuesday.

Boiler rooms in Salem public schools have been equipped so janitors can work during blackouts, Supt. Frank B. Bennett said Thursday. School busses have permits to go out on their routes early in the morning, before the blackouts end. Night defense classes in the high school shops have been resumed with installation of blackout equipment.

ALBANY, Dec. 11 (AP)—The city council has passed an ordinance providing for fines up to \$100 and jail sentences up to 30 days for failure to comply with blackout regulations of the Linn county defense council.

FDR Summons Strike Parley

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mony of approach in providing machinery to prevent labor disputes, Mr. Roosevelt said:

"It is not expected that there will be any hesitation on the part of either labor or industry to accept his basic condition of the nation's safety."

The machinery for reaching amicable agreements, the president said, might include "appropriate procedures for adjusting disputes, for mediation and

for resort in defense industries to some tribunal whose decisions will be binding by agreement on all parties."

He added, however, that it was up to the conferees to decide the form the machinery will take "so long only as an agreement is reached."

"Since the efficacy of that agreement," he asserted, "will depend upon the voluntary cooperation of all concerned, emphasis is placed on the fact that it must represent a unanimous accord."

Was Familiar Face RIGGINS, Idaho—(P)—The Rev. Kelly Campbell, returning from

visiting a son at a sheep camp, met on the trail a pleasant stranger. He felt sure he had met the man before, but he couldn't remember where. After several minutes, he discovered that he was talking to his son, Raymond, who had come from Lewis, Iowa, to visit him. Father and son had not met for more than 11 years.



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