

Salem Signal Is Discarded

Test of Siren Found Wanting; no Blackout Expected on Weekend

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vide a satisfactory warning system and sufficient protection to do away with hysteria, is declared to have found the test unsatisfactory.

Captains of the 22 Red Cross first aid units established as part of the civil defense program in various parts of Salem, meeting at the chamber of commerce, heard Dr. Ralph Purvine outline the civilian defense medical set-up and explain the procedure to be followed in case of disaster. Instruction in methods of combatting and treating for poison gas was presented by Ted Roake.

Persons holding standard Red Cross first aid cards or higher rating and who are not working in some other branch of volunteer defense service are asked to drop postal cards to Marion county chapter offices, workers at Saturday's meeting announced.

Veterans gathered at the armory, taking their turn at the night watch, discussed among other things the party planned by Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, for Monday night at Legion hall, when members are asked to bring gifts of staple groceries for distribution to needy residents of the mid-valley area.

"We're keeping Christmas even if we may have to blackout the tree," said Commander Fred Gahlsdorf.

County civil defense leaders emphasized Saturday night that any emergency blackout warning is to be given via sirens at the city hall and the penitentiary, that others are to be issued air raid warnings upon official notice from headquarters, and that orders at an early hour this morning were still "no blackout until further notice."

Tire Ban Hits Road Work

Continuation of the government ban on tire sales for a considerable length of time will make it necessary for the State Highway department to suspend virtually all of its road construction and maintenance operations, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, declared Friday.

Bulletins

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ceived here November 29. The name of the ship on which he served last is being withheld from publication by request of the war department.

TOKYO, Sunday, Dec. 14—(Official Radio Received by AP)—The navy section of the Japanese imperial headquarters announced today that a Japanese destroyer sank an American submarine off the Philippine Islands Saturday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13—(AP)—Fourth army headquarters announced Saturday night that unidentified planes had approached the coast earlier in the evening, that the alert signal had been sounded, but no general blackout was ordered because the planes disappeared.

HAVANA, Cuba, Sunday, Dec. 14—(AP)—A score of distant explosions which rattled windows along the seacoast shortly after midnight stirred belief here early today that a naval engagement might be in progress somewhere off the coast.

Waterfront observers said the sound of the explosions came from far out at sea and some said they saw flashes in the sky offshore.

Order Airport Runway Built

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am. Side drainage is to be added later.

The extension will be at the south end of the northwest-southeast runway, partially on property recently purchased from William Brown. Total runway length will be 5040 feet.

All equipment possible will be leased for the project, the amount governed by the plans. In order to complete the work rapidly, it may be placed on a seven-day, 24-hour basis. The paving will be started in the center of the runway strip and go toward both sides in order to provide added runway space sooner.

Further indication of the army's intention to use the airport is furnished by the installation of telephone and teletype connections between the airport and the Portland air base.

Japan Taking Isle Beating

Luzon Invaders Get Setback; Russ List Japs Common Enemy

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the attackers were forced to unload wildly.

The whole Japanese strategy in the Philippines, chief obstacle in Tokyo's drive for Dutch East Indies oil and rubber, was described in a Washington war department communique as "an effort to secure improvised air bases outside of the area encompassed by our ground defenses."

On the Asiatic mainland, British forces, who said they were holding the Japanese advance through the steaming jungles of Malaya, got powerful support from their Dutch neighbors. Doughty submarines from Batavia, not waiting the approach of invaders to their own shores, ranged into the waters off the Thai peninsula and sank at least four transports.

The commander-in-chief of the Royal Netherlands East Indies navy said some 4000 Japanese soldiers perished in the attack, the more deadly for having been made in water alive with man-eating sharks. The British radio said actually five ships were sunk.

A Batavia announcement also said a warship had wiped out a Japanese settlement off the east coast of nearby Borneo.

The principal Japanese blows were delivered against the British in Hongkong, whose defenders were unofficially admitted to have retired from some of their positions before Kowloon, on the mainland before the island of Hongkong, and at Manila, attacked by the Japanese bombers.

The United States navy also acknowledged that Japanese capture of Guam, under strong Japanese air and naval attack since the war broke, was "probable" but Uncle Sam's "devil dogs" were still standing grimly by their guns on Midway and Wake islands.

The US war department, meanwhile, announced that 20 Japanese planes were destroyed in the Pearl harbor raid and six army fliers were cited for some of the "numerous spectacular feats of heroism" in the action.

With Litvinov's statement on solidarity in Washington, Russia, the United States, Britain, China and The Netherlands appeared moving swiftly to coordinate their efforts toward winning a quick supremacy of the air for the fight which now united them all the way round the world.

Britain announced strong reinforcements were being sent immediately to Malaya for the fight with Japan and to the middle east for use against Germany and Italy. American-made planes were expected to be rushed to the Far East for the use of the British as well as the Americans, Chinese and Dutch.

Well-informed London sources said Russia might soon grant the use of Siberian bases for the use of the United States in protecting war aid shipments to the soviet. British political sources said the question of an allied war council to coordinate world-wide strategy of the anti-axis powers would be laid before Prime Minister Churchill shortly.

In Moscow well earned workers' celebrations were touched off by news that their government considered the Germans defeated on all major fronts.

From various sources came reports that red forces had captured 30 towns and villages in the Yelits area 210 miles south of Moscow, re-occupied Efremov and Litvinov on the southern end of the Moscow front below Tula, and captured eight villages by fierce counter attacks around Kalinin.

They also announced the Germans were thrown out of Volkovo, 80 miles southeast of Leningrad. Soviet scouts reported seeing a 60-car supply train through the snow at one point.

In the fight to save the Caucasus, the Russians were hammering away at retreating nazis trying to reform a line along the Mius river. Soviet reports said in several places nazis had crossed the river and threatened the newly-erected German pillboxes with flank attacks.

William C. Bullitt arrived in Cairo to serve as President Roosevelt's personal representative in the Middle East war zone.

At sea British admiralty reports indicated an entire flotilla of three Italian cruisers wiped out in swift overnight attacks by submarines and British and Dutch destroyers in the Mediterranean. One small war vessel was also believed destroyed. The attackers emerged unscathed, the admiralty said.

Three more countries declared war on the United States, Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria, which also declared war on Britain in a move which observers noted would make her territory and seaports available to Germany in case Hitler decided on a thrust at Turkey.

Liberty Bell May Be Stored

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13—(AP)—The Liberty bell may be removed from Independence Hall to Fort Knox, Ky., in case of "dire emergency" brought on by the war, city officials said Saturday.

The famous cracked bell "would probably be the only relic of its kind stored" at Fort Knox, one said. "Nothing should stand in the way of taking it there if it is endangered."

Japan Makes More Claims

Hongkong Fate Sealed, USS Arizona Sunk in Hawaii, Say Officials

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which is the island of Hongkong. (Without any supporting announcement at the time from official Japanese sources, the Japanese ambassador to Argentina said Hongkong had been captured.)

The Japanese claimed complete occupation of Kowloon—apparently meaning both the peninsula and the city of Kowloon which lies across a narrow stretch of water from the island of Hongkong.

They declared that Kowloon's "four mile-long and supposedly impregnable defenses have been shattered." Hongkong, second only to Singapore as a British far eastern naval base, was said to be under and incessant rain of Japanese bombs.

(There was no direct word from Hongkong but London admitted the possibility that the colonial defense forces might have fallen back to pre-arranged positions.)

The Japanese now say that the Arizona was sunk in the initial onslaught at Pearl Harbor last Sunday, along with the battleships Oklahoma and West Virginia. It took them nearly a week to claim the Arizona.

(It is familiar axis practice to make extravagant claims of sea successes in the hope of learning the true results of attacks through reaction of the other side. The United States has acknowledged that a battleship capsized and a destroyer blew up in the Pearl Harbor assault.)

Premier General Hideko Tojo himself cautioned Japanese against over-optimism based on Japan's early successes. He told a public rally that Japan must be prepared for long war and all the hardships that go with it. He painted Japan's cause as one of "self-defense" and "righteousness."

"We must not be intoxicated by the air for the fight which now united them all the way round the world."

Admiral Leahy Mentioned as Pacific Chief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—(AP)—The Army and Navy Register, a service journal, said in an editorial Saturday that "it would surprise no one" if Admiral William D. Leahy, present ambassador to Vichy, was given the job of coordinating all military and naval commands in the mid-Pacific.

The editorial declared that no judgment should be passed on the Pearl Harbor incident until all the facts were known.

"Whether or not there is a shakeup of the Hawaiian high commands," the Register said, "there are indications of measures to be taken to coordinate all of the mid-Pacific commands, both military and naval, under one head."

The magazine recalled that Leahy had urged that the navy "be permitted to settle the Japanese business forthwith," when the Japanese sank the US gunboat Panay in the Yangtze river on December 12, 1937.

Allies Plan Pledge Pact

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tion of military forces and supplies where they can best be used.

One major move in the direction of military coordination will be to concentrate on attaining air supremacy in the fight to master the axis. Britain announced that strong RAF reinforcements are being sent immediately to Malaya in the fight with Japan, and to the middle east in the Mediterranean front with Germany and Italy.

Strategists here, surveying the first attack of the Pacific war, pointed out that Japan's extensive use of aircraft to attack the defenders' Pacific fleets and to cover her widespread land and sea offensive heavily underscored the lessons already learned about the importance of coordinating operations with the air arm in modern war.

The obvious counter to early Japanese successes, it was pointed out, is to blanket Japan's air force.

Sprague Tells State Actions

Radio Talk Sums Up Steps Taken to Aid Defense of Oregon

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said, that "modern warfare is vastly different from that of Civil war days." He expressed "sincere appreciation" for the sacrifices being made by civil reservists and air raid warning workers who have been giving generously of time for training and, during the past week, in actual service.

The governor recommended that "all who can, register with the civil reserves" even though all may not be immediately put to work.

"We cannot expect 'business as usual' and certainly not 'pleasure as usual,'" the governor admonished, "but for the vast majority of our citizens the most patriotic thing they can do is to remain at their tasks of growing foodstuffs, keeping railroads and trucks running, operating machines in factories, printing and broadcasting the news."

Salem Truck Unit Formed

State Guard Nearing Completion; Cycle Company to Recruit

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has been called to its first drill at the armory, Betzer declared.

Both Betzer and Capt. Charles L. Unruh of Company K, rifle unit, expect a number not mustered Thursday or Saturday nights to be present for the first drill, they said. Unruh announced Saturday that the rifle organization could use 30 more men.

No decision as to details of the state guard uniform has yet been made. Gen. Baker told Saturday's assemblage, but uniforms and arms are to be issued to members of the state regiment.

State guardsmen, he declared, while part of the nation's armed forces, are not to be moved out of the state or inducted as organizations into federal army, navy or marines. They are to be used for defense in emergency and in all likelihood would never face long periods of such service, he said.

Red brassards or armbands, lettered to signify membership in the state guard, are to be used by recruits until uniforms are made available. Rifles and munitions have already been requisitioned, Baker said.

Col. Spooner, for many years trainer of Oregon national guard rifle teams and now a state guard staff member assigned to training work, administered the service oath to truck company recruits Saturday night.

Both rifle and truck companies are to drill 1½ hours a week, their officers have announced, and, at least temporarily, drill time is to be Monday, 8 p.m.

Auto Use Tax Collected by PO Planned

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—(AP)—A plan for collection of the \$5 annual use tax on automobiles by postoffice sale of stamps was approved Saturday by a senate-house committee.

The tax was voted in the recent new tax bill, but there has been controversy as to how it should be collected and some sentiment for its repeal.

Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the senate finance committee proposed an appropriation of \$1,500,000 for collection of the tax through the postoffice plan. This was accepted by senators and representatives revising the \$10,000,000 war funds bill and will be incorporated in it.

Under the plan, every automobile owner will be required to go to a postoffice before February 1 and buy a stamp costing \$1.09. This stamp to be attached to windshield, will show the tax has been paid up to July 1 when the \$5 tax for the following fiscal year will become effective.

FR's Son Sent To San Diego

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—(AP)—James Roosevelt, eldest son of the president and now a captain in the marine corps, has been transferred from this city to duty at San Diego, Calif.

The White House confirmed this Saturday night and said Captain Roosevelt, who has been attached to the office of the coordinator of information here, had requested a transfer to a more active post.

Obituary

Hoyser

Funeral services for Mrs. Anna C. Hoyser who died Friday at a Salem hospital, will be held from the Terwilliger-Edwards chapel at 1:30 p.m. Monday, with a Christian Science reader officiating. Interment will be in Lee Mission cemetery. Mrs. Hoyser was a member of the Christian Science church.

British-Hit Axis Trying Derna Stand

CAIRO, Dec. 13—(AP)—Axis armies in Libya, cut into segments by the revitalized British offensive and lashed by the furies of the RAF, appeared Saturday to be trying for a stand at Derna, oasis port 100 miles west of Tobruk.

A considerable number of the German and Italian troops were reported hemmed in by hard fighting New Zealanders at Gazala, on the coast 40 miles west of Tobruk. Beyond them, far to the west, other axis units were said to be trying to break through British forces impeding their retreat to Derna.

With the RAF and British and allied warships harassing sea-borne axis supplies sent from Greek and Italian ports, virtually the only supply line to these troops remained the Italian-built highway along the Libyan coast from Tripoli and that, British communiques indicated, was under merciless pounding of the RAF and possibly subjected to

land raiding parties from the British-held oasis of Gialo, on the desert 150 miles from the gulf of Sirte.

Opening Date Of Red Cross Drive Awaited

Date for the opening of a Red Cross war relief fund drive in Marion county is to be set at a meeting of the campaign committee scheduled for 10:30 Tuesday morning, Marion county chapter offices announced Saturday.

Approval of the drive as worthy and outside the scope covered by its own annual campaign for funds was given Saturday by the Salem Community Chest through its president, T. M. Hicks. That the Red Cross memberships collected through chest facilities are purely for the local work of the organization and not for outside aid or such war relief as might be required in this area, Hicks emphasized.

Chairman of the drive committee, appointed by Judge George Rossmann, chapter chairman, several months ago to function in an emergency, is Floyd Miller.

Loss of Guam Said Probable

US Loses Contact With Island Outpost; Wake Still Battling Japs

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naval personnel and 155 marines were stationed in Guam. According to the last reports from Guam, the island had been bombed repeatedly and Japanese troops had landed at several points on the island.

"Wake and Midway continue to resist."

It was feared that a large number of civilian construction workers may have been captured on the island. They had been engaged in building airplane facilities for which congress had granted funds.

Tactically, the Japanese admitted that the embattled marines still held little Wake island in the Pacific. The imperial headquarters at Tokyo said Japanese naval units had damaged military facilities on Wake during an attack Thursday, and that the attackers had suffered "some losses" in the process.

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