

### Jap Propaganda Offense Seen Probable Soon—for Stalemate

By MAX HILL

NEW YORK, April 1—(AP)—Many who know what goes on the Pacific today are expressing a deep-seated fear that Japan is planning new treachery, this time on the propaganda front.

Having overrun a rich area which she now needs to develop, Japan would like a few years of peace to prepare for extension of her "prosperity sphere" to more of the world. A stalemate in the war, or a deal whereby she might even return the Philippines (subject to later recapture, of course) would fit Nippon's long-range plans nicely, these observers say.

Prior to Pearl Harbor the Japanese made no bones about it—they would make the fighting so costly and the reward for a counter-offensive so small that an otherwise impotent minority of appeasers in the United States might be able to force a deal.

Joseph C. Grew, our former ambassador in Tokyo, has hinted at this Japanese program; others who have come back from the Pacific-front have voiced the same concern.

From AP Correspondent Clark Lee's new book, "They Call it Pacific," the following brief quote indicates what may well be the official philosophy of the Japanese navy.

Admiral Kanazawa said to Lee, who was on the battlefield before and after the outbreak of war:

"We will fight inch by inch. We will fight to the last man. We will make the cost in blood, ships and planes so frighteningly great that, we believe, America will eventually become discouraged. "The American people will say

that, after all, the orient is a long way off and perhaps Japan is the logical nation to govern it. Then our war will be won."

This conversation took place in Shanghai months before Pearl Harbor. Many Japanese in high places told me virtually the same thing in Tokyo.

For nine months before Pearl Harbor the Japanese government tried to convince us that it had the military under control. The effect was merely to keep relations on a negotiable basis until the military could strike.

Such strategy is not impossible again, through use of a so-called businessman cabinet in Japan. The logical time for such a development would be after the collapse of Hitler's European empire.

### Water Backlog Best in Decade

THE DALLES, April 1—(AP) Mountain snow depth and water content in the mid-Columbia region is the best in a decade, irrigation officials announced Thursday. They said they were more concerned with possible flood conditions than with getting enough water for needs of farmers.

### Mother to Get Abandoned Baby

EUGENE, April 1—(AP)—The "bus depot baby" will be returned to her mother, Max Dudley, Lane county welfare officer, said Thursday.

The mother, whose identity has not been disclosed, thrust her two-year-old daughter into the arms of Mrs. Ida Turney, Roseland, Ark., as she boarded a bus at Corvallis Monday night.

When the mother was located at Corvallis she said her husband had deserted her and that she was without funds.

### Discover Large Chromium Deposit

WASHINGTON, DC, April 1—(AP)—Senator McNary (R-Ore) said today bureau of mines tests in the John Day area of east central Oregon indicate a potential 128,000 tons of chromium ore.

The ore tested 20 to 25 per cent chromic oxide, it was reported, and could be reached over fairly good truck roads and worked by open cut mining.

### Calf Club Meets

GRAND ISLAND—The 4H calf club met Monday night at the home of the leader, George Douglas, with all members present and seven guests, Mrs. Lester Scoggins, Mrs. Raymond Palmer and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Douglas and son, Leslie.

"Feed and Feeding" was the subject for discussion during the meeting. Following the business session, games were played. Refreshments were served.

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