

Leaders Blamed For Pearl Harbor

WASHINGTON (AP)—Retired ambassador to Russia in 1942, and Adm. William H. Standley says the report of the first official investigation into the Pearl Harbor disaster "did not present the whole, true picture."

Standley, who was a member of the board and signed its report, said his subsequent study of the case would leave him now to arrive at about the same conclusions as were set forth in the minority report of the Senate House committee which investigated later. This report put principal blame on the late President Roosevelt and the secretaries and top uniformed officers of the Army and Navy.

FORTHCOMING BOOK

Standley has set forth his views in one chapter of a forthcoming book to be published next fall. It was published in this week's issue of the magazine U. S. News and World Report, out Monday.

Standley, now 81, was Chief of Naval Operations in 1933-37, and had retired at the time of Pearl Harbor. Roosevelt named him

ambassador to Russia in 1942, and he held that post for about a year and a half.

Standley was a member of the five-man commission, headed by retired Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts, which was created right after Pearl Harbor by presidential order.

'MIXED UP' GROUP

"Of all the difficult and onerous duties in a long career of public service," he wrote, "my membership on that presidential commission was beyond comparison the most difficult."

He described it as "a very mixed up" group with civilian, Army and Navy members "for which there was no precedence in law, custom or jurisprudence."

The commission's report placed primary blame for Pearl Harbor on Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short and Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, the commanding Army and Navy officers in Hawaii at the time.

"The tragedy of Pearl Harbor was the fact that they were, and had to be, removed from command without a hearing and that war conditions prevented bringing them to trial by general court-martial before the end of the war," Standley wrote.

PAIR 'MARTYRED'

"Thus, these two officers were martyred, as it were, for in my opinion, if they had been brought to trial, both would have been cleared of the charge of neglect of duty."

He declared that Gen. George C. Marshall, then Army Chief of Staff, and Adm. Harold R. Stark, then Chief of Naval Operations, "were equally culpable and should share with Short and Kimmel the blame for faulty judgment and for incorrectly interpretation of information available to them."

Standley said Marshall and Stark "should have recognized that war was imminent and that an attack was on the way to some American base." He said only "ineffective messages" were sent to the commanders in Hawaii from Washington.

'HURRY-UP' JOB

He said he thinks the commission was "hurriedly ordered" by Roosevelt to forestall the possibility of an immediate congressional inquiry. And its directive, which told it to look for dereliction on the part of Army or Navy personnel, precluded any inquiry into the conduct of civilian officials, he wrote.

Standley said he had a number of "acrimonious arguments" with other members of the commission, and he added:

"While . . . I did sign the completed report, I felt and I still feel that it did not present the whole, true picture."



SEEKS NATIONAL TITLE — Mrs. Margaret Dodd poses for a picture at her home in Santa Monica, Calif., with her three children after learning she had been named Mrs. California to compete in the 16th annual Mrs. America contest at Ellinor Village, Fla. The announcement was made by the contest committee in New York City. Left to right: Colleen, 5, Mrs. Dodd; Deidra, 8, and standing is Declan, 11.

Accused Racketeer Dies Without Naming Gunman

CHICAGO (AP)—Anthony Pape, indication that the elder Pape true to gangland tradition, died Sunday night without divulging who gunned down him and his brother two days earlier.

Pape, 40-year-old reputed chief of a 10-million-dollars-a-year dope ring, succumbed to eight gunshot wounds in the head, back and arms.

He died without naming the assailants who apparently were in the back seat of the automobile in which Pape and his postoffice clerk brother, James, 38, were fatally shot.

Police Saturday said they believed Anthony Pape was slain to prevent him from making a deal to tell federal authorities about a counterfeiting ring in exchange for clemency on narcotics charges Anthony faced.

But Asst. U.S. Atty. James Piragone said there never was any

American Soldier Killed by Sentry

SEOUL (AP)—An American soldier was shot and killed Sunday when he turned and fled after being challenged by a sentry while trying to re-enter a compound from which he had been absent without leave.

The Army withheld identification of the slain soldier but said he was in the 24th Division Replacement Company Compound.

Russell Critical Of Army Policy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Russell (D-Ga.) said Monday it would be foolish for Congress to place too much dependence on the hydrogen bomb and unbalance the nation's military strength by cutting funds for conventional weapons.

Similar doubt's about overreliance on the H-bomb were voiced by Sen. Anderson (D-NM) and AFL President George Meany.

NOT SATISFIED

Russell, senior Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee and a member of the Senate House Atomic Energy Committee, said in an interview he is "uneasy" about the Eisenhower administration's proposal to reduce the ground forces.

Neither, he said, is he satisfied with the amount of funds Congress has been asked to make available for the Air Force.

But he conceded that scattered Democratic protests against a proposed slash of about five billion dollars in over-all military funds are not likely to be effective.

He said President Eisenhower's prestige as a military man probably will defeat efforts to change budget figures.

'NEW LOOK' POLICY

Eisenhower has told Congress that the "new look" military program of major reliance on air power and new weapons justifies a reduction in defense outlays. He said that while Army divisions might be reduced they would be more mobile, harder hitting and more dangerous to an enemy.

Meany, however, said Sunday that the "new look" military program so as to increase, rather than cut down, the number of U.S. troops in Europe and Asia.

Writing in the AFL's monthly magazine, the labor leader said the "new look" itself needs "a most searching look" because "the Democratic countries must spare no effort to strengthen their collective security systems in Europe, in the Near East and in Asia."

INDOCHINA PROBLEM

Anderson's comment about the H-bomb came during a televised panel discussion Sunday in which he declared the mighty new superweapon is not the answer to all military problems.

"Does the H-bomb mean anything in Indochina?" he asked. "It means nothing. It is not suited for that kind of warfare."

"I think what France does to ward granting freedom to the people in Indochina is more important now than the size of the H-bomb."

Russell said he, for one, believes that the Air Force ought to get more funds. But he said such an increase ought not to be at the expense of the army.

Ho Hum! Disney Again

CANNES, France (AP)—Walt Disney's "Toot, Whistle, Plunk and Boom" was awarded a prize today at the Film Festival here for "using a new technique of sound reproduction."

The award was made by the Technical Superiority Committee of the French Cinema.

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