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Full U. S. Weather Bureau report
Forecast: Cloudy with occasional light rain tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature.
Temperature
Highest Yesterday 36
Lowest this Morning 31

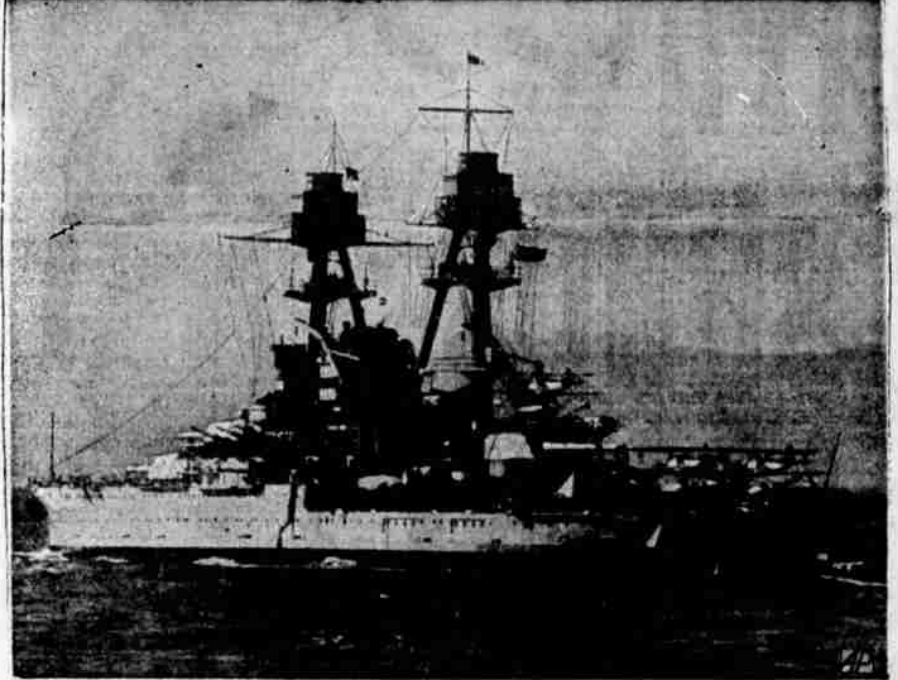
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EAST COAST HAS AIR RAID ALARM; NORTHWEST TO BLACKOUT TONIGHT

Japanese Planes Attack Pearl Harbor



Japanese airplanes attacked United States defense bases in the Philippine islands (1) and Hawaii (2) Sunday and Monday, the White House reported. The White House also reported an army ship carrying lumber was torpedoed 1,300 miles west (3) of the United States Pacific coast, and said a cargo ship had been sending distress signals about 400 miles farther east.



Japanese warplanes set fire to the U. S. battleship Oklahoma (above) in a sudden raid Sunday on the Pearl Harbor naval base and Honolulu.

Mail Tribune Carriers Sell Defense Stamp

Mail Tribune carriers were enlisted today in the sale of U. S. defense savings stamps to help pay for the cost of war. The boys volunteered to assist in the national defense plan by taking orders for the stamps. Each carrier has been accredited, each has taken a pledge to serve faithfully as "official U. S. defense agent for defense stamp sales" and each has been authorized to take orders from the Mail Tribune readers he serves. The carriers will sell only the 10-cent stamp. They will take orders for the stamps and start delivering them the following week in the amount specified. Subscribers may order the delivery of one stamp or more each week and the order will remain in effect until cancelled. No money will be collected for the stamps until the time of delivery. Order blanks are being published in the Mail Tribune for the convenience of subscribers. These may be filled out and given to the carrier when he calls. Upon delivery of the first order of defense savings stamps, the carrier will also deliver an album in which the stamps may be stuck. The album holds \$18.70 in defense savings stamps. When filled, it can be exchanged with 5 cents in coin for an interest-bearing defense savings bond having a maturity value of \$25. The U. S. treasury department has enlisted the aid of newspaper carriers all over the United States because of the

JAP WARPLANES BELIEVED SEEN OVER CALIFORNIA

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The army and navy were on the prowl today for an enemy aircraft carrier which army authorities said sent at least two squadrons of planes in reconnaissance flights over industrial plants ringing San Francisco Bay without dropping a bomb. The 30-odd planes ranged from San Jose at the south tip of the bay to the huge naval yard at Mare Island, the fourth army interceptor command reported. The flight caused the first blackout in San Francisco's history. Two other blackouts followed in the darkness of early morning, but army authorities did not disclose whether enemy planes again approached. Army interceptor planes followed the first of the enemy squadrons, but were unable to determine where they finally went. The navy then took up a search for a plane carrier, presumably lurking off California's coast, and possibly 500 or 600 miles at sea. "I don't think there's any doubt the planes came from a carrier," said Lieut. General John L. Dewitt, command of the fourth army and the western defense command. San Francisco learned of the

PLANE CARRIERS REPORTED NEAR PACIFIC COAST

U. S. Interceptors Fly Far Asea In Search—Lights Out Ordered 12:30 A.M.
Seattle, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Planes from Portland and Seattle area bases flew criss-cross patterns high above the Pacific ocean from 600 miles to sea back to the coastline today, seeking two or three Japanese aircraft carriers and some submarines reported operating offcoast. Brig. Gen. Carlyle H. Wash, head of the 2nd interceptor command, said blackouts will continue. He permitted commercial broadcasting to resume within a 100-mile radius of Seattle at 10:45 a. m., today after a 15-hour hiatus, but said imminence of attack might cause a shutdown as early as 3 p. m. today.

Start At 12:30
Tonight's blackout, covering all Oregon and Washington west of the Cascades, tentatively will start at 12:30 a. m., but the start actually will depend on the imminence of attack. At 9:19 a. m., General Wash had station KIRO, the 50,000-watt station which remained on the air last night to carry official announcements, broadcast a terse statement that "there has been no change in the situation. The possibility of air attack is still present." Radio stations were swamped with calls as to when they would resume commercial programs, and Col. G. P. Tourtellot of the northwest defense command, brought home the war condition bluntly with the announcement that: "The time has passed when we're trying to please the public with radio programs. We're trying to save their lives. We know what's best for them, and they've got to realize that this is war!" Until the presence of hostile craft in the north Pacific are disproved, he added, "Seattle's defense and the coast's defense comes first."

ELKS POSTPONE YULE PROGRAM

The Elks lodge Christmas Tree program was indefinitely postponed today because of the emergency. A statement issued by Exalted Ruler Ernest L. Scott and General Chairman Major M. Morris explained the action as follows: "In view of the national emergency and in order to cooperate in every way with national defense it is impossible for the B.P.O. Elks to have their charity Christmas tree program Thursday night, Dec. 11 and the committee has made a temporary postponement. Further notice will be given of the date of the program." The committee further stated that because of the national emergency the necessity of the Christmas program is probably more necessary than ever. WHAT! NO MISTLETOE? Hornell, N. Y., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Principal Edward W. Cook, announcing plans for the week before the Christmas holidays at Hornell high school decreed "no one is to be allowed to bring in any mistletoe in the building or on the school grounds."

Japanese Slash Again At Philippine Islands

Don't Use 'Phone For Distant Call Unless Necessary
Telephone users are asked not to place any long distance calls unless absolutely necessary as long as the present national emergency continues, R. B. Hammond, local manager for the company, announced today. "Due to the communication needs of our armed forces vital to our defense, government calls will come first," Hammond said. Civilian calls will be subject to delay, he said.

LIGHT SIGNALS GUIDE INVADERS IN MANILA AREA

Manila, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Japanese fliers raiding the Manila area have been aided by light signals from the ground, marking out certain sections, an army spokesman said tonight as Manila underwent its second night of air raid alarms.

WAR DECLARATION RENEWS TALK OF ARMY BASE HERE

Declaration of war between the United States and Japan has created new interest in the probability of the construction of an army cantonment and air base here. It has been pointed out that because of the declared war the army will undoubtedly be expanded faster than planned under peace-time programs and that Medford had been designated as a likely place for a camp if and when the army was enlarged. Further speculation was caused by a telephone call yesterday from Capt. Theron W. Bean, former constructing quartermaster here who was transferred only last Thursday to the zone 9 constructing quartermaster's office at San Francisco. Capt. Bean telephoned Fred W. Scheffel, city superintendent, to inquire whether the army might have use of the army again if he returned to Medford. He was assured the army was at the army's disposal, Mr. Scheffel said. Capt. Bean was quoted as saying the army would be needed only for a short time until the army put up its own building, presumably at the proposed camp site. He was quoted also as saying that he had received 48-hour standby orders. What either of these two assertions meant was not known here.

JAPANESE BOAST INITIAL SUCCESS IN PACIFIC WAR

Tokyo, Dec. 9.—(Official Broadcasts Picked up by AP)—Great initial successes and a widening scope and increasing tempo of Japan's air, land and sea war of the Pacific with the United States and Britain were reported by the Japanese today. A navy ministry spokesman declared the Japanese navy already had landed blows which had changed the old balance of American and Japanese sea power to such an extent as to nullify President Roosevelt's "high pressure eastern policy."

Court Martial for Hawaii Commanders Is Sought by Solon

Washington, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Rep. Dingell (D-Mich) told the house today he proposed to demand that court martial proceedings be instituted against four high-ranking army officers and the commander of the Pacific fleet for "what happened in Hawaii." Dingell named specifically Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, commanding the Hawaiian department; Major Gen. H. H. Arnold, deputy chief of staff for army; Maj. Gen. Geo. H. Brett, chief of the army corps, and Admiral Husband Kimmel, commander of the Pacific fleet.

War Bulletins

New York, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Ford Wilkins, CBS correspondent in Manila, reported at 8:12 a. m. PST, today that there had been unverified reports of bombings of the Japanese island of Formosa and the cities of Tokyo and Kobe. New York, Dec. 9.—(AP)—A Panamanian radio broadcast heard in New York by NBC said Japanese aircraft were reported flying over the Panama coast this morning by no bombs were dropped. New York, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The British radio said today that the Chungking government of Chiang Kai-Shek had declared war on Japan, Germany and Italy. NBC heard the London broadcast.

OFFICIALS DIFFER ON WHETHER CALL REAL OR PRACTICE

Commander of 1st Air Force 'Doesn't Think' Alarm Series Due to Rehearsal.
New York, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Major General Herbert A. Dargue, commander of the first air force, said today in a statement that "I do not think" a series of air raid alarms in the eastern section of the United States was a rehearsal. Public safety officials had said the alarms were a rehearsal, and that reports of approaching enemy planes were false. General Dargue said: "We can't explore the mechanics of our alarm system. Remember the number of alarms over London without any bombs being dropped. I will not disclose the source of this alarm." Gen. Dargue's statement followed the sounding of two air raid alarms in New York—the first in the history of the metropolis.

COUNTY PREPARES TO DOUSE LIGHTS AROUND MIDNIGHT

Jackson county was prepared today for its second successive blackout tonight. The first official blackout went into effect with the blowing of sirens at 11 o'clock last night. A blackout rehearsal was held in the county October 31. The second interceptor command today issued an order continuing the blackout because the west coast was still in danger. The order said the blackout would go into effect again at 12:30 tonight but the Jackson County Council of Defense had the understanding that it would be effective at dark.

MIDWAY ISLAND WORD REASSURES

Mrs. Louis Thompson, clerk in the justice of the peace court, was notified this morning that a radio report received by an Idaho station said all the men on Midway Island were safe. Mrs. Thompson's husband and hundreds of other southern Oregon and northern California men are employed on defense construction on the island. It had been reported that Midway was among Pacific islands bombed by the Japanese. William McClure of 250 Beatty street received word today that his brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McClure, were safe at Honolulu. Mr. McClure is employed as an engineer on government construction work in Honolulu.

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Hizzoner Judge Bill Allen declaring he gets no end of pleasure out of Mail Tribune accounts of local happenings. Police Officer Ray Sloneker looking and looking and looking at the shrubs being planted around the federal building. Frank Van Dyke emerging from his Ashland storm cellar to come to Medford for cantonment information. Arthur Cannon being proud of the blackout preparations made at Fluhrer's Bakery.

DRAFT BOARDS TO CLASSIFY YOUTHS

Salem, Dec. 9.—(AP)—State selective service headquarters, ordering immediate classification of all registrants, told local boards today it is likely that the law deferring men over 35 years of age would be repealed soon.