

Japanese Pacific Successes Provide Grim Reading But No Decision Says Analyst

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The further Japanese successes in the war of the Pacific—notably the sinking of the great British warships Prince of Wales and Repulse, and the landing of Jap troops in the Philippines—make grim reading for the allies, but they are far from decisive and needn't cause any discouragement whatever.

Probably there is little danger that we shall allow ourselves to fall under a complex which attributes superhuman capabilities to the enemy, but we should guard against any such tendency. A lot of folk got the superhuman complex regarding the mighty German war-machine. And it was two years before the Russians deflated the invincibility balloon under which much of the continent of Europe (and the peoples of some other countries) sat and shivered.

Superman Myth Long Disposed Of

The Japanese aren't superhuman, despite the fact that in three days of bombing they have inflicted damage which the Germans haven't been able to do in more than two years with what once was the greatest air force ever created. And what's the answer to that?

The Nipponese fighting machine doesn't compare in power with that of the Nazis. Certainly the Japanese aren't better warriors. I think we have the answer in three points:

- (1) The Japanese created a vast advantage by a surprise attack, and have worked with terrific swiftness since the start;
- (2) their bombers have been favored with a good fortune which hasn't fallen so plentifully even on the Germans with all their skill and power; and
- (3) They have been fighting a "suicide" war thus far, striking widely and with utter disregard for consequences to equipment or their own lives.

That last point is important. The Nipponese are risking everything in these early hours in an effort to secure an advan-

tage which will carry them through. That type of warfare brings either great rewards or terrible disasters. It is the sort of thing the Japanese are well adapted to, for a people who are endowed with such courage that they don't hesitate to commit hara kiri to satisfy honor surely aren't going to hesitate to sacrifice themselves in this emergency.

Strategy Has Nazi earmarks

The Japanese are carrying out a strategic program which is Hitlerian in its daring and scope, and it is given to wonder whether Berlin hasn't had a considerable hand in shaping the plans. The line of strategy now begins to take form.

Their immediate objectives are the occupation, or at least the immobilization, of the two great allied naval bases of the Far East—Britain's Singapore and our own Philippines. It is not hit-and-run attack which the Japanese have made on these strongholds.

The British battleship Prince of Wales and the battle cruiser Repulse were sunk in a naval engagement off the Malayan peninsula above Singapore, and there is heavy land fighting in Malaya between the British and Japs. The enemy apparently have made one or more landings in Luzon, the Philippines, and Berlin reports a great naval battle between our ships and Japanese off Manila.

If the Japanese could knock out both the Philippines and Singapore, they would have secured command of all those waters.

The object of the Japanese assault on the narrow Malayan peninsula is two-fold: To give them a land base from which to strike at Singapore, which lies at the end of the peninsula, and to cut the lifeline between Singapore and British Burma, against which the Japanese likely will fling an attack.

FILIPINO MISTAKE

Manila, Dec. 10.—(P)—Filipino soldiers at an army training camp at Davao cheered raiding Japanese planes Monday afternoon and realized their mistake only when the Japanese opened fire with machine-guns, belated reports said today. At Baguio the populace made a similar mistake.

NORTHWEST PUTS HEAVY EMPHASIS ON DEFENSE JOB

Arrival of Mrs. Roosevelt And Mayor LaGuardia To Spur Area Preparations.

By the Associated Press

The expected arrival of America's first lady—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt—and New York city's Mayor Fiorello La Guardia, in Seattle tonight emphasized the stress on home defense preparations in the Pacific northwest today.

Mrs. Roosevelt and La Guardia will arrive by plane at 7 p. m., and tomorrow at 10 a. m., will join Washington's Governor Langlie in a meeting at Olympia of the Washington state defense council.

Meanwhile there were these developments after the second night of blackout for numerous northwest cities:

Continue Roundup

The federal bureau of investigation continued its roundup of Japanese, Germans and Italians suspected of plotting "overthrow of the government." Some 150 suspects already have been detained, including 122 Japanese, 27 Germans and three Italians.

The Seattle city council prepared blackout ordinances containing penalties ranging up to 90 days and \$100 fines or both. The council also authorized employment of 50 additional regular policemen and between 30 and 40 more special police.

Sandbags Sought

A junk company manager in Spokane reported the army engineer corps in Seattle was strongly in the wheat sack market, needing 6,000,000 for sandbag protection around buildings in strategic places on the coast.

Seattle's second blackout night was calm and orderly. A group of about 300 persons who congregated in midtown at Third and Fourth and Pike streets, apparently to see whether another outbreak of window smashing and looting would break out, was effectively handled by an enlarged police force and no damage was done.

At Bremerton, Rear Admiral C. S. Freeman, commandant of the 13th naval district, issued a warning to the public not to be unduly alarmed if anti-aircraft firing should be heard in that area. He said ships there would be firing their anti-aircraft guns at 9 a. m. each morning for test purposes.

Treasury department orders ban financial transactions between American citizens and any Japanese or Italian national, unless the national is licensed. Such nationals are be-

ing licensed as fast as investigation of each one can be made. Money paid them will be deposited in accounts in their name.

Two Seattle Japanese, one an apartment house manager, and the other, who lived there, were jailed without charge, accused by air raid wardens of refusing to turn out their lights on request. Shortly before the blackout ended this morning, four more Japanese were arrested and jailed on \$50 bond each for turning on restaurant lights too early.

Public Invited To Accordion Contest Baldwin Auditorium

The first time an event of this kind has ever been held in southern Oregon, where the public is invited to witness a group of musicians playing off in contest for \$200 cash and many merchandise prizes, the accordion contest will be played off in the recital hall at the Baldwin Piano Shoppe at 7:30 tomorrow night.

Three out of town judges from Tacoma, Salem and Klamath Falls will judge the contest according to the rules of the American Accordionists association whereby the winners are judged by interpretation, technique, stage appearance, etc.

During the intermission at the conclusion of the contest, while the judges are making the selection of the winners of the several groups, the entire ensemble will entertain the audience in addition to the several special novelty numbers by the sextet from the Priscilla Meisler studios of Salem, Ore. These girls have been brought to Medford at considerable expense for additional entertainment because of their reputation as the outstanding musical performers in the northern part of the state. They will be entertained Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Purucker residence, 13 Glenn Oak Court.

A.P. MAN ENLISTS

Portland, Dec. 10.—(P)—Winfred J. (Bill) Brazeau, Jr., traffic attendant in the Portland bureau of the Associated Press, took leave of the news business today for the duration. Brazeau was one of the hundreds who enlisted in the navy at the Portland recruiting office since the outbreak of war with Japan.

BEDDING, CLOTHING TO BE LISTED FOR EMERGENCY USES

Residents of Jackson county were called upon today to list all spare clothing and bedding that could be used in cases of emergency.

A record of such articles is to be kept by Adjutant Charles K. Cox, head of the Salvation Army here and chairman of the clothing committee of the Jackson County Council of Defense. Adjutant Cox said it was urgent that every family mail to him without delay this information: Name, address and telephone number, number of garments for men, women and children, sizes of the garments and the amount of bedding.

This information should be mailed without delay to Adjutant Cox, Salvation Army, P. O. Box 467, Medford, the adjutant said. He emphasized that the information requested should be listed carefully so as to avoid the necessity of clerical tabulation at his office.

ELKS MEMORIAL THURSDAY NIGHT

The local Elks lodge will hold their annual public memorial services tomorrow at 7:45 p. m. in their temple. Change in the date has been due to the temporary postponement of the Christmas Tree party which was to have been held on that date. The service is one of the few open meetings of the Elks and the public is cordially invited to attend. Special music and a speaker has been provided for the evening and Exalted Ruler Ernest Scott urges all members of Medford lodge to attend and pay tribute to their departed members. A short session of lodge will follow the public service.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

CAMPBELLS HEAR FROM HAWAII KIN

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Campbell of 240 North Holly street this morning received a cablegram telling of the safety of relatives in Honolulu.

The relatives are their son, Winston Campbell, who has been in Honolulu about a year,

and Mrs. Campbell's sister, Mrs. W. E. Heavlin. The cablegram said that Winston and Mr. and Mrs. Heavlin and their two daughters were safe. Winston and Mr. Heavlin are employed in Honolulu by private companies. The Heavlins have resided there four years. Mrs. Heavlin is a former Medford resident.

Mrs. Carrie Young, 15 Rose avenue, received word this morning by cable that her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Nugent, were safe in Honolulu. The Nugents resided

in Japan until last summer and Mr. Nugent is now first lieutenant in the marine corps at Honolulu, acting as interpreter. Mrs. Nugent visited her mother a short time last summer before sailing to the islands with her husband.

CHILD DROWNS

Portland, Dec. 10.—(P)—Lola Lyon, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lyon, formerly of Libby, Mont., drowned yesterday while playing on a houseboat float in Oregon slough, near Jantzen Beach.

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