

# CONGRESS SPEEDS ANSWER TO DECLARATION OF WAR BY AXIS

## News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Dec. 11.—The Jap war madness is in itself a defeatist confession. Her rash statesmen would never have taken war action against the United States if they thought there was the slightest chance they could survive their military and economic predicament in China.

The theory that they might have been inspired by a desire to help Hitler is not far-fetched. Hitler is too far away to do the Japs either harm or good. They were just so near defeat they had to dare everything, in hopes that Hitler could win in Russia and in the world, and extricate them from their difficulties.

Dictatorial statesmen act from personally selfish motives at times. Totalitarian rulers tell their people nothing straight. Hence the Jap diplomatic and military bunglers were particularly free to gamble the future of their nation even to a suicidal extent.

**SNEAKING** a couple of aircraft carriers up near Hawaii before declaration of war is one thing, but getting them near enough again will be another. In fact, getting them home again may turn out to be something. The Hawaiian attack was obviously a demonstration designed more for a psychological effect than for military damage.

The composite immediate opinion in Washington was that the Jap statesmen unintentionally performed a favor for us. There will be no strikes in this country now. Whatever divergencies of public opinion may have impeded this government's purposes against the Nazis, has vanished by action of the Japs.

The British are getting amply reorganized to crush the Nazi General Rommel in Libya.

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## Radio Highlights

(By the Associated Press)  
CBS reports the broadcast scheduled for Friday night by Charles A. Lindbergh from a Boston America First rally has been cancelled.

Tonight, the war—5:55 CBS; 6 NBC-Blue; 7 MBS; 7:55 CBS; 8:30 MBS.

(In addition to these listings numerous other warcasts may be expected—all programs subject to last minute change)  
MBS—6:30 America Preferred; BIDU SAYAO; 7:30 All-America football selections.

Friday, the war—5 a. m., NBC CBS; 5:45 NBC-Red; 5:55 NBC-Blue; 6 CBS; 7 MBS; 7:15 NBC-Blue; 8 MBS; 9 MBS; 10:45 NBC; 11 MBS; 12:55 p. m., CBS; 1:45 CBS; 1:55 NBC-Blue; 3 CBS MBS; 3:25 NBC-Red; 3:45 NBC-Blue.

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## SIDE GLANCES

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Neva Samuels admiring the artistic way in which Ralph Woodford draped blackout curtains over city hall windows.

George Shreeve considering himself doubly lucky for getting a day off on his birthday.

## Challenge Accepted Without 'No' Vote; Resolutions Signed

Washington, Dec. 11.—(P)—President Roosevelt signed declarations of war against Nazi Germany and Italy today, thereby officially pitting the nation's might against the axis partners of Japan.

Without a single dissenting vote, congress had passed within an hour and a half the two war resolutions. There was no debate. The only time consumed was for listening to a six-paragraph message from Mr. Roosevelt, parliamentary formalities and roll calls.

**Quick Action Asked**  
Quickly the war resolutions were engrossed and rushed to the chief executive's desk. He had appealed in a special message for speedy action, telling congress that "delay invites great danger."

Mr. Roosevelt signed the German war resolution at 3:05

### Oregonians Vote

Washington, Dec. 11.—(P)—Senators Holman and McNary of Oregon voted today to declare war on Germany and Italy.

In the house the Oregon delegation also voted for passage.

p. m. EST and the Italian resolution at 3:06 p. m.

As fast as roll calls could be tallied, the senate unanimously, and the house without a single "no" vote, accepted the challenge of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini, axis partners of Japan with whom the nation went to war Monday.

The senate vote for war against Germany and Italy was unanimous.

### Rankin "Present"

The house vote for war with Germany was 393 to 0 and for war with Italy 399 to 0. But in each instance one member voted "present." This was Rep. Jeannette Rankin (R., Mont.), who cast the lone vote against war with Japan and who voted against war with Germany in 1917.

Just before the ballot, senators listened to a message from President Roosevelt asking the war declaration and saying that "never before has there been a greater challenge to life, liberty and civilization."

Senate galleries were only partly filled during the momentous action. Lord Halifax, the British ambassador, and Lady Halifax sat in the diplomatic galleries of the diplomatic corps.

**G.O.P. Support Pledged**  
Minority Leader McNary (R., Ore.) submitted a unanimous resolution of Republican members pledging support to the president in prosecuting the war to a successful conclusion.

At the other end of the capitol, jammed galleries and a crowded floor waited for the representatives to follow the lead of their senatorial colleagues.

In a brief, six-paragraph message to congress, which followed declarations of war on this country by the two axis partners, Mr. Roosevelt asserted that "the forces endeavoring to enslave the entire world now are moving towards this hemisphere."

The text of the war message: "On the morning of December 11, the government of Germany, pursuing its course of world conquest, declared war against the United States."

"The long-known and the long-expected has thus taken place. The forces endeavoring to enslave the entire world now are moving toward this hemisphere."

"Never before has there been a greater challenge to life, liberty and civilization."

"Delay invites great danger. Rapid and united effort by all of the peoples of the world who are determined to remain free will insure a world victory of

## HITLER ADDS U.S. TO GROWING LIST OF AXIS ENEMIES

Berlin, Dec. 11.—(P)—Official radio received by AP—Adolf Hitler declared war against the United States today in a historic address before the reichstag.

At the same time he announced a new military alliance of Japan, Italy and Germany for a finish fight with the United States and Britain.

The fuhrer disclosed that even while he spoke Germany was giving the United States charge d'affaires his passport, marking the complete breach of relations.

This formality took place at 4:20 p. m. (6:20 a. m., PST). The reichstag's cheers lasted several minutes when the fuhrer made his declaration.

The military pact to make a common war against the United States and Britain pledged Germany, Italy and Japan mutually to fight "to a victorious end with all available means" and later to "bring about a just order."

None of the three is to sign an armistice with either the United States or Britain "without complete mutual consent."

Rome, Dec. 11.—(P)—Official radio received by AP—Germany and Italy declared war today on the United States, arraying the axis might with Japan's and joining the wars in the east and west into one titanic world struggle.

This historic decision was announced by Premier Mussolini to tumultuous crowds in a five-minute speech from the balcony of Palazzo Venezia.

The fascist leader pledged his people victory and told them that President Roosevelt, "through a series of infinite provocations, betraying a supreme fraud the population of his country, wanted the war and had prepared for it day by day with diabolical obstinacy."

He appeared on his palace balcony at 2:50 p. m. (4:50 a. m., PST).

the forces of justice and of righteousness over the forces of savagery and of barbarism.

"Italy also has declared war against the United States."

"I therefore request the congress to recognize a state of war between the United States and Germany, and between the United States and Italy."

Germany's declaration of war against the United States was taken to the state department shortly before 9 o'clock by Hans Thomsen, charge d'affaires of the German embassy.

He was accompanied by Herbert von Strepel, first secretary.

Secretary of State Hull had not yet arrived and the Germans were instructed to wait.

After lecturing the Germans wait for another ten minutes after he arrived, Secretary Hull sent out word that he was unable to receive them and Thomsen and Von Strepel were escorted to the division of European affairs, where they presented the declaration to Ray Atherton, chief of that division.

Manufacturers in the United States are producing military shoes for Russia.

## GUAM AND WAKE BOTH OCCUPIED IS TOKYO CLAIM

350 Americans Taken Prisoner On Guam Is Word—U.S. Sub, Destroyer Sunk

\* Tokyo, Dec. 11.—(Official Radio Received by AP)—Japanese forces have occupied Agaña, the capital of Guam, without losses to themselves, and also have landed on Wake, the Japanese reported today.

An army communique said 350 Americans, including Capt. George G. McMillin, Guam's governor, and the island's vice-governor and naval station commandant, were taken prisoner.

Domei reported the landing on Wake island.

**Destroyer Sunk**  
A naval announcement said a United States destroyer and submarine were sunk and a transport damaged in a fierce Japanese air bombardment yesterday on Cavite and Manila bay, in the Philippines.

The war bulletin said that at least 81 United States planes were destroyed in the attacks, 45 of them in air combat, and that at hard-hit Cavite naval base an arsenal explosion touched off large fires.

Heavy damage on Nichols field, near Manila, also was reported. The Japanese acknowledged only five planes lost—three missing and two which were said to have "dived headlong into enemy positions."

Direct hits on two British gunboats in a Japanese air attack on the Hongkong coast yesterday also were announced by the navy.

### 88 Planes Destroyed

An army recapitulation of planes destroyed since Monday on the Malayan air front, a British zone of operations, listed 88, including 30 shot down in the air. Of these, it said, five were United States-built Brewster Buffalo fighter planes.

The Japanese said 25 of their nationals were found interned in Guam and were released while the landing force still continued "mopping up operations."

A navy communique said a 3,000-ton United States tanker was captured in the Guam attack.

It declared that the Japanese, striking by sea from all sides of the island, gained their first foothold at dawn yesterday, when a naval landing party reached shore at Port Apra, on the west coast of the island, 1,500 airline miles east of Manila. The port is little more than five miles from Agaña, the capital.

Domei reported that Japanese aerial attacks, barracks and warehouses were said to have been smashed and set ablaze. The news agency reported that seven United States planes were downed in a single day's dogfights in the skies over the island.

### DEFENSE COORDINATORS WILL ATTEND MEETING

Salem, Dec. 11.—(P)—All county defense coordinators in Oregon were asked by Governor Charles A. Sprague today to attend a meeting here Monday morning to coordinate defense plans and to discuss policies.

### No Weather Reports

At the request of military authorities and with approval of the chief of the U. S. weather bureau in Washington, D. C., the distribution of Washington and Oregon state and local forecasts and published weather data has been discontinued until further notice according to an announcement released today by the local weather bureau at the Medford municipal airport.

## Three Jap Naval Ships Sunk In Island Invasion Attempts

## BLACKOUT RULES MUST BE OBEYED OFFICIALS WARN

Failure of Jackson County Citizens To Cooperate In Defense Effort Seen.

Blackout period for Jackson county will be the same tonight as it was last night, from 12:30 to sunrise, the Jackson County Council of Defense was notified this afternoon. The blackout area here extends to the California border.

The nightly blackouts in Jackson county assumed more serious aspects today as authorities began to show impatience with citizens who have not yet fully realized the necessity of abiding by all defense regulations. There was considerable talk today about arrests and prosecutions of those who continue to ignore defense orders.

A list is being made each night of homes, business places and advertising signs that remain illuminated during the blackout period.

The public was warned again to stay off the streets and highways during blackouts excepting in cases of absolute necessity.

### Joy Riders Halted

A dozen or so youthful motorists driving around the city and valley early today, after the blackout hour, were stopped by Deputy Sheriffs and other officers and sent home with a warning that prosecution would follow any further violation. Names of all drivers and their license numbers were taken.

The sheriff's office said the youths were actuated by curiosity and wanted to see what a blackout looked like. Two groups drove up from Ashland to see how thorough this city was blacked out.

The autoists were warned that blue cellophane covering of lenses did not mean a thing, unless the lights were shielded. Blue light can be seen from the air the same as any other color, the sheriff's office said. Green was said to be the most visible of all colors.

## County Defense Council Instructions for Public

As a means of instructing the public officially regarding defense requirements, the Jackson County Council of Defense issued the following statement today:

**BLACKOUT**  
The effectiveness of a blackout system depends on the knowledge and the cooperative spirit of the people at large. All concerned must realize fully that planning and advance preparation contribute most to the effectiveness of a blackout.

"Ship crews and passengers are instructed and required to practice well beforehand what they must do and where they must go when danger threatens. The head of every household should act similarly with regard for those for whom he is responsible during air raids and blackout periods."

"During blackout periods all occupied rooms in the house will have to be darkened and lights permanently turned out in others, with electric bulbs removed so that they cannot be turned on through carelessness where windows are visible. All lights near an outside door must be screened so that no light is visible when the door is opened. Provision must be made to darken every window, sky light, glass door and exterior opening wherever lights are used during blackout periods or where there is a possibility of such use. Use dark blinds, window shades, thick curtains, special screens or other heavy material over sky windows, sky lights, etc. Any material which allows a glow to be seen outside will not do. Outside garden or porch light bulbs must be removed so lights cannot be turned on by mistake."

"All stores and factories should take similar steps to see that all lighting is extinguished or so obscured as to be invisible from outside."

"In order to make effective a possible necessary blackout in case of air raids during the time between dusk and the nightly blackout periods, all lights which are not at all times rendered invisible by use of proper covering on windows, sky light, etc., should be turned out at dusk unless it is possible to turn them out within five minutes. Illuminated bill boards or signs are included in this precaution."

## Second War in 24 Years



President Roosevelt today signed declarations of war against Germany and Italy in answer to formal declarations by the two countries, partners of Japan. The president is shown above signing the declaration of war last Monday against Japan as Senator Charles L. McNary (R.) Oregon (right), and other members of congress look on.

## MERCIER NAMED S. P. PRESIDENT

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—(P)—Armand T. Mercier, vice president of the Southern Pacific railroad, was appointed president of the \$2,000,000,000 concern today, succeeding the late Angus D. McDonald.

The action of the railroad's board of directors came on Mercier's 60th birthday. He resides at nearby Palo Alto.

McDonald died November 15.

## PORTLAND PASSES STRICT RULES FOR BLACKOUT PERIODS

Portland, Dec. 11.—(P)—Violations of blackout regulations in Portland can bring fines up to \$500, jail sentences of six months, or both, under an ordinance passed by the council yesterday.

The ordinance provided that unauthorized vehicles, including streetcars and busses, not be operated during blackouts.

Motor vehicles must be operated at not more than 20 miles an hour, with dimmed exterior and no interior lights. They must not run without lights, however.

The proper car light dimming for authorized vehicles as recommended by Governor Sprague to Portland police calls for blacking out the entire headlight lens except for a horizontal strip one-half inch wide.

and three inches long in the bottom half of the lens, the opening to be covered by blue or green cellophane. Tailights are to be blacked out except for a one-half inch square, the opening to be covered by blue or green cellophane.

Albany, Dec. 11.—(P)—Failure to comply with blackout requirements of the Linn county defense council will cost the violator within the city limits of Albany up to \$100 or a 30-day jail sentence if municipal authorities choose to invoke a new law.

The council Wednesday night passed an ordinance requiring everyone within its jurisdiction to observe rules of the defense council.

## U.S. AIR FORCES TAKE HEAVY TOLL IN PACIFIC WAR

Light Cruiser and Destroyer Downed by Wake Island Defenders Says Stimson.

Washington, Dec. 11.—(P)—The navy announced today that four separate attacks on Wake island had been repulsed by defending United States forces in the past 48 hours and that one light cruiser and one destroyer of Japanese forces had been sunk.

A resumption of the attacks was expected, the navy said, and an attempting at landing by the Japanese also was believed in prospect.

The navy's announcement came after Secretary of War Stimson had made known the sinking by army bombers of the Japanese battleship Haruma.

**Heavy Attacks**  
The navy issued this communique:

"The marine garrison on Wake island has been subject to four separate attacks in the last 48 hours by enemy aircraft and one by light naval units."

"Despite the loss of part of the defending planes, and the damage to material and personnel, the defending garrison succeeded in sinking one light cruiser and one destroyer of the enemy forces by air action."

"A resumption of the attack and a probable landing attempt is expected. The marine garrison is continuing to resist. The above report is based on information received up until noon December 11."

Wake island is one of a chain of island stepping stones to the far east originally developed principally for trans-Pacific Clipper flights.

## MANILA DEFENSE MOPPING UP JAPS

Manila, Dec. 11.—(4:45 p. m. local time, 3:45 a. m. E.S.T.)—Japanese forces which landed on the coast of Luzon island are being disposed of and mopped up by United States and Philippine troops, a U. S. army spokesman declared today.

The spokesman earlier today announced a successful bomber attack which left a 29,000-ton Japanese battleship "blazing fiercely" and the repulse by Filipino soldiers of a light Japanese attack about 110 miles northwest of Manila.

The spokesman said there had been no further developments after an attempted landing had been repulsed on the Lingayen area.

"Enemy detachments that landed on the Luzon coast are being disposed of," he said. "Mopping up operations are proceeding."

"Our scout planes took to the air during the noon air raid and were reported to have kept a formation of Japanese bombers away from Manila. The enemy aircraft are reported to have turned back and last were seen headed in a westerly direction."

"The situation is completely in hand," the spokesman said.

London, Dec. 11.—(P)—Hugh Dalton, minister of economic warfare, said today that the Japanese war would be "far from a walkover" and estimated Japan had sufficient oil to fight a major war for 14 months.