

TOKYO BOASTS OF SEA VICTORY AND HONGKONG'S FALL

Tokyo, Dec. 13.—(Official Radio Received by AP)—The Japanese claimed tonight that a land drive in their week-long Pacific-Asiatic offensive had "sealed the fate" of Hongkong while the campaign at sea, they said, had run up a total of 140,000 tons of British and American warships sunk.

They declared that Kowloon's "four mile-long and supposedly impregnable defenses have been shattered." Hongkong, second only to Singapore as a British far eastern naval base, was said to be under an incessant rain of Japanese bombs.

(There was no direct word from Hongkong but London admitted the possibility that the colonial defense forces might have fallen back to pre-arranged positions).

The Japanese now say that the Arizona was sunk in the initial onslaught at Pearl Harbor last Sunday, along with the battleships Oklahoma and West Virginia. It took them nearly a week to claim the Arizona.

(It is familiar axis practice to make extravagant claims of sea successes in the hope of learning the true results of attacks through reaction of the other side.)

The United States has acknowledged that a battleship capsized and a destroyer blew up in the Pearl Harbor assault.

Premier General Hideko Tojo himself cautioned Japanese against over-optimism based on Japan's early successes. He told a public rally that Japan must be prepared for long war and all the hardships that go with it. He painted Japan's cause as one of "self-defense" and "righteousness."

"We must not be intoxicated by initial victories and we must be ready to undergo every kind of necessary hardship," the premier said.

AXIS ARMS BRACE FOR DERNA STAND

Cairo, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Axis armies in Libya, cut into segments by the revitalized British offensive and lashed by the furies of the RAF, appeared today to be trying for a stand at Derna, oasis port 100 miles west of Tobruk.

A considerable number of the German and Italian troops were reported hemmed in by hard fighting New Zealanders at Gazala, on the coast 40 miles west of Tobruk. Beyond them, far to the west, other axis units were said to be trying to break through British forces impeding their retreat to Derna.

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

Tom Flynn Buys \$500 Bond Through Mail Tribune Carrier

Mail Tribune carriers, enlisted last week by the government in the sale of defense savings stamps, will begin delivery of the stamps tomorrow. They started taking orders last week from the homes where they deliver the Mail Tribune. Orders are taken one week and the stamps are delivered the next. It is hoped that deliveries can be made on Mondays or Tuesdays.

The carrier campaign got off to a big start yesterday when Tom Flynn of 1301 East Main street insisted that he buy \$500 worth of the stamps from his carrier, Bruce McKay of 1025 Reddy avenue who serves Route 24. As the carriers sell only 10-cent stamps and as so big an order would be too much of an individual drain on supplies, arrangements were made by Gerald T. Latham, Mail Tribune circulation manager, with Postmaster Frank DeSouza for the purchase of a \$500 bond for Mr. Flynn with credit for the sale

going into Bruce's record so as to put him in line for the awards the government is making to the boys. By virtue of so large a sale, Bruce became entitled to a bronze shield with 41 gold bars.

Mr. Flynn said he insisted that Bruce get credit for the sale as a token of his appreciation of the boy's loyal and faithful Mail Tribune delivery service. Mr. Flynn said that not only is the daily service excellent but that Bruce went out of his way to be certain that he gain the benefit of bargain days last fall.

The carriers yesterday reported an excellent general response in their solicitation of orders. The aim of the government in enlisting the aid of newspaper carriers is to reach as many persons as possible as every ten cent stamp counts and Uncle Sam wants to give everyone the opportunity to help attain victory and peace.

DANGER NOT OVER FOR PUGET SOUND AREA IS WARNING

Bremerton, Dec. 13.—(AP)—In a statement addressed to residents of Bremerton, Port Orchard and other communities "adjacent to the navy yard and at other navy activities," Rear Admiral C. S. Freeman, commandant of the navy yard, warned today that the danger of attack on Puget sound is not over.

Emphasizing that he was speaking in his capacity as navy yard commandant, Admiral Freeman said:

"The situation in the eastern Pacific has become sufficiently stabilized to warrant discontinuing general blackouts and to confine blackouts to cases of actual threatened attack. The military dispositions of the available forces of the army and navy are such as to afford reasonable assurance that advance warning of possible enemy air raids or other mass enemy action will be given.

"The danger of attack is not over. The attitude of the civil community should be one of calm, determined, never-ceasing vigilance.

"Because of the enormous value to national defense of the Puget sound navy yard and other lesser naval shore activities in this area, it is of the most extreme importance that the instructions now being issued and standardized by municipal, county and state officials and by the army authorities charged with civilian protection be rigidly adhered to.

"Some mistakes will be made; there may be some initial confusion. We, at the moment, are

a people unaccustomed to war. We must become accustomed to it. Prompt and thorough action by the civil community is carrying out such instructions as are issued for insuring quick blackouts may readily be the means of saving for continued effort the naval plants now engaged in an all-out effort to win this war. It will take a long time to win, and there will be many temptations to relax effort. It lies with every individual to do his own best in this finish fight, and not to be persuaded otherwise by an occasional bad example on the part of his neighbor.

"We of the navy yard and the other naval shore activities and of the navy generally are your relatives and friends. We are a part of you. Help us."



VICTOR—Pres. Higinio Moringo of Paraguay is credited with having defeated a bloodless coup d'etat of pro-Axis origins after a three-day, late November, crisis in his country.

WILD GOOSE CHASE
Oklahoma City—(AP)—Frank Clark, a flying sportsman, headed north on a long business trip in his private plane. His route took him over a small lake he and his friends leased for the

duck and goose hunting season. He spotted eight geese riding the waves, wheeled his plane around to the airport here, got in a car and drove to the lake where he changed clothes, picked up his gun and sneaked out

to a blind. The eight plastic decoys he sighted from the air were still there.

SMITHS DON'T OUTNUMBER THOSE OF OTHER NAMES, AND THE JONESES AND THE BROWNS ARE EVEN FEWER.
The telephone directory shows that Brownsings, all 36 of them, are the most numerous. The Cooks were second with 20 and

the 16 Smiths a poor third. The Joneses and the Browns weren't even in hte running.
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