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KNOX REPORTS ON HAWAII ATTACKS

Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Coast Japanese Form Problem
Yule Furlough Plans Upset
Army Expansion Means New Camps

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—With every shipyard, aircraft factory, water system and public utility plant in the northwest under guard from possible sabotage; with Japanese prohibited from slipping into British Columbia or from one state to another, the war department and the treasury have taken preliminary steps to curb enemy activities. There is no Japanese problem in any section of the United States, except along the Pacific coast; the Japanese in Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and elsewhere are insignificant in numbers and readily located. But California, Oregon and Washington have a population of many thousands of the little brown men who have never been popular with their white neighbors.

What to do with the Japanese on the Pacific coast has been puzzling federal officials. The nationals of the mikado are headed for concentration camps. Another group is a headache. These are the American-born of Japanese parentage, and they are as completely citizens as are those whose ancestry is British, Irish, German, Swedish or Russian. No statistics are available in the national capital for Washington or Oregon, but in California the statement is made that 142,000 of these Japanese-Americans are registered voters. Gravely debated by congressmen is whether these native-born Japanese-Americans are loyal to the United States. Societies of the native-born have telegraphed President Roosevelt assuring him of their full support in the war against the land of their fathers and similar word has been cabled from Honolulu, but members of congress, especially those from the west coast, are reluctant to accept these protestations without a grain of salt.

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Radio Highlights

(Time is Pacific Standard)
Greater significance than ever is being attached to tonight's special broadcasts marking the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the bill of rights. Highlight of the schedule is a one-hour program in which President Roosevelt is to speak at 7, which will be carried by all networks. Forty-five minutes will be devoted to Norman Corwin's drama, "We Hold These Truths," with the cast to include Lionel Barrymore, Walter Huston, Edward G. Robinson, Bob Burns and others.

After the president speaks, Leopold Stokowski will lead the NBC symphony in "The Star Spangled Banner."

In addition, these speakers, all discussing the bill of rights in the light of current developments, have been scheduled:

MBS—5:15, Sen. C. Wayland Brooks of Illinois.

NBC-blue—6, Rep. Sol Bloom of New York.

MBS—6:15, Sen. Burton K. Wheeler of Montana.

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Mary Lou Mann and Ann Scripser getting caught in the rain and bribing a friend for a ride with chocolate covered caramels—the bribe working.

Marjorie Kelly being trailed over town by a long distance telephone call.

Roy Lee remarking it would be nice to be streamlined so one could eat desserts with whipped cream with no fear of weighty after effects.

DEFENSE SERVICES 'NOT ON ALERT' IS SECRETARY'S WORD

Battleship Arizona, Five Other Warcraft Lost—2,729 Dead—To Probe.

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox reported today the battleship Arizona and five other warships were lost in Sunday's Japanese air raid on the Pearl Harbor naval base in Hawaii.

He said 91 officers and 2,638 enlisted men were known dead. Known Japanese losses, Knox said, included 3 submarines and 41 aircraft.

After reporting to President Roosevelt on his return from a hurried five-day round trip to survey the effect of the raid at first hand, the naval secretary told a press conference that aside from the Arizona, ships destroyed included the old target ship Utah, 3 destroyers—the Cassin, Downes, and Shaw—and also the mine layer Oglala.

Damaged vessels included the old battleship Oklahoma, which capsized, but can be repaired.

Fleet at Sea
"The entire balance of the Pacific fleet with its aircraft carriers, its heavy cruisers, its light cruisers, its destroyers and submarines are uninjured and are all at sea seeking contact with the enemy," Knox said.

Quickly he told a questioner that the fleet included battleships as well.

"The Japanese failed," Knox said, in their purpose "to knock out the United States before the war began."

Knox said flatly that the "United States services were not on the alert against the surprise attack."

A formal investigation, he said, would be instituted by President Roosevelt immediately. In the meantime, he said, there had been no changes in command.

Tiny Subs Attack
Taking part in the Japanese attack, Knox revealed, were two-man submarines.

Of the three submarines known to have been lost, he said, one was normal size, one small, and the third, which was captured, was also a small one.

Aside from those killed, 20 officers and 636 men were listed as wounded.

The ratio of dead was heavy, Knox explained, because some ships rolled over.

Fifth Column Busy
"I think the most effective fifth column work of the entire war was done in Hawaii, with the possible exception of Norway," Knox said.

Responding to reporters' questions, Knox said:

He believed between 150 to 300 planes took part in the attack—too many to come from a single aircraft carrier.

The attacks apparently were made only by single-engine planes and apparently none was land-based.

As far as known, none was flown by Germans, and no new weapons of any kind made their appearance.

Knox declined to say whether the navy had known of the existence of the two-man submarines.

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Assembly Lines Rush Combat Planes



Assembly lines such as these at a Curtiss-Wright plant at Buffalo, N. Y., are rushing fast, hard-hitting pursuit planes for the war effort. Two of the company's plants now operate a total of 13 assembly lines and are near peak production.

SOLDIER HELD IN FATAL SHOOTING OF LOS A: WOMAN

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A 19-year-old army private who fired when a motorist ignored his command to halt was in jail on a suspicion of murder booking today as the army issued an appeal for cooperation with sentinels and patrols.

The army gave Private Eugene I. Tuttle of Divide, Mont., into the custody of the sheriff last night after Mrs. Adele Brandel, 52, socially prominent Los Angeles woman, was shot to death near the municipal airport.

Sheriff's Inspector Walter Hunter said Tuttle, of the 65th field artillery, told him a motorcycle officer asked several soldiers to help him strip blue coverings from automobile headlights.

When the automobile bearing Mrs. Brandel and her husband, Dr. Harry M. Brandel, failed to stop at Tuttle's command, said Hunter, the youth fired. "I thought I fired into the air," the soldier was quoted as saying.

After last week's initial air raid alert, many motorists installed blue coverings on their automobile lights in the mistaken belief they would be permitted to drive during blackouts in that manner.

The fatality follows two other instances of gunfire involving soldier guards.

Two army sentries guarding the Southern Pacific railroad tunnel, where five railroadmen perished in disaster Nov. 19, were fired on twice in daylight Sunday by an unseen assailant.

Saturday night there was a mysterious attack upon soldiers guarding the Montalva bridge over the Santa Clara river near Oxnard.

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Roosevelt Boer Given \$200 Fine

Chicago, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Edward A. Loss, Jr., 23, of suburban Oak Park, who boomed a sound movie of President Roosevelt in a news-reel theatre, was fined \$200, the maximum, on a disorderly conduct charge in municipal court today.

He told the judge "I didn't know what I was doing."

He said he had been turned down by both the navy and marine corps because of his eyes but will go into service gladly if drafted.

British Acknowledge Japs Gaining Ground In Northern Malaya

Singapore, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A British communiqué acknowledged tonight that the Japanese have gained ground in the Kedah area of northern Malaya despite heavy losses.

The announcement said that heavy fighting continued in south Kedah, on the west side of the Malay peninsula, and that the situation in the difficult jungle country was "confused."

Some fighting was going on the east side of the peninsula in Kelantan also, the communiqué said.

The Japanese were using armory troops in their southern push.

London, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A British source announced today that British troops were withdrawing from Kowloon, a part of the British crown colony of Hongkong which is on the Chinese mainland, to the island of Hongkong.

The withdrawal is still in progress and "progressing according to plan," he said.

Special Session Is Aim In California

Sacramento, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Governor Olson announced today he will call a wartime special session of the California legislature, probably before Christmas, to consider defense matters.

WILLKIE GETS DETAILS OF HONOLULU DAMAGE

Washington, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie received from President Roosevelt today a detailed picture of the damage done by the Japanese in Hawaii and asserted afterward that he "felt much better" because he found no basis for rumors that the damage was so serious as to impair America's ability to defeat Japan.

Willkie and the man who beat him at the polls in 1940 conferred for more than an hour over a White House luncheon.

Portland, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Western Union Telegraph company production employees voted today on labor representation, the first of three such NLRB elections this week.

AMERICAN FLIERS BLAST INVADERS OFF PHILIPPINES

Manila, Dec. 15.—(AP)—United States army bombers, reinforcing Japanese attempts to reinforce troops landed at Legaspi, on the southeastern tip of Luzon island 250 miles from Manila, heavily damaged two Japanese transports yesterday. U. S. army headquarters reported today.

Japanese air raiders, meanwhile, returned to the attack on Luzon, sweeping over the Manila area about noon (8 p.m. PST Sunday) and dropping bombs which a brief communiqué said fell in the vicinity of Nichols field.

The communiqué, issued at 4 p. m. (midnight PST), said that enemy activities throughout the day were confined entirely to the air.

Four Japanese fighter planes were shot down during yesterday's action off Legaspi, a communiqué declared.

The picture evoked by these succeeding announcements, coupled with reports of successes achieved by Netherlands submarines off Malaya, was one of heavy Japanese losses.

The Dutch announced yesterday from Batavia that their submarines, previously reported to have sunk four Japanese transports in the Gulf of Siam, also had sunk a Japanese tanker and a freighter in the same area.

The situation in general in the Philippines, which Lieut. General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said Sunday was "well in hand both on the ground and in the air," was described officially this morning as unchanged.

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Dover, England, Dec. 15.—(AP)—German long-range guns on the coast of France pounded away for three hours today in the longest and heaviest bombardment of Britain's southeast coast in several weeks. Most of the shells landed in the Dover area.

London, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The destruction of two large Axis supply and transport ships and the sinking or damaging of half a dozen smaller vessels by submarines in the Mediterranean was reported by the admiralty today, and informed quarters said the action indicated desperate axis efforts to rush reinforcements to Africa without regard to losses.

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EIGHT TRANSPORTS TWO SUPPLY SHIPS SENT TO BOTTOM

Five Other Jap Transports Reported Damaged—Japanese Officials Worried

By the Associated Press
Japanese officials took worried cognizance today of an allied aerial and submarine counter-offensive which has taken a toll of uncounted thousands of Japanese troops enroute to Oriental battlefronts.

A joint army-navy communiqué warned the Japanese people today "against the lurking danger of enemy submarines" off Japan's island coasts and urged them to "prepare for a protracted war" wherein hostile submarines and aircraft bombing will play a role.

Thus far, between them, the United States air force and the Dutch submarine fleet, operating over and under the China sea, have sunk eight troop-laden vessels headed for Philippine and Malayan landings, along with two supply ships, while the air force is credited with damaging five additional transports.

Formosa Alarmed
Formosa, Japanese island off the southeast China coast, was alarmed Saturday night when 12 planes, apparently on reconnaissance, were sighted off Wako.

The Japanese statement indicated that the war on the sea and in the air was drawing closer to the island empire.

The struggle in the Philippines was resolved today into a contest for air supremacy while the British acknowledged that the Japanese had gained ground in the Kedah area of northern Malaya where "confused" warfare has taken root in the jungle fastnesses.

The Tikhvin-Volkhov railway, southeast of Leningrad, has been cleared of the enemy, Pravda said.

As the Russians took the offensive after reporting the successful defense of Moscow, Leningrad and the Caucasus, they claimed Adolf Hitler had lost, since the invasion began June 22, 6,000,000 men, more than 15,000 tanks, 13,000 planes and 19,000 cannon.

German forces in the southern Russian port of Taganrog, 40 miles west of Rostov, now are surrounded, the Russians declared.

Hillsboro, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—An automobile killed Joseph A. Dusack, 55, Portland pedestrian, near Camp Manning on the Wolf creek highway shortly after midnight today.

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