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# ROOSEVELT GIVEN NEW WAR POWER

**Kelly's Comment**  
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Western Defense Now Questioned  
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By John W. Kelly

## CONGRESS VOTES VAST AUTHORITY LIKE WILSON HAD

**Taft and Vandenberg Get in Restrictions On Power to Change Defense Contracts**  
Washington, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Responding to an appeal by President Roosevelt, the senate military committee voted without dissent late today to make all able-bodied men from 18 through 44 liable for military service.  
Under the legislation, men from 18 to 64, inclusive, would have to register, but only the 19-44 age group actually could be drafted for military service.

Washington, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Congress gave quick approval today to legislation granting President Roosevelt broad additional powers to prosecute the government's war efforts.  
Among other things, the bill, passed first by the house and minutes later by the senate, would permit the chief executive to set up a censorship office to control communications to foreign countries, to transfer functions from one government agency to another and to control alien property and alien financial transactions.

**Restrictions Noted**  
At the suggestion of Senators Taft (R-Ohio) and Vandenberg (R-Mich.) the senate voted in restrictions on wide powers to the president to change defense contracts.  
The limitations provided that no existing profit limitations could be disturbed and also that all such modifications should be made a "matter of public record" if the president deemed them not incompatible with the public interest.  
The final voice vote in the senate was taken with only a score of nays heard.  
The house action likewise was on a voice vote.  
Because of the minor differences between the senate and house versions, the legislation now must go to a joint committee for adjustment before final enactment.

**Like Wilson**  
An omnibus affair reviving and putting into effect war authority given President Wilson in the first world conflict, the legislation also would permit the chief executive to redistribute the functions of governmental agencies. And it would empower him to revise government contracts to obtain war material more speedily.  
The censorship section of the bill was aimed at "communications . . . passing between the United States and any foreign country."

## 45 DRAFTEES TO LEAVE IN JANUARY

First 1942 contingent of selective service men will leave here by train January 14 when local board No. 2 will send its quota of 30 to the Portland induction center for final check-up, headquarters announced today. The next night board No. 1 will send its quota of 15.  
The combined quota of 45 for the two boards is the largest to be filled in Jackson county. The previous high total was 28.

## CALIFORNIA LAW MAKERS WILL CONVENE FRIDAY

Sacramento, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Governor Olson today summoned the California legislature for a special, war-time session at 11 a. m. Friday to appropriate still undetermined millions of dollars for the state guard and the state emergency fund.  
Scotts Mills, Ore., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Mrs. Josephine Pickard, about 60, died yesterday in the plunge of an automobile from wet pavement into a ditch near here. The driver, Mrs. Leon Steinhart, was uninjured.

## Roosevelt Views War Fund Poster



Proclaiming the start of a Red Cross war fund campaign for \$50,000,000, President Roosevelt turned to look at the first drive poster. Red Cross officials with him were: l. to r. Claire Hobart, nurse; Mrs. Hendrich Eustis, associate director of volunteer service; S. Sloan Colt, campaign chairman; Norman Davis, national chairman; Mrs. Dwight Davis, volunteer service director.

## Admiral Yamamoto Looks Forward To Dictating Peace in Washington

Tokyo, Dec. 16.—(Official Radio Received by AP)—The following dispatch was broadcast today by Domei:  
"The strategy of surprise which was carried out with such success by Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, commander in chief of the Japanese combined fleets, was planned by him earlier, according to the Yomiuri (Tokyo newspaper).  
"The Yomiuri published a letter which Yamamoto sent a close friend, dated Jan. 24 this year. Therein Yamamoto, who said that humiliation was felt by all the Japanese navy at the time the 1934 naval disarmament conference at London failed, made this statement:  
"Any time war breaks out between Japan and the United States I shall not be content merely to capture Guam and the Philippines and occupy Hawaii and San Francisco.  
"I am looking forward to dictating peace to the United States in the White House at Washington."  
(Yamamoto was congratulated by Emperor Hirohito for the sinking of the British battleship Prince of Wales and Repulse by his naval planes off Malaya.  
(He was Japan's delegate to the 1934 London naval conference at which the United States and Britain rejected Japan's demands for naval parity.  
(Non-Japanese participants held it was Yamamoto's insistence on the best of his superiors in Tokyo—that torpedoed the conference and ended the naval truce in the Pacific.)

## JAP TRANSPORT BADLY DAMAGED BY U.S. BOMBERS

Washington, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The war department announced today that army bombers had renewed their attacks on Japanese vessels off Luzon in the Philippines, seriously damaging an enemy transport.  
Enemy air activity was of a minor character, said the department's 12th communique of the war, reporting on the situation up to 6:30 a. m. PST today.  
Four Japanese fighting planes were shot down, the communique said, without indicating whether they were bagged by anti-aircraft fire or by American fighters.  
No ground operations were reported in the Philippines, and the communique said there was no change in the situation reported from other areas.  
The stout-hearted defenders of Wake and Midway continued first in the hearts of their countrymen, and several senators urged that some effort be made to relieve the marines who have been battling off repeated Japanese attacks on the two tiny island outposts.

## German Hangout is Seized by Treasury

New York, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The joint offices of the Free American and Deutscher Weckruf and Beobachter, the German-American bond and the German-American business league have been seized by the U. S. treasury department.  
Further publication of the weekly newspaper Weckruf und Beobachter, which has been published since 1935 by the A. V. Publishing Corporation, with G. Wilhelm Kunze as president, was viewed as improbable by treasury agents.

## Rose Bowl Game Given Army Okeh

Durham, N. C., Dec. 16.—(AP)—The army has given the green light to the playing of the Rose Bowl game between Duke university and Oregon State here on January 1.  
Frank Peirson, secretary of the Durham chamber of commerce, said that he had received a telegram from the office of the adjutant general of the army in Washington.

## HOUSING SURVEY FOR CANTONMENT ASKED BY ARMY

At the direct suggestion of the U. S. army, the Medford cantonment civilian coordination board today began a housing survey with 20 women employed in a census of all unoccupied houses, apartments and auto court units.  
The request for the housing survey came to the board in a telephone call yesterday afternoon from zone 9 constructing quartermaster's office in San Francisco, Frank J. Van Dyke, coordinator, said. The officer calling, he said, declared that the zone office would not be surprised if authorization to start constructing the proposed Medford cantonment came any day now. Because of this expectation, the board was urged to make the housing survey as quickly as possible, Mr. Van Dyke said.  
The board re-established an office at the tourist bureau and Oregon State Motor association headquarters at North Riverside avenue and Fifth street. Mr. Van Dyke was called back into active service as coordinator.  
The board's office was closed temporarily a short time ago after all the advance planning that could be done up to then had been completed. Mr. Van Dyke carried on necessary correspondence from his own office in Ashland.  
A government housing agency has supplied printed cards containing the information desired in the survey. The coordination board made a similar housing survey last summer on its own initiative but the army wants the latest information on available premises, Mr. Van Dyke said. The present survey is being made in several cities of the county.  
The civilian coordination board is composed of officials representing various cities of the county, the county itself and the chambers of commerce here and in Ashland.

## A.P. News Chief to Direct Censorship

Washington, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The establishment of government censorship as soon as congress finally approves legislation granting complete war powers to President Roosevelt was announced today by Mr. Roosevelt, who disclosed that Byron Price had been granted leave of absence as executive news editor of the Associated Press to become director of censorship.  
Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Eight elderly persons, including six women, perished today in a fire which raged through a convalescent home, reducing it to ashes within an hour.

## Gestapo in Paris Blasted by Bomb

New York, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Six persons, presumably Germans, were killed today when a bomb exploded in the Gestapo headquarters of a Paris suburb, the BBC said in a broadcast heard by NBC and CBS.

## KILLED IN ACTION

Marshfield, Ore., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Earl Gervais, 18, of Marshfield, was killed in action aboard his ship during the attack on Pearl Harbor, his mother, Mrs. Faye Gervais, was notified today by the navy department. He is the first known Coos county casualty of the war.

## Hongkong Fall Seen Near; Singapore Threat Growing

### OUTFLANKED AXIS BROUGHT TO BAY IN LIBYA DESERT

**British Smash to Heart of Main German, Italian Position Deep in Territory.**  
Cairo, Dec. 16.—(AP)—British armored forces have outflanked and brought to battle all remaining German tank forces in Libya and smashed to the heart of the main German and Italian position despite terrific bomber attacks, the British high command announced today.  
The communique said a British column carried out a wide outflanking movement which swept 30 miles past Gazala to a point 150 miles deep in Libyan territory, where it attacked the axis reserves and rear.  
(The London military commentator said that the outflanking movement threatened to cut off Rommel's army entirely, but that the coastal road northwest from the Gazala area to Tmimi and Derna was still in axis hands. The commentator said Rommel probably would attempt to withdraw very rapidly toward the road, which the British were threatening.)  
Back of this area, main British and axis forces were joined in a battle that may decide the fate of the British North African campaign.

### War Bulletins

Washington, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The navy announced late today that two islands in the Hawaiian area, Johnston and Maui, have been shelled by Japanese war vessels in the past 24 hours.  
Wake island, west of Hawaii, has sustained two new bombing attacks, one very heavy, but both Wake and Midway "are countering the blows of the enemy," a communique said.  
Bombardment of Johnston island by enemy ships was the first development of action at that naval outpost since the start of the war. The shipping center of Kahului on the island of Maui was shelled by an enemy submarine, the navy said. Damage in both instances was described as slight.

### JAPANESE INVADE ISLAND CITADEL, IS TOKYO CLAIM

**Land Fighting on Malay Peninsula Developing—Navy Lack Hampers**  
London, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The German radio tonight said Tokyo had reported that Japanese artillery had silenced Hongkong fortress guns.  
London, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The German radio quoted Tokyo reports tonight as saying that Japanese forces had invaded parts of Hongkong island.  
London, Dec. 16.—(AP)—An informed source said today that Hongkong might have to be evacuated and that a serious threat to Singapore had developed in land fighting on the Malay peninsula.  
"British lack of naval superiority has changed the entire situation in northern Malaya," the source said. "The British land defense was planned on the basis of naval superiority, but both the British and United States fleets have suffered hard blows."  
"Now the naval situation has allowed the Japanese to develop an offensive on a large scale. There definitely is danger—a real threat to Singapore by land."  
Several British quarters expressed doubt that Hongkong could hold out indefinitely against the concentrated Japanese attack.  
(A BBC broadcast heard by CBS announced withdrawal of all British forces from the mainland to the island of Hongkong. The broadcast said that on the Malay peninsula the Japanese had developed their large scale offensive through capture of air-dromes at Victoria Point, southernmost tip of Burma, and the Malayan border airdrome at Kota Bharu).

### FLIER WHO SHOT FOUR JAPS DOWN ADMITS JITTERS

Honolulu, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Lieut. George Welch, 22-year-old army flier from Wilmington, Del., told today how he shot down four Japanese planes attacking Hawaii on Dec. 7 and landed with three bullet holes in his ship, one just behind the pilot's seat.  
"Hell broke loose before I knew it," Welch recounted in an interview approved by the army.  
"The air was full of Jap planes. I picked out the nearest one and went after him. I blasted away but nothing seemed to happen at first, but then I got a good bead on him and the next thing I knew he was going down in flames."  
"I looked around for another plane, discovered I was over the Pineapple fields of Wahiawa and nearly out of ammunition, so I went back to the field."  
"About that time Lieut. Kenneth Taylor (of Hominy, Okla.) came in. He'd shot down a bomber, too, and was low on ammunition."  
"We loaded up with all the rounds we could carry and took off again. Taylor bagged one more but got shot through the arm and had to come down. I went over Barbers' point and shot down three more bombers. When I came back to the field I had three bullet holes in my ship, one in the propeller, one in the motor and another just behind the pilot's seat."  
Welch said he didn't know whether he was scared. "It was a funny feeling"—but he knew he was plenty mad "because they caught us on a Sunday morning."  
"Maybe I could have got a dozen more if I hadn't got so excited."

### Red Armies Batter Both German Flanks in Moscow Defense

On the Russo-German war front, Soviet dispatches today said Gen. Gregory K. Zhukov's Red armies were furiously battering the Germans on both flanks of the Moscow defense arc, overrunning scores of positions and straying the battlefields with Nazi dead.  
A special Soviet communique said more than three German divisions—perhaps 45,000 troops—were smashed and more than 13,000 Germans killed or wounded in the recapture of Klin. In addition, huge quantities of Nazi equipment fell into Russian hands, the communique said.  
The Soviet radio reported 6,000 Germans were killed or wounded in the smashing of the 44th Nazi infantry division at "CH," and another 8,000 Germans killed or wounded in seven days of fighting in the Kalinin sector, 95 miles northwest of Moscow.

### Allied Coordination Well Under Way in Attlee's Revolution

London, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Major Clement R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, announced in the house of commons today that "all necessary steps" were being taken to coordinate the military plans of Britain, Russia and the United States.  
Attlee announced that a secret debate on the war would be held in the house of commons before Christmas to discuss creation of an allied war council and other war problems.  
Some members had wanted a public debate to air thoroughly such questions as why the battleship Prince of Wales and the battle cruiser Repulse were allowed to proceed against the Japanese without fighter aircraft support, the reason given by Prime Minister Churchill for their destruction by Japanese planes.

### Navy Increase Bill Approved by House

Washington, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The house unanimously passed and sent to the senate today legislation to authorize construction of an additional 150,000 tons of naval fighting ships.  
The expansion measure was approved after a brief explanation by Chairman Vinson (D., Ga.) of the house naval committee, who said that the additional tonnage did not include any battleships.  
CHRISTMAS BLACKOUT  
Portland, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Blackout regulations resulted yesterday in the cancelling of Portland's annual Christmas illumination contest.

## ROSEBURG HOLDS SUSPECTED ALIEN

Roseburg, Ore., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Henry Poda, 40, was in custody in the county jail here today, under a sentence of sixty days for vagrancy, while an investigation into his citizenship is being made, Sheriff Cliff Thornton reported.  
A suitcase in which Poda shipped clothes to Reedport, where he was arrested Monday, contained several Pacific coast maps, Thornton said.  
Poda, who speaks very broken English, first claimed to be a native of Denmark, later said he was Polish and finally a Czech, Thornton reported, the contradictions occurring each time Poda was confronted with a person able to speak one of those languages.

## SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Friends still joshing head mounted posseman, Sherf Syd Brown, on account of the complaint made that his county jail was all lit up during one of the blackouts.  
Frank Perl wondering how he could get back the bridge table and four chairs he lent out about six weeks ago.  
Jerry Clark putting his whole artistic soul into a Christmas window decoration.  
Many wondering who owns the beautiful Irish setter that has been camping in the Mail Tribune alley for three days apparently lost.