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Kelly's Comment

From Washington
Northwest Found Lacking Defense
Honolulu Debacle Disperses Trust
Aluminum Plants May Be Changed

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—In the past few days observers in the national capital have come to the conclusion that the Pacific northwest is open to an attack by Japanese. By "observers" is meant senators and representatives, army and navy officers and a certain percentage of the administration and the various agencies, such as Office of Production Management, SPAB and Reconstruction Finance corporation.

It so happens that the Pacific coast from northern California to the straits of Juan de Fuca is defenseless. Puget sound is partly protected, but for hundreds of miles there is no naval defense. Section bases are being established by the navy at Coos bay and on the Washington coast, but these are neither completed nor equipped. Tongue Point is building houses, completing its camouflage, magazines, but repeated application to head men in Washington has failed to have a single amphibian assigned to Tongue Point for scouting and patrol purposes.

Millions of dollars have been appropriated for defense of the northwest but the process is in the making; some contracts have been awarded; in other instances only the ground for a site has been optioned. War with Japan came a year too soon. December, 1942, would have found the coast defense in good shape.

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HOUSE APPROVES 18 TO 64 DRAFT

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The house approved tentatively today the registration of all men from 18 to 64, inclusive, then began sharp debate on whether the minimum age for active military service should be 19, 20, or 21.

The military committee recommended the 21 figure while Rep. Andrews (R., N. Y.) proposed that the service age brackets be put at 19 to 44, inclusive, in conformity with requests of President Roosevelt and the war department.

Employers have paid more than \$16,000,000 in wage restitution to about 500,000 employees working under the Federal Wage and Hour Law.

Radio Highlights

(Time is Pacific standard)
Tonight: CBS—7:15 John T. Flynn on the International association.

Thursday: CBS—1 Christmas carols; 3:30 discussion "What we are fighting for"; NBC-Blue—8:15 a. m. What can I do?

SIDE GLANCES

BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Margaret Gardner venturing out in the rain, and although well soaked by the downpour looking perky in a white turban.

Maury Spatz, George Field and George Robertson climbing to the top of a hotel to spot enemy raiders, their friends fearing they would topple off in their zeal.

EXECUTIVE URGES AGREEMENT FOR PRODUCTION SPEED

War To Go On For Long Time: Labor-Industry Conference Is Advised.

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told a labor-industry conference to curb wartime strikes today that the war was "going to go on for a long time" and appealed for unanimous agreement by Friday night on a plan to speed up defense production without hindrance.

"I want speed," the chief executive said in an informal address to the conferees. "Speed now is of the essence, just as much in turning out things in plants as it is among the fighting forces. It is just as necessary to turn out equipment as it is to drill an army, or build up a navy after the equipment is turned out. Speed is very, very much of the essence."

No Early Mop-Up
Warning against any feeling that we could "mop up" and bring a quick end to the war in the Pacific, the president told the group there was "a very real danger to the world" because of what he called a new philosophy which would end for all time private industry and trade unionism.

"It is a real danger," he asserted, "we haven't won the war by a long shot. It is going to go on for a long time."

William H. Davis, chairman of the defense mediation board and named by the president as moderator for today's conference, told the group that it would not get down to business until after the White House meeting.

Some government quarters forecast creation of a new mediation agency, patterned on the 1918 war labor board.

AIRPORT VISITS NOW RESTRICTED; GUARDS ON DUTY

Anyone having business to transact will be admitted to Medford municipal airport without a pass but everyone must identify himself and state the nature of his business at the gate, it was announced today by Thomas A. Culbertson, Jr., airport superintendent.

All employees at the airport and others who regularly have business at the airport must have passes to get in, Mr. Culbertson said. The passes are issued at his office at the airport. Everyone without a pass must stop at the gate, give his name and address and state the nature of his business to the guard on duty, Mr. Culbertson said. This information is relayed over an inter-communications system to Mr. Culbertson's office whence permission to enter the airport is issued.

There is no interference with persons who have business with any of the offices at the airport, Mr. Culbertson emphasized, pointing out, for instance, that United Air Lines passengers come and go upon identifying themselves at the gate.

The airport is under 24-hour guard and Mr. Culbertson asked the cooperation of the public in abiding by the simple precautionary rules thus far adopted. He discouraged motoring to the airport out of idle curiosity.

Installment Houses Ordered to Register

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The federal reserve board today warned all businessmen giving installment credit to customers to register by January 1. Failure to file a registration will make it illegal for them to extend installment credit after that date. The filing may be made at the nearest federal reserve bank or branch.

Two-Man Japanese Submarine Captured



The United States has in custody this two-man Japanese submarine, one that didn't get away from Pearl Harbor. This picture, taken after the tiny vessel's capture, was made public by the navy department. The submarine, 41 feet long and 3 feet wide, apparently operated from a mother ship. They are reported to have a cruising range of 200 miles. Two other Japanese subs were destroyed at Pearl Harbor. (AP Wirephoto by airmail to Mail Tribune.)

U. S. Submarines Score Against Japs

Japan took alarm today at the reported presence of 20 U. S. submarines operating in Japanese waters even as Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander of the Asiatic fleet, announced that American submarines had gone into action for the first time in the 11-day-old conflict and scored success in two out of three attacks.

U. S. army headquarters in Manila reported also that at least 26 Japanese planes had been destroyed yesterday at Vigan, 200 miles northwest of Manila, where the Japanese still maintained one of their three footholds on Luzon island.

Admiral Hart's cryptical statement did not identify the victims of the American counter-attacks—whether Japanese warships or merchant craft—or the locale of the sinkings.

It seemed plausible, however, that the United States was tightening a blockade around the Mikado's densely-populated island empire.

Meanwhile, British headquarters in Singapore acknowledged that Japanese troops had landed in Sarawak on the northwest coast of Borneo, British-protected domain of the famous "White Rajah". Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, within 300 miles bombing range of Singapore itself and 600 miles from Manila.

A Batavia communiqué said a Dutch bomber scored a direct hit on a Japanese destroyer covering hostile landing operations at Miri, Sarawak, close to the frontier between Sarawak and British North Borneo. The southern part of Borneo is Dutch.

With the Japanese throwing their land, sea and air forces into a spreading offensive around the south China sea, military experts said Tokyo war strategy evidently aimed at a quick knockout of British and Dutch strongholds, seizure of vital resources and control of the sea lanes by which reinforcements could reach the allies.

In London, a government spokesman told parliament that all steps had now been taken to coordinate British, United States and allied war plans in accord with President Roosevelt's call for "world-scale strategy", but that Britain has not yet asked Russia to declare war on Japan.

Japanese warships, bombers and land batteries also were reported violently pounding siege-bound Hongkong, Britain's second-greatest stronghold in the Far East, and a Reuters dispatch said Japanese forces had seized the Portuguese island of Macao, 45 miles southwest of Hongkong.

While London quarters appeared gloomy over the pros-

Six Months' Pay and Pension for Life to Pearl Harbor Widows

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Widows of the fighting men who died at Pearl Harbor will receive six months' pay and a pension for life.

Awaiting signature on the president's desk is a measure to increase the pensions from the peacetime range of \$22-\$36 monthly to wartime levels of \$30 to \$83.

Uncle Sam's guarantees that wife and children will be cared for if death should strike are matched by other government protection which shields soldiers and sailors, while they live and serve the country, from financial worry.

This is embodied in the soldiers' and sailors' civil relief act of last year which suspends "enforcement of civil liabilities"—and that includes taxes, installment payments and insurance premiums—in certain cases to permit service men "to devote their entire energy to the defense needs of the nation."

San Francisco Butter
San Francisco, Dec. 17.—(USDA) Butter, 92 score 35½c; 91-95c; 90-93½c; 89-92½c.

Wage Earners Must Go Limit on Bonds; Billion Dollar Monthly Goal Announced

Chicago, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The nation's 35 million wage earners must buy as many defense savings bonds as they possibly can afford, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau said today.

In a prepared address before a national meeting of state defense bond sales chairmen and administrators, Morgenthau said that "token contributions" from the wage earners would not be enough and added:

"I mean a real investment, the very limit that each person can afford without actually taking food and other necessities from himself and family."

Intensification of the defense bond sales is necessary, Morgenthau said, if the government is to succeed in financing the expanding costs of the war

Executive Board for Red Cross Campaign Named by B. E. Harder

B. E. Harder, chairman of the Jackson county chapter Red Cross war relief drive, announced today members of the executive committee for the county. The drive is to raise \$12,000 in Jackson county for the fund, part of which will be retained locally for war relief work.

Members of service clubs have been appointed to the executive committee and appointments thus far include: E. C. Corn, Rotary club; Ed Mann, Lions club; Ernie Koford, Kiwanis club; Ted Norby, Rotary club; Ashland, and Ralph Billings, Ashland. The members met at 3 p. m. today at the Chamber of Commerce for an organization session.

MEN FLOCK TO NAVY AFTER HAWAII BLOW

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Enlistment of 11,303 men in the navy in the eight days immediately following the Japanese attack on Hawaii was announced by the navy today as "indicating the response of the nation's man power to the threat against the nation."

CITY TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL LAND FOR AIRPORT USE

One Ten-Acre Parcel To Be Bought—Two Other Parcels To Be Optioned.

The city council last night voted to purchase two additional pieces of land for use in connection with the expansion and improvement of the municipal airport.

The council sanctioned purchase of ten acres of the land owned by Miss Eleanor F. Maule for \$2,500, the deal also including a one year option and a two year option on two more ten-acre pieces of the land at the same price. It was explained by J. C. Collins, chairman of the airport committee, that the land purchased was needed to accommodate taxi strips, the property now jutting out into the field south of the hangar.

The council also voted to buy 6.97 acres of the J. H. and Vida T. Carlin property on Bear creek for \$1,742.50. It was explained that this property will be used as a gravel pit and will serve as a sponsor's contribution under WPA projects by furnishing gravel for airport improvement. The land adjoins the city's present nine-acre gravel pit.

Lot Sale Approved
The council approved sale of a lot on Earhart street near Riverside avenue to Mr. and Mrs. Ted R. Flurry for the appraised price of \$150.

A letter written to the council by Charles W. Tower, secretary of the Building and Construction Trades Council, was read into the record. It follows:

"I take pleasure in advising you that at the regular meeting of the Medford Building Trades Council held the evening of Wednesday, December 10 our council, by unanimous consent, pledged the full cooperation of organized labor in this vicinity to you and all other officials of the city of Medford. We stand ready to assist in every way within our ability and will do our utmost to see that this pledge is kept by members of organized labor."

Thanks From Bean
In a letter to the council, Capt. Theron W. Bean, constructing quartermaster, expressed the army's thanks for use of the army during the pre-planning of the proposed Medford cantonment and voiced the army's appreciation of courtesies extended to the constructing quartermaster's office while it was operated here.

Absent were Councilmen Larry Schade, who has been sick, and M. N. Hogan. Councilman Collins arrived near the end of the meeting.

PLANE CRASHES

Spokane, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Major Millard F. Harmon, commanding general of the second air force, said today "an airplane returning to Gieger field for an emergency landing crashed." No details were given.

GERMANS ADMIT ALL NOT WELL IN RUSSIA, AFRICA

Russia Proclaims Series of Smashing Victories; Moscow-Leningrad Relinked.

By the Associated Press
Russia proclaimed a series of smashing new victories in the war with Germany today, and for the first time Adolf Hitler's high command wryly acknowledged that the German invasion armies were "shortening their lines" along the Soviet front and were hard-pressed on the defensive in north Africa.

The extent of the German retreat along the whole 1,200-mile Russian battlefield was highlighted by a British broadcast reporting that all communications between Moscow and long-sieged Leningrad had been re-established.

Nazis In Rout
Soviet dispatches said the red armies were pushing a vast counter-offensive from Leningrad to the Black sea, capturing hundreds of villages and towns in one sector after another, and that in some instances the Germans were running without a fight.

In perhaps the gloomiest Nazi communique of the entire war—giving the German people at least an inkling that the tide of conquest has been thrown into reverse—the high command reported:

"In the course of transition from aggressive operations to stationary warfare for the winter months, necessary improvements involving the shortening of lines now are being systematically undertaken on various sectors of the eastern front."

But Soviet dispatches pictured the Germans in headlong flight, by no means effecting a strategic withdrawal, with a Moscow communique declaring:

"The fleeing enemy is being pursued and annihilated by our troops."

Red army soldiers who recaptured strategic Kalinin, 95 miles northwest of Moscow, said they found that German troops had built four-tiered plank beds in houses throughout the Kalinin zone "evidently intending to spend the winter there."

On the north African front, British imperial headquarters reported that heavy British pressure was being maintained on the left flank of Hitler's battered desert armies and that new progress was registered despite fierce sandstorms during the past 24 hours.

The German high command gave this terse summary of the fighting, which clearly appeared to be turning into an axis debacle:

"A heavy defensive battle west of Tobruk continued yesterday. Strong enemy attacks near Bardia were repulsed with considerable losses to the enemy."

Premier Mussolini's high command said particularly heavy fighting raged all day yesterday in the Gazala sector, 40 miles west of Tobruk, with the British continually throwing fresh forces into the battle.

NORTH CALIFORNIA STORM REVEALED

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Now it can be told. Northern California was battered by the winter's worst storm the first of the week, but until today it was a military secret.

Since naval officers and weather bureau observers, who guard the weather from Japanese spies, agree that 24-hour-old weather wouldn't do the enemy any good, it's safe to report that a nine-inch rainfall in three days filled the Sacramento river and its tributaries to their banks.

Highway crews worked throughout sections of the northern part of the state to clear blocked roads.