

SHAKEUP IN NAVY PUTS NIMITZ AT HELM IN PACIFIC

Three Top Officers in Hawaii Debauch to Inaction Pending Hearing Outcome.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The United States entrusted supreme command of its Pacific fleet today to Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, one of the highest officers in the navy's top councils.

Nimitz, a forceful Texan and proud of it, was ordered to sea from his post as chief of the bureau of navigation, where he was rated in service circles as second only to Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations.

Nimitz succeeds Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, who with two other top-ranking officers of the Hawaiian area was relieved of command, pending outcome of the investigation which President Roosevelt ordered on the Pearl Harbor sneak attack.

The navy and war departments acted simultaneously last night in removing the officers whose responsibility for the lack of alert preparedness will be subject to examination by the president's investigation board.

Kimmel was the only navy man affected. The army relieved Lieutenant General Walter C. Short of command of the Hawaiian military department, and Major General Frederick L. Martin of command of the air forces in Hawaii.

Lieutenant General Delos C. Emmons of the air combat force already has reached Honolulu and replaced Short. General C. L. Tinker, of the air corps, is en route to take over the air command.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, now on duty with the Atlantic fleet, was nominated by President Roosevelt today to be the new chief of the bureau of navigation in the navy department here for a four-year term.

He would succeed Rear Admiral Chester W. Nimitz.

SEVEN BOYS DIE IN FLAMING BUS

Robinson, Ill., Dec. 18.—(AP)—At least seven youths perished last night in the burning wreckage of a national youth administration bus that ran off Illinois highway 1 and overturned near West Union.

Two boys, Henry Walters and one named Johnson of Marshall, were unaccounted for early today, and the bus driver, Ferris Williams, 35, of Casey, was hospitalized for critical burns.

The dead were Tom Ollinger, 17; Henry Ollinger, 16; James Holbeck, 15; Barney Shonk, 15; Richard McClure, 20; Earl Melton and Vic Turner. Turner was from Casey, the others from Marshall.

T.K.O. ENDS RECORD FOR ABERDEEN BOY

Everett, Wash., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Harry (Kid) Mathews, Seattle and Everett fighter, last night put an end to Bob Reid's claims of never having been knocked off his feet in 43 professional fights, dropping the Aberdeen boy twice in the second round for a technical kayo victory.

Mathews weighed in at 158, Reid at 162.

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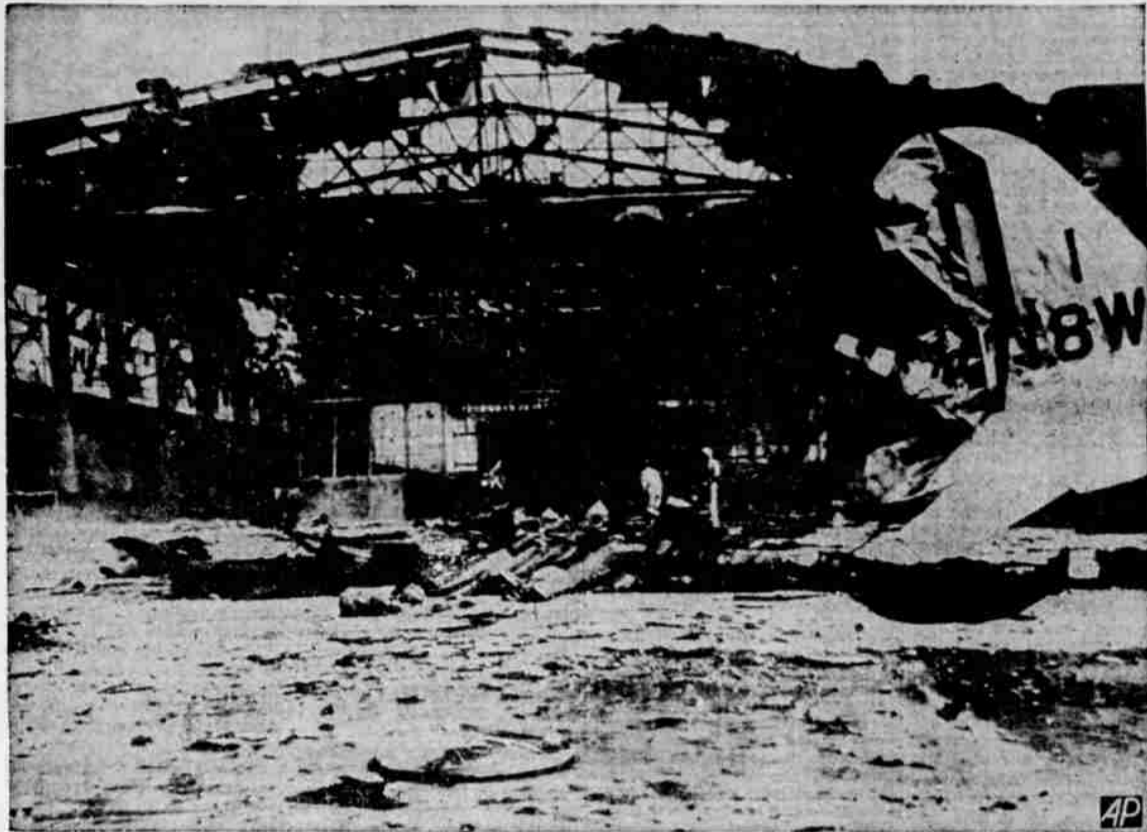
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Winged Destruction Strikes Hickam Field



A major object of the Japanese bombing raid on Honolulu, Hickam field was littered with wreckage. This is one of the first pictures of the destruction released by the army and shows one of the damaged hangars.

LIONS PARTY ADDS TOYS FOR THIRTY NEEDY CHILDREN

Thirty more needy Medford children will be made happy at Christmas because of the Lions club Yule party in the Hotel Medford last night.

Dr. William F. Roney acted as Santa Claus and the members heaped up toys in his big sack to add to the Lady Lions-firemen's project. The toys will be distributed tomorrow and Saturday to the parents of children who otherwise would have no gifts for Christmas.

The club was informed by

Fire Chief Roy Elliott that the hundreds of toys rebuilt and repainted by the firemen in their own workshop, together with those contributed by the Lions, would be on display this afternoon and tonight at the Rogue River Chevrolet company's showroom at Ninth and Bartlett streets, the distributing center. The chief related that the firemen had contributed 1,000 man-hours of work to reconditioning the old, battered toys into new playthings.

The club voted to erect at least one shelter for the men who are on civilian defense duty at air raid spotting posts in the hills.

Leslie Corey, St. Mary's student, entertained with a piano solo.

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

One Mail Tribune want ads

Hockey Association Will Be Formed at Meeting Friday Night

Teams for the Southern Oregon Hockey association will be formed at the Medford Ice Arena at 6 p. m. tomorrow, it was announced today by Sparkey Bourque, arena manager. All who have been practicing for hockey should be at the arena tomorrow evening, he said.

As soon as the teams are organized, scrimmage play will begin, Bourque stated. Hockey equipment is due to arrive here next week and Sparkey wants the teams in readiness to buckle down to real competitive play the minute the paraphernalia comes. Four teams are to be organized. Practice sessions have been

held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6 to 7 since the arena was opened November 8. "Now we are ready to get down to business," Sparkey declared.

Use Mail Tribune want ads

SCOUTS TO SAVE WASTE PAPER IN MEDFORD REGION

Public Asked to Start Hoarding Waste Paper For Boy and Girl Scout Salvagers.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and their junior organizations, the Cubs and Brownies, are scheduled to pitch into the national job of salvaging waste paper commencing locally on January 10 according to K. A. Wells, Boy Scout executive, and Marjorie Pena, Girl Scout director. Start of the campaign has been delayed due to the problem of shipping the paper out of the Medford area. Satisfactory plans have now been completed and householders are asked to conserve their paper preparatory to commencement of the campaign.

Plans are now under way to district the city to avoid confusion in the collection efforts. Boy Scout troops and Girl Scout troops will have specific

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groups and the funds received will be used by the individual Boy and Girl Scout units for their own purposes, none of the funds so raised going to the administrative offices of either organization. A film showing the blood circulation in a rabbit was shown recently before the Physicians Society in Stockholm, Sweden.

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