

DEFENSE OFFICERS EXPLAIN BANNING OF WEATHER DATA

Forecasts Which Might Aid Enemy in Operations Off Coast Must be Silenced.

Seattle, Dec. 24.—(P)—The army's 2nd interceptor command today issued a memorandum clarifying the reasons for the ban on certain weather data, with the statement that storm warnings which might save lives and property will be permitted, but other forecasts which might aid the enemy will be prohibited.

"We know that an enemy is operating off the coast," the statement added. "He is in possession of certain weather information, of course, but he is out in the same weather which will reach us later.

Forecast Data
The enemy, in planning an attack, is in desperate need of confirmation from shore as to whether his calculations are correct. With the information he has, every little fact he can pick up from us is invaluable and may furnish the clue he needs as to the best day and hour for the attack. Even a light remark about 'how hard it rained here this afternoon,' may be the tip-off on how fast the weather 'front' has advanced.

Therefore radio stations have been ordered to use nothing on weather except temperature forecasts (to warn against freeze damage and icy roads) and one or two other items. The enemy may have ways of getting this information to ships offshore, but at least let's not broadcast it to him.

Permit Storm Warnings
"Storm warnings will be flown, without indicating the wind direction, and will be released to newspapers and to radio stations for broadcast in emergencies, as a protection to life and property.

The weather bureau is co-operating in every way possible with restrictions required by military agencies. The items quoted below are intended to cover the area in Washington and Oregon west of the 120th meridian (which is just east of Yakima, Ellensburg and Wenatchee, Wash., and Heppner, Condon and Lakeview, Ore.)

"1. Temperature will be forecast for periods not exceeding 24 hours and may be published but not broadcast by radio.

"2. Sky and precipitation elements will not be forecast.

"3. Special warnings, including storm, flood, cold waves and livestock conditions will be forecast and published in modified form.

"However these special warnings will be broadcast by radio only after each such warning has been submitted to the 2nd interceptor command.

"4. Precipitation and wind data, both local and for the area west of the 120th meridian, will neither be published, nor broadcast by radio until such data are at least one week old.

"5. Weather maps have been discontinued for the duration of the emergency. However, limited weather bulletins containing mostly temperature data will be substituted for the former weather maps.

"These are only a few of the restrictions in effect pertaining to the distribution of weather information. With military approval and within certain limitations, special forecasts will be prepared for responsible officials of public utility concerns, city, state and federal agencies. Also, private concerns known to be under contract to produce material for defense when weather is a factor in production, will be given forecasts if such forecasts are approved by the 2nd interceptor command."

President Roosevelt and War-Time Cabinet Meet



Augmented by administrators charged with special war-time duties, the cabinet met with President Roosevelt at a regular conference. Clockwise around the table, starting at lower left corner, are: Lease-lend Administrator Harry Hopkins, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, Brig.-General Philip B. Fleming, Federal Works administrator Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, Civilian Defense Director F. H. LaGuardia, Federal Security administrator Paul V. McNutt, Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones, Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes, Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of State Cordell Hull, the president, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Attorney General Francis Biddle, Secretary of Navy Frank Knox, and Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard.

Laura Ingalls Cited As Publicity Agent Of Nazi Government

Washington, Dec. 24.—(P)—A federal grand jury today indicted Laura Ingalls, 38, of New York, one of the nation's best known women pilots, on a charge of failing to register as a foreign agent. The indictment charged she had been paid as a publicity agent by Baron Ulrich von Gienanth, second secretary of the German embassy. Miss Ingalls was arrested last Wednesday. She was released from jail under \$7,500 bond on Sunday, but will be required to appear in court and have new bond fixed under the indictment.

The indictment charged, the justice department said, that between March 1 and December 18 Miss Ingalls had "acted as a public relations counsel, publicity agent, and representative for the German government through its accredited representative and diplomatic officer, Baron Von Gienanth, second secretary of the German embassy, in matters pertaining to political interest, public relations, and public policy."

Defense Instructions Say 'Phone Systems Should Be Kept Open

Salem, Dec. 24.—(P)—All school officials and county defense councils were advised today by Defense Coordinator Jerrold Owen that pupils should not be sent home during an air raid.

Pupils should be allowed to go home only when there is a precautionary alarm at least 20 minutes before enemy planes are expected. After the actual warning sounds, it is too late to send them home.

Other orders contained on Owen's bulletin: Counties in which telephone systems are not in operation 24 hours a day should provide women volunteers to keep the lines open at all times.

All amateur radio operators are asked to volunteer for the state civilian defense radio network, which might be allowed to go on the air if the army grants special permission for the network to operate. All amateurs now are banned from the air.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.
Use Mail Tribune want ads.

M'NARY ADVISES BUSINESS SUCCOR

Washington, Dec. 24.—(P)—Democratic and Republican leaders in the senate joined today in a demand that something be done at once to keep small business and industry operating during the wartime emergency.

Majority Leader Barkley (D. Ky.) said he feared that duplication of defense and congressional action might cause "confusion in the minds of small businessmen as to where to go for relief."

Minority Leader McNary (R. Ore.) said it was necessary to do something to protect small business "as early as possible."

The discussion preceded senate approval of a \$10,000 increase in funds for its special small business committee headed by Senator Murray (D. Mont.) who said that it was a "well known fact that small business is rapidly being driven out of the country."

URUGUAYANS WOULD AID U. S. WITH WARPLANES

Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 24.—(P)—A subscription was launched today to equip and send 50 Uruguayan airmen to serve in the United States' air forces.

Uruguayan cattle raisers also have begun a fund-raising drive to buy an ambulance as a gift for the United States' army. They previously had bought one for Britain.

FIVE BAIL OUT WHEN BOMBER ENGINE FAILS

Winterset, Iowa, Dec. 24.—(P)—Five United States army officers were reported to have bailed out of their twin-motored transport four miles southeast of here this afternoon and landed safely while the ship crashed and burned.

The crew members were reported to have been flying east from Utah when motor trouble developed.

Battleship Arizona Went Down Fighting Photograph Reveals

Washington, Dec. 24.—(P)—The navy released today a photograph of the ravaged battleship Arizona, hit by bombs and aerial torpedoes, showing that the dreadnaught sank to the bottom of Pearl harbor with flag flying and anti-aircraft guns turned aloft.

Although Secretary of the Navy Knox listed the 32,600-ton battle wagon as "destroyed" and therefore presumably beyond salvage, the photograph showed the deck was about one foot above the surface and much of the stern superstructure to outward appearance undamaged.

The photograph apparently was taken within a day or so after the Japanese onslaught of December 7 for smoke still poured from the blaze which gutted the Arizona amidships, and a rescue and salvage tug was moored at the stern of the warship.

BAKERS RECEIVE DEFENSE BONDS

Fluhrer's Bakery today gave Christmas gifts of defense bonds and stamps to its 58 employees.

Eight department heads and five employees with 10 years of service received paid up bonds while other employees received partially paid up bonds in accordance with the number of years of service.

Similar Christmas gifts were given to the 52 employees of Fluhrer's bakery at Klamath Falls.

Seattle, Dec. 24.—(P)—Rep. Henry Jackson (D. Wash.) of Everett is in Seattle to conduct hearings on the problem of northwest shipping firms who have lost their business because of the direct buying by warring nations from producers.

Chromite Ore Price Increased to Bring Domestic Supplies

Grants Pass, Dec. 24.—(P)—Chromite ore prices have been increased and government purchase contracts have been made more favorable for the production of war-essential chromite by small mine operators.

Earl K. Nixon at Portland, director of the Oregon department of geology and mineral industries, told the Grants Pass Courier that he had just received the information Tuesday by telephone from H. Dewitt Smith, president of the government's Metals Reserve company.

War in Atlantic and Pacific oceans has handicapped the flow of foreign sources upon which the United States has largely relied.

Stockpiles will be established in Oregon and California within 100 miles of the mines and in some cases at railhead. One stockpile will be in the Coor Bay district and presumably one in the Grants Pass district. Nixon was told.

Ore will be purchased in single carlots. The price of 48 percent chromic oxide with three to one iron ratio will be \$50 per ton at stockpiles. Price of 40 percent chromic oxide, two to one iron ratio, is \$28 per ton.

ASTORIA DUMP MOVES
Astoria, Dec. 24.—(P)—The Astoria city dump slid from its old location on a hill at the edge of town into the quarry of the Tidepoint company yesterday, burying the rock pit in 20 feet of tin cans, wrecked automobiles and sundry refuse. The slide followed heavy rains. The dump dropped about 1000 feet.

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Through FAITH Alone Can HOPE Survive!

Decent men want to think of other men as fellow human beings.

It is high time for free America to find again the ideals of its founders. To take pride in mothering the oppressed. To reach out for the meaning of mercy, sympathy and love. To share in proud humility a simple belief in God.

It is a paradox that, in this critical period in our history, we are employing the death-dealing implements of warfare in the struggle to perpetuate the American ideals of liberty, freedom and justice. Through no choice of ours we are plunged into a world-wide war and we have dedicated our lives and fortunes to the "inevitable triumph."

As great as the questions of conflict that now face America are the problems of the years to come, the enormous, challenging problems that we shall have to solve as the great free people of the post-war world. We shall have to solve them in the spirit of helpfulness and brotherhood. We shall have to dedicate our strength and our free ideals in wisdom to bring about the lasting peace that will find no nation a pawn, no man a scape-goat, but all peoples neighbors and friends. We tried it the other way once. And it did not work.

Perhaps, even now, unnoticed, the ground swell is beginning. We like to think that, quietly, out of these racking times there may stem a new dignity, never yet attained, for all mankind; rooted in Faith and flowering, not in mere tolerance or respect, but in kindness and sympathy; in a real wish to understand our fellow men.

It got around that it was somehow unmanly to believe in God. Sissy to say your prayers.

Those were the queer, sick years between the two wars. When morality had to do with vice, drinking and the other fellow; when it was all right for even free governments to get away with making promises the instruments of their own renunciation. Those were the years when we forgot justice for "progress" while the world's conscience slipped softly into decline.

So now the half gods rule, loosed in a tempest of our own making. It is the day of the Black Faith, religion of neglect and despair. The creed of brutality and force drives its millions with the fury of a holy war. Humanity is pretty sick, and while planes, tanks and battleships may save the patient—just this once again—they cannot ever cure the disease.

Free men are face to face with a mighty decision. Either they must meet the Black Faith with a great Faith of their own—or surrender to the deluge.

The choice is plain. To oppose the fanatic religion of negation and force with the Faith of their fathers. To learn to live by the creed of decency and justice, righteousness, sympathy and understanding. To find resolution in their belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Or to deny all hope.

Decent men in their hearts are sick of kindness and charity just at Christmastime and greed and suspicion the rest of the year. They are weary of a world that has produced telephones and printing presses but has forgotten honesty and the Ten Commandments.




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