

Hawaii Claimed Still 'Sitting Duck' Target for Enemy Planes

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Pearl Harbor, T.H.—(U.P.)—A sneak atom bomb attack on Pearl Harbor today would be a milk run for enemy bombardiers, who would find Hawaii a bigger sitting duck target than it was 13 years ago when the Imperial Japanese navy struck. Army, Navy and Air Force officers reluctantly concede that it would be practically impossible to halt an H bomb attack, which in seconds would wreak a thousand times more havoc than the Japanese managed in half a day's pounding.

The only anti-aircraft on Oahu arrived two months ago with the 25th division. This ack-ack battalion and ships' guns are the only anti-aircraft defenses in the territory.

There is no jet interceptor squadron working a round-the-clock alert to check unidentified aircraft. Radar defenses have leaks that would permit a fast, high flying bomber to deliver a mighty attack without being seen or heard.

The Air Force has no interceptors stationed here. Marine, Navy and National Guard jets merely hold "practice" scrambles with outmoded jets incapable of competing with the latest enemy planes.

Hawaii has only one Army division, the 25th, and a Marine task force is stationed at Kaneohe. There were two divisions stationed here in 1941.

A 24 hour radar watch is maintained, but the screen is leaky. Even if an enemy plane were detected, there is little Hawaii could do against an H bomb attack but duck and pray.

Pearl Now in Rear
Pearl Harbor, which was a front line Navy stronghold in the Pacific war, is now a rear area supply dump and refueling station, depending upon its advance bases for protection.

By an odd quirk, these advance bases are now located in areas once dominated by the same Imperial Japanese Navy that leveled Hawaii's bases.

Military officials say it would be impossible for an enemy naval force to reach undetected the same position 200 miles north of Oahu from which the Japanese carrier force of 36 ships launched its attack. They say our far flung outposts and advance bases would easily thwart such a move.

However, those in charge of Hawaii's defense admit that snorkel submarines could reach

the same position undetected and launch atom rockets with deadly aim and devastating effect.

The military has been unable to work out a defense against saboteurs who could carry in their suitcases bombs that could cause more horror than the entire Japanese Navy.

Adm. Felix Stump, commander of the Navy's Pacific forces, said that although Pearl Harbor

is still the Navy's biggest Pacific base, "it is not the prime target it was in 1941.

"In some ways we are in a better position to resist an attack today than we were in 1941," Stump said. "In other ways, we are not.

"We now have a vastly improved security position throughout the entire Pacific. We are better able to retaliate with devastating effect.

The scars of that Sunday morning attack 13 years ago have been slowly erased. In Pearl Harbor there remains but one gaping wound, the barnacled hull of the battleship Arizona, now a national monument.

The Arizona holds the bodies of 1104 men who died in the December 7 attack. A thin trickle of oil still seeps from the sunken hull even after all these years.

Corvallis Fight Over Liquor Outlet Seen After Action

Corvallis — (U.P.) — Another fight over liquor appeared to be in the offing here today after the Corvallis city council gave its approval to three applications for possible sites for state liquor stores.

The council split 5-3 last night in favor of the motion approving the site. Mayor Dean Dorsey said the action was a "direct slap" at his administration, and in effect approved the establishment of a state liquor store here.

Dispensaries Opposed
Corvallis has never had a liquor store, and Mayor Dorsey has opposed liquor dispensaries in the city. The mayor said he felt the action should have been delayed until after he leaves office Dec. 31.

While the city council declared it was not taking a position for or against a liquor agency here, it was brought out at the meeting that the liquor commission would probably consider approval of a site as approval of a store.

Liquor by Drink Voted
In 1934 the Corvallis city council asked the liquor commission not to establish a store here, and also opposed an outlet. Last November, Benton county voted for liquor by the drink by a narrow margin.

"Dry" citizens' groups have indicated they will protest the council action.

Lightning Knocks Out Yaquina Lighting System

Newport, Ore.—(U.P.)—Lightning knocked out the lighting system of the Oregon coast highway bridge across Yaquina bay at Newport yesterday.

The bolts also broke a chunk of concrete from the north pier 25 feet above the road bed.

Damage was light and normal operation was restored.

First Lookout Point Generator Due Soon

Portland — (U.P.) — The First generator at Lookout Point dam on the Willamette river in Lane county will be put on the line next week, Col. James U. Moorhead, district Army engineer, told the Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

A second unit will be activated in April and the third in June next year. Together they will provide 120,000 kilowatts of power.

Susceptible To Cancer

Urbana, Ill.—(U.P.)—Farm animals are susceptible to cancer as their owners, a University of Illinois veterinarian warns.

Dr. C. C. Morrill of the college of veterinary medicines said any abnormal growth on the animal's body may be a cancer and should be reported immediately to a veterinarian.

Kimmel Charges Roosevelt Administration Deliberately Provoked Attack by Japanese

Washington — (U.P.) — Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, self styled "scapegoat" of the Pearl Harbor disaster, charged today the Roosevelt administration deliberately provoked the Japanese attack that plunged the United States into World War II just 13 years ago.

The retired naval officer, who was commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet on the "day that will live in infamy," also said that top officials of the War and Navy departments withheld from Hawaiian commanders intelligence reports, including intercepted Japanese messages, that clearly indicated the attack was coming.

Had this information been passed along to him, even on the eve of the attack, Kimmel said, the U.S. warships which were to be trapped and destroyed or crippled in the harbor might have put out to sea to intercept the Japanese raiding force before it struck.

Must Answer Like Criminals
"I cannot excuse those in authority in Washington for what they did," said Kimmel. "In my book, they must answer on the day of judgment like any other criminal."

Kimmel and the late Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short, then Army commander in Hawaii, were removed from their commands in January, 1942, after a special

commission headed by former Supreme Court Justice Owen Roberts held them primarily responsible for the success of the sneak Japanese attack.

Kimmel's side of the great naval debacle and events leading up to it was published by the magazine U.S. News & World Report in the form of copyright-

ed excerpts from a forthcoming book, "Admiral Kimmel's Story." The book will be published in January by the Henry Regnery Co. of Chicago.

U.S. News & World Report last week had published another and sharply conflicting version of the Pearl Harbor disaster in a copyrighted article by retired Navy Capt. T. B. Kittredge.

Kittredge, a naval historian, said no important information "was ever withheld" from Kimmel and Short. He also said that it was a "fantastic misrepresentation" to suggest that the late President Roosevelt deliberately invited the attack to provide this country with an excuse to enter the war.

Kimmel did not specifically list the Washington officials he considers responsible for Pearl Harbor. But his book bristled

with direct or implied indictments of the late President Roosevelt, the late Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, the late Secretary of Navy Frank Knox, Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff in World War II, and Adm. Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations at the time of the attack.

Mothers' Action Saves Small Boy

Portland—(U.P.)—A three-year-old boy and a mother who knew how to apply artificial respiration were credited today with saving the life of little Joseph Paul Christman, 4, who fell into water in a new hole for a septic tank yesterday and nearly drowned.

The little boy was playing with his friend, Jerry Mirich, yesterday in a trailer park. Little Jerry ran to his trailer house shouting, "Jofuss faw in the pubble."

Joseph's mother, Mrs. Lyle Christman, was visiting Jerry's mother. She ran to the hole which had filled from runoff and heavy rain just as her son was going down and managed to pull him to shore. She applied artificial respiration and after mud and water gushed from her son's mouth, he began to cry. He was taken to an Oregon City hospital for emergency treatment.

Egypt Hangs Moslem Leaders

Cairo—(U.P.)—Egypt's revolutionary government hanged six leaders of the outlawed Moslem Brotherhood today for attempting to assassinate Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser.

The executions began at dawn in the Cairo Prison and were spaced at 30-minute intervals. In each execution, the condemned was left hanging from the gibbet for almost half an hour.

First to die was Mahmoud Abdel Latif, triggerman in the plot to kill the youthful Premier at Alexandria last Oct. 26.

Following him to the gallows were Youssef Talaat, 42, chief of the secret brotherhood; Ibrahim El Tayeb, 32, lawyer and brotherhood leader in Cairo; Hindawi Dweir, leader in the Embaba district; Mahomed Farghaly, 47, brotherhood chief in the Suez Canal Zone, and Abdel Kader Oda, a member of the brotherhood council.

Patterson Renames State Commissioner

Salem—(U.P.)—Gov. Paul L. Patterson has reappointed L. O. Arens as a member of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission and State Industrial Accident Commission. His new four-year term starts Jan. 1. Arens has been on both commissions since 1939. He represents the public on the two commissions. The other two members are T. Morris Dunne, representing employers, and William A. Callahan, representing labor. Arens came here from Klamath Falls, where he was an auto dealer.

Boy's Death Brings Three-Day Oregon Wreck Toll To 9

By UNITED PRESS
A three-year-old The Dalles boy died yesterday afternoon while en route to a hospital of injuries suffered in a truck-car collision on the Columbia River highway one mile west of The Dalles. Two other children and two adults were injured.

Thrown From Car
The death brought the three-day total in Oregon to nine. The young victim was Eddie Remillard, the son of Mrs. Agnes Remillard, The Dalles. He was thrown from the car in which he was riding, and died in an ambulance.

In serious condition was Mary George, 3, with head injuries. Her brother Billy George, 16 months, was in fair condition with head injuries. They are the children of Mrs. Margaret George, The Dalles.

The driver of the car, Floyd Orton Daley, 40, and his wife, Edith, were in good condition at the hospital with head injuries and cuts and bruises.

Other Driver Unhurt
The truck driver, Albert Earl Jones, 31, Pasco, Wash., was uninjured.

John Zarosinski, 29, Klamath Falls, died Sunday night after his sedan crashed into a tree on the Worden road near Keno Saturday night. He never regained consciousness.

Other week end crashes in the state included one in Columbia county which claimed six lives and injured 13 persons. Lane county recorded a single fatality.

Expensive Wreath Decorates Home

Memphis, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Dr. Ralph Richener's doorway today sported the most expensive Christmas wreath in town—a \$200 gem.

Richener got the wreath from the Little Garden club. After it was delivered, however, one of the club members discovered that among the various pieces of costume jewelry used to decorate the wreath was a \$200 pearl necklace sent in by mistake.

Grange
Pomona Grange
A luncheon will be given by Anne Carley, Pomona youth chairman, honoring the youth chairmen in the subordinate Granges of Jackson county, at the Girls Community club, Saturday, Dec. 11.

Plans will be made for the 1955 program and a good attendance of the youth chairmen is urged.

Griffin Creek Grange
Griffin Creek Grange will meet Thursday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m. H.E.C. will hold a candy and baked foods sale at Barneburg and Andrews furniture store Saturday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Upper Applegate Grange
Upper Applegate Grange will sponsor an auction sale Dec. 9 at the hall from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. until everything is sold.

Grange ladies will serve food. All Grangers who can do so, are asked to donate pies or cakes.

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