

HOW STRONG IS JAPAN'S AIR MIGHT?

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (Wide World)—Tension in the Pacific has led to a revival of occasional warnings by commentators acquainted with the Far East that it would be a mistake to underestimate Japanese air power.

Coupled with such statements, however, are the more familiar appraisals of Japanese aviation, less complimentary and more sanguine of the outcome if the island empire came to grips with another major world power.

Singularly enough, in all that has been written of Japanese air power in the last four years, no one has taken a middle course. The Japanese have either superlative airplanes and good pilots, or they have obsolescent planes and poor pilots.

Much of the mystery thrown about the Japanese in the air stems from the secrecy with which the army and navy have pursued their developments. The occidental seldom if ever is permitted to glimpse, let alone examine, Japanese-made war-planes.

The western world knows that Japan in four years of fighting has neutralized Chinese air power, but China, of course, had little to begin with.

At the start of the "China incident" Japanese bombers had notoriously poor aim, but that was four years ago and Japan's critics concede that the air force has shown a marked improvement.

As for planes, Mark J. Gainsborough, Far Eastern correspondent of the Washington, D. C., Post, and a British army officer, H. S. Mazet, wrote in February, 1940, that the Japanese had a twin-engine pursuit mounting from six to eight guns and capable of 350 miles an hour.

It had been in service more than a year. Only now is the United States starting the quantity manufacture of a similar type of plane.

Writing in the magazine "U. S. Air Services," Gainsborough and Mazet asserted Japanese bombers and fighting planes were superior to soviet planes forming the bulk of the Russian air force in the Far East. They described Japan as a major aviation power.

Charles Healy Day, who for several years has manufactured planes in China for the Chiang Kai-Shek government, said on his return to the United States two years ago that the workmanship and performance of Japanese planes compared favorably with those of American planes.

Balanced against such statements are others which frequently poke ridicule at Japanese aviation. Lucien Zacharoff, writing in the magazine "Aviation," in August, said: "Japan would crumble like a house of cards if engaged in a great air war."

The "Army and Navy" Journal, edited in Washington, D. C., in 1937, quoted some unnamed American army officers as saying the Japanese had a marked inaptitude for aviation, marked by poor shooting. Lynn C. Thomas in the magazine, "Western Flying" for September said the Japanese air force suffered from a "autistic psychosis" which led its pilots deliberately to dive their bomb-laden planes into their targets.

Most writers agree that the Japanese do not have a large preponderance of planes. An average estimate puts their first-line strength at 5000 machines. Apparently more critical is the availability of pilots. Military schools until recently were turning out less than 1000 a year.

THE HAND THAT FEEDS

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Commissioners paid a firm of experts \$2500 to study the city government and make recommendations for its improvement.

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TICKETS ADMIT TO OTHER CONCERTS

Ticket holders to the Klamath Community Concert association were advised at the time of their purchase that they are members of the national association, and thereby entitled to attend community concerts in other cities where the same price membership prevails. It was announced Monday by Dr. F. Cecil Adams, association president.

Some 55 band concert members attended the Robeson performance here Friday night. In the same manner, Klamath members may attend concerts in Bend and Marshfield. Cordial invitations have been extended to the local members from both Bend and Marshfield, and the Deschutes county city has advised Klamath folks they can accommodate around 300 guests.

The band concert dates are as follows: January 13, Erno Balogh, pianist. February 23, Trapp family choir.

The Marshfield dates: February 23, Mildred Dilling, harpist.

April 13, Enya Gonzalez, soprano.

Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Claud H. Davis, secretary, dial 6953, or Mrs. Lloyd Goble, co-secretary, dial 7125.

Farm Credit Not To Be Allowed For Speculation

SPOKANE, Dec. 2 (AP) — Unwarranted speculation and expansion carried on under the guise of building defense production will not be financed by the Farm Credit Administration, 150 officials of Production Credit associations of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana were told yesterday.

There is no need for increased production of wheat, cattle or sheep, but dairy supplies, poultry, canning vegetables and hogs and hog products will be much in demand, E. E. Henry, president of the Production Credit corporation told the group.

The prudent farmer will provide for an almost certain shortage of labor and develop his next year's program with that thought in mind, A. B. Robertson, vice president of the PCC told the farmers in urging them to put machinery and equipment in order for use next year.

"The defense program implies neither unwarranted expansion nor speculation," he said, "and the Production Credit associations will finance neither."

FALSE TEETH? HUH-UH!

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP)—The metal lovers of Ray Hemingway's store teeth probably saved his life.

They deflected a bullet accidentally fired by a .22 caliber rifle. Hemingway escaped serious injury.

Merrill

Women of the Moose, Merrill chapter 18, met at the home of Mrs. Henry Vacknitz in Malin on Thursday afternoon, November 27. Four tables of pinocle were in play with Mrs. John Reber taking the high score. Consolation went to Mrs. Pickard and the traveling prize to Mrs. Myron Myers. The Merrills were Mrs. J. W. Reeder, Mrs. Wilbur Nine, Mrs. Byron Myers, Mrs. Ivan Icebribe, Mrs. John Reber, Mrs. Ray Van Meter, Mrs. Ray Aubrey, Mrs. John Stolt, Mrs. Pickard, Mrs. S. Nannie Van Meter, Mrs. R. S. Skeins, Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Robert Petrik, and the hostess, Mrs. Vacknitz. Preceding the party the executive committee held a short business meeting.

William Dieter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Dieter, who has been on leave of absence from the United States army for the past month, left Monday morning for Pendleton to rejoin the 95th bombardment squadron. While here he visited also with a sister, Mrs. Guy Sheldon.

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