December 2, 1941

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 ac-quainted with the Far East that it would be a mistake to under-estimate Japanese air power.

Coupled with such statements, however, are the more familiar appraisals of Japanese aviation, less complementary 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 perniitted to glimpse, let alone ex-amine, Japanese-made war-tern of 3 dolls; illustrations for planes.

The western world knows that Japan in four years of fighting has neutralized Chinese a ir 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 vast improvement. As for planes, Mark J. Gains-borough, Far Eastern correborough. spondent of the Washington, D. Post, and a British army of ficer, H. S. Mazet, wrote in Feb-ruary, 1940, that the Japanese had a twin-engine pursuit mount-

ing 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. 5 Air Services," Ginsbourg 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 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 Japan-ese planes compared favorably with those of American planes.

Balanced against such state ments are others which frequent ly poke ridicule at Japanese avia-tion. Lucien Zacharoff, writing in the magazine "Aviation," in August, said: "Japan would crumble like a house of cards COLU

if engaged in a great air war." The "Army and Navy" Journal," edited in Washington, D. C., in 1937, quoted some un-named 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 suf-fered from a "suicide 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-



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# Merrill

Women of the Moose, Merrill chapter 18, met at the home of Mrs. Henry Vacknitz in Malin on Thursday afternoon, Novem-ber 27. Four tables of pinochle 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 Merrillites were Mrs. J. W. Reeder, Mrs. Wilbur Nine, Mrs. Byron Myers, Mrs. Ivan Icenbrice, Mrs. John Reber, Mrs. Ray Van Meter, Mrs. Ray Aubrey, Mrs. John Stolt Mrs. Pickard, Mrs. 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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DEPORT, Tex. (A) - Clyde Barham planted a half acre of

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## Farm Credit Not To Be Allowed **OTHER CONCERTS** For Speculation

TICKETS ADMIT

were advised at the time of their purchase that they are members of the national association, and thereby entitled to attend com-munity concerts in other cities where the same price member-ship prevails, it was announced Monday by Dr. F. Cecil Adams, association president.

Some 55 Bend concert members attended the Robeson per-formance here Friday night. In the same manner, Klamath mem-bers may attend concerts in Bend and Marshfield, Cordial invitations have been extended to the local members from both Bend and Marshfield, and the Des-chutes county city has advised Klamath folks they can accom-modate 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 8953, or Mrs. Lloyd Goble, co-secretary, dial 7125. They deflected a bullet acci-dentally fired by a .22 caliber rifle. Hemingway escaped seri-ous injury.

SPOKANE, Dec. 2 (P) - Unwarranted speculation and ex-pansion carried on under the Ticket holders to the Klamath guise of building defense pro-Community Concert association duction will not be financed by the Farm Credit administration, 150 officials of Production Credit associations of Washington, Ore-gon, Idaho and Montana were told yesterday.

There is no need for increased production of wheat, cattle or sheep, but dairy supplies, poul-

and hog products will be much in demand, E. E. Henry, presi-dent of the Production Credit corporation told the group. The prudent farmer will provide for an almost certain short age of labor and develop his next year's program with that thought in mind, A. B. Robert-son, 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-UHI

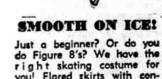
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