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SIX WARSHIPS LOST IN HAWAII

Bombers Hit Jap Troopships



Before the Blackout

The Lights Go Out



Blackout Complete



These three pictures, taken from the top of the hill at Seventh and Lincoln streets, show the progression of Sunday night's blackout in Klamath Falls. Above, before the siren sounded. Streaks on Seventh street were made by moving cars. Center, a five-minute exposure started two minutes after the siren began at 9:17. Lower, an exposure made from 9:36 to 9:41. The last exposure was snapped off as the all-clear sounded.

Lights Snap Out All Over Town As Klamath Undergoes Blackout Test

Klamath Falls and suburbs blotted themselves into inky blackness Sunday night in a practiced blackout that was proclaimed an outstanding success by civilian defense officials. Observers on high points agreed that within 5 minutes of the first signal at 9:17 p. m., the community had achieved a more complete blackout than in 33 minutes in last Friday's surprise blackout. Lights Snap Off An alert citizenry, forewarned there would be a blackout sometime between 8 and 10 p. m. Sunday, snapped off thousands of lights simultaneously as sirens and whistles wailed the blackout signal. Lights flared up again

at 9:41 p. m. when the all-clear signal was blown. Directing the blackout was a large organization with the air raid precautions committee of the civilian defense program and civil authorities working hand in hand. Two Herald and News observers on the hill at Seventh and Lincoln streets reported the moment the siren sounded lights began going out, with the residential district from Seventh street to the Hot Springs hills plunged immediately into darkness. Quiet settled over the city as traffic came to a stop and downtown signs went out. One red sign, in front of the Cascade

Laundry on Seventh between Walnut and Oak streets, burned until 9:35 when, according to a police, someone threw a rock or a bottle and broke the neon fixture. The suburbs moved into darkness slightly behind the city proper, due to a short delay in sounding the warning signal at the highway shops. But in contrast to Friday night, the suburbs went almost completely black. At 9:25 p. m. the Seventh and Lincoln watchers noted everything dark but the Seventh street sign and a scattering of dim lights out Sixth street in the distance, some of which appeared to be trying to get a ride.

JAP RAIDERS ATTACK OVER LUZON AREAS

U. S. Fliers Taking Heavy Toll of Transports

MANILA, Dec. 15 (AP)—United States army bombers, resisting Japanese attempts to reinforce troops landed at Legaspi, on the southeastern tip of Luzon island 250 miles from Manila, heavily damaged two Japanese transports yesterday, U. S. army headquarters reported today.

Announcement of the new American successes followed by 24 hours an official bulletin declaring that during the first week of the war army bombers sank four Japanese transports and badly damaged three more off northern Luzon, where the invaders effected landings at several places.

Japanese air raiders, meanwhile, returned to the attack on Luzon, sweeping over the Manila area about noon (8 p. m. PST Sunday) and dropping bombs which a brief communique said fell in the vicinity of Nichols field.

The communique, issued at 4 p. m. (midnight PST), said that enemy activities throughout the day were confined entirely to the air.

Four Japanese fighter planes were shot down during yesterday's action off Legaspi, a communique declared.

The picture evoked by these succeeding announcements, coupled with reports of successes achieved by Netherlands submarines off Malaya, was one of heavy Japanese losses.

The Dutch announced yesterday from Batavia that their submarines, previously reported to have sunk four Japanese transports in the Gulf of Siam, also had sunk a Japanese tanker and a freighter in the same area.

"Well in Hand" The situation in general in the Philippines, which Lieut. General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said Sunday was "well in hand both on the ground and in the air," was described officially this morning as unchanged.

Unofficial reports said that Japanese forces established around Vigan, on the Luzon west coast 200 miles north of Manila, had sent out patrols during the weekend in an at-

Sentry Arrested After Woman Shot to Death

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15 (AP)—A 19-year-old army private who fired his gun when a motorist ignored his command to halt was in jail on a suspicion of murder booking today as the army issued an appeal for cooperation with sentinels and patrols.

The army gave Private Eugene I. Tuttle of Divide, Mont., into custody of the sheriff last night after Mrs. Adele Brandel, 52, socially prominent Los Angeles woman, was shot to death near the municipal airport. Sheriff's Inspector Walter Hunter said Tuttle, of the 65th field artillery, told him a motorcycle officer asked several soldiers to help strip blue coverings from automobile headlights. When the automobile bearing Mrs. Brandel and her husband, Dr. Harry M. Brandel, failed to stop at Tuttle's command, said Hunter, the youth fired. "I thought I fired into the air," the soldier was quoted as saying. Dr. Brandel said he failed to stop because he thought the soldiers were trying to get a ride.

Kowloon Strip Evacuated By British Force

LONDON, Dec. 15 (AP)—A British source announced today that British troops were withdrawing from Kowloon, a part of the British crown colony of Hongkong which is on the Chinese mainland, to the island of Hongkong.

The withdrawal is still in progress and "progressing according to plan," he said.

A Reuters dispatch from Singapore at almost the same time said: "There now is no doubt here that Kowloon on the Chinese mainland opposite Hongkong is in Japanese hands."

In the fighting in Malaya, a British official said there had been a "slight withdrawal" of British troops as "very heavy fighting" progressed in the Kedah sector, northwest of Singapore. Casualties on both sides may be severe, he said.

He said the Japanese had landed on the east side of the Kra isthmus and had crossed it to enter Burma. Their success in cutting the Malay peninsula, he acknowledged, would affect air communication between Burma and Singapore because of airfields involved.

FRENCH CONDEMN EXECUTION ORDER

Balkan Rebels Fight Big Forces of Nazis, Claim

By The Associated Press Coming out openly against an order of the German occupation authorities for the first time since the armistice, France last night condemned a German order for the execution of 100 alleged Jewish communists and anarchists in occupied France.

The French acknowledged the 100 were "delinquents" instead of hostages such as the Germans have executed in groups this fall but said the very high number provoked "profound uneasiness among Frenchmen."

The Germans said Saturday the 100 would be shot in reprisal for "recent attacks against the occupation troops." They also fined the Jews in the occupied zone 1,000,000,000 francs (\$20,000,000).

In partitioned Yugoslavia and Greece, several hundred thousand axis soldiers were reported tied up with steady and strong resistance by Serbs and Greeks in a small-scale war.

Draja Mihailovic, a colonel in the Yugoslav army before the Germans over-ran his country last spring, has been promoted to the rank of a full general for his "magnificent work" in organizing the Serbs resistance.

Axis Powers Meet To Discuss New War Problems

BERLIN, Dec. 15 (Official Radio Received by AP)—Representatives of Germany, Italy and Japan met today in a special conference which a German communique said was "summoned for the purpose of discussing new and important tasks resulting from the common war against the Anglo-Saxon powers." German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop reviewed the situation created by the widened sphere of the big war and declared that the closest cooperation between the three big axis powers was necessary. Field Marshal Gen. Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the German high command, welcomed Japan's armed forces as new comrades in arms.

RUSSIANS SEEK TO CLEAR SOIL OF NAZI ARMY

Capital Hails End of Siege; Germany's Toll Held Large

By The Associated Press The Russian army was reported today pressing an offensive for the extermination of all German armies on Russian soil. Pravda, communist party organ in Moscow, said the soviet troops already had destroyed "an entire generation of nazis." As the Russians took the offensive after reporting the successful defense of Moscow, Leningrad and the Caucasus, they claimed Adolf Hitler had lost, since the invasion began June 22, 6,000,000 men, more than 15,000 tanks, 13,000 planes and 19,000 cannon.

German forces in the southern Russian port of Taganrog, 40 miles west of Rostov, now are surrounded, the Russians declared.

MOSCOW, Dec. 15 (AP)—The red army, snapping back from its successful defense of Moscow, Leningrad and the Caucasus, is turning to a general offensive and is now fighting especially hard to restore the main Moscow-Leningrad connection through Klin, soviet reports said today.

Pravda, communist party organ, in a broadcast report, said soviet troops had cut the Moscow-Leningrad road at one point and taken 42 settlements and 75 tanks in a single day.

In one village in the Klin district Pravda said the Russians found a report from the commander of the 239th German infantry regiment showing that his unit had lost half of its remaining strength of 400 men in one day.

In London an authoritative military source said the initiative appeared to have passed definitely to the Russians in the Moscow sector. It is clear that the Germans are not succeeding in readjusting their line because their plans are being constantly disturbed by soviet onslaughts, he said.

150th Year of Bill of Rights Observed Monday

By The Associated Press Americans commemorated today the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the bill of rights—the constitutionally guaranteed basic freedoms of United States citizens.

President Roosevelt will speak on a bill of rights program to be broadcast over all networks between 7 and 8 p. m. (PST.)

It was Virginia which voted on December 15, 1791, the final state ratification necessary to make the bill of rights the law of the land. And it was a Virginian, George Mason, who drafted the bill.

The library of congress placed on public display the Journal of the House of Representatives for August 21, 1789, the day when the members voted to submit the bill of rights to state referenda as the first ten amendments to the constitution.

The Daughters of the American Revolution called special meetings of all chapters to commemorate the day. President Roosevelt's proclamation requesting the observance remarked that "those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forged in time that men have died to win them." It added: "We, however, who have seen

Relief Rushed To Disaster Zone in Peru

LIMA, Dec. 15 (AP)—Government agencies speeded relief today to the stricken departmental capital of Huaraz, where more than 500 persons were reported to have perished in a tremendous avalanche of water, mud, rocks and volcanic lava which swept through the town Saturday.

Advices reaching here from Huaraz last night said the cause of the disaster still was uncertain. First reports indicated an eruption of nearby Rataqueña volcano, which long has been inactive, but this possibility subsequently was discounted.

Manuel Palma, owner of a Lima-Huaraz bus line, declared a large part of Huaraz had been destroyed and that few persons residing in the northern section had escaped. Two thousand were reported homeless.

Rescue work was hampered yesterday by the most violent earth tremors felt in the section since the disastrous earthquake of May 24, 1940.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS TO START TUESDAY

Drivers, Pedestrians Asked to Observe Lights Closely

Klamath Falls' long awaited traffic signals throughout the business section will definitely go into effect upon the arrival here Tuesday morning of State Traffic Engineer John Beakley and his assistant, Wayne Taylor, according to an announcement made late Monday by City Engineer E. A. Thomas.

The "walk and wait" glasses arrived Friday and have been installed. Both Beakley and Taylor advised Thomas they would leave Salem Monday night to arrive by train here Tuesday. They hope to put the lights in operation as soon after their arrival as possible. Exact time of operation was not given.

"Motorists are asked to be patient and to observe the signals to the best of their ability," Thomas stated Monday. "There is bound to be some difficulty at first with the complicated electrical system and parts, but we are sure all this will be ironed out and within a short time the lights will be operating smoothly and with good effect."

Flasher There are seven lights in the district, on Main at Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Eleventh streets, at Ninth and Pine and Sixth and Klamath.

Motorists coming down Tenth from Pine street to Main will observe a traffic signal on the opposite side of the street. It has on it two lights, both red, Thomas explained. One light is flashing red, the other is steady. When the light is on "steady," traffic shall stop. When it is "flashing," traffic may proceed and turn either to the right or the left, the engineer stated.

Old Glory Flies Despite Danger

MANILA, Dec. 15 (AP)—Old glory will still fly from the Far Eastern army headquarters no matter how much the flag serves as a target to Japanese airmen who might wish to destroy the headquarters personnel.

To the suggestion of an officer that the American flag on the headquarters might serve as a guide to enemy airmen Lieut. Gen. Douglas MacArthur said with a smile: "Take every other normal precaution for protection of the headquarters but let's keep the flag flying."

KNOX REVEALS 2700 LOST IN FIRST ATTACK

U. S. S. Arizona Sunk; Jap Planes, Subs Lost in Fight

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) Secretary of the Navy Knox reported today the battleship Arizona and five other warships were lost in Sunday's Japanese air raid on the Pearl Harbor naval base in Hawaii.

He said 91 officers and 2638 enlisted were known dead.

Known Japanese losses, Knox said, included 3 submarines and 41 aircraft. After reporting to President Roosevelt on his return from a hurried five-day round trip to survey the effect of the raid at first hand, the naval secretary told a press conference that destroyed included the old target ship Utah, 3 destroyers—the Cassin, Downes, and Shaw—and also the mine layer Ogala.

Oklahoma Damaged Damaged vessels included the old battleship Oklahoma, which capsized but can be repaired.

"The entire balance of the Pacific fleet with its aircraft carriers, its heavy cruisers, its light cruisers, its destroyers and submarines are uninjured and are all at sea seeking contact with the enemy," Knox said.

Japs Fall Quickly he told a questioner that the fleet included battleships as well.

"The Japanese failed," Knox said, in their purpose "to knock out the United States before the war began."

Investigation Set Knox said flatly that the "United States services were not on the alert against the surprise air attack."

A formal investigation, he said, would be instituted by President Roosevelt immediately. In the meantime he said, there had been no changes in command.

Subs Caught Taking part in the Japanese attack, Knox revealed, were two-man submarines.

Of the three subs known to have been lost, he said, one was normal size, one small and the third, which was captured, was also a small one.

Aside from those killed, 20 officers and 636 men were listed as wounded.

The ratio of dead was heavy, (Continued on Page Two)

Big Seattle Fire Tests New Civil Defense Workers

SEATTLE, Dec. 15 (AP)—Fire department inspectors sought today to determine the origin of a three-alarm fire, which last night gave Seattle's civilian defense organizations their first workout in an emergency. Auxiliary firemen, many of whom only a few hours before passed their physical examinations, joined regular firemen in controlling the blaze which destroyed the three-story Sanitary Public Market on First avenue.

A battalion from Seattle's home defense infantry regiment aided police in regulating thousands of spectators attracted to the scene by the flames, shooting from every window of the upper floors.

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