

# Marshall, On Pearl Harbor Day, Says Stark Opposed Warnings Against Japs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP) — Gen. George C. Marshall told Pearl Harbor investigators today that Admiral Harold G. Stark thought warnings to Pacific commanders on Dec. 7, 1941 would "only confuse them."

So Stark, then chief of naval operations, at first opposed sending such warnings after it became clear that trouble was brewing for the United States that day, Marshall told the senate-house committee investigating the attack.

Marshall, wartime army chief of staff, testified he called Stark back on the White House telephone, however, and insisted on sending the messages. Then the admiral acceded, Marshall said and asked that the army warnings be amended so that naval officers at Pacific posts would be advised.

**Stark Spectator**  
Stark, later naval chief in the European theater of operation, was a spectator in the hearing room as Marshall testified.

The hearing was late in starting because the committee met in secret session to decide on the relevancy of certain evidence.

## Brownell Says GOP To Sweep '46 Elections

By JACK BELL  
CHICAGO, Dec. 7 (AP) — National Chairman Herbert E. Brownell predicted here today republicans would gain control of both houses of congress in the 1946 elections.

Here for a midwinter meeting of the party's national committee, Brownell told a news conference that every sign points to a sweeping GOP victory in the off-year elections.

He voiced approval of a statement of party policy made yesterday by senate and house republicans in Washington. He indicated that national committee approval is a foregone conclusion.

"When the republican party takes control of congress after next November's election," he said, "these men will be the ones who direct the party's program in congress. It is appropriate that they issue a policy statement."

Asked why he appeared so confident of a GOP sweep in the congressional contests, the chairman said three special elections this year indicated that republican candidates were meeting with favor among the voters. He mentioned contests in the 24th district of Illinois, the 2nd district of Montana, and the 4th district of New Jersey.

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Later, Chairman Barkley (D-Ky.) said the discussion was about the letter Marshall sent to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, 1944 republican presidential candidate, urging him not to disclose during his campaign that the U. S. had cracked Japanese codes before the Pearl Harbor attack, Dewey complied.

Barkley said that exchange would be brought up in later testimony.

Marshall reconstructed for the committee how he spent that fateful morning of Dec. 7 four years ago today.

Marshall told the committee that it was not until he reached his office that day that he learned of Japan's final diplomatic note to Secretary of State Hull, indicating a break in relations with the U. S. The note, intercepted and decoded, was sent to Japanese "peace envoys" with instructions to deliver it to Hull at 1 p. m. (Washington time) the hour of the assault on Pearl Harbor.

"On that morning," Marshall related, "I had breakfast, I presume about 8 o'clock, according to the routine of previous Sundays. I went riding.

"I must have ridden later than 8:30. I suppose I read the Sunday papers and then went riding. My rides usually were about 50 minutes.

"While I was taking my shower, word came to me that Colonel Bratton had something very important and wished to come out to Fort Myer. I told him I was coming to the war department directly.

"My shower probably took 10 minutes. On my arrival there, Bratton handed me these intercepts. When I reached the end, and it was a long message, some of which I read twice, on the next sheet was the 1 o'clock message.

**Indication**  
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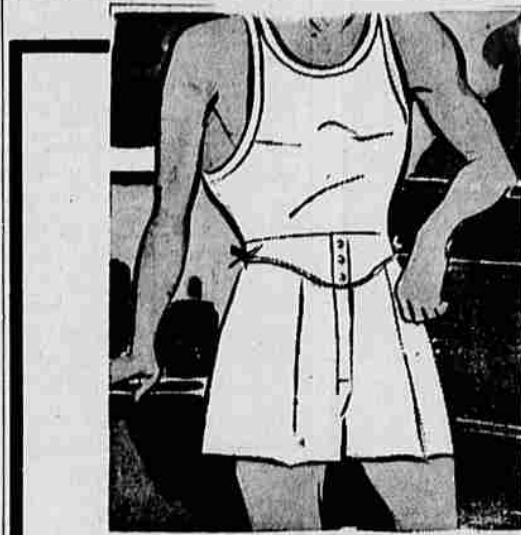
"I called Stark and he said he had seen it.

"I proposed messages to the Pacific commanders. Stark felt we might confuse them. I hung up the White House telephone and wrote out a message in long hand." I had thought that Stark called me back but on checking I find now that I called him back. The effect of our conversation was then that he wished me to add to my messages "show this to your naval officers."

"There was some talk of typing the message but the decision

was that there was no time to type it. Bratton took the messages and I asked him about the time involved in getting them off. I sent him back for estimates and I sent him and Col. Bundy back a second time to make sure."

Marshall disputed previous testimony before the committee and the army board on inquiry, published last August, that he telephoned the warning message to General Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines. "I did not telephone anywhere," he said.



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