

Adm. Stark Claims Some Senators Wanted Fleet Back On West Coast After Jap Attack On Pearl Harbor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (P)—The senate-house inquiry committee today studied a statement by Adm. Harold R. Stark that a group of senators wanted the fleet pulled back to the west coast after Pearl Harbor but that he resisted their demands. Stark recalled for additional questioning today, told the investigating group yesterday about a Capitol Hill conference he and Gen. George C. Marshall held with legislators after the Dec. 7, 1941, attack.

The then chief of naval operations said the senators were worried about the safety of west coast cities. He did not identify the senators.

"I pointed out to them," Stark said, "that the place for the fleet was as far west in the Pacific as we could afford to place it."

Fleet Intact

Stark added that he reported to the late President Roosevelt that while the Japanese had put eight battleships out of commission, the fast striking forces of the fleet still were intact.

As it resumed sessions today, the committee was operating for the first time with paid counsel. Chairman Barkley (D-Ky.) announced that Seth W. Richardson, elected unanimously to succeed William D. Mitchell, would be paid at the rate of \$9800 yearly.

Barkley said this is the maximum the committee is permitted to pay under law and represented a loss in income for Richardson compared with what he could earn in private practice. Mitchell, who quit because of the slowness with which the hearings have been proceeding, declined any pay except for his expenses, the chairman said.

"Mr. Richardson did not want to accept any pay," Barkley told a reporter, "but the committee felt that it ought to pay the counsel in the future."

Stark testified yesterday that he often had thought since about the decision he made on Dec. 7, 1941, not to parallel the last-minute message sent by Marshall, then army chief of staff, to army leaders.

Marshall sent a warning that the Japanese were preparing to deliver a diplomatic reply at 1 p. m., Washington time, on that day, noting that the significance of the hour was not clear. After Marshall talked with Stark twice, Stark asked that naval commanders be informed about the message.

Marshall dispatched the mes-

Denies Guilt



Adm. Harold R. Stark, former chief of naval operations, defends himself before the Pearl Harbor investigating committee against charges of "faults of omission" in connection with the Pearl Harbor disaster. Stark insisted that he sent "adequate" warnings to Pacific command before Pearl Harbor to alert them against a Jap attack. (NEA telephoto).

age from his office in hurriedly penciled form but because the army radio could not get through to Hawaii it was sent by commercial radio. It did not reach Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, in command in Honolulu, until seven hours after the attack.

Stark said he offered to have the navy transmit the message, but that Marshall thought it would get through quickly by army facilities. The navy radio was much stronger than the army's.

"I did not parallel it," the white-haired admiral testified slowly, "and that is the thought that I have had often since—if I had paralleled it, it might have gone through."

Two-Headed Girl Child Still Lives

BIRMINGHAM, England, Jan. 3 (P)—A premature girl child born with two heads clung to her second day of life today, neither gaining nor losing strength.

The mother, 21-year-old wife of a repatriated American soldier, pondered names for what she still believed to be twin daughters.

Nurses at the maternity ward of Selly Oak hospital said they understood the young mother's parents had notified the father about the child but they said they did "not know what they had told him."

The strange child, rare in medical history, ate and cried normally with both its perfectly formed heads. She was in a ward with other premature babies and was being fed every three hours.

The hospital declined to disclose the names of the parents or grandparents.

Slight Chance

The hospital said there was "no change at all" in the child's condition overnight. Doctors said the child had only a slight chance to live any considerable length of time.

The mother was recovering normally after bearing her first child, which weighed five pounds and 12 ounces.

The doctor in charge said the strange birth was caused by imperfect division of a single ovum. Such accidents occasionally result in the birth of Siamese twins.

"The child born on Tuesday cannot be described as a Siamese twin," he said. "It has two heads and two necks joined at a point on its shoulder. It has a single trunk."

"It obviously has two sets of lungs, because you can see the two heads breathing independently and they have a different pulse rate."

"The two heads are also crying and feeding at different times. One of them is bigger and more chirpy than the other, which is feeble, but otherwise they are almost identical."

It was reported that the child had been X-rayed to determine whether it has two stomachs. Photographs have been made for medical records.

Applications OK'd For Radio Stations

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (P)—Six applications for frequency modulation broadcast stations in Oregon have been granted by the federal communications commission. Five of the six are in Portland.

The sixth station is in Medford where the application of Mrs. W. J. Virgin for a metropolitan station was granted. The Portland applications granted were KXL broadcast, metropolitan and possibly rural; Broadcasters, Ore., Ltd., metropolitan; Pacific Radio Adv. Service, metropolitan; Oregonian Publishing company, metropolitan and KOIN, Inc., metropolitan.

Applications for FM stations pending before the commission from Oregon are Medford Printing company, Medford; KALA, Inc., east of Portland and Westinghouse Radio Stations, Inc., Portland.

Flashes Of Life

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 3 (P)—The forecast at the weather bureau here is for generally fair weather with light rains and a sore eyelid.

The eyelid, cut by his shattered spectacles, belongs to Edward L. McGuire, forecaster who collided with a fellow observer as he was poring over a weather map.

"That's the first casualty we've had," observed Chief Observer J. R. Lloyd. "Not counting, of course, our forecasts."

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Willamette Highway To Be Opened

SALEM, Jan. 3 (P)—The Willamette highway, only major Oregon road still closed after last week's floods and rain, probably will be opened to one-way traffic tomorrow, the state highway commission said today.

The highway was closed by a washout above Oakridge. Other roads still closed today were the Wilsonville ferry and the Bellevue-Hopewell highway.

The Cascade highway near Portland was opened at 8:30 a. m. today, while the Hillsboro-Silverton highway was opened

at 7 a. m. Both had been closed by high water.

Road conditions generally were about normal for this time of the year, with considerable ice in the mountains and some one-way traffic near the coast.

The road report also said:

Government Camp—Snowing lightly, 30 degrees. Light skiff of snow last night. Twenty-seven inches total snow. Light packed snow on road. Icy throughout section.

Santiam Junction—Cloudy, 30 degrees. Five inches new snow at summit. Total snow 59 inches at summit, 30 inches at junction. Roads normal except for light packed snow from mileposts 78 to 84.

Siskiyou—Light snow showers, 30 degrees. Slippery spots on Pacific highway being sand.

Klamath Falls—Nine inches of new snow at Sun mountain on The Dalles-California highway,

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total snow 80 inches. Ten degrees. Two and one-half inches of new snow on Greensprings highway. Nine inches snow on Quartz mountain. All roads sand.

Eugene—Light rains during night. U. S. 28 closed at Blue river bridge.

Astoria—One-way traffic at slide east of Astoria on Nehalem secondary highway. Columbia River highway closed at east city limits of Astoria, detouring through Tongue Point naval base. One-way traffic at milepost 91 on Columbia River highway.

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