

Adm. Kimmel Asserts He Was Mised By Pre-War Warning Into Believing No Jap Attack On Hawaii 'Probable'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (AP)—Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel asserted today he was "mised" by a pre-war warning into believing that the navy department thought no attack on Pearl Harbor was "imminent or probable."

A crowd of 200 spectators gathered as the gray haired former Pacific fleet commander appeared before a senate subcommittee to tell publicly for the first time his story of the disastrous Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941.

Attired in a dark suit with a bright blue tie, the 63-year-old retired naval officer began reading a 25,000-word statement in which he asserted that Washington officials had denied him information he said might have made Pearl Harbor an ambush for the Japanese.

Report Published

Before Kimmel took the stand, committee counsel Seth Richardson placed in the record a letter from former Associate Justice Owen J. Roberts, who headed a commission which investigated the attack. Roberts said the full report of the commission had been published after it was turned over to President Roosevelt January 24, 1942.

Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) had asked for the original copy of the Roberts report, but Miss Grace Tully, secretary, informed the committee by letter that it could not be found in the White House files.

Reading in a strong voice, Kimmel contended before the committee:

1. He was not supplied information available in Washington from intercepted messages "which told when and where Japan would probably strike."

2. That, withholding this information, the navy should have instructed him specifically to "be on the alert against a hostile overseas raid."

3. If he had had Washington's knowledge of intercepted Japanese messages, he would have considered revising war plans to provide "an opportunity to ambush the Japanese striking force as it ventured to Hawaii."

4. Orders he received the same day he got the November 27 "war warning" message to transport army planes and troops to Midway and Wake, "indicated to me that responsible authorities in Washington did not consider an air raid on Pearl Harbor either imminent or probable."

5. The war and navy departments knew that long range reconnaissance from Oahu was to be flown "only when a carrier strike against the islands was probable within narrow time limits."

6. He would have ordered the fleet to sea if he had known what Washington knew on successive dates from November 27 to December 7, but without this information he kept his battleships in harbor where he thought them safer against air attack than at sea without carrier support.

Kimmel's testimony placed him in direct opposition to much of the committee heard from Admiral Stark, the last witness before it recessed January 5 until today. Stark said he considered the "war warning" message sufficient to alert the fleet to a war basis.

When Kimmel's testimony is completed, possibly late this week, Major General Walter C. Short, Hawaiian army commander at the time of the attack, is expected to follow him to the stand.

Kimmel told the committee in his statement that "no reasonable man could have been expected to consider that Stark's November 27 'war warning' message 'was intended to suggest the likelihood of an attack in the Hawaiian area.'"

Negotiations Cease

The message said diplomatic negotiations had ceased and "an aggressive move by Japan is expected within the next few days." It said there were indications of "an amphibious expedition against either the Philippines, Thailand or Kra peninsula, possibly Borneo," advising Kimmel to "execute an appropriate defensive deployment."

This did not warn the fleet of an attack in the Hawaiian area, Kimmel said, adding: "I did not state expressly or by implication that an attack on the Hawaiian area was imminent or probable. It did not repeal or modify the advice previously given me by the navy department that no move against Pearl Harbor was imminent or planned by Japan. The phrase 'war warning' cannot be made a catch-all for all the contingencies hindsight may suggest."

The information he continued to get from various sources up through December 6 all pointed at a Japanese strike in southeast Asia, Kimmel said.

He added that even the information on December 3 that Japanese consuls had been ordered to destroy most of their codes meant to him that the Japanese were taking precautions in case the United States and Britain declared war because of Japanese attacks in southeast Asia.

He also contended it was unusual that radio calls of Japanese carriers were not identified after December 1. During the six months preceding Pearl Harbor, he said that 12 times in periods ranging from nine to 22 days there was no radio trace of the Japanese carriers.

Kimmel recalled that Stark had written him October 17 saying that "personally I do not believe the Japanese are going to sail into us and the message I sent you merely stated the possibility."

Not Probable

"This letter made it clear to me that when Admiral Stark stated certain Japanese action to be 'possible,' he meant that it was not probable," Kimmel said.

It was one thing, he said, to warn a commander of "the probable outbreak of war in theaters thousands of miles away" and "it is quite another thing to warn commanders at a particular base of an attack to be alerted in their own locality."

Kimmel said it was his conviction that if he had known by November 28 everything known by the navy department in Washington, he would not have sent carriers to Wake and to Midway to deliver planes.

"I would have gone to sea with the fleet and endeavored to keep it in an intercepting position at sea," he said.

Even early in the morning of December 7, he said that if he had received the "significant information" the navy department had, he would have moved all light forces out of Pearl Harbor and put the remainder on a "general quarters" battle-readiness alert.

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Crater Lake Phenomena To Be Studied

Crater Lake national park authorities reported progress toward the observation of possible phenomena at the lake when a group left by snow-cat Tuesday morning to establish quarters.

Geologist Cather of Washington, D. C., and J. Carlisle Crouch, chief ranger, with Paul Herron and Darrell Palmer, park mechanics, met Monday at Union creek to get an early start into the area.

Living quarters will be established at Rim lodge and Heron will remain with Cather as mechanic and boatman to assist in installing a sound recording device at the bottom of the lake. A cable from the instrument will be connected with a machine at the lake rim where daily readings will be taken to determine any volcanic disturbances.

A short wave radio will be set up at the lodge for daily communication with E. P. Leavitt, park superintendent, Medford, and Assistant Superintendent T. C. Parker's office in Klamath Falls. Findings will be announced as soon as received, they advised.

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Enrollment At SOCE Doubled

Enrollment for the winter quarter at the Southern Oregon College doubles that of a year ago with the men outnumbering the women. This ratio is unique in the history of the institution. Fifty-five of the 70-odd men enrolled are veterans. The college has resumed most of its pre-war activities. The social program started off with an all school skate party this week, and next week the plans call for a dance.

Nearly three squads of men turned out for the first basketball practice last Wednesday. Jerry Gastineau, former coach at the Ashland high school is basketball mentor for the remainder of the season. The college team plans to play independent teams this season, because of the late start.

Students may register for another 10 days in any of the curricula offered at the college. These include teacher education, junior college or lower division, medical-dental assistantships, merchandising, secretarial science, and radio-electric service. Many men are enrolled in preprofessional courses leading to engineering, business and law, which they plan to pursue at the state college or university. All students have been satisfactorily housed. Living accommodations are still available.

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HIGH SCHOOL News Notes and Comment

The basketball game which was scheduled for tonight to be played with the Medford Tornadoes has been postponed until tomorrow night because of the community concert which is to be held tonight. This game is expected to draw quite a crowd because of the heated competition between the two towns.

Medford, according to a brief editorial in the Tornado's high school paper, is feeling quite strongly toward the Pelis because of an editorial in the Klamath Krater. Looks like it might be an interesting game!

Schedule Changes Effect Many

The hall was jammed with kids changing their schedules yesterday. The home - room period was prolonged until 9:45 to allow for the changes. The counselors were working most of the day as well as all last Friday. Schedule changes were due to failures, dropped classes and switching of classes.

And Incidentally

Cards reporting the student's grades for the last semester will come out tomorrow.

The Book Exchange has been busy selling and buying books to and from the students for the term.

An assembly is scheduled for tomorrow to bring pep to the halls of KUHS.

Body Of Drowned Woman Identified

PORTLAND, Jan. 15 (AP)—A sister has identified a woman found drowned in the Columbia river as Mrs. Vera Ada Lenhart, 36, a mother of three children, the coroner's office reported today.

Officials reported Mrs. Paullette Clark said her sister left her home here Nov. 19, and the husband was now in California seeking her.

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Road Travel Hindered By Heavy Fog

SALEM, Jan. 15 (AP)—Fog was hindering highway traffic this morning on the Pacific highway from Portland to Medford, at The Dalles and Pendleton, and on the Wipinitia cutoff, the state highway commission reported.

The road report also said: Government Camp—Fog, 21 degrees, total snow 49 inches. Packed snow and ice throughout district.

Santiam Junction—Clear, 10 degrees. Packed snow and ice throughout district, but sanded. One-way traffic on South Santiam highway at Upper Soda.

Odell Lake—Clear, 12 degrees. Packed snow east of milepost 55, partly sanded. Packed snow at higher areas, rough. Grader operating. Total snow 103 inches at Summit. One-way traffic between Oakridge and summit.

Siskiyou Summit—Icy in spots, sanded.

Roads Normal

Klamath Falls—All roads normal. Temperatures 2 below at Sun mountain, 12 above at Keno, 5 at Quartz mountain.

Eugene—Two-way traffic at Blue River bridge on McKenzie highway.

Astoria—Columbia River highway closed at east city limits of Astoria, detouring through Tongue Point naval base. One-way traffic on Oregon Coast highway at Manzanita junction. Nehalem secondary highway now normal.

Pendleton—Foggy and roads frosty.

Medford—Packed snow on Old Oregon Trail between mileposts 250 and 260.

Bend—500-foot detour 10 miles west of Mitchell on Okemo highway.

John Day—One-way traffic north of Service creek.

Austin—Temperature 0, roads clear.

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Flashes Of Life

FIREMEN'S WORRIES

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 15 (AP)—A woman's telephoned report of a "roaring inferno" brought firemen with all equipment of the Salt Lake county fire department to find the "inferno" had been quenched with a pail of water.

Mrs. J. Raymond Spencer, discovering a fire in her attic, called to a neighbor to summon the fire department.

The excited neighbor did.

HOW ABOUT A (SAIL)?

PORTLAND, Jan. 15 (AP)—Vice Admiral Daniel E. Barbey, back from directing the Korean occupation, went shopping for "clivies."

Like GI's, he found store shelves bare of what he could wear.

So the admiral's wearing a suit borrowed from a relative; a shirt whipped together by a Chinese tailor from "some of my old bed sheets."

DIAPER BRIGADE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15 (AP)—The most acute laundry problem in Los Angeles:

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Britton Brothers Deny Fatal Shooting

SEATTLE, Jan. 15 (AP)—Detective Chief James Lawrence said last night the Britton brothers, Richard, 20, and Homer, 20, have denied any connection with the fatal shooting here of shoe store manager, Clayton W. Stockberger Dec. 13.

The brothers were arrested in Texas and brought here for questioning in connection with the shooting.

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