

# Hart Denies Receiving Order On What To Do If Japan Attacked Britain

By J. W. DAVIS  
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—Senator Hart (R-Conn.) testified today that Washington never sent to him, as commander of the Asiatic fleet, any pre-war order on what to do if Japan attacked Britain and not the United States.

He told the senate-house committee investigating Pearl Harbor that he did inquire on December 6, 1941, whether there was any agreement "and got no reply."

Hart also: 1. Denied he had ever told Naval Capt. L. F. Safford of definitely seeing a "winds code" message which Safford said had mysteriously vanished from his files.

2. Refused to place himself in a position of saying whether Adm. Husband E. Kimmel took proper precautions at Pearl Harbor.

3. Disclosed that he started scouting Japanese forces by air even before getting instructions from Washington.

Safford has said that such a secret message from Tokyo came in three days before the Pearl Harbor attack, and provided Washington with an advance warning of war. Safford also said that papers relating to it had disappeared.

Safford quoted Hart, former commander in chief of the Asiatic fleet, as having told him not to testify to something he could not prove—destruction of records—because "I have seen your winds message."

**Now Senator**  
 Hart is now a republican senator from Connecticut. He told the senate-house inquiry committee today that he had told Safford he had "sighted something in the files about the winds messages."

Hart conducted an inquiry into the Pearl Harbor disaster himself, in that, he recalled, "Captain Safford stated as a fact that one or all messages (on the winds code) had been removed from the files."

"I told him that in my entire naval career I had never known of one instance of files being falsified and he needed to be very sure," Hart continued.

He said that he "told Capt. Safford that I thought I myself had sighted something in the files about the winds messages and the conversation on that point stopped right there."

Incidentally, Hart said, "I still regard the question of whether there was a winds code 'a matter of very little importance.'"

Hart said he rechecked at the navy "and found I had not seen the files at all." He said what he had seen was a sort of compilation of history in which there was "some reference to the winds code." He added: "I did not, I could not have made the definite statement to Captain Safford that I had seen

In the official files any of those messages."  
 Safford had said that Hart told him, in cautioning a stick-to-what-you-can-prove course, that "I have just come from the front office and I have seen your winds code."  
 (The winds code was a Japanese plan to signal to agents abroad when a break was at hand. The code provided for a false weather broadcast in a news broadcast.)

## Hixon Trial Gets Underway

The criminal trial of Lee Arlet Hixon, young Klamath Indian charged with receiving and concealing stolen property, got underway in circuit court this morning.

Hixon was indicted in December and has been held in the county jail in lieu of \$2500 bail. He is charged with receiving and concealing a stolen bridle valued at \$25.50, property of W. Eberhart.

He is represented by A. C. Yaden.

## Lakeview Man Will Be Awarded Medal

Sgt. Marion Britton of Lakeview will be awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism at his home, army officials announced today from Astoria.

Britton and PFC Ralph Hayes of South Bend, Wash., will be awarded the medals for heroism when they rescued an unconscious passenger from a burning boat October 8, at Fort Stevens.



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## Extension Unit News

All about home extension unit will meet Tuesday 10 a. m., at the home of Mrs. R. E. Benoit, 4709 Bisbee. Labor-saving salads will be demonstrated by Mrs. Walter Uppendahl, Mrs. Thomas Thorne and Mrs. Edward Lee.

"Conserve You" is the project to be conducted by Mrs. Winnifred K. Gillen at the Klamath Falls home extension unit Wednesday at 10 a. m. in the women's lounge of the USO.

Those attending are asked to bring their own table service for the potluck luncheon which will be served by the hostesses, Mrs. I. J. O'Hara and Mrs. B. V. Yaden.

Home extension units will meet to learn simple methods of ironing a man's shirt on following dates: Klamath Falls unit 10 a. m. Wednesday in the USO, potluck lunch; Henley unit 1:30 p. m. Thursday at the home of Mrs. W. M. Williams; Fort Klamath unit Friday at 1:30 p. m. in the Civic Improvement club.

Fairhaven unit will meet Wednesday at 10 a. m. at the home of Mrs. Melvin Gallaspy where labor-saving salads will be demonstrated. Potluck lunch will be served at noon.

**Group Of Dairymen Will Hold Meeting**  
 The board of directors of the Klamath Dairymen's association will meet Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. in the county agent's office.

Steps for increasing prices on dairy products to dairymen will be discussed at the meeting.

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## New Exams Will Be Given By Merit System Council

The Oregon merit system council is preparing a new series of examinations to be given early in March. Veterans and prospective college graduates will be particularly interested in these positions.

The veterans with financial record-keeping experience as well as regular accountants will be attracted by the accounting series. The salaries in this group range from \$135 to \$280 per month.

College seniors anticipating spring graduation will be admitted to the examination so that they may be regularly certified for permanent appointment immediately upon graduation.

All positions are permanent. The Oregon state civil service will recognize the standing earned through the merit system, so that it will not be necessary to qualify again under the new jurisdiction. All employees under the merit system have such

## Police Start Traffic Drive

Traffic arrests were the main order of police department business over the weekend, the tightening up brought on by the serious auto-pedestrian accident on S. 6th last Saturday.

Jimmie W. Chamberland, 349 N. 9th, was fined \$5 for a violation of the basic rule in police court this morning. He was arrested for exceeding the speed limit in a 20-mile an hour zone.

**Child's Condition Reported Fair**  
 The condition of Larry Lee Horstman, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Horstman of 2128 Applegate, was reported fair by Hillside hospital authorities today.

Lewis filed a report of the accident with city police Saturday saying he did not see the boy until the child was directly in front of his machine. Lewis was driving toward the business district. X-rays to determine whether or not Larry has broken bones, were made this morning. The child was in a state of shock until Sunday afternoon.

## Bly Girl Receives Severe Wrist Gash

Hurry cab driver, J. J. Parker, Medford, and Stanley R. Newman, 220 Main, each posted \$2 bail for making illegal U turns in the business district.

Seven drunks, two persons charged with being drunk and disorderly, one disorderly and two Indians arrested for possession of liquor appeared in court this morning. Eight drunks bailed out and \$10 in parking tickets was collected.

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Elaine Richardson, 14-year-old Bly girl, suffered a severe cut on the right wrist at her home Sunday when she accidentally put her hand through a door window. The radial artery was severed and the girl suffered from loss of blood.

Miss Richardson was treated at Klamath Valley hospital where she had surgery immediately upon arrival at 2 p. m. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Tucker of Bly.

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