

Pearl Harbor Anniversary Brings Up Question - Can It Happen To The U.S. Again?

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PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 7 (AP)—This is the 12th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Could it happen again?

This question drew a yes and no answer as the anniversary was observed by a simple wreath-laying ceremony on the platform built on the rusting hulk of the battleship Arizona, tomb for 1,174 sailors trapped when it overturned during Japan's surprise attack in 1941.

Consensus of high-ranking Army, Navy and Air Force officers could be summed up as follows:

NO GUARANTEE

No matter how much money is spent or how elaborate a defense is devised, military men will not guarantee absolute success in stopping a surprise assault.

Chances of success of a carrier force such as Japan used in 1941 are, as one admiral put it, "absolutely zero." But, military planners say, a single plane or submarine using nuclear weapons might succeed.

Importance of Pearl Harbor and Hickam Field—main targets of the Japanese attack—remains the same but military men say in war they would be secondary or third-rate targets.

In other words, the enemy would not expend the element of surprise solely on Pearl Harbor. It more than likely would be used as a diversion with the main effort directed at some juicy industrial area on the mainland.

MANPOWER

Does Hawaii have the manpower to stop an attack?

One high-ranking Air Force officer says:

"We have below minimum requirements. But the threat (to Hawaii) is below standard."

Actually Hawaii's greatest defense is the huge mass of water between the islands and a potential enemy and the screen of outposts extending from Alaska down through the Aleutians, Japan, Okinawa, Formosa, the Philippines and Southeast Asia.

Electronic detection gear, submarines, patrol ships and planes keep a constant vigil for any warlike moves toward the United States. Although this giant defense arc serves well against any in-

for moves it has gaping holes for any sneak punch.

The Navy and Marines have relatively few jet fighters in Hawaii. The Air Force depends on a National Guard jet squadron in an emergency. Pearl Harbor is home port for some warships, and transient warships, including carriers, pass through here frequently. All would be available in an emergency.

REPLACEMENT

What about air replacements?

An Air Force officer frankly admits it would take at least 72 hours before the first replacement plane from the mainland could be on its way.

Military men are hopeful intelligence will give at least a 72-hour warning if and when the cold war turns hot. If it doesn't, what lesson did the military learn from the Dec. 7 chaos of 13 years ago? The answer to this, military planners in Hawaii say, is summed up in three words: unity of command.

In Hawaii, this is the Hawaiian Defense Command.

HDC is an emergency organization made up of components from existing Army, Navy and Air Force units and the civil defense organization. Its job is to defend Hawaii and see that everyone "gets the word."

If an aggressor does strike, HDC is geared to handle the post-disaster situation. It also is the organization responsible in civil disasters and operates an effective tidal wave warning system.

Minister's Wife Has 16th Child

METHUEN, Mass. (AP)—Mrs. Rudolph E. M. Krey, 46, wife of a Lutheran minister, had her 16th child, a daughter, yesterday.

At home with father in Haverhill are nine girls and five boys whose ages range from 3 to 28. Three of the children were born in a German internment camp, where a son died at 4 months.

The Kreys were married in Union City, N. J., in 1925. The returned to their native Germany for a visit in 1939 and were interned until 1947.



MARSHALL TEAGUE, Daytona Beach, Fla., piloted his Hudson Hornet to a 1954 A.A.A. National Stock-Car Championship. Teague also won the championship in 1952, in a Hudson Hornet. Sam Hanks and Frank Mundy placed second and third in the A.A.A. driver Championship in 1954. Both have driven Hudsons during the season.

Pope Regains Some Strength

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Pius XII's private physician said the ailing pontiff was able to take more nourishment today and that "all goes well."

Dr. Riccardo Galeazzi - Lisi reported the 78-year-old head of the Roman Catholic Church passed a tranquil night. A nun and a physician remained in attendance throughout the night.

The Pope has been regaining strength slowly during three days of revised treatment. A reliable Vatican source said his sleep was "interrupted two or three times" last night but he was able to rest fairly well.

It was the fourth night in a row in which the Pope's sleep was described in such terms. But Vatican sources emphasized he re-

remained in a serious, though not desperate, condition after his serious collapse last Thursday.

Specialists began a new course of treatment last Saturday to relieve the Pope's gastric ailment: plasma, liver extracts, vitamins, amino acids and—since Sunday—small quantities of broth by mouth. Yesterday he took broth three times. Except for a few sips Sunday, he had not taken food by mouth for a week.

Technicians prepared to install a television set in the Pope's bedroom so he can watch tomorrow's rite ending the observance of the Marian Year. A microphone is also being installed so that he can recite an Ave Maria and his blessing "to the city and the world" over Vatican radio.

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Humphrey's Statement On Budget Blasted By Demos

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democrats today hopped on Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey's declaration that a balanced budget is out for next year. Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala.) charged it made "political clockwork" of 1952 Republican campaign pledges.

Humphrey told a news conference yesterday, "We cannot balance the budget" during the year starting next July 1. He said every effort would be made to keep the deficit below three billion dollars. And he confirmed a previous forecast that the deficit for the present fiscal year, ending next June 30, would be in the vicinity of 4 1/2 billion dollars.

Sparkman and Sen. Douglas (D-Ill.) assailed the administration for what they called "utterly unrealistic" 1952 campaign promises to cut spending and balance the budget.

Sen. Ives (R-N.Y.) said Humphrey's statement would guarantee a "very careful study" by Congress of tax reduction scheduled for next spring.

These include a decrease from 52 to 47 per cent in the corporate income tax rate and a reduction in a number of excise (sales) taxes. Humphrey said he couldn't anticipate whether President Eisenhower will suggest abandoning the cuts. But his comments encouraged the belief that the administration will oppose any tax decreases next year.

Sparkman, Democratic vice presidential nominee in 1952, said in an interview:

"It is no surprise to me that they can't balance the budget. The Republicans said they were going to do that and they were going to cut spending and pare down the national debt and create what they called a sound dollar."

"Actually, the dollar is worth as little today as ever before. And the budget is worse out of balance than ever before in peacetime. The debt is going up. Spending has not come down."

Douglas said he was not "blaming" the Republican administration "for failing to balance the budget."

tion is "struggling to cut expenditures in each department and we will continue to do so until a balance is finally reached."

Eisenhower will present his budget recommendations shortly after Congress assembles next month.

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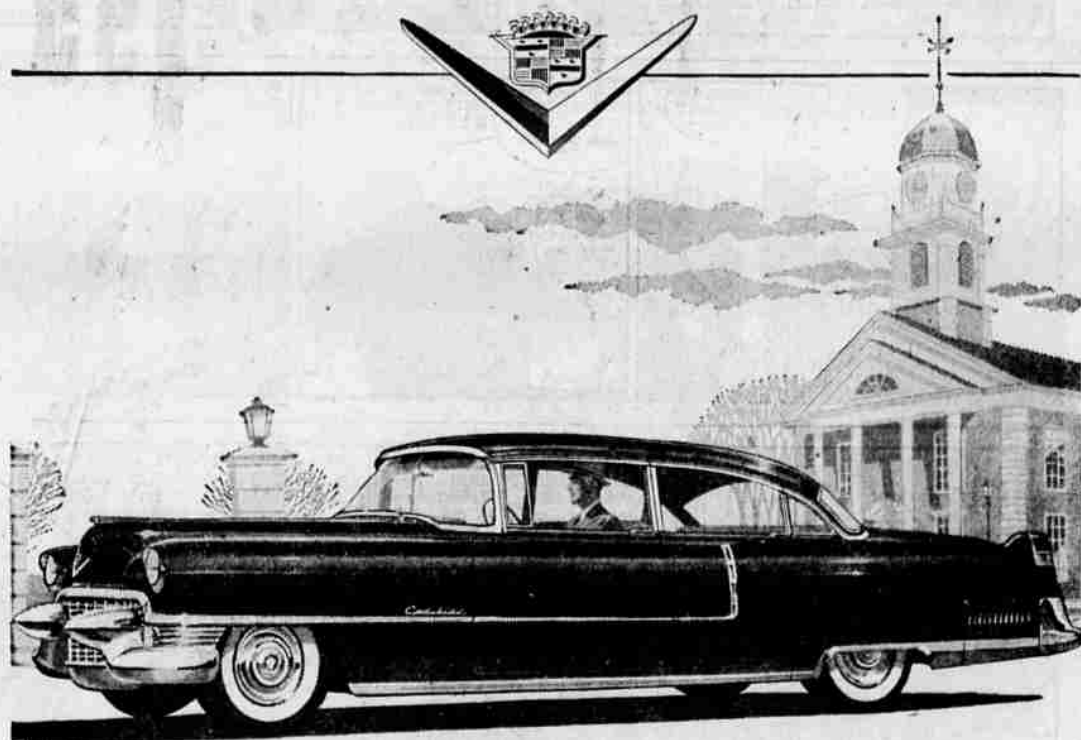
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