

TEST PAID ALARMS SOUNDED IN NEW YORK

U. S. Shown That 'It Can Happen Here'

Coast Developments Paint Vivid Backdrop for F. R.'s Talk Tonight

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bold Japanese foray that threatened to carry the horrors of the Pacific war to the continental United States put the nation on notice today that "it can happen here."

The detection of enemy aircraft over the strategically vital San Francisco area and the threat of an enemy carrier lurking off shore served as a realistic introduction for the report President Roosevelt has promised the country on the progress of hostilities with Japan.

The White House said Mr. Roosevelt had no information on these plans beyond that available to the press.

Japs Punching Hard At Northern Malaya

British Reinforcements Trying To Stop Drive Aimed at Singapore

SINGAPORE (AP)—British reinforcements were rushed into northern Malaya today as 25 Japanese transports which steamed down the Thailand coast were reported attempting new landings in support of forces engaged in a bitter battle to gain control of Kota Bharu airfield.

New Raids On Manila

One Soldier Killed in Fort Nichols Attack

MANILA (AP)—The Army announced today that one United States soldier was killed and twelve were injured in this morning's raid down said on Fort Nichols, near Manila. Two other soldiers were hurt when a bomb landed near Fort William McKinley, also in the Manila area.

The Army spokesman said ten Japanese bombers raided Nichols Field, damaging one hangar and burning an officers' quarters. The two soldiers wounded are now in the hospital.

WEATHER Fair to partly cloudy Wednesday and Wednesday night.

Today's Temp.: H. 62; L. 56. Sunset Today 5:12. Sunrise Tomorrow 7:20. Additional U. S. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 18.

National & International Affairs: The Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson & Robert S. Allen

Japs Boast U. S. Naval Strategy Plans Ruined

Believe Balance Has Been upset

TOKYO (Official broadcast) picked up by AP—Great initial successes and a widening scope and increasing tempo of Japan's air, land and sea war of the Pacific with the United States and Britain were reported by the Japanese today.

A Navy ministry spokesman declared the Japanese Navy already had landed blows which had changed the old balance of American and Japanese sea power to such an extent as to nullify President Roosevelt's "high pressure Eastern policy."

The achievements of the Japanese Navy, he declared, had completely shattered all naval strategy formulated by United States naval experts.

Roosevelt's program of financing Japan had been based upon a miscalculation of the Japanese Navy's strength.

The Army announced that its bombers had hammered Nichols Field, U. S. Air Base near Manila in the Philippines in a mass attack which demolished "important air facilities."

A fleet of Japanese warships which shelled the Pacific coast of the United States yesterday, said a communiqué.

SAY 3 PLANES DOWNED The Japanese said they shot down two warplanes in attacks on Wake Island yesterday.

At the same time Imperial Headquarters announced that Japan's air and land forces began an attack upon the area of Singapore this morning.

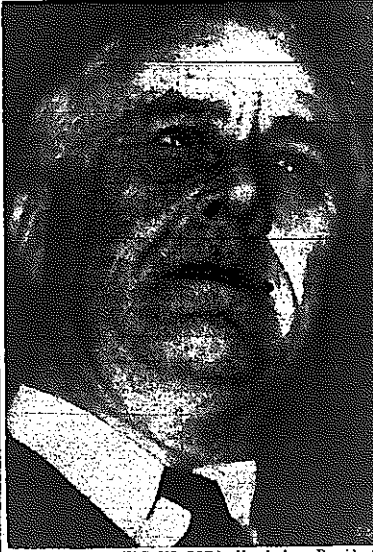
The announcement said that the attack opened at 10:20 A. M. (8:20 P. M. EST, Monday) and that the Japanese had destroyed many British fighter planes at their Malaya base.

Two contingents were reported by Dornier to have completed operations at Bangkok, Thailand Capital, under terms of the new Japanese-Thai agreement of friendship which the country "against the democracies."

War Clauses Invoked NEW YORK (AP)—The Mutual Life Insurance Co. will invoke war clauses on certain new business contracts after Dec. 11, applying to various groups of individuals whose risks are greatly increased by war conditions. New insurance also will be limited to \$25,000.

John L. Lewis, Who Demanded Security for Workers, Fires His Own Veteran Employees

WASHINGTON—John L. Lewis, organizer of the government, shut down an important segment of a vital defense industry and brought down on the head of all labor the drastic bill passed last week by the House—all in order to enforce the law on the closed shop.



... SO HELP US GOD!—Here's how President Roosevelt looked as he stopped a moment on the eagle steps in Washington as he left the House Chamber after asking for a declaration of war against Japan and telling the packed house: "We will gain the inevitable triumph—so help us God." As he gazed out over the broad lawn, he heard cheers acclaiming his request for the declaration of war which both Houses of Congress voted a few minutes later.

Caution Asked By Bulwinkle

Advises Colleagues To Go Slow With Criticism of War Leaders

WASHINGTON (AP)—Representative Dingell, Democrat, Michigan, told the House today he proposed to demand that court-martial proceedings be instituted against four high-ranking Army officers and the commander of the Pacific Fleet for "what happened in Hawaii."

Dingell named specifically Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, commanding the Hawaiian Department; Maj. Gen. H. H. Arnold, Deputy Chief of Staff for Air; Maj. Gen. George H. Brett, Chief of the Army Air Corps; and Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, commander of the Pacific Fleet.

Then, Representative Bulwinkle, Democrat, North Carolina, arose to say "it behooves members to keep their feet on the ground" and not act without knowing the full facts.

"It is the patriotic duty of every American, especially every Congressman, to be vigilant in his words in order not to give aid and comfort to the enemy."

Bursts of applause greeted his remarks as well as a statement by Representative Van Zandt, Republican, Pennsylvania, that he resented Communist reported plans.

The Treasury Says: War Needs Money!

The United States Treasury Department has asked publication of the following message: "Beginning immediately we would appreciate your publishing prominently—and as often as possible—the following: 'WAR NEEDS MONEY!'"

"It will cost money to defeat Japan. Your Government calls on you to help now. Buy defense bonds or stamps today. Buy them every day, if you can. Buy them on a regular basis. Bonds cost as little as \$18.75, stamps come as low as 10 cents. Defense bonds and stamps can be bought at all banks and post offices, and stamps can also be purchased at retail stores and from your newspaper carrier boy."

Two Warnings Jolt Eastern Seaboard

Authorities Report Alarms Sounded as Part of Eastern Seaboard's Protection Program

NEW YORK (AP)—Public Safety officials revealed today that a series of air raid alerts and alarms which electrified the Eastern Seaboard this afternoon were merely a dress rehearsal and that reports of approaching enemy planes were false.

By ASSOCIATED PRESS New York's seven millions experienced a touch of wartime reality today as hostile airplanes were reported two hours away from the giant metropolis and two air-raid alarms sounded.

The first, at 1:25 P. M., EST, lasted 20 minutes. The second began at 2:05 P. M. EST, and the all clear sounded at 2:40. This alarm was reported to have been caused by a small fire.

Big Town Has Taste Of 'War'

But Many Gothamites Remain Blase, Go on With Work

NEW YORK (AP)—The great metropolitan area of New York City was put on an air raid alert twice within an hour shortly after noon today amid varying and unconfirmed reports of an imminent attack by hostile planes.

The first alarm sounded at 1:25 P. M. (EST) and the all clear sounded 20 minutes later. But at 2:05 P. M. the wailing of police and fire sirens sounded another warning.

The second all clear sounded at 2:40 P. M. It later developed that the second alarm was the result of a small fire which broke out at Mitchell Field and in the confusion of a fire alarm, a second alert had been sounded.

DEFENDERS ON THE JOB Nevertheless, the metropolitan area was alive with actual defense activity. There was no immediate indication where the planes reported flying in the New York area might have come from.

U. S. Army planes from Long Island, which received the warning from Washington, immediately swept into the area and several families were evacuated from the field and "every plane was off the ground," it was reported.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull indicated the United States should be on guard against a sudden German invasion of the Atlantic coast. The two alarms on the Atlantic coast of California seaboard were amplified by Canadian reports that the Japanese forces were off the Alaskan coast.

Report Tokyo And Kobe Raided NEW YORK (AP)—Fred Bulwinkle, Democrat, North Carolina, today said that there had been an unconfirmed report of bombings of the Japanese island of Formosa and the cities of Tokyo and Kobe.

Enemy Aircraft Carrier Hunted SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The Army and Navy were on the prowl today for an enemy aircraft carrier which had at least two squadrons of planes in reconnaissance flights over industrial plants ringing San Francisco Bay.

Without dropping a bomb. The 20-craft planes ranged from San Jose at the south tip of the bay to the huge naval yard at Mare Island, the Fourth Army interceptors were alerted to the search. The flight caused the first blackout in San Francisco's history. Two other squadrons followed in the darkness of early morning. Two Army interceptors did not disclose whether enemy planes were approaching.