

Epic of the Pacific: Native Of Small Hawaiian Island Took Care Of Lone Jap Invader

Aviator Killed By Natives

By BETTY McDONALD
HONOLULU.—(AP)—Five days ago the world knew that the United States and Japan were at war. A Japanese pilot, wearing a Japanese uniform, wandered peacefully at large on the Hawaiian Islands of Nihoa.

He had landed his plane, out of the most amazing islands in the world, and as he walked through the pine village there, he was surrounded by the peace-loving Hawaiian natives.

Because there are no telephone wires from Nihoa, which is 100 miles from Pearl Harbor, the inhabitants did not know they were at war.

Only 100 Hawaiians and two blond, owned by the family of 100—on family, direct descendants of a French boatmaker, Mrs. Elizabeth Sinclair, who settled there in 1861.

The Japanese aviator was an inconspicuous addition to the island population, when he was discovered by a band of Hawaiian cowboys.

ARMED PILOT LAMBS ON PEACE-LOVING ISLE
He was armed with two pistols and a machine gun which were promptly taken away from him by the natives. He was allowed, however, to wander about in the strange community on an island which had never been mentioned, probably never dreamed of, by official Japan.

The story of his establishment for a few brief hours, of a Japanese-dominated "military regime," will go down in the annals of island history. Because, for those few hours, he had a bear within 100 stalling miles of Pearl Harbor.

The story of this terrorism, told by Benny Kanahale, the man who finally killed the pilot, is a dramatic tale in plain-English, the six-foot, pure-blooded Hawaiian told of the arrival on Dec. 7 of the Japanese in a single seater fighter plane, apparently damaged in the air attack over Oahu that day.

His neighbor, Havila Kaluwanaha, found him, sitting in a daze by his plane, so we took him to the Robinson home and made him welcome," explained the Hawaiian.

"We allowed him to roam the island, because we didn't know about the war. While he was at liberty, he met Havila and his wife, the two Japanese who were on Nihoa island, and persuaded them to help him escape. The pilot asked Shilitani to go to Havila and get his 'war papers' and guns with a hole of 500 yen. The papers were maps of Oahu.

"When this happened, Havila became suspicious and left Nihoa with the other cowboys in a whale-boat for Kauai, fifteen miles away. In making their escape, the cowboys mounted horses and rode furiously through town in a hall of



Benjamin Kanahale and his wife, Ella. He hurled Jap pilot against a stone wall... he beat his brains out.



Some of the cowboys of the tiny Hawaiian island of Nihoa, pictured in a whistboat like the one in which Havila Kaluwanaha and companions escaped to seek aid.

cause the pilot gave Havila his shotgun. Then I grabbed at the gun and the pilot shot me in the hand in the opa (stomach) and the groin.

Husky Benny Kanahale "got mad" according to his story. He picked up the pilot, and threw him against the stone wall. Mrs. Kanahale's lightning blood was up, too, and she lashed the pilot by hauling the pilot's brains out with a large rock. During this time, Havila shot and killed himself.

When help from Kauai arrived, they found Kanahale had swollen, "because he didn't feel so good." He is now recuperating at a Kauai hospital.

Says Trade After War To Be Good

Little Chance of Depression Seen

NEW ORLEANS.—(AP)—The United States has little cause to fear a post-war depression in the opinion of Edward J. Flynn, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, here today to see his alma mater, Fordham University, in its Sugar Bowl tilt with Missouri.

"It's not the same kind of war," he said. "In the last war nearly all the destruction was in France. Now it's all over Europe and a large part of Asia. Who can supply all the materials for reconstruction? Only the United States."

He asserted he thought the United States' economic position was strong enough to make it unnecessary to worry about how war-stricken countries could pay for the things they needed.

"There have always been people saying we're going to hell in a hand basket," he said.

Flynn declared that political parties were the logical organizations for promoting the sale of defense bonds and stamps and the organization of civilian defense.

"We'll never get away from our two-party system in America and wouldn't want to see it happen," he continued. "It's the basis of our governmental system."

Is It That No One Cares About Rome?

KANSAS CITY.—(AP)—A bank of clocks in a department store for years has told customers the time in San Francisco, New York, Paris, London and Rome as well as in Kansas City.

Today the Rome clock was replaced by one giving the hour in Manila.



AIRPLANE SPOTTER Mrs. Lavinia Mount Hinton (above), 53-year-old great-grandmother who nursed soldiers during the War Between the States, daily scans the sky at High-Lights, N. J., as a voluntary airplane spotter. Said she: "I'll see the finish of this war. It'll be before my 100th birthday, too."

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Kyoto From Alaska

Scientist Cites Where Bees Needed

BOSTON.—(AP)—The bombing of Tokyo by planes shuttling from certain points in Alaska and Russia was pictured as a possibility today by a young scientist who has spent a dozen years studying by aerial photography the topography of the northern territory.

Bradford Washburn, head of the New England Museum of Natural History, said in an interview that he thought it was possible for bombers to beat Tokyo by the direct route from the nearest land point on route from Alaska to Russia.

Washburn, who has made many spectacular flights in his exploration of his territory, is preparing to address the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America on aerial photography of the great glaciers.

ROUTE SHORTER
The route he visualized would be approximately 1,000 miles shorter than flights from Hawaii to Tokyo and weather conditions would not be insurmountable, he asserted.

He said that the bombing of Japanese cities by Alaskan-based planes would be even more practical than ferrying bombers to England or shipping them across the Pacific to Russia for the ultimate purpose of blasting Japan.

The line element involved in transporting the planes to ship to England and Russia and the danger of being aircraft in sunken in the Arctic, he explained, is more expedient to operate from Alaska, especially in view of the fact that the United States has planes with long cruising ranges.

He pointed out that it would not be necessary for planes arriving attacks on Tokyo from Alaska land bases to return. They could keep right on to Russia and confine future operations from bases in that territory, he contended.

Even if the United States did not attempt to bomb Tokyo from Alaska, Washburn said that area was one of the most strategic on this continent as a base for shuttling supplies from that section to aid Russia in its battle against Germany.

Fought Two Wars, Is Ready For More

TULSA, Okla.—(AP)—William G. Thompson, 52-year-old veteran of two American wars, appeared to President Roosevelt today for an opportunity to fight in a third with his grandsons.

Thompson, a railroad man for 25 years, saw active duty in the Spanish-American War and the war of 1917-18. He has two grandsons, Lee H. Thompson and Kay Donaldson, now serving with U. S. Armed Forces in war zones.

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Los Angeles Features Many Home Parties

Celebrate New Year's Jubilantly But They Do It Indoors

LOS ANGELES.—(AP)—Americans quietly held. In previous years the downtown business section was reported for milling, dancing, shouting, hilarious pedestrians.

Downtown Los Angeles had hardly more than a normal night's crowd, and anything but hysterical.

NO FIGHTS
"Not even a fight," discreetly stated one man.

"I guess the public just got used to the emergency," said a Negro policeman.

Chief Horrall's request to keep off the streets was heeded as a precaution against traffic jams should there be a blackout. There was none.

Four indoors, Americans dined and danced and made merry until dawn. Street clubs and cafes teemed.

"We've got the ropes up—still at 3:30 A. M.," said one night club operator. "I'd be glad to have manager get out the ropes, it was being himself for lack of customers."

BLACKOUT DANCE
One night spot popular with movie stars introduced the black-out dance. All lights were turned out for alternate dances—and it proved popular, especially with romantic couples.

The fact that they have important work to do means they have deferred the half million and more defense workers from too hilarious celebration. They're all working today. A holiday would have sacrificed millions of man-hours in plane building and other industries.

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Some would lament that the year ahead looks dark and foreboding, that the sacrifices ahead will be too heavy. But we at the American Trust Company believe that 1942 will offer us as Americans our greatest challenge—our greatest opportunity. As long as there are liberty and freedom worth fighting for, as long as America maintains its democratic ideals, no sacrifices are too great, no burden too heavy.

American industry and American businessmen, through their miracles of production, have arisen mightily to the job ahead. The American way must and will be preserved.

With deep appreciation for the old and the new friendships of the past year, and with abiding faith in the high destiny of America and our own Carolinas, we at the American Trust Company wish for you a happy and successful New Year.

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