

## Aroused Citizens Confident U. S. Will Whip Japs

Charlotte's Collective Mind Is Filled With Thoughts of War

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Japanese bombards of yesterday left Charlotteans almost empty of other thoughts than of war, fighting, and defending their rights as American citizens, according to the twelve interviewed on the street this morning.

The question was: "What do you think of the war situation and what do you think we should do?"

The answers:

E. A. Hilkey, Sardin Road, lawyer: "The Japanese move was characteristic of Japanese treachery. It is part of the Axis philosophy to get the other man while he's asleep. I hope that time will pass a very quick one."

Wm. Cooper, Charlotte Air Base, soldier: "I don't believe that we'll be defeated. Germany has committed herself to some military enterprise and it's not to divert America and Britain's attention to the Far East."

Robert Dunn, 211 Cottage Place, mail clerk: "I don't know much about the draft, but if they want to go to war, I'll be ready and willing to go. I'll be glad to see the Axis philosophy to get the other man while he's asleep. I hope that time will pass a very quick one."

Dorothy Cooper, Route 7, housewife: "My husband is a soldier, and I wouldn't like to see him go over there to fight. But if he must go, I'll be willing. It will be all right because this thing is so much bigger than either of us. I think I'd like to do some kind of war work, probably learn first aid and help when I can."

B. Ward Milam, Lincolnton, merchant: "There's just one thing for us to do and that is to go in there and help out of the Japs. The quicker we do it, the better off we'll all be. My grandfather used to say that we'd have to do it sometime or put them in their place, and I guess the time has come for us to do the inevitable. They brought it on themselves rather than later."

Charles N. Laws, Fort Dix, N. J., soldier: "I don't know what I think. Right now, I do believe that we will whip out the Japs. That is only a matter of time and not a question of ability. I believe that my brother Jack, who is also from here, is at Pearl Harbor, so I feel that the action is close to home. I wouldn't mind fighting out there at all."

Spence E. E. Duncan, 1021 Seale Street, housewife: "I believe that we must act immediately with all our strength in that direction, leaving enough here for protection, but entering the main part of our Army and Navy there, to end this struggle as soon as possible. Sometimes I think I want to see us win, and that's why I want to see us win now."

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## FDR Called 'War Father'

Nazi Spokesman Puts Blame on Roosevelt

BERLIN.—A Wilhelmstrasse spokesman said today the course of the entire world would rest upon President Roosevelt, whom he called "the Father of War."

The spokesman gave his comment in the daily press conference without waiting for questions from foreign correspondents.

He said he was not authorized to expound on the international angle as to who was the aggressor, but he stated: "But from our commentary there should be little doubt about that."

As seen from a historical point of view, he asserted, it was unquestionable whether war would be declared between Germany and the United States as a result of Far Eastern events.

New Roosevelt has the war he has wanted, the spokesman said. "Now American boys will be plunged under."

The spokesman then tried to trace the recent history of Japanese-American relations, putting the entire blame for their worsening on the United States Government.

"The appalling facts are now clear," he said. "Decisions have started. Whole peoples are entering the war. We know the good will triumph. With recognition we listened to the words of the Japanese Prime Minister."

All attempts by foreign correspondents to elicit an indication of Germany's next official step failed.

The spokesman admitted that the Tripartite Pact and its implications were under discussion, but would not say what conclusion had been drawn from this relationship.

The spokesman came to the aid of an Allied Power if it is attacked by a Nation not in the War when it was signed in Sept., 1940.

He said that Tokyo and Berlin were in the closest contact. They are Allies, he said, but he would not state whether that meant military cooperation. He declared "many never was in a hurry about its decisions."

The exhibition period of the two new exhibits at the Mint Museum in Eastern name is a successful conclusion yesterday. Milton Caniff's original drawings, and the prize-winning photographs from the National Newspaper Photographers' Awards both enjoyed unusually large numbers of interested viewers.

Many school children, at the invitation of the news, visited the Mint to see these two educational and interesting exhibits. Children were especially attracted by the exhibit of originals by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates," which appears daily in The News and those who attended the museum with an "arty" eye, judged Mr. Caniff's work favorably.

The prize-winning pictures from the National Newspaper Photographers' Awards afforded many of the contestants who entered "The News" participation in the national contest, a real opportunity to see what makes a good snapshot included among the prize-winners was a picture by Mrs. Betty Barnes who won a first prize in "The News" snapshot contest and third prize in win a \$50 prize in the national final. The photos were placed on exhibit by The News at the special invitation of Mrs. Langdon Common of the Charlotte Camera Club.

The Caniff exhibit will be returned to New York, whence it shall go on another exhibition next month, and the photo exhibit will be returned to the Eastman Kodak Co. at Rochester, N. Y.

Cop Finds His Father Victim Of Car Accident

Patrolman Earl Baucom, a rookie cop, today learned you can expect anything in this police game. He answered a traffic accident call this morning and found his aged father one of the victims.

The young officer, who has been in the City Police force for just a few months, found his father, A. F. Baucom, 76-year old grocer of 1704 N. Herald Street, suffering with cuts on the face and lacerations on the leg after his car had collided with another, driven by H. B. Peck, 67-year-old grocer, 418 Queens Road, at Louise and Central Avenues at 7:15 A. M.

The elder Mr. Baucom was taken to Mercy Hospital by his son but it was reported later that he was not seriously hurt.

The Cathedral of Seville, dedicated in 1602, is the second largest Gothic edifice in Europe.

## Tanker Burned While Docked At Wilmington

WILMINGTON.—A One man was believed drowned today when the H. B. Fredericks, Pure Oil tanker out of Port Arthur, Tex., caught fire while unloading oil in this port and was partially destroyed.

Fire Chief Lodie Cronin of Wilmington said that a man identified as John Squire, address unknown, probably was drowned when he jumped from a large moored alongside the burning tanker. "One Cameron, president of McMillan & Cameron, in which firm Fredericks was employed, was seen shortly after the fire was reported but made no statement."

Plays Usual Tennis Game

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Vice-President Wallace played his customary tennis match this morning before going to the Capitol to preside over the joint session of Congress which was expected to declare war against Japan.

While Secret Service men, for the first time, guarded his apartment in a Washington hotel, the Vice-President, clad in shorts despite the wintry breeze, played on a court behind the hotel.

## Italy Hears Of New War

ROME.—(AP)—Reliable circles today described the Italian attitude in the outbreak of hostilities in the Pacific as one of "solidarity and sympathy" with Japan.

This was the unofficial reaction pending clarification of Italy's position as an ally of Japan with Germany under the Tripartite Pact.

The Italian people were following events with great attention, although most of them were unable to read of Japan's declaration of war until noon. There are no Monday morning newspapers in Italy.

When the newspapers appeared, they refrained from comment except to say in headlines that Japan's attack was the "inevitable consequence of Roosevelt's provocative policy."

## General Motors on Full War Status

DETROIT.—(AP)—General Motors Corporation announced today that all its plants working on defense are strengthened at strategic points.

Orders in the United States were placed on "full war status," barring all visitors except those accredited by Army or Navy representatives.

Plant protection forces, as well as all its plants working on defense, are strengthened at strategic points.

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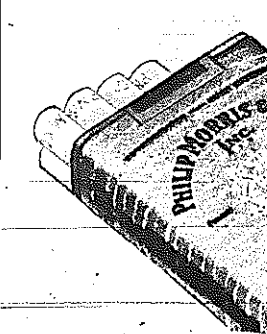
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## Progress of Court Slow

Two Cases Are Tried Today

Judge Sam Evin Jr.'s Superior Criminal Court moved slowly today as defendants fought against convictions.

Oliver Heath, alias Hubert Clark, a Negro living at 717 E. Seventh Street, was acquitted of an assault charge.

"This afternoon a jury was deliberating the case of another Negro, Sam Williams, charged with assault on a white woman, who was tried on charges of speeding and reckless driving."

The Grand Jury was in session and was reported to be handling cases of routine nature.

Lock up 736 Japs Overnight

WASHINGTON.—Federal agents arrested 736 Japanese alien during the night in the United States and Hawaii, Attorney General Biddle announced today.

The Japanese are being placed in custody of immigration officials after arrest by special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Attorney General said that hearing boards would be set up to pass on evidence gathered by the FBI and determine the "future status" of the aliens.

Women of Angora, West Africa, wear immense necklaces of strands of beads and rags.

"Say I saw it in The News. Thank you."

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