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AROUSING CONGRESS VOTES WAR ON JAPS

2 Warships Lost By U. S. At Hawaii

3,000 Killed and Wounded in
Jap Attack on Island

WASHINGTON—(AP)—American forces lost two warships and counted a toll of 3,000 dead and wounded in yesterday's Japanese attack on Hawaii, the White House disclosed today.

The White House said that the surprise dawn attack of the Japanese yesterday resulted in the capturing of an old battleship, the destruction of a destroyer, damage to other vessels and destruction of a relatively large number of planes.

It added that several Japanese planes and submarines had been accounted for.

An official White House statement, the first authentic government appraisal of the attack yesterday, said that casualties were expected to mount to about 3,000, nearly half of them fatalities.

It was disclosed that active resistance was "still continuing" against the Japanese attacking force in the vicinity of Hawaii. Reinforcements of planes are

Pledge Kept As Britain Makes War Upon Japan

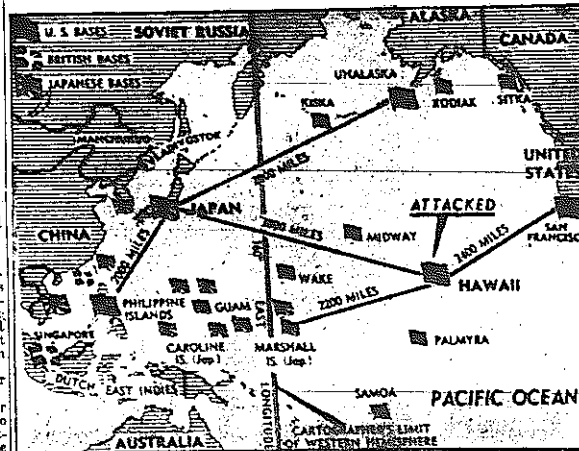
Declared Without
Waiting for U. S.

LONDON—(AP)—Britain, like the United States, kept its pledge to support the United States in the event of a Japanese attack, declared war today on the Tokyo Government, without waiting for Washington first to formulate an American declaration.

Said Prime Minister Churchill:

"It only remains now for the two great democracies to face their tasks with whatever strength God may give them."

At the same time Britain made allies of Thailand and Free China. Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons that instructions had been forwarded to the British Empire warships and that at 1 P. M. (7 A. M. EST) a note was handed to the Japanese government stating that in view of Japan's unprovoked aggression the British Government considered that a state of war existed between the two countries.



EAST MEETS WEST IN WAR—Map shows theater of war in the Pacific, where East meets West in a struggle for supremacy—a struggle started by Japan when she bombed Hawaii, the Philippines and Guam.

Acts Speedily On Roosevelt Call For Fight

Senate Is Solid, 82 to 0 While
House Has Lone Dissenter

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Congress voted a formal declaration of war against Japan today after President Roosevelt requested immediate action as an answer to Japan's "unprovoked and dastardly attack" on Hawaii.

A united Congress acted swiftly after the President had revealed that American forces lost two warships and 3,000 dead and wounded in the surprise dawn attack yesterday.

The Senate vote was 82 to 0.

The House vote was 388 to 1. Miss Jeanette Rankin, Republican, Montana, who voted against a declaration of war with Germany in 1917, was the lone member casting a negative vote. Rep. Harold Knutson, Republican, Minnesota, who also voted against the 1917 declaration, voted for war against Japan.

The Senate and House had assembled together to hear President Roosevelt ask the declaration. They cheered him enthusiastically and then pushed the resolution through with not a moment's waste of time.

Now the resolution goes to the White House for the President's signature, following those of Speaker Rayburn and Vice President Wallace.

In his special message to Congress President Roosevelt made no mention of Italy and Germany as he asked for war against Japan.

RECITES EVENTS
He recited the events since Japan's assault on America's Pacific bastions and said he had "dreaded that all measures be taken for our defense."

"Hostilities exist," Mr. Roosevelt asserted. "There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory and our interests are in grave danger."

"With confidence in our armed forces—with the unbounding determination of our people—we will gain the inevitable triumph—so help us God."

He said Japan had undertaken a "surprise offensive" extending the Pacific, noting that the Philippines, Guam, Wake and Midway Islands, and also Manila, Hong Kong, Guam, and the southern part of Thailand's Gulf of Siam were on the southern part of the Pacific.

"No matter how long it may take us to overcome this unprovoked invasion, the American people in their righteous indignation will win through to ultimate victory."

"I believe I interpret the will of the Congress and of the people as they stand today."

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Japs Claim Navy Supremacy Won

First Shock of Offensive Against
U. S. Described as Telling

TOKYO, Tuesday, Dec. 8.—Official radio picked up by AP—The Japanese asserted today they had naval supremacy over the United States in the Pacific, claiming by official or unofficial reports the destruction of two American battleships and an aircraft carrier and the damaging of four battleships and six cruisers.

There followed the Japanese, the principal results of the first shock of their air-naval offensive.

The claim to supremacy appeared in a commentary resume broadcast by Dornier which said that Japan's use of the United States navy would be regarded as a "telling" blow to the United States navy, which had been sunk, damaged, or destroyed.

Imperial headquarters, in an announcement broadcast by Dornier, said that two battleships and a cruiser had been sunk, six heavy cruisers damaged, many merchant ships seized and scores of planes destroyed and in the air in Hawaii and the Philippines.

SAV CARRIERS SUNK
The commentary said also that a United States aircraft carrier had been sunk by submarine off Honolulu, although this is not confirmed.

So far as naval losses went, the Japanese said they had escaped unscathed and they acknowledged the loss of only two planes in Philippine actions.

The Japanese said that the mine-sweeper, the 840-ton Princeton, was sunk in an air attack early today on Guam, U. S. Naval station.

An Italian broadcast quoted See JAPS STRIKE on Page 10

Manila Is Hard Hit

"Terrific Damage"
In Philippines

NEW YORK, Tuesday.—(AP)—An NBC reporter, broadcasting in the middle of an early Tuesday morning air attack on Manila, said that "terrific damage" had been left by the Japanese attacks, including the apparent destruction of the gasoline supply at Nichols Air Field.

There was a "bull in the action" sometime after 3 A. M., Manila time, but at 3:41 A. M. the anti-aircraft fire, he reported, said the radio operator.

He added that the first five minutes after the attack on the city, the anti-aircraft fire, he said, was "a brilliant red."

A few minutes after the reported anti-aircraft firing, the aircraft carrier was seen.

The raiders had swarmed at Fort William McKinley, and at the Radio Corporation of America short wave transmitter, as well as Nichols Field.

Fort Siken, a college of Belia, had said earlier that "the fire is simply raging out there."

China Decides
To Declare War

CHUNGKING.—(AP)—China has decided to declare war on Japan, Germany and Italy, Foreign Minister Guo Tai-chi announced at a special press conference tonight.

He said China was prepared to make every sacrifice to collaborate with the allied states and Great Britain in defeating Japan.

War Flares Quickly Over The Far East

American Fleet May Have Already
Met Nippon Forces in Battle

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Great Britain formally declared war against Japan today as Imperial Tokyo Headquarters claimed smashing naval and air victories over the United States and mighty forces of the U. S. Fleet were reported combing the Pacific to seek battle with Japanese warships.

In London, the House of Commons cheered tumultuously as Prime Minister Winston Churchill, fulfilling his pledge of a month ago, invoked war against the Tokyo Government, made allies of Thailand and Free China, and declared:

"Every preparation in our power has been made and we shall give a good account of ourselves . . . There is the closest accord with the powerful American naval and air forces and the strong, efficient forces of the Netherlands East Indies."

Some observers believed it was possible that American warships had already met Japanese naval forces in battle somewhere between Hawaii and the Philippines.

One or more Japanese aircraft carriers, presumably

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Bulletin
Guam Surrounded by
Jap Warships

MANILA.—(AP)—The Japanese radio at Tientsin, Formosa, reported in a broadcast today that Japanese warships have surrounded Guam and said all buildings on the island were ablaze.

Pan-American Airways reported that Japanese bombers "bombed" Wake Island, and that only garbled radio signals were being received from the Japanese station at Hong Kong.

Thailand Gives Up

Quickly Surrenders
To the Japanese

BANGKOK, Thailand.—(AP)—Thailand, after brief resistance to Japanese invaders from the sea and across the border, today and opened negotiations with the invaders.

The trouble of the negotiations was expected to be announced shortly.

Thailand, after being poured into Thailand from three coastal points, French Indochina, Siam, and Japan, which are on the southern part of the Pacific.

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National & International Affairs:

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson & Robert S. Allen

Insiders Hear Pew and Weir Will Help Finance
Republican Organization in Next Campaign

WASHINGTON.—The bank account of the Republican National Committee continues to be as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard, but the money situation appears to be improving. Campaign Committee.

This is the organization which provides funds for GOP candidates running for election to the House of Representatives.

Insiders in the House and Senate are

insiders in the past. After the 1936 debacle, Pew, almost single-handedly, took the National Committee out of the red. Also he has been the chief financial mainstay of the campaign since the GOP in recent years. Weir has been a good second in demand.

But the jubilation of Martin and Butler is not general in inner Republican circles. Other GOP chiefs are privately asking what the President's development means regarding the party's stand on the Merry-Go-Round on Page 7

"It Is We Or They"

Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor, says the editors of The New York Times, has only precipitated the war which was shaking up between the two countries. That war became inevitable.

The United States was at peace with that nation and, at the same time, the Japanese were at

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WEATHER

Considerable cloudiness tonight with occasional showers. Tomorrow, mostly clear.

Today's Temp. 74-84. Sunset 5:00. Sunrise 7:00.

Additional 5 A. M. weather data will be found on page 11.