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THE WEATHER
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Bomb Airport, Set Fire To Ship, 350 Die

Planes Attack Pearl Harbor

By the Associated Press

Japan attacked the United States today, striking by air at the great Pearl Harbor naval base at Honolulu and at Manila, and latest reports indicated that the United States had won the first battle in the new world war.

"The army and the navy, it appears, now have the air and sea under control," said an NBC broadcast from Honolulu, a few hours after the Japanese ordered the assault.

Ignore F.D.R.'s Appeal

Adopting Adolf Hitler's surprise tactics of striking over the weekend — ignoring President Roosevelt's personal last-hour appeal for peace to Emperor Hirohito last night — the Japanese attacked the two keystones of American defense in the Pacific at approximately 9:20 a.m., Honolulu time (2:20 p.m. Manitowoc time).

The war that Adolf Hitler started in September 1939 exploded into a world conflict as Japanese bombers, striking without warnings attacked.

A bulletin from Honolulu said a naval engagement was in progress off that famed island playground, with at least one black aircraft carrier in action against Pearl Harbor's defenses.

The British radio also reported that a "foreign warship" had begun bombarding Pearl Harbor.

Aerial dogfights raged in the skies over Honolulu itself as American warplanes rose to give battle to the Japanese invaders.

In Washington, the White House announced that a U. S. army transport, carrying lumber rather than troops, had been torpedoed 1,300 miles east of Hawaii, toward the United States mainland.

An NBC broadcast from Honolulu said the Japanese attack had inflicted untold damage on the U. S. naval base at Pearl Harbor and on the city itself.

Several Planes Downed

Several Japanese planes were reported shot down.

First reports from Honolulu said at least two formations of nine four-motored black bombers, marked with Japan's rising sun insignia, flew over Honolulu.

Unconfirmed reports said that one ship in Pearl Harbor was seen lying on its side and four others in flames.

"The battle has been going on for nearly three hours."

Later, the Honolulu broadcaster announced:

"The army and navy, it appears, now have the air and sea under control."

American Wings Over Manila



American war planes that just a few days ago helped observe the sixth anniversary of the Philippine Commonwealth today were ready for a surprise attack on Manila by Japanese bombers. R.O.T.C. cadets from the University of the Philippines, shown marching below the planes in the picture above, went on the alert today with the regular army. Since last July all the forces on the Islands have been grouped under the command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, former chief of staff of the U. S. Army.

Airfield and Battleship Hit

NEW YORK, (AP) — Japanese warplanes killed 350 men at Hickam field and set fire to the U. S. battleship Oklahoma today in a sudden raid on Pearl Harbor and Honolulu, an NBC observer radioed direct from the scene today.

NEW YORK, (AP) — Three hundred and fifty men were killed by a direct bomb hit on Hickam field, an NBC observer reported tonight from Honolulu.

Several of the attacking planes, which came from the south, were shot down, he said.

In addition to these casualties from an air raid by planes which the observer identified as Japanese, he said three U. S. ships including the battleship Oklahoma, were attacked in Pearl Harbor.

Roosevelt Calls Cabinet Session

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The president decided today after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor and Manila to call an extraordinary meeting of the cabinet for 8:30 p.m. tonight and to have congressional leaders of both parties join the conference at 9 p.m.

Mr. Roosevelt, the White House said, "is assembling all the facts as rapidly as possible and in all probability he will, as quickly as possible, make a full, informative report to congress, probably in the form of a message."

Presidential Secretary Stephen (Continued on page 2, Col. 1)

U. S. Forces Rush Into Action

BULLETIN

TOKYO, 7:45 A. M., Monday, (AP) — Domei announced today that "naval operations are progressing off Hawaii with at least one Japanese aircraft carrier in action against Pearl Harbor."

Japanese bombers, Domei said, raided Honolulu at 7:35 a. m. Hawaii time (12:05 p. m. Sunday, C.S.T.).

TOKYO, Monday, (AP) — Japanese imperial headquarters announced at 6 a. m. today that Japan had entered a state of war with the United States and Britain in the western Pacific as from dawn today.

(This was at 3 p. m. Manitowoc time.)

By R. P. CRONIN, JR. MANILA, Monday, (AP) — There were no signs of war and Manila was quiet at 5:25 a. m. today — 3:25 p. m., C.S.T., Sunday.

Lieutenant General Douglas MacArthur, Commander of U. S. forces in the Far East, was advised officially of the attack on Pearl Harbor and placed his entire command on the alert.

He said his advices were meager.

Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Asiatic fleet, said his office had been notified officially that hostilities had opened with Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor and that all necessary steps had been taken to meet the situation.

LONDON, (AP) — The Japanese embassy tonight burned (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Roosevelt Instructs Army and Navy To "Execute All Previously Prepared Orders Looking To The Defense of The United States"

By the Associated Press

The U. S. Army and Navy rushed into action to deal with the Japanese attack on American Far East bases as President Roosevelt, in a cryptic order, instructed them to "execute all previously prepared orders looking to the defense of the United States."

Washington moved on all fronts to meet the Japanese aggression. First word of the attack on Pearl Harbor and Manila came from the White House.

All members of the American armed forces were ordered on the alert as the Army and Navy cancelled all leaves. The Army ordered all officers into uniform.

The army's order affected not only the thousands of officers on duty in Washington, who have thus far performed their functions in civilian clothes to avoid a "militaristic" appearance, but all officers in every corps area, the United States' possessions and outlying bases.

Attacks Still In Progress

Washington was expected to blossom tomorrow as a city of uniforms, because huge numbers of officers have been pouring into the city for months to perform the army's "overhead" functions.

Early said that so far as the president's information went attacks were still in progress at Manila and in Hawaii. In other words, he said, "we don't know that the Japanese have bombed and left."

He went on to say:

"As soon as the information of the attacks on Manila and Hawaii was received by the War and Navy Departments it was flashed immediately to the president at the White House. Thereupon and immediately the president directed the army and navy to execute all previously prepared orders looking to the defense of the United States. The president is now with the secretaries of navy and war. Steps are being taken to advise the congressional leaders."

Jap Envoys See Hull

Kichisaburo Nomura, the Japanese ambassador, and Saburo Kuruu, the special Japanese envoy, were at the State Department at the time of the White House's announcement of the attacks.

The two Japanese went to see Secretary of State Hull at 1:35 p.m. (EST) 12:35 Manitowoc time) and remained about 20 minutes.

They handed to the secretary Tokyo's reply to the statement of principles which he gave to them on November 26.

After their departure, the State Department announced that (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Canadian Cabinet Is Called Into Session

OTTAWA, (AP) — Prime Minister W. L. MacKenzie King called the Canadian cabinet to meet at 7 p. m. C.S.T., today to consider the Far Eastern situation.

Where War Exploded in the Pacific



This Herald-Times map of the Pacific war zone shows where Japanese air and naval forces this afternoon attacked American bases in the Philippine and Hawaiian Islands. The huge U. S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, on the Island of Oahu, just outside Honolulu, 4,000 air miles from Tokyo, Japan, is shown in the upper right. Manila, Philippine capital on the Island of Luzon, is shown to the left center. Manila is 2,000 air miles from Tokyo.