

HUNDREDS KILLED AS JAPS ATTACK U. S.

TREACHEROUS ASSAULT BEGUN ON VAST SCALE

Thailand Invaded; British Bases Stormed.

Japan assaulted every main United States and British possession in the central and western Pacific and invaded Thailand today (Monday) in a hasty but evidently shrewdly-planned prosecution of a war she began Sunday without warning.

Bombing of Thai's Capital Reported.

New York, Dec. 7 (AP)—The BBC broadcast an unconfirmed report tonight that Bangkok, capital of Thailand, had been bombed.

U. S. Gunboat Declared Captured.

New York, Dec. 7 (AP)—A pro-Axis Shanghai radio station reported tonight that Japanese naval forces had boarded a United States gunboat lying off Shanghai and hoisted the flag of the rising sun.

Canada Declares War on Japan.

Ottawa, Dec. 7 (AP)—Canada declared war on Japan tonight. Prime Minister Mackenzie King made the announcement after a long emergency meeting of the cabinet.

American Ship Sinks SOS

Washington, Dec. 7 (AP)—The White House announced at 3:35 p. m. E. S. T. today the army had just received word an American vessel, believed to be a cargo ship, had been sending out signals of distress approximately 700 miles west of San Francisco.

British Gunboat Sunk at Shanghai.

Shanghai, Dec. 8 (Monday) (AP)—The Japanese have sunk the British gunboat Petrel as it lay off the International Settlement waterfront.

Domestic War Measures Taken

Washington, Dec. 7 (AP)—Hostilities with Japan were followed immediately by the following measures in this country: The Censorship was imposed on all outgoing communications.

Oil Tanker Burns at Wilmington, N. C.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 8 (Monday) (AP)—An oil tanker began blazing early this morning in the Wilmington port. The Federal Bureau of Investigation was summoned to the scene. The vessel's identity was not announced.

CONGRESS VOTE ON WAR MAY BE SOUGHT TODAY

Heavy Losses In Attack Indicated.

Washington, Dec. 8 (Monday)—Bombs from Japan made war on the United States yesterday and as death tolls mounted President Roosevelt announced he would deliver today a special message to Congress.

Enormous Losses By U. S. In Surprise Raids.

As compiled from official and unofficial accounts, the record ran like this: Honolulu bombed a second time;

Lumber-laden United States army transport torpedoed 1,300 miles west of San Francisco and another transport in distress; Shanghai's International Settlement seized; United States gunboat Wake captured there and British gunboat, Peterel destroyed;

No Count of Dead Among Honolulu Civilians.

The first United States official casualty report listed 104 dead and more than 300 injured in the army at Hickam Field alone, near Honolulu. An NBC observer in Honolulu reported the death toll at Hickam was 300.

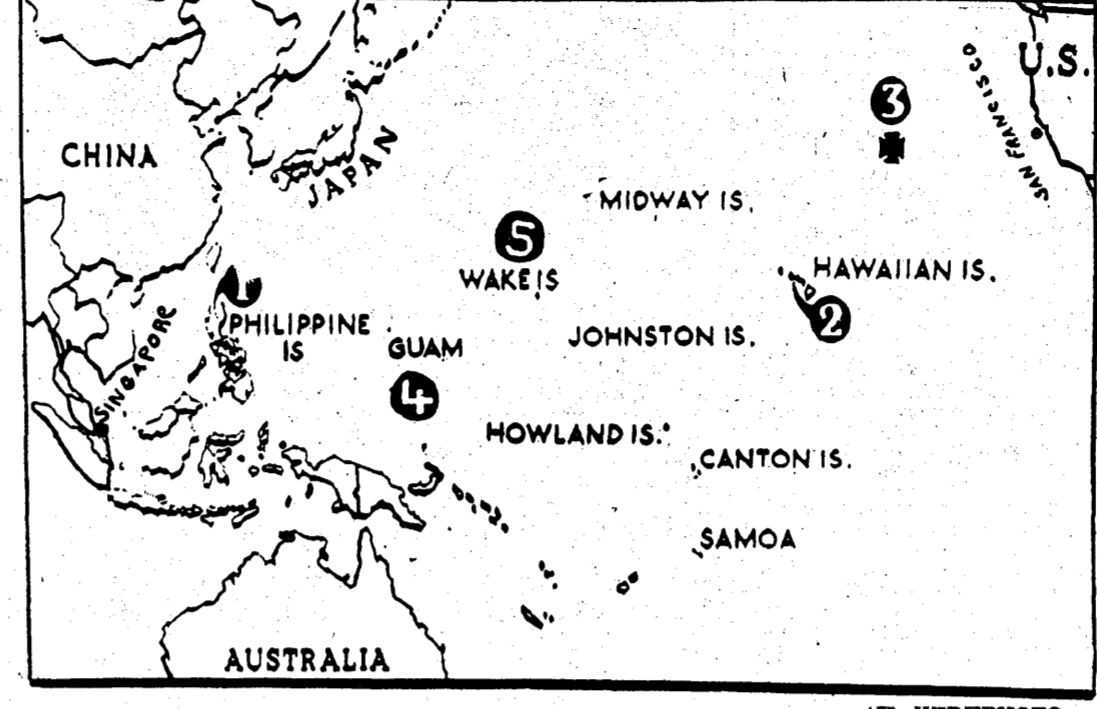
Jap Plane Carrier Rumored Sunk.

There was little news of United States defensive actions, except the report that attacking planes at Honolulu had been shot down in dogfights over the city; an unconfirmed report that a Japanese aircraft carrier had been sunk off Hawaii; and announcement that United States army and navy forces had started carrying out secret instructions long since issued to them in event of such an emergency.

Emissaries Talking Peace as Japs Attacked

At the moment Japan was irrevocably embarking on her course of "conquer or die," her emissaries were talking peace as Japs attacked

WAR COMES TO THE PACIFIC



Japanese war planes attacked United States defense bases in the Pacific Ocean yesterday. Outstanding in the day's news were Manila, capital of the Philippine Islands (1), the Hawaiian Islands (2) with the army air base at Honolulu and Pearl Harbor severely bombed; the island of Guam (4) reported bombed, and the island of Wake (5) reported occupied by the Japanese.

To the End and to the Death.

What would have been unbelievable on yesterday's Sabbath morning was shocking and tragic reality for the American people before that day's sun had set.

BERLIN ASSERTS U. S. BATTLESHIP SUNK IN CLASH

New York, Dec. 7 (AP)—The Berlin radio tonight broadcast a Tokyo announcement that the United States battleship West Virginia had been sunk and the battleship Oklahoma set afire in an engagement between the Japanese and the United States and British navies.

Another Set Afire And Third Hit, Japs Say.

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Sinking of Transport Reported

New York, Monday, Dec. 8 (AP)—NBC reported from Manila early today it had received a report that the United States transport General Hugh L. Scott, formerly an American President liner, had been sunk about 1,600 miles from Manila.

Costa Rica Declares War on Japan.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Dec. 7 (AP)—Costa Rica declared war on Japan tonight. The government ordered arrest of Japanese engaged in cotton and rice-growing along the coast near Puntarenas.

War Kept a Secret From Jap Public.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 7 (AP)—The National Broadcasting Company's listening post said today the first Tokyo news broadcast on Monday morning, at 6:20 Tokyo time, made no mention of the Japanese attack in the Pacific and was followed by a lecture on "Good Morals" by a Tokyo University professor.

HONOLULU AND ARMY AIRPORT BOMB-SMASHED

Dec. 7: High 50, Low 30. Honolulu, Dec. 7.—War struck without warning from the sky and sea today at the Hawaiian islands. Japanese bombs took a heavy toll in American lives.

Naval Battle Offshore; Ships Hit In Harbor.

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Japs Attack Singapore, Malaya

Singapore, Dec. 8 (Monday) (AP)—The Japanese bombed this British Far Eastern naval bastion today and landed troops on the Malay peninsula to the north where they engaged British forces.

One Ship Reported On Side; Others Burning.

An oil tank there was seen blazing and smoking. An unconfirmed report said one ship in the harbor was on its side and four others burning.

Cuba Ready to Join U. S. to Fight Japs.

Havana, Dec. 7 (AP)—President Fulgencio Batista declared today in connection with Pacific hostilities that Cuba was ready to cooperate with the United States "in every way possible."

Report Says Jap Plane Carrier Sunk.

New York, Dec. 7 (AP)—Roundabout, unconfirmed reports from Panama and London said tonight a Japanese aircraft carrier from which planes operated to attack Pearl Harbor had been sunk by United States navy ships.

U. S. Wake Island Seized by Japs.

London, Dec. 8 (Monday) (AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Shanghai today quoted an unconfirmed report, circulated there saying U. S. Wake Island had been occupied by the Japanese.

War Declared By Dutch East Indies.

New York, Dec. 7 (AP)—The Netherlands East Indies declared war on Japan tonight (6:30 a. m. Monday, Batavia time). NBC reported tonight. The word was telephoned from Batavia by the NBC correspondent, who said general mobilization had been ordered.

Nazis to Make Supreme Effort

New York, Dec. 7 (AP)—Reports received by the Associated Press from Europe tonight said the German army was preparing an effort to take both Moscow and Leningrad and recapture Rostov within two weeks in a move linked with the outbreak of war in the Pacific.

Japs Say Thai Troops Moving Up.

New York, Dec. 7 (AP)—An Axis-controlled radio station at Shanghai broadcast a Japanese report tonight saying a large number of Thai military forces have commenced moving towards the southern border of Burma.

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