

Hull Reveals U. S. Proposals and Recall of 28-Year-Olds to Army Likely. (Washington.) Japs Quickly Take Control of Shanghai. Congress for a Declaration Immediately. (Washington.) Pacific Coast Mobilizes for Jap Air Raid. Berlin Silent as to Battle Over Moscow. Tank Forces in African Desert Resume Battle. Nazi Lines in Moscow Area Broken. Claim. Soviet Envoy (Maxim Litvinoff) Arrives in Washington. Japs Hit American Outposts to Spike Possible Blockade. U. S. Expects British War Declaration. Censorship Imposed on Radio, Cables. (Washington.) U. S. Moves to Protect Jap Officials. Roosevelt's Appeal to Mikado Had Asked for Peace. (Washington.) Roosevelt Has Got His War, German Say. Polish Army Organized to Help Russia. U. S. Takes \$250,000 Damage. (Lawrence, Mass.) Welders End Strike After Japs Attack. Division Declares It Is Ready. (Camp Robinson.) Arkansas Will Organize Guard Without Delay. Heber Springs Fireman (James M. Little) Dies in Big Blaze. Soldier Sloughed Here as Slayers Shot to Death. (At Galloway, Mo.) City Praised at Housing Dedication. (North Little Rock.) Status of Session Unannounced. (Little Rock.) Spencer (Dem. Ark.) for "Eliminating" Japan at Once. (Hope.) Farmer Hurt in Wreck at Bridge, Bridge (Wm. A. Daugherty, Greene County.) Huge Airport Projected at Hot Springs. U. S. Made Tour to El Dorado. Chicago (Bears) Beat Cards, Tie for Lead.

# Arkansas Gazette

Weather Forecast. Arkansas: Partly cloudy Monday; Tuesday fair. Not much change in temperature.

## TREACHEROUS ASSAULT BEGUN ON VAST SCALE

### Thailand Invaded; British Bases Stormed.

(By the Associated Press.) 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 which 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. A Washington, authoritative information was received that from three to five Japanese ships had attacked the town of Kota Bharu on the Malay peninsula north of Singapore and that an attempt was made to land troops.

### 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 captured it. The vessel was the USS. Presumably, the ship was the Wake, although the broadcast referred to it as CBS. It did not give the name intelligibly.

### 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. The declaration was made in a statement drawn up for formal submission to the king, to take effect as from today, he said.

### American Ship Sinks SOS

Washington, Dec. 7 (AP)—The White House announced at 3:35 p. m. E. S. T. today that the army had received word that a Japanese vessel, believed to be a cargo ship, had been sending out signals of distress from 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. The United States gunboat Wake, navy, was also sunk. Japs destroyed the gunboat, or Marines, have occupied the waterfront of the International Settlement.

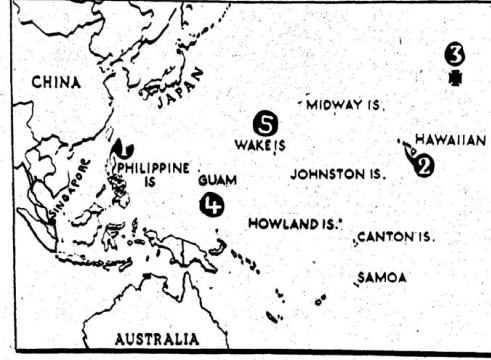
### Domestic War Measures Taken

Washington, Dec. 7 (AP)—Hostilities in Japan were followed immediately by the following measures in this country: Censorship on all outgoing communications. Amateur radio operations were halted except those specifically authorized in connection with the emergency. All army and navy officers were ordered to wear their uniforms and insignia. Suspicious aliens were rounded up on the Pacific coast and in Alaska and the Panama Canal Zone. Industrial plants were directed to prepare for war. The United States and financial institutions were closed. Japanese were banned. Guards were placed around key buildings in the capital. The Securities Commission was reported studying whether to close security exchanges tomorrow.

### 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.

## 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) reportedly bombed, and the Island of Wake (5) reported occupied by the Japanese. An American transport loaded with lumber was reported torpedoed 1,300 miles west of San Francisco. The location is shown on the map by the figure 3.

## 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. The attack made on Hawaii by Japanese planes was one of the most insane acts in all the history of nations. It was enough to rouse the American people to righteous wrath and even righteous fury, but vengeance will be deliberate and ordered, and unsparring to the end and to the death.

## BERLIN ASSERTS U. S. BATTLESHIP SUNK IN CLASH

(By the Associated Press.) The Berlin broadcast said 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. The broadcast was heard by CBS.

## Another Set Afire And Third Hit, Transport Reported

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. The broadcast was heard by CBS.

## 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. The Japanese fishing boat Espino was seized on suspicion of espionage.

## Washington Has No Casualty Lists

Washington, Dec. 7 (AP)—The War and Navy departments today issued the following announcement: "The War and Navy departments tonight announced they are receiving many inquiries regarding personnel stationed in the Hawaiian island area. Foreign correspondents have been received about casualties. Families will be notified promptly as soon as definite word regarding casualties becomes available. Both departments request individual inquiries be not sent at this time."

## 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 Tokyo University professor.

## HONOLULU AND ARMY AIRPORT BOMB-SMASHED

### Naval Battle Offshore; Ships Hit in Harbor.

(By the Associated Press.) Honolulu, Dec. 7.—War struck without warning from the sky and sea today at the Hawaiian islands. Japanese bombers took a heavy toll in American lives.

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Cannoning offshore indicated a naval engagement in progress. A wave after wave of planes streaked over Oahu in an attack which the army said started at 8:10 a. m., Honolulu time, and which ended at around 9:25, an hour and 15 minutes later. Witnesses said they counted at least 50 planes in the initial attack.

### 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 British forces were alerted. Two bombs fell in the center of Singapore and a number of others were heard in various parts of the island.

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

Havana, Dec. 7 (AP)—President Fulencio Batista declared today cooperation with Pacific hostilities that Cuba was ready to cooperate with the United States in the defense of the Americas. Batista said, "Cuba's position" Batista said, "already has been well defined. The president announced recently that Cuba would be the first nation to go to war at the side of the United States. The president's words were interpreted to mean that Cuba would be quick to follow the United States if it declared war on Japan.

### Report Says Jap Plane Carrier Sunk.

New York, Dec. 7 (AP)—Roundabout, unconfirmed reports from Panama and London said tonight that Japanese aircraft carrier from which planes operated to attack Pearl Harbor had been sunk by United States navy ships. These circulated in Panama and London were picked up by CBS Commentator Bob Trout as having been heard there. Trout said that the news agency said in London announced the sinking of two British cruisers at Singapore.

### U. S. Wake Island Seized by Japs.

London, Dec. 8 (Monday) (AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Shanghai today quoted an unconfirmed report that Japanese forces had seized Wake Island had been occupied by the Japanese. The British news agency said the Shanghai rumors had it that the occupation of Wake was accomplished peacefully.

### War Declared By Dutch East Indies.

New York, Dec. 7 (AP)—The Netherlands East Indies declared war on Japan tonight (8:30 a. m., Monday, Batavia time). The Netherlands government was telephoned from Batavia by the NBC correspondent, who said general mobilization had been ordered.

### Japs Say Guam Besieged by Fleet.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 7 (AP)—Radio Tokyo reported tonight, in a broadcast picked up by the NBC correspondent, that Japanese navy ships have surrounded the island of Guam and that an oil reservoir and hotel have been set afire.

### Japs Say 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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### Destroyers Steam Out to Engagement.

Unconfirmed reports said attackers came from two airplane carriers. United States destroyers were steaming full speed in the Pacific. Reports were received seeing shell splashes in the ocean, indicating an engagement between United States and Japanese 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.

### Army Officials Said Two Japanese Planes Had Been Shot Down in the Honolulu Area.

Planes which did not bomb Pearl Harbor apparently headed for Hickam Field. But there the attackers apparently did not confine themselves to the heavily fortified area. Through the air, the planes streamed through the sky from the southwest, their bombs shattering the morning calm. Most of the attackers flew very high, but a few came low, five down to under a hundred feet elevation to attack Pearl Harbor.

### Several Fires were Started in the Honolulu Area, but all were Immediately Controlled.

There was immediate action taken by fire officials here as to whether any service men were killed or injured, or as to property damage at military and naval posts. (Soon after the attack, the War Department gave the White House a preliminary estimate that 200 wounded and more than 300 wounded by the army forces alone by the bombing.)

### Perhaps the first to die was Bob Toye, owner of a civilian airport near Honolulu, who had started to spin the propeller of a plane when the enemy came over. One plane swooped down, machine gunned the plane, and crashed.

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