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DECLARATION OF WAR EXPECTED TODAY AS U. S. MOVES TO REPEL JAP ATTACK

Union Shop in Captive Mines Is Given UMW

2-TO-1 DECISION IS ANNOUNCED BY J. R. STEELMAN

Chairman of Arbitration Board Voted With John L. Lewis, Benjamin F. Fairless of U. S. Steel Dissenting—Verdict Binding by Prior Agreement—Workers Automatically Become Union Members Upon Employment

New York, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The United Mine Workers of America (UMW) tonight won a 2-to-1 arbitration board decision awarding a union shop in captive mines owned by the country's major steel producers.

The decision was announced by Dr. John R. Steelman, chairman of the board who was granted a leave of absence as director of the United States conciliation service to head the arbitrators.

John L. Lewis, president of the union, agreed with Steelman in the majority opinion. Benjamin F. Fairless, president of the United States Steel corporation, dissented and returned a minority opinion.

The eight steel companies, having previously agreed to abide by the decision of the board appointed by President Roosevelt after the recent captive mine strike, will be compelled as a result of the board's award to sign the Appalachian wage agreement which is in effect between the union and all but a negligible portion of the country's coal producers.

The steel companies already had separate stipulations with the union which had placed into effect wage scales and conditions of the Appalachian agreement in the captive mines owned by the companies. Coal produced in the captive mines is used exclusively by the steel companies owning them.

Only the issue of the union shop was involved in this dispute. The union's definition of the union shop describes it as the type in which a workman immediately upon going to work for a company automatically becomes a member of the union.

The welders, who have been seeking autonomy within the AFL, have been on strike at the Morgantown plant for two weeks and a nationwide strike of welders had been ordered for Tuesday.

The spokesman said that the 67 original strikers plus others who have gone out in the last week had been ordered back to work on building this big anhydrous ammonia plant at once.

It was expected that the brotherhood's executive board in Washington would take similar action and postpone the walkout.

Nation-Wide Welders Strike Canceled by War

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The navy said today it had given notice that a nation-wide welders strike scheduled for Tuesday has been canceled because of the war in the Pacific.

Local Girl in Danger Area



Mrs. Charlotte Ellis Cummings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ellis of Longmeadow; her son, Damon Ellis Cummings, and her husband, Lieut. Damon Cummings, attached to the destroyer Clark of the Pacific fleet. Mrs. Cummings and her son are living at Walkiki beach.

Kin in Pacific War Area Worry Many Persons Here

Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ellis, Mrs. R. S. Benner and Mr. and Mrs. Moses Cantor Among Many From This Vicinity Now in Hawaii

War thousands of miles away in the Pacific ocean stirred into local homes yesterday, bringing anxiety and fear to parents, relatives and friends of persons from this city and vicinity who are now in the Far East, the Philippines, or Hawaii.

Among those known to be in the area of conflict are: Charlotte Ellis Cummings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ellis of 235 Park drive, Longmeadow; Jeanina Cantor Ludlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Cantor of 41 Center street, Chicopee; Springfield school system exchange teacher; Katherine Benner Feyon, daughter of Mrs. R. S. Benner of Maple street;

Mrs. Caroline Chapin, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Chapin of 20 Maple street; Miss Doris Harwood, daughter of Edward T. Harwood of Maple street, Longmeadow; and James Kempton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kempton of Fairfield street.

Military personnel at stations in the Pacific include: Lieut.-Col. George W. Bicknell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Bicknell of 425 Summer avenue; Benj. Charles P. Hubbard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hubbard of Riverdale street, West Springfield; Radioman Thomas Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. (Continued on Eighth Page)

British Gunboat Is Sunk; Japs Invade Shanghai Area

U. S. Gunboat Wake Captured, Pro-Axis Radio Reports — Jap Naval and Army Patrols Take Settlement Area Evacuated by U. S. Marines

Shanghai (Monday), Dec. 8.—(AP)—Japan's armed forces brought the new world war to cosmopolitan Shanghai today, sinking the British gunboat Peterel off the waterfront and sending their columns into the section of the century-old international settlement vacated by United States marines only a week ago.

The United States gunboat Wake, lying not far from the Peterel, suffered an immediate hit from a pro-Axis radio broadcast from Shanghai

said she was captured by the Japanese. Peterel's Crew Lost

Japanese naval and army patrols surged across the Szechow creek bridges into the main section of the international area from which they had been held in recent years by United States and British defense forces. The British army units were withdrawn early in the European war. All hands are believed to have gone.

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Japan's Attack Leaves U. S. No Alternative, Says Walsh

'We Must Meet Challenge With All Our Resources and Courage and Place Our Faith in God,' Says Bay State Senator—Other Reactions

Clinton, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Senator David I. Walsh this afternoon issued the following statement on the situation in the Pacific and Japan's declaration of war:

"The unexpected and unprovoked attacks upon United States territory and ships and the formal declaration of Japan leave Congress no choice but to take speedy and decisive measures to defend our country. We must promptly meet the challenge with all our resources and all our courage and place our faith in God."

On Staff of Hawaiian Fort Commandant



LIEUT.-COL. GEORGE W. BICKNELL

SINGAPORE BOMBED ON SECOND TRY BY JAPANESE FORCES

British Losses Reported Small as Invaders Are Met With Vigorous Antiaircraft Fire

Singapore (Monday), Dec. 8.—(INS)—Britain's land, sea and air forces based on Singapore were engaged today in violent fighting with Japanese troops and ships that carried out a large-scale invasion of the strategic Malayan peninsula. The invaders succeeded in putting landing parties ashore at several points.

The Japanese landed in northern Malaya, 300 miles north of Singapore, today and bombed the great British naval stronghold, causing small loss of life among civilians and property damage.

The Singapore raiders met a vigorous antiaircraft fire when the attack came at 4.10 a. m. (4.10 p. m. Sunday, EST).

The landing in the north was made shortly after 1 a. m. in a first attempt having been repulsed with small arms fire. British forces were engaged.

Latest reports said the Japanese were flying inland toward the Kota-bahru airfield.

The first landing attempt was made at Kota-bahru, on the northern tip of Malaya near the Thailand border.

They then proceeded overland toward Kota-bahru, fighting with British air and land forces as they went.

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LITVINOFF ARRIVES AT WASHINGTON TO ASSUME NEW POST

Russian Ambassador Gives Assurance That Red Army Will Continue Stout Resistance to Nazis

Washington, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Maxim Litvinoff, the new Russian ambassador, arrived in Washington today to assume an important part in troubled world affairs, and assured the American people that the red army would continue its stout resistance against the Nazi invasion.

Looking worn after a month of travel, but affable as always, the diplomat landed at the Washington National airport with his English-born wife at his side, to be greeted by a throng of officials of the embassy, their wives and their children and a

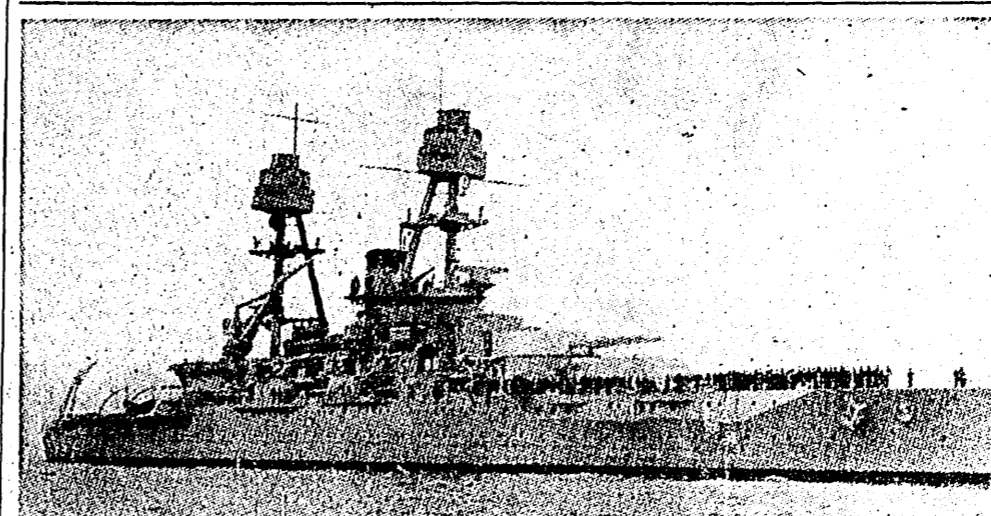
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President Plans to Address Congress at 12.30 Today

Battleship Oklahoma Reported Sunk



Shanghai (Monday), Dec. 8.—(UP)—The Dornier (Japanese) news agency said today that the United States battleship Oklahoma had been sunk at Pearl Harbor.

War Declared On Japan By Canada in Fast Move

'Complete Understanding' With U. S. and Britain Cited by Prime Minister, Saying 'Canadian Soldiers Will Serve Wherever Most Needed'

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—(INS)—Canada tonight declared war on Japan. After a three-hour extraordinary cabinet council meeting, Prime Minister Mackenzie King formally announced the declaration of war and said that a proclamation was being issued to the effect that Canada as of today is at war with Japan.

"Complete Understanding" "There is a complete understanding between Canada, the United States and Great Britain," the Canadian prime minister, who has been in frequent consultation with President Roosevelt, declared.

"Canadian soldiers will serve wherever they can be of the greatest service," he added.

The Japanese minister to Canada is being handed his passport at once. "He and his staff will leave Canada to return home as soon as arrangements are completed for the return to this country of Canadian diplomatic officials and trade commissioners now in Japan," Prime Minister King stated.

Any Japanese nationals in Canada considered dangerous to the state or guilty of subversive activity will be interned, the prime minister said. He appealed to the population however to refrain from molestation of Japanese nationals who behave themselves and are not disloyal to the Canadian cause.

(By the Associated Press)

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

Her formal declaration of war against both the United States and Britain came two hours and 55 minutes after Japanese planes spread death and terrific destruction in Honolulu and Pearl harbor at 7.35 a. m., Hawaiian time (1.05 p. m., E. S. T.) Sunday.

The successes claimed for this fell swoop included sinking of the United States battleship West Virginia and setting afire of the battleship Oklahoma.

From that moment, each tense tick of the clock brought new and flaming accounts of aggression by Japan in her secretly launched war of conquest for death for the land of the Rising Sun.

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Late Bulletins

Networks to Carry Address

New York, Dec. 7.—(AP)—All three major networks—National Broadcasting company, Columbia Broadcasting system and Mutual Broadcasting system—will carry President Roosevelt's message to Congress at 12.30 p. m. (EST) tomorrow.

Lindbergh Is 'Out' to Newsmen

West Tibbery, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh, visiting at Seven Gates farm in this Martha's Vineyard island village, refused tonight to see newspapermen or accept any messages.

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PRESIDENT MEETS WITH CABINET AND CONGRESS CHIEFS

White House Conferees Refuse to Discuss Nature of Resolution to Be Laid Before Congress, But Plan to Declare War Implied—Discordant Elements United in Solid Front Following Japan's Surprise Attack On Hawaii and Philippines

Other War News and Pictures On Pages 5 and 11

By RICHARD L. TURNER

Washington (Monday), Dec. 8.—(AP)—Bombs from Japan made war on the United States today and as death tolls mounted President Roosevelt announced he would deliver in person today a special message to Congress in the background as the commander-in-chief prepared to go before the joint session of the House and Senate was a government report of "heavy" naval and "large" losses to the army.

Whether Mr. Roosevelt will ask for a formal declaration of war by this country, to match the action by Tokyo, was left uncertain after a hurriedly summoned meeting of his cabinet and congressional leaders of both parties tonight at the White House. Also uncertain was whether that declaration might extend to Japan's axis allies, Germany and Italy.

Resolutions to Be Presented

It was clear from a statement made by the participants, however, that Congress would be requested to adopt a resolution of some nature, and equally clear that it would quickly give its approval. A request for governmental power: equivalent to that under a war declaration was expected as a minimum.

War came sudden to the United States early yesterday afternoon. Without warning, and while Japanese air force struck at Honolulu, Pearl harbor, and Hilo, all in the Hawaiian Islands, soon afterward, Japanese bombs were raining upon Guam and, later, portions of the Philippines were attacked.

As quickly as word of the first bombing was received, the President called upon the army and navy to repel the attack. Far in advance of any action which congress may take

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Isolationist Paper Urges United Effort

Chicago, Dec. 7.—(INS)—The Chicago Tribune, up to now the principal voice of Midwest isolationism, tonight came out for full support of the nation's war effort and declared that "America faces war through no violation of any American."

In a front page editorial, the Tribune said:— "War has been forced on America by an insane clique of Japanese militarists who apparently see the desperate conflict into which they had led their country as the only thing that can prolong their power."

"All that matters today is that we are in the war and the nation must face that simple fact. All of us, from this day forth, have but one task. That is to strike with all our might to protect and preserve the American freedom that we all hold dear."

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CLASON PREPARED TO VOTE FOR WAR

From the Republican Washington Bureau

Washington, Dec. 7.—Representative Clason of Springfield, Mass., is prepared to vote for a declaration of war tomorrow against Japan and Germany, if President Roosevelt calls for such a declaration, he declared here tonight.

"It is now clear that Japan is working in unison with the axis powers, and the United States must prepare in every way to defeat them," Clason said.

"The outbreak in the Pacific comes as a terrible shock, even though we knew the situation was critical. It now appears that the President will ask for a declaration of war tomorrow, and I intend to support him wholeheartedly."

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