

SUMMARY OF WEEK'S ACTIVITIES IN NATIONAL DEFENSE WORK

While its envoys discussed with Secretary of State Hull means of maintaining peace in the Pacific, Japan's forces attacked the Hawaiian Islands, the Philippines, Wake and Midway Islands, Guam, Hong Kong and Malaya. In the attacks on American possessions there were approximately 3,000 casualties, one battleship and a destroyer were sunk, several other U. S. ships severely damaged and a large number of planes put out of commission.

Stating that "always will we remember the character of the onslaught against us," the President asked Congress to declare a state of war exists between the U. S. and the Japanese Empire. Following Congress's affirmative action, Germany and Italy—in accordance with their agreement with Japan—declared war on the United States. Almost immediately Congress declared war on the European members of the Axis.

Addressing the nation by radio, the President said "it will not only be a long war, it will be a hard war. . . . Not only must the shame of Japanese treachery be wiped out, but the sources of international brutality, wherever they exist, must be absolutely and finally broken. . . . With confidence in our armed forces—with the unbounding determination of our people—we will gain the inevitable triumph. . . . We will win the war and we are going to win the peace that follows. . . ."

ARMY AND NAVY ACTION

The President announced he had instructed the Army and Navy to take all steps necessary to U. S. defense. The War and Navy Department announced that the Army and Navy had beaten off attempted Japanese troop landings in the Philippines, sunk a 29,000-ton Japanese battleship, a cruiser and a destroyer, scored hits on the battleship KONGO that Marine garrisons at Midway and Wake were holding out; that Navy Secretary Knox had flown to Hawaii.

Both the Army and Navy announced volunteer enlistments at a record level. The War Department asked Congress for legislation to register all men 18 to 64 years old and to permit use of men 18 to 45 for military service. Selective Service Director Hershey said it may be possible to raise the number of selectees in service from the present 800,000 to about 3,000,000 without using other than the 21-28 age groups. If Congress approves the induction of those from 28 to 35, now registered but deferred, another 1,000,000 might be raised, Gen. Hershey said. SS national headquarters directed all local boards to reclassify ex-Service men who have been deferred because of prior service.

Congress passed legislation removing the ban on U. S. Army men from serving outside the hemisphere. Congress also granted the Army and Navy permission to hold enlisted men for the duration.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Following air raid alarms in San Francisco and New York, the Office of Civilian Defense ordered all Pacific and East coast and District of Columbia air raid volunteers on the alert. OCD Director LaGuardia announced enrollment of 950,000 air raid wardens and other volunteers and called for three times the existing permanent fire personnel, plus one air raid warden for every 500 persons.

The War Department asked all Governors to be "on the alert" with home guards and State troopers available to meet any situation; instructed special plant protection services to protect all arsenals, factories and storage depots against sabotage.

Director McNutt of Defense Health and Welfare Services asked Governors to complete mobilization of State health and welfare services. He also issued a call for young women to enroll in schools of nursing to meet critical shortages of professional nurses for the Army, Navy and civilian requirements.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Navy initiated censorship on all outgoing communications and forbid publication of any naval information that might be of value to the enemy. The Army restricted information of troop movements except when announced by the War De-

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- COTY GIFT SETS
- EVE IN PARIS
- MAX FACTOR
- SHAEFFER PEN SETS
- TOILET SETS
- PERFUMES
- DETROLA
- FARNSWORTH and STEW-
- ART-WARNER RADIOS

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partment. The Maritime Commission requested the press, radio and other news channels to refrain from publishing information about merchant vessels in any waters.

The President authorized the Defense Communications Board to designate radio facilities of the nation for use, control, inspection or closure by Federal agencies. The Federal Communications Commission prohibited operation of amateur radio stations in all U. S. territory.

The Army and Navy announced casualty lists will be withheld from publication in order to avoid giving aid of the enemy in determining where and when and how many losses the U. S. had sustained. Families of casualties, however, will be notified immediately whenever possible.

LEND-LEASE TO CONTINUE

The White House issued a statement that "the Lend-Lease program is and will continue in full operation. . . . The statement said "It was the German hope that if the U. S. and Japan could be pushed into war, that such a conflict would put an end to the Lend-Lease program." Germany and Japan, the President said, "are conducting their military and naval operations in accordance with a joint plan. . . . The American people must realize it can be matched only with similar grand strategy. . . ."

AID TO U. S.

The State Department asked the Pan-American Union to call a conference of Western Hemisphere nations in Rio de Janeiro in January. By December 12, Great Britain, Canada, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Free France, Greece, Haiti, Honduras, Netherlands Indies, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Poland, South Africa, and the Soviet Union had either declared war on Japan, severed relations with that country, or expressed willingness to cooperate with the U. S.

PRODUCTION

Under Secretary of War Patterson called for production of all munitions on a 24-hour-a-day basis. The SPAB issued a declaration that the defense program had been replaced with a victory program. OPM Director Knudsen told his press conference the victory program calls for 1,000 heavy four-engine bombers a month and a 168-hour week for the plane, tank, gun, ammunition and shipbuilding industries as fast as men, materials and machines are available. Director Odium of the OPM Contract Distri-

buton Division, speaking in New York, said war production will double in 1942. Civilian Supply Director Henderson cut auto production to 60 percent of December last year.

The President invited industry and labor leaders to meet in Washington December 17 to reach an agreement to prevent labor disputes.

FIRST SMALLPOX INOCULATION

Jenner made the first inoculation for smallpox in 1796.

STILL POND

Mrs. Hossinger and Miss Hepburn of Lynch, visited with Miss Edna K. Wroth, Sunday.

Dr. Richard Owens spent the weekend with Mrs. Owens and Mrs. Norris.

Mrs. Harry Hendrickson was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Myra Roseberry and son Harry C. Hendrickson in Princess Anne, the week-end.

Mr. Gale Rasin, of Wilmington, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rasin, Sunday.

Mr. Oliver P. Jervis was honored guest to his birthday anniversary last week.

Scripture Lesson at the morning worship hour Sunday, Luke 1: 46-65. Theme, Matthews, 7: 11. "A Christmas Meditation."

Mr. and Mrs. John Jarvis were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Warren in Baltimore several days last week.

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WEDDING

Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Rasin, Miss Pearl Coleman, Mrs. Schofield, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Whitley, Miss Ann Jarman, Miss L. Travers, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ford and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mann visited Wilmington last week.

The Christian Fellowship meeting was held with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Price, Sunday evening.

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The President designated by proclamation all nationals of Germany, Italy and Japan as "enemy aliens" and authorized the Justice Department to take into custody those considered dangerous. The Justice Department requested that all State and local officials leave the handling of aliens to Federal authorities to prevent persecution of law-abiding and peaceful enemy nationals. All but 2,303 of the 1,100,000 Axis nationals in the U. S. were allowed to remain free subject to arrest on the slightest provocation, the Department said. The others, considered dangerous, were taken into custody and will be placed in concentration camps supervised by the Army.

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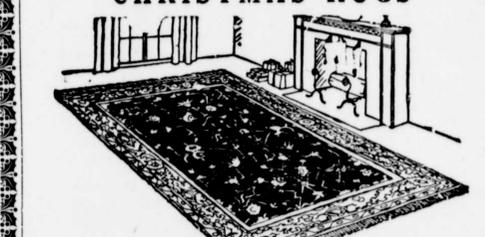
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