

# APPROBATED SUBMERGERS ON U. S. AND BRITAIN; LAUNCHING PACIFIC WAR BOMBS; JAPANESE AT PEARL HARBOR

## Declaration of War Is Expected Today As Congress Meets

### President Will Address Joint Session At 12:30; Overwhelming Approval Predicted By Solons

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(UP)—President Roosevelt and his congressional and cabinet advisers at a momentous White House conference tonight debated a declaration of war against Japan following Japanese bombing of United States army and navy bases in Hawaii and Guam.

The President is expected to ask Congress for such a declaration tomorrow. Legislative leaders said it would be approved quickly and by an overwhelming vote.

The President will address a joint session of the two houses at 12:30 p. m. tomorrow.

The chief executive's plans were revealed by Chairman Tom Connally, Democrat, Texas, of the senate foreign relations committee, after the White House conference.

The disclosure came as the capital was on a war footing. Heavily armed, steel-helmeted soldiers guarded all approaches to the war department and other strategic buildings.

All army and navy officers were called to duty. The federal bureau of investigation said it is "completely mobilized and ready" to deal with Japanese espionage and sabotage.

The war department invoked the 1917 espionage act against publication of secret military information. Press credentials and newspaper correspondents were taken up.

Legislators were stunned by news of the attack which the White House confirmed had taken a heavy toll of life and property damage. Many Republicans and Democrats called for an immediate declaration of war.

Critics of the President's foreign policy appealed for national unity. Secretary of War Henry C. Stimson and Navy Secretary Frank Knox urged the army and navy into uniform.

Members of the State Cordell Hull accused Japan of a "treacherous attack" and charged her with "infamy."

Special police were rushed to the Japanese embassy after aides had found it containing of secret documents. A large crowd gathered there quickly.

The Japanese planes were sent to the British embassy, British Ambassador Lord Halifax cancelled all plans to close the embassy and communication with the White House and London.

Members of the House and Senate considered declaration of war.

## Britain to Adopt War Act Today

### Parliament Is Summoned By Churchill

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The British parliament was called into special session for 3 p. m. today (9 a. m., E.S.T.) to hear a government statement in which everyone agreed would be a declaration of war against Japan which was expected to coincide with similar action by the United States.

Japan already had declared war on Great Britain and the United States last night at Westminster. Churchill conferred with U.S. Ambassador John G. Winant and London's ambassador to Churchill's now unneeded pledge to declare war on Japan "within the hour" Japan attacked the United States.

Belief was expressed in British quarters here that the Japanese already had attacked "some British possessions" as well as the Pacific bases of the United States.

The Japanese embassy, which had been inaccessible by telephone for hours, late last night, received a message from the British government, including the burning of its secret documents.

The Japanese ambassador, Kurihara, was expected to be called to the foreign office today to receive a message from the Tokyo government previously had ordered the ambassador home for consultations.

The attack on Hawaii was made last night. The White House confirmed that Guam also had been bombed.

Reports that the Japanese reported the fleet had left Pearl Harbor. Beyond stating that countermeasures would be taken, the White House said the attack had been smoothly, naval officials refused comment on the Pearl Harbor bombing.

Military quarters said the attacking planes had received a "warm reception."

The President was in constant conferences with high military and naval officials from the time he was advised of the far eastern explosion.

Release Text of News. He released the text of a message sent Saturday to Emperor Hirohito in which he expressed "firmest" hope the act would dispel the dark clouds in the Pacific.

The Japanese planes' attack here a reply could be received from Hirohito.

The S. program, it was reported tonight by the state department, proposed a multilateral non-aggression pact between this

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## Waves of Bombers Attack U. S. Base At Pearl Harbor

### Jap Planes Strike At Base and Honolulu; U. S. Fleet Steams Out, Probably to Battle Japanese

By FRANCIS SWARTZ. HONOLULU, Dec. 7.—(UP)—War broke with lightning suddenness in the Pacific today when waves of Japanese bombers assailed Hawaii and the United States fleet struck back with a thunder of big naval rifles.

Japanese bombers, including four-motored "flying fortresses," dive bombers and torpedo-carrying planes blasted at Pearl Harbor, the great United States naval base, the city of Honolulu and several outlying American military bases on the island of Oahu. There were casualties, of unestimated number.

Parachutists appeared off Harbor Point, five miles from the center of Honolulu. (It was assumed that they were suicide squadrons of saboteurs.)

Then the United States fleet steamed out of Pearl Harbor. The sound of gunfire was heard off Oahu and gunflashes were seen from the shore. It was believed that most of the Japanese bombers operated from aircraft carriers, which might have been intercepted.

The cry, "Now let's get the Japanese," was raised as the fleet steamed out. Japanese sources at Shanghai reported that a Japanese-American naval battle was under way "in the western Pacific."

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Estimates of the number of attacking planes ranged from 50 to 100. They were said to have come from carriers anchored off Barber's Point. Pearl Harbor is protected from that direction, the northeast by a range of mountains and the raiders skimmed the peaks and valleys of the hills.

At least one plane was seen to launch a torpedo. It was reported that the United States forces here had fought for a week that the attacking planes had been almost completely unprepared. It broke with such suddenness, however, that it was almost over before it was definitely known. But observers soon could plainly see the rising sun over the harbor.

After the shock of the first bomb impacts had been absorbed, Gov. Joseph B. Eastland declared a state of emergency, ordered the public to stay out of streets and urged all roads and important intersections.

The attack on Hawaii, as well as the one on the international settlement at Shanghai, where Japanese planes were reported to have been shot down and Japanese gunfire sank the British warship *Petrel*, was believed designed to knock out the surprise of resistance to Japan in other parts of the world.

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The planes apparently were based on an aircraft carrier. They came in at great altitude, but swooped low in dive attacks. One saw a dive bomber swoop down in an attack, the red ball on its wing lit clearly in the sky.

Summed by Radio. With the first burst of anti-aircraft fire, policemen and firemen were summoned by radio to army and navy posts, in accordance with a prearranged plan.

Heavy smoke from anti-aircraft guns drifted from the Pearl Harbor navy yard and from Hickam field, a bomber base.

Spectators also reported fires in the first island, in the middle of Pearl Harbor. Fifty planes were said to have attacked the navy yard.

Many of the attacking planes were reported to have been shot down.

## Army Orders Precautions For Plants

### ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 7.—(INS)—United States army officials in the Fourth corps area tonight called up of war industrialists in the area to take special precautions to guard against possible sabotage in view of the attack of Japan upon the United States.

The following statement was issued at the corps area headquarters: "The commanding general of the Fourth corps area requests that all manufacturers and industrialists in the states of the Fourth corps area (Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana) take every precaution against sabotage in their establishments."

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## WAR BULLETINS

FIGHT AT SEA. LONDON, Dec. 8.—(Monday)—(INS)—The Japanese navy force is now engaged in a "second sea battle" with a mixed American-British naval fleet in the western Pacific, the London Daily Express reported today, quoting the Japanese newspaper *Osaka Mainichi*.

BOMBERS HEAD NORTH. MANILA, Monday, Dec. 8.—(AP)—United States army bombers and pursuit planes roared into the air and headed northward at dawn today, after they had reached Manila of the outbreak of hostilities between Japan and the United States. This was the only attack in the western Pacific, the London Daily Express reported today, quoting the Japanese newspaper *Osaka Mainichi*.

JAP CARRIER SUNK. NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(INS)—The Japanese aircraft carrier from which planes presumably operated to attack Pearl Harbor, has been sunk by units of the United States navy, according to unofficial reports circulated in London tonight and reported to New York by C. B. S. The same unofficial source said that other carriers had been sunk at Singapore.

IST DIVISION READY. FORT DEVENS, Mass., Dec. 7.—(AP)—The United States' crack First Division, which many believe would be the first to see action, was placed on a war-time basis tonight.

Col. William A. Smith, post commander, issued the order and announced that all leaves and furloughs had been cancelled, guards had been doubled and a ban has been placed on all visitors.

BAG 6 PLANES. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(UP)—Reliable quarters said tonight anti-aircraft fire and naval action had bagged six Japanese planes from all affected countries, the record ran like this: Honolulu bombed a second time; Lumber-laden U. S. army transport torpedoed 1,300 miles west of San Francisco and another transport in distress; Shanghai's international settlement seized; U. S. gunboat *Wake* captured there and British gunboat *Petrel* destroyed.

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## Two Tar Heels Sit On Committees Taking Up War Declaration Today

By ROBT. A. ERWIN. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Two North Carolinians will sit tomorrow on the Senate and House foreign affairs committees when they go through the formality of approving a declaration of war against Japan.

The House Rep. W. O. Bustin, of Lexington, long-time advocate of aid to Britain and a strong stand against aggression, and the late Senator Robert R. Rice Reynolds.

The house foreign affairs committee was called to meet at 9 a. m. Mr. Bustin said by Chairman Earl B. Hamilton, Democrat, New York.

The North Carolina representative will be just a formality following in the wake of the house and senate declaration of war against Japan.

This correspondent telephoned the committee but was unable to get a statement from the senator but was informed by the butler who answered the phone, "The senator

is at dinner now. Please call back later." The senator, Mr. Bustin, has been ready to fight against aggression for a long time, said a statement at this time but would await further developments and President Roosevelt's message before commenting. His position, of course, speaks for itself because he has repeatedly condemned the axis on the floor of the senate and has stood ready to vote for war anytime it becomes necessary.

Mr. Bustin's position is the whole thing. We should have been ready a long time ago, but how are we in it and we shall win. Recognizing that fighting already was under way, Mr. Folger said that Congress should have been called in for session earlier than tomorrow noon. The congressman spent the afternoon and evening at the telephone in his apartment at the Westchester and was ready for an immediate call to the capitol. "I'll be available any time," he said. Mr. Folger again vigorously condemned labor leader John L. Lewis and declared that Lewis was getting further trouble, we will get what he is asking for, just as the Japanese will get and quiet. We are fighting our greatest fight and Mr. Lewis will not be allowed to stand in the way."

## Sudden Assault Fatal To 350 U. S. Troops

### Two U. S. Warships Reported Sunk; America May Declare War On Axis Powers As Well As Japan Today

Japan assaulted every major 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.

Her formal declaration of war against both the United States and Britain came at 11:00 a. m. and 55 minutes after Japanese planes spread death and terrific destruction in Honolulu and Pearl Harbor at 7:55 a. m. Hawaiian time (1:05 p. m., E. S. T.) Sunday. The death toll was set at 350 by an N. B. C. observer in Honolulu.

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DECLARATION TODAY. The United States, it was believed, probably will enter the second world war today with formal declarations of hostilities not only against Japan but also Tokyo's axis allies—Germany and Italy.

Aroused by savage Japanese surprise attacks Sunday on the Hawaiian islands, the Philippines, Guam, and the Pacific Ocean area, involved in Japanese attacks upon American and British possessions is shown on page 10. Text of President Roosevelt's message to Congress (Washington on page 3).

probably *Wake* and *Midway*, many observers believed that Congress was ready for a full plunge into the great world conflict.

The President was reported to have said that the U. S. bases at *Guam* virtually had been destroyed.

Full extent of the damage, especially in Hawaii, will be withheld as a military secret, he said.

He indicated the attacking planes were launched from two aircraft carriers. These vessels, he told his conferees, were believed to have ranged within 500 miles of Hawaii by daylight and moved under full steam at night to a point from which the attack was launched.

The White House received an unconfirmed report that some planes bore the name *Wasp*.

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