

U. S. Seizes Finn Ships In America

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The United States tonight moved swiftly to take over all Finnish flag ships in United States ports as an initial measure to endorse Britain's declaration of war against Finland.

Disclosures of the American action came from Finnish Minister Hjalmar Procope who further advised that the Finnish legation had been informed of the forty coming seizures "some days ago."

Procope declined to elaborate on the nature of the seizures but involved explaining that it might be "10, 20 or more."

The navy listed the ships to be taken over as follows: The Finnish flag ship known to be at Boston December 4, the Kaunissaari, the Advance at Philadelphia, the Angot at Baltimore, and the Aurora at Newport News, Va.

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OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Canada followed Britain's lead in seizing and detaining the Finnish ship known to be at Boston December 4, the Kaunissaari, the Advance at Philadelphia, the Angot at Baltimore, and the Aurora at Newport News, Va.

Hull Accuses Japs of Lying In Stating Status of Pacific

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(UP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull today angrily told the Japanese "peace or war" envoys that their government's answer to his recent document on the United States position in the far eastern was "crowded with infamous falsehoods and distortions."

Hull's statement, the state department said, was given directly to the Japanese diplomats, Ambassador Kichisaburo Nomura and special envoy Saburo Kurusu, after he had a document they handed him at 2:20 p. m., EST.

The announcement did not make public the contents of the document. The department's announcement described the case as follows: "Secretary Hull carefully read the statement presented by the Japanese ambassador and with the greatest indignation said: 'I must say that in all my conversations with you, the Japanese ambassador, during the last nine months, I have never uttered one word of untruth. This is borne out absolutely by the record. In all my 50-years of public service, I have never seen a

Nazis Reported Massing Huge Force For New Moscow Drive

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Hundreds Killed As Japanese Bomber Scores Direct Hit

TOKYO, Monday, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Japanese imperial headquarters announced at 6 a. m. today that Japan had entered a state of war with the United States and Britain in the western Pacific as from dawn today.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Three hundred and fifty men were killed by a direct bomb hit on Hickam field, an NBC observer reported tonight from Honolulu.

In addition to these casualties from an air raid by planes which the observer identified as Japanese, he said three United States ships including the battleship Oklahoma, were attacked in Pearl Harbor.

Several of the attacking planes, which came from the south, were shot down, he said. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(UP)—The White House said tonight that naval reports from Hawaii indicated that heavy loss of life and damage resulted in Hawaii from an early morning Japanese air attack.

White House Secretary Stephen T. Early said a preliminary report from Admiral C. C. Block, commander of the naval district at Hawaii, "expresses the belief there has been heavy damage done in Hawaii and that there has been heavy loss of life."

Early said no information was available as yet on damage and casualties in Manila. The attack on Hawaii came in the early morning — "you probably should call it a dawn attack," said Early who previously described it as coming "wholly without warning."

Early ordered secret service agents to take all press credentials from Japanese newspaper correspondents in Washington. Before he would discuss the report from Admiral Block, he asked if there were any Japanese correspondents in the room.

Japan attacked the United States today, striking by air at the great Pearl Harbor naval base at Honolulu and at Manila, and later reports indicated that the United States had won the first battle in the new world war.

Soviet Capital Facing Direct Peril of War

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Mystery Surrounds Double Killing Near Elizabeth City

ELIZABETH CITY, Dec. 6.—(UP)—The mutilated bodies of a pretty brunette mill worker and a coast guardman who had been missing since Thursday night were found late today on the bank of an abandoned railroad track near a "lovers lane" a mile south of here.

The killings were Miss Florence Watson, 20, Camden county, who worked in a hosiery mill here, and Robert C. Young Sr., 21, a coast guardman on duty at the Elizabeth City, Va., coast guard station.

The double slaying was committed by two people acting in concert, according to the police. The bodies were found in a shallow hole in the earth, about 100 feet from the railroad tracks. The bodies were found in a shallow hole in the earth, about 100 feet from the railroad tracks.

Senator Thomas, chairman of the committee on education and labor, called a meeting of the committee for Monday to consider matters of procedure, and there is talk of having a witness next week. Taking account of public pressure, and the resentment over the attitude of labor leaders who have opposed any sort of legislation, however mild, this action of the new committee is expected.

Those amendments, designed to ease the straight jacket into which private industry has been forced and which would have promoted the construction of the ship, said: "We welcome the revival of the shipbuilding industry in Wilmington, and our cup of joy would be complete if this ship could find her first cargo in this port."

The governor expressed pride in the construction of the ship said: "We welcome the revival of the shipbuilding industry in Wilmington, and our cup of joy would be complete if this ship could find her first cargo in this port."

British to Make Statement Soon

LONDON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A British statement, composed with the aid of United States Ambassador John G. Winant, was expected "fairly soon" tonight as London awaited fulfillment of Prime Minister Churchill's promise to declare war on Japan "within the hour" if she attacked the United States.

Churchill and Winant were expected in conference quickly after Friday's announcement that Japanese planes had attacked Hawaii and the Philippines said British sources said Britain's cabinet probably would be called for a rush meeting during the night.

The prime minister and ambassador were said reliably to be out of London but it was assumed that both were in closest communication with Washington. The first hour after the Washington announcement was disclosed here passed without notice of a British war declaration.

NO REACTION AS YET IN BERLIN. BERLIN, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A German spokesman declared tonight there could be no reaction from Germany to the announced Japanese air attack on Pearl Harbor until all sides of the case were at hand.

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Cabinet Will Meet At 8:30

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The President decided today after the attack on Pearl Harbor to call an extraordinary meeting of the cabinet for 8:30 p. m. tonight and to have congressional leaders of both parties invited to the White House from 8:30 p. m. tonight.

President Roosevelt will dictate the draft of a message to Congress and his secretary, Miss Grace Tully, will work in his vestiaire study interrupted frequently by urgent dispatches on the war in the Pacific.

Police Leaves Canceled In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Chief of Police Charles Dullin canceled all police leaves today, mobilized the entire department, and ordered special details to patrol San Francisco's big Japanese colony, known as Japantown, and strategic waterfront points.

Heavy police guards were rushed to the San Francisco bay area. Guards were stationed on all streets leading to the waterfront.

Observer Reports Heavy Damage To Pearl Harbor

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Youth Admits Burying Victim Of Gun Accident

LOWVILLE, N. Y., Dec. 6.—(AP)—A 15-year-old youth admitted today, District Attorney Dwight N. Dudo said, burying a 13-year-old hunting companion he had shot dead while hunting in a field.

The youth admitted the prosecutor asserted, dragging the body 800 feet in a burrowing of a pile of rocks on an abandoned mine in northern New York's Adirondack forest.

Briton Boasts Of New Bomber

LONDON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Britain's Manchester bomber, better known as the Lancaster, is being produced in Germany, Lieut. Col. J. T. E. M. Robinson, chief of the production, told RAF cadets today.

He had praise, too, for the Spitfire which he said is so good it will continue in production until the end of the war. Britain's newest fighters, the Spitfires, are being produced in large numbers.

Polish Troops To Aid Reds

KUIBYSHEV, Russia, Dec. 6.—(Delayed)—Gen. Wladyslaw Sikorski, premier and minister of military affairs of the Polish government, declared today that Polish soldiers, equipped by soviet Russia, Great Britain and the United States would be ready to take part in an offensive after January 1.

Gen. Sikorski came here from two talks in Moscow with Joseph Stalin, which resulted in the signing of a mutual aid pact between the Polish and Russian governments in the first accord of its type in Russian-Polish history.

Army Transport Struck at Sea

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The White House announced today that an army transport carrying lumber rather than troops had been hit by a Japanese submarine off the coast of San Francisco. This placed Japanese naval forces well east of Hawaii, the White House said.

There was no information whether the transport had been sunk or whether there was loss of life among the crew.