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### WEATHER

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# NATION ACCEPTS JAPAN'S CHALLENGE; CONGRESS VOTES WAR DECLARATION

### HOUSE NATION MOVING SWIFTLY TO TOTAL WAR

House of Representatives today voted to accept Japan's challenge and declared war on the nation. The vote was 388 to 1. The declaration of war was passed by a vote of 388 to 1. The declaration of war was passed by a vote of 388 to 1.

## Japan is Claiming Smashing Victory At Sea and in Air

### Tokyo Declares Two U. S. Battleships, Minesweeper Sunk, Others Damaged; Losses Virtually Negligible

TOKYO, Tuesday, Dec. 8. (Official radio picked up by AP) — The Japanese asserted today they had won naval supremacy over the United States in the Pacific, claiming by official or unofficial reports the destruction of two American battleships and an aircraft carrier and the damaging of four battleships and six cruisers.

These, declared the Japanese, were the principal results of the first shock of their air-naval offensive. The claim to supremacy appeared in a commentary-press broadcast by Domei, which said that any force the United States now could muster "would be regarded as utterly inadequate to accomplish any successful outcome in an encounter with the thus far intact Japanese fleet."

TOKYO, Dec. 8. (AP) — Japan claimed today naval and air victories against the United States in the first shock of her offensive in the Pacific. Imperial headquarters, in an announcement broadcast by Domei, said that two battleships and a minesweeper had been sunk, four heavy cruisers damaged, many merchant ships seized and scores of planes destroyed on ground and in the air in Hawaii and the Philippines.

U. S. Carrier Sunk? The communique said also that a United States aircraft carrier had been sunk by submarine off Honolulu "although this is not confirmed."

Two Warships Sunk? (An Italian broadcast quoted Domei as listing the 33,100-ton Pennsylvania and the 29,000-ton Oklahoma as lost. Domei also reported to have said that two United States destroyers and two oil tankers had been destroyed.)

The Japanese spoke little of the first air assault yesterday on Pearl harbor and other Hawaiian objectives but said that 50 or 60 American planes had been shot down in combat over Clark field and 40 over Iba, in the Philippines.

Thailand Aids Japan? Japan seemed also to have won a military-diplomatic victory by gaining Thailand's consent to pass of Japanese troops to meet British Malayan forces.

The Tokyo board of information announced such an agreement by radio following an earlier statement from the Japanese embassy at Bangkok that Japanese troops were sweeping from Thailand British forces which had crossed into that country early today "by pre-arranged plan."

TOKYO (To Page Eight, Please)

## JAPAN BOMBERS STRIKE LENGTH OF PHILIPPINES

### Smash At Ft. Stotsenberg, Clark Field, Baguio, Davio, Appari And Batan Islands; Manila Hears No Air Raid Alarm By Early Tonight

MANILA, Dec. 8. (AP) — Japanese bombers struck at military bases and ports the length of the Philippines today, smashing at the big fort Stotsenberg, Clark field, the summer mountain capital at Baguio, the ports of Davao and Appari and the far northern Batan island group.

Manila had heard no air raid alarms and seen no raiding planes early tonight, although Japanese warcraft were reported within 40 miles of the densely populated city.

Manila, which has no public air raid shelters, was blacked out. Other ports also shut off lights and waited tensely.

The army headquarters announced that Davao, center of concentrated Japanese population on the southernmost of the large islands, and Baguio, summertime mountain capital of the Philippines north of Manila, had been bombed by daylight.

Hit Encampment During the afternoon Japanese bombers struck at Fort Stotsenberg, one of the biggest army encampments in the Philippines, and nearby Clark field.

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MANILA (To Page Four, Please)

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Earlier Japanese units attempting to penetrate Malaya from the north were reported being "mopped up." Singapore itself had been under air attack today, with the casualties counted at 63 dead and 133 injured.

## Senate and House Get FDR Message, Then Act Quickly

### WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP) — The United States through its congress declared war today on Japan.

The senate vote of 82 to 0 and the house vote of 388 to 1 told their own story of unity in the face of common danger. The speed with which the two chambers granted President Roosevelt's request for a declaration was unprecedented.

The single adverse house vote was that of Miss Jeanette Rankin, republican congresswoman from Montana, who was among the few who voted against the 1917 declaration of war on Germany.

President Cheered to Echo Both branches had just cheered to the echo President Roosevelt's appeal for the declaration.

"I ask," the chief executive told a joint session, "that the congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December 7th, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese empire."

The president said that yesterday was "a date which will live in infamy."

Within 20 minutes after he finished the senate had acted.

The momentous doings at the capitol followed a white house announcement that Japan's sudden attack on Hawaii yesterday had cost the United States two warships and 3,000 dead and wounded.

No Demonstration There was no demonstration following the senate vote. The members immediately turned to routine matters.

Text of War Message "To the congress of the United States: "Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the empire of Japan."

## HAWAII DAMAGE IS VERY GREAT, REPORTS SHOW

### Casualties in Islands May Reach 3,000; Few Details Given Out; Some Ships And Planes Are Victims Of Japs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. (AP) — The white house announced today that the Japanese attack on Hawaii had resulted in the capsizing of an old battleship, the destruction of a destroyer, damage to other vessels and destruction of a relatively large number of planes.

It added that several Japanese planes and submarines had been accounted for.

This was announced as a war resolution was drafted for immediate introduction in the congress which President Roosevelt was addressing personally on the far eastern situation at a momentous joint session at 12:30 p. m.

Chairman Connally (D-Texas) prepared the war resolution, saying he acted on his own initiative without knowing what the president would say.

Casualties 3,000 An official white house statement said that the damage to the islands was very great.

DAMAGE (To Page Seven, Please)

Text of Joint Resolution on State of War

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. AP — The text of the joint resolution adopted by congress today declaring war on Japan follows:

"Declaring that a state of war exists between the imperial government of Japan and the government and the people of the United States and making provisions to prosecute the same.

Whereas, the imperial government of Japan has committed repeated acts of war against the government and the people of the United States of America; therefore, be it

### WAR Bulletins

NEW YORK, Dec. 8. (AP) — Manila is under bombardment by Japanese planes, an NBC correspondent reported late today (Tuesday morning, Manila time), with the raiders smashing at Fort William McKinley, Nichols airfield and the Radio Corporation of America short wave transmitter.

The fire is simply raging out there," said Bert Siten, the radio reporter.

MANILA, Dec. 8. AP — This afternoon Japanese bombers renewed attacks on the Philippines, raiding the big U. S. army encampment at Fort Stotsenberg and nearby Clark field.

Numerous buildings were set afire and the army's telephone communications to Manila were cut. Three Japanese planes were reported shot down in the attack.

BERLIN, Dec. 8. AP — A DNB dispatch tonight from Tokyo, quoting a report in the Japanese newspaper Yomiuri from Saigon, French Indo-China, said a United States transport had been sunk with a loss of 350 men in waters around Manila.

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BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 8. (AP) — Availability of equipment still will determine how fast men may be taken into the army, said Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Herhey, national director of the selective service system, in commenting on effects of the remainder of a western tour, prepared to go to Washington by train today.

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(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS) 7 a. m. Hi. Low Forecast

Aberdeen . . . 29 47 29 00  
Huron . . . 27 47 27 00  
Sioux Falls . . . 30 44 30 00  
Watertown . . . 27 41 26 00  
Pierre . . . 27 49 27 00  
Brookings . . . 29 55 29 trace  
Sioux City, Ia. . . 34 47 32 00  
Yankton . . . 29 49 27 00  
Mitchell . . . 27 41 27 00  
Rapid City . . . 24 42 22 00

Sides—Aberdeen, Sioux Falls, Watertown, Brookings, Sioux City, cloudy; all other reporting stations, clear.

FORECAST SOUTH DAKOTA: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; light snow northeast Tuesday; continued cold.

NEBRASKA: Fair tonight and Tuesday, colder east and central portions tonight; warmer Tuesday.

OVER THE NATION MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 8. (AP) — Min Max Precip

Boston . . . 23 34 —  
Chicago . . . 24 38 —  
Cleveland . . . 24 30 —  
Dallas . . . 40 55 —  
Los Angeles . . . 36 81 —  
Miami . . . 71 — —  
Minneapolis . . . 22 40 07  
New Orleans . . . 46 53 —  
New York . . . 27 35 —  
Philadelphia . . . 34 47 00

### Reflection

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so instead of an A, I got a B for my paper. When I asked why I had gotten the B (there were no corrections on my paper) she explained that it was unbelievable. I asked if I could prove it to her would she raise my grade. I therefore, invited Grandpa to my final basketball game to which he brought his cowbell. You can imagine what happened in the gym that night. I also introduced him to my English teacher. I got my A!

A GREAT PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY: I have been very fortunate to have been raised in this area. All four branches of my family's history had come to the Dakota Territory in the 1860s. I have traced the Fejar's, Kostel's, Borszich's, and Lukes' history through the Yankton Press and Dakotan among other sources. My great-great-grandfather, Frank Fejar brought his family to the

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