

Laid to Raid Blackout

Traffic Accidents and
Heart Attacks Take
Lives of Quintette

Deaths of five persons—three in traffic accidents, two as victims of heart attacks—were listed as directly attributable to the five-hour blackout in Los Angeles County yesterday morning.

The inky blackness also resulted in injuries to scores of other persons.

Mrs. Zeniah Klein, 48, of 1017 Mayflower St., Arcadia, was killed when an automobile in which she was riding collided during the blackout with a milk truck driven by Mrs. Goldie L. Wagner, 50, of 2540 S. 10th St. Arcadia, during the early morning hours at 1900 S. 10th St. Arcadia.

LIGHTS OFF

The victim's husband, Harry F. Klein, 47, told deputy sheriffs he was driving with his car lights off when he collided with the milk truck, which was also reported driving without lights. Mrs. Klein died at the scene. Klein and Mrs. Wagner received minor injuries.

Police Sergeant Engebert Larson, 55, of 3295 Adriatic Ave., Long Beach, was killed in a head-on collision at Long Beach while en route to the police station for emergency duty.

DRIVER SUCCUMBS

A pedestrian, Jesus Alferoz, 55, of 1655 Pomeroy St., died at Georgia Street Receiving Hospital from injuries he received when he walked into the side of an automobile driven by Henry W. Graveson, 26, of 11232 Duncan St., Lynwood, during the blackout in the 900 block on Mission Road. Graveson was not held.

While driving a station wagon loaded with ammunition for the California State Guard unit in Hollywood, Henry B. Ayers, 60, slumped over in his seat and died of a heart attack before medical aid could reach him. Ayers suffered the heart attack while the blackout was in full force and anti-aircraft fire was piercing the sky.

HEART ATTACK

While busy on duty as an air raid warden George P. Well, 36, of 2834 Forrester Drive, suffered a heart attack. He was taken home and died there a short time later. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Betty Well, and a son Robert, 8. Well was an accountant. Forest Lawn Mortuary will have charge of funeral arrangements.

William Prince, 71, of 384 N. Vernon Ave., Pasadena, received critical injuries when he was struck by a car reported driven by Raymond C. Parker, 21, of 1301 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, at the intersection of Garfield Ave. and Colorado St., Pasadena. Prince was treated at the Huntington Memorial Hospital for a possible fractured skull and other serious head injuries.

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Rubber in Corsets Ordered Banned

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. (AP) After more than a month of indecision the War Production Board today finally made up its

Roaring Guns Mark Blackout

Identity of Aircraft Veiled in Mystery;
No Bombs Dropped and No Enemy Craft Hit;
Civilians Report Seeing Planes and Balloon

Overshadowing a nation-wide maelstrom of rumors and conflicting reports, the Army's Western Defense Command yesterday insisted that Los Angeles' early morning blackout and anti-aircraft action were the result of unidentified aircraft sighted over the beach area.

In two official statements, issued while Secretary of the Navy Knox in Washington was attributing the activity to a false alarm and "jittery nerves," the command in San Francisco confirmed and reconfirmed the presence over the Southland of unidentified planes.

Relayed by the Southern California sector office in Pasadena, the second statement read:

"The aircraft which caused the blackout in the Los Angeles area for several hours this a.m. have not been identified."

Insistence from official quarters that the alarm was real came as hundreds of thousands of citizens who heard and saw the activity spread countless varying stories of the episode.

The spectacular anti-aircraft barrage came after the 4th

For other news and pictures of yesterday's air raid alarm, see Pages A, B, C and D.

Interceptor Command ordered the blackout when strange craft were reported over the coast line.

Powerful searchlights from countless stations stabbed the sky with brilliant probing fingers while anti-aircraft batteries dotted the heavens with beautiful, if sinister, orange bursts of shrapnel.

CITY BLACKED OUT FOR HOURS

The city was blacked out from 2:25 to 7:21 a.m. after an earlier yellow alert at 7:18 p.m. was called off at 10:23 p.m. The blackout was in effect from here to the Mexican border and inland to the San Joaquin Valley.

No bombs were dropped and no airplanes shot down and, miraculously in view of the tons of missiles hurled aloft, only two persons were reported wounded by falling shell fragments.

Countless thousands of Southland residents, many of whom were late to work because of the traffic tie-up during the blackout, rubbed their eyes sleepily yesterday as they agreed that, regardless of the question of how "real" the air-raid alarm may have been, it was "a great show" and "well worth losing a few hours' sleep."

COAST STAYS ON ALERT

The Army's Western Defense Command in San Francisco issued a noncommittal statement to the effect that there was a blackout and shooting, and added that no bombs were dropped and no planes were shot down.

The text of the official announcement read:

"Cities in the Los Angeles area were blacked out at 2:25 a.m. today on orders from the 4th Interceptor Command when unidentified aircraft were reported in the area.

"Although reports were conflicting and every effort is being made to ascertain the facts, it is clear that no bombs were dropped and no planes were shot down.

"There was a considerable amount of anti-aircraft firing. The all-clear signal came at 7:21 a.m."

The announcement brought no relaxation of the Pacific Coast's vigilance in the wake of an Axis submarine's shelling of a Santa Barbara County oil field Monday night.

ROUNDUP OF ENEMY ALIENS PRESSED

While military aircraft patrolled the land and sea approaches to this strategic area, authorities pressed their roundup of enemy aliens and other persons whose activities during the emergency period were questionable.

Thirty persons, 20 of whom were Japanese, were arrested during the night and morning.

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ALTOGETHER CAPT. Sweet is as well acquainted with the military as the civilian aspects of flying. He hardly knows where one begins and the other ends. His frequent passengers are the Generalissimo and the Madame and they aren't neurotic to them.

The Japanese have an open season on Pan Am's China planes. Capt. Sweet's fervent hope is that we will form a United States bomber squadron to work on a small but effective scale, along the same lines as the Rangoon flyers, who are almost exclusively fighter pilots.

He points out what most of us do not know, that air bases fairly close to the Chinese coast are still available to the Chinese and therefore to us. For, while the Japanese have driven between 1000 and 2000 miles inland, they have penetrated with long tentacles. The territory on either side still remains Chinese.

From bases in this territory, Capt. Sweet says, American bombers would be within practical bombing distance of Japan and the slender, vulnerable Japanese shipping lanes. As matters now stand, the Japanese supply lines are unopposed and therefore unprotected by planes or fighting craft.

We have permitted the Japanese to make a parade ground of the waters to the Southwest Pacific, when with a small number of bombers we could take a heavy toll. We have failed to do to Japan what Germany is doing in England, although Japan is just another island.

For this troop and supply ship strafing all Capt. Sweet would like to see is a few Marylands and Havocs with the bomb racks replaced by gasoline tanks and four cannons mounted in the nose. By diving and slashing, he says, the biggest merchantman afloat can be sunk.

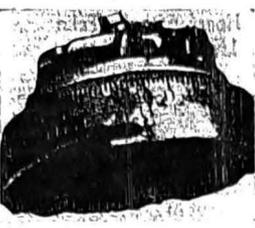
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Lane, 32, of 1960 S. Locust Ave., Long Beach, who suffered an 8-inch scalp laceration when a shell hit the sidewalk in front of the Bank of America and exploded, Lane was taken to St. Mary's Hospital for treatment.

The blast also broke the windows of the bank and damaged the interior. The bank is situated at Market St. and Long Beach Blvd.

In Long Beach two homes were damaged. One shell pierced the roof of the home of Dr. Franklin



DIDN'T WORK—This shows timing device on anti-aircraft shell which governs altitude of, which shell explodes. This one didn't explode until it hit.

W. Stewart of 1711 Linden Ave. and exploded in a room used as an office, blasting steel fragments through a wall into the kitchen. The 3-inch projectile demolished the interiors of both rooms.

Victor L. Norman of 2036 Easy Ave., Long Beach, also escaped injury when another shell crashed through the roof of his home and exploded.

HOMES DAMAGED HERE

Three Los Angeles homes were damaged by another 3-inch shell which crashed in the 1700 block of W. 43rd Place. The missile struck a concrete apron in front of a garage at 1738 W. 43rd Place in the rear of a home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh G. Landis.

Mr. and Mrs. Landis, Mrs. Landis' sister, Mrs. Blanche Sedgewick, and her niece, Josie Duffy, 14, escaped injury only because they were on the front porch watching the barrage.

EMPTY BED STRUCK

Fragments of the projectile tore through the rear walls of the home into two bedrooms and the kitchen. Glass in all rear windows was broken out and one large shell fragment tore through the wall into Mrs. Sedgewick's bed, ripping the blanket and mattress.

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Authorities reported the blackout generally successful and promptly inaugurated after the warnings were issued. The 10,000 air-raid wardens in the Los Angeles area responded to the emergency almost to a man, although it was the first time they had been called out under actual raid conditions.

Deputy Police Chief Ross R. McDonald, in charge of the department's war activities, credited the wardens with helping to prevent countless accidents in traffic during the blackouts.

The blackout was not without its casualties, however. A State Guardsman died of a heart attack while driving an ammunition truck, heart failure also accounted for the death of an air-raid warden on duty, a woman was killed in a car-truck collision in Arroyo; an air-raid warden chasing a suspicious character he thought might be a Jap fell and broke an ankle. A Long Beach policeman was killed in a traffic crash en route to duty.

CIVIC CENTER GUARDED

Sheriff's deputies guarded Civic Center buildings with new machine guns of tremendous fire power throughout the night.

Various observers claimed they saw high-flying planes numbering one to hundreds during the terrific clamor of the anti-aircraft barrage. Some thought the objectives of the busy gunners was a dirigible, a balloon or possibly a drifting barrage balloon.

Other observers, equipped with powerful night glasses, asserted they were unable to see a single aircraft or other object in the sky.

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might have flown from a carrier so far at sea they had no accommodations for bombs in addition to capacity fuel loads, and therefore were on reconnaissance. This, it was said, would explain why no bombs were dropped.

From Akron, O., home of American lighter-than-air experts, came opinions that the Japanese would not employ blimps because they could not obtain fireproof helium.

For the first time in their lives, Southland aircraft workers labored behind blacked-out factory windows while anti-aircraft guns on the roofs hammered projectiles into the sky at intervals.

COAST BATTERIES FIRE

Much of the firing appeared to come from the vicinity of aircraft plants along the coastal area of Santa Monica, Inglewood, Southwest Los Angeles and Long Beach. Batteries in the San Fernando Valley aircraft production area remained silent on the alert.

From Santa Barbara, area of the submarine attack Monday night, Dist. Atty. Percy Heckendorf said he would appeal to Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt, commanding officer of the Western Defense Command, to make Santa Barbara County a restricted area for enemy nationals and American-born Japanese as well.

"There is convincing proof," Heckendorf asserted, "that there were shore signals flashed to the enemy." Heckendorf said the people would hold Gen. DeWitt responsible if he failed to act.

Army ordnance officers meanwhile were studying more than 200 pounds of shell fragments from missiles fired by the submarine which caused only \$500 damage in the Elwood oil field near Santa Barbara.

Five Deaths Laid to Blackouts

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juries to many persons during the eerie blackout hours.

In an unusual accident, William Stokely, 23, radio announcer, of 1621 N. Hudson Ave., received a deep laceration over his right eye when he ran into an awning while running to work.

Lieut. Walter Larter, 29, of 132 W. 98th St., kicked in a glass window in a Hollywood store to put out a light and suffered a half-inch cut on his right leg.

Hurrying to his air-raid warden post, Roy Campbell, 71, slipped in the darkness on the stairs at his home, 1102 Eldon St., and received a broken left arm.

In Pasadena, Charles W. Hoffman, 61, an air-raid warden of 73 W. Villa St., suffered possible fracture of the right hip when he fell from a three-foot retaining wall while checking lights of an apartment house at 508 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

Another air-raid warden, Thomas G. Barber, 22, of 1970 Cheremova St., sprained his right ankle when he jumped over a three-foot fence in Hollywood in an effort to reach a house which had its light on.

Mrs. Marle Charles, 71, of 205 Bennett Ave., Long Beach, suffered serious injuries when she stumbled in the darkness of her home and fell heading down the stairs.

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"Just get it out," sa officers. The men went for rocks.

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"Turn those lights c stop!" they yelled, befo saw the car was official

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Lester Quinn, operator of a dairy farm at 220th St. and Vermont Ave., said that one of his cows was seriously injured by falling shell fragments, several others were slightly hurt, and the entire herd was stampeded so that it required several extra hours to round them up for the morning milking.

A large shell fragment crashed through the roof of a rabbit hutch at the home of D. R. Harp of 139th St. and Cerise Ave., West Inglewood, but caused no serious damage.

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They said that when the New Zealand armed merchant cruiser Monowai was engaged by an enemy submarine near New Zealand waters about a month ago she was attacked simultaneously by a plane believed to have come from a submarine. Neither attack caused any damage.

A submarine-carried aircraft probably would be a seaplane which could be stored in two sections in hangars on each side of the undersea ship and

be assembled at sea, the informants explained.

The idea is not fundamentally new. Britain tried it in 1927.

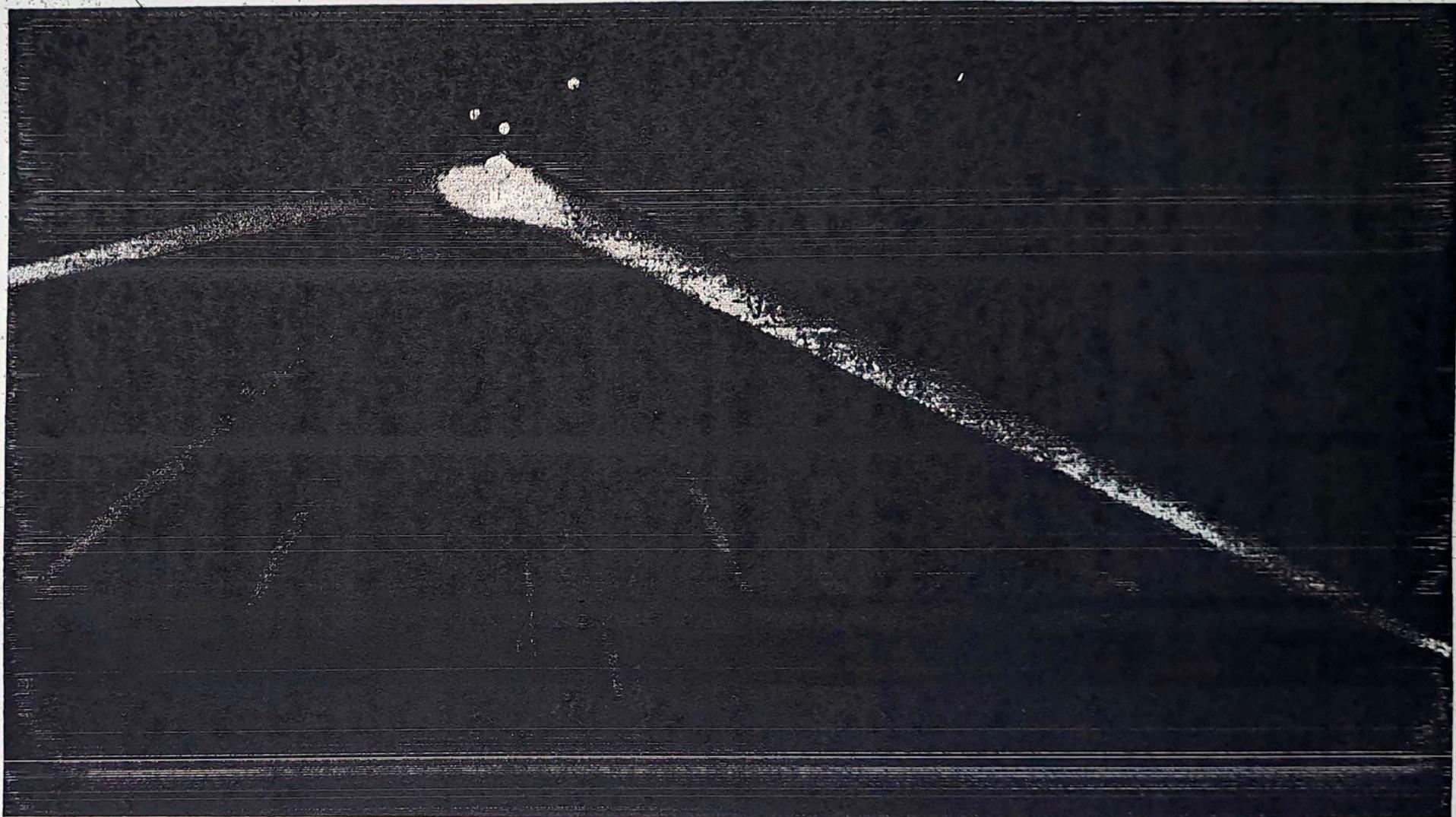
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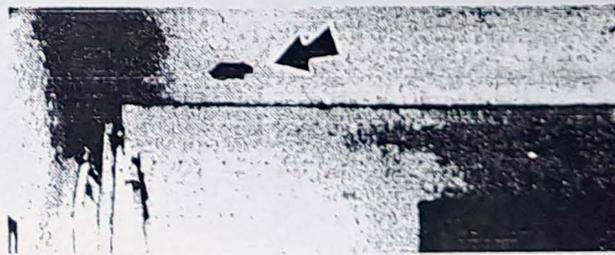
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SEEKING OUT "OBJECT"—Scores of searchlights built a wigwam of light beams over Los Angeles early yesterday morning during the alarm. This picture taken during black-out shows nine beams converging on an "object" in sky in Culver City area. The blobs of light which show at apex of beam angles were made by anti-aircraft shells.

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Times photo



MARKINGS—Hugh Landis of 1738 W 43rd Place → points to holes made in his car, as it stood in garage, by fragments of anti-aircraft shell that hit near by.

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SIORUM GROWS Over Delay in Alien Ouster

Telegraphic Pleas Sent
to Olson Urging Action;
Navy Speeds Evacuation

Spurred to action by yester-
day morning's air-raid alarm
here and bombardment of
the Elwood oil field Monday
by an enemy submarine,
Southlanders yesterday de-
manded immediate evacua-
tion of all Japanese aliens and
citizens.

Telegrams poured into Govern-
ment Olson's office urging him to
request Federal authorities to
"remove from this State all Japa-
nese, both American-born and
alien, at once."

Typical of the telegrams was a
message from a Los Angeles
woman, sent at 7:28 a. m., just
seven minutes after the "all
clear" had sounded.

MAY REGRET DELAY
"Each new hour that a single
Jap is at liberty in this State is
an hour we might tragically re-
gret," she said.

The drive to intern all Japa-
nese was given impetus by news
that 20 of them had been arrest-
ed during last night's air raid
under extremely suspicious cir-
cumstances.

Many of these Japanese were
reportedly flashing lights in sig-
nal patterns. Others refused to
conform to the rigid blackout
and left their market lights on
until police and air raid warden
took forcible steps to douse them.

NAVY TAKES ACTION
First to take action was the
Navy.

In an order signed by Capt.
Richard B. Coffman, comman-
dant of the naval operating base
at Long Beach, all residents,
aliens and citizens alike, of two
areas on Terminal Island were
given notice to evacuate by Fri-
day midnight.

The areas, occupied by about
1000 Japanese, were defined as
follows: Area 1—40 acres between
Seaside and Ocean Aves. and ly-
ing north of Reeves Field, Navy
air base; Area 2—100 acres, Fish-
Harbor, west of Reeves Field.

NOTICES POSTED
Notices were prepared by H.
D. Brett, special attorney in the
Lands Division of the Depart-
ment of Justice, and officers
began posting them in the desig-
nated areas at 3 p. m. yesterday.

The Navy took over Terminal
Island last Saturday and was
given exclusive possession of pri-
vately owned areas within the
island by a Federal court order.
Japanese on the island already
had been served with notices to
evacuate by March 14, but Tues-
day night's air raid alarm evi-
dently prompted the decision to
change the deadline to Friday.

The eviction notice stated that
enemy, too, was Japanese aliens were not freed
from their obligation to report
their new addresses to U. S. Dis-

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INFORMATION, PLEASE

(Editorial)

In view of the considerable public excitement and con-
fusion caused by yesterday morning's supposed enemy air
raid over this area and its spectacular official accompani-
ments, it seems to The Times that more specific public in-
formation should be forthcoming from government sources
on the subject, if only to clarify their own so-far conflict-
ing statements about it.

The five-hour blackout was ordered by the Army's 4th
Interceptor Command and the ensuing heavy and long-con-
tinued anti-aircraft firing was also an official Army orders.
It seems clear, then, that the responsible Army officials
in this area were convinced that enemy aircraft were over-
head and that no effort should be spared to shoot them
down before they could attack, by bombs or otherwise. In
its official statement, made public later yesterday from its
San Francisco headquarters, the Western Defense Com-
mand said that "unidentified aircraft were reported in the
area," that "there was a considerable amount of anti-air-
craft firing," but that "no bombs were dropped and no
planes shot down." It adds that "reports are conflicting
and every effort is being made to ascertain the facts."

But in Washington, Secretary of the Navy Knox told
his press conference that his information indicated that
"it was just a false alarm. There were no planes over Los
Angeles last night; at least, that's our understanding.
None has been found and a very wide reconnaissance
has been carried out."

According to the Associated Press, Secretary Knox
intimated that reports of enemy air activity in the Pacific
Coastal region might be due largely to "jittery nerves."

Whose nerves, Mr. Knox? The public's or the Army's?
Further quoting verbatim the Associated Press report
of the press conference: "In his discussion of various re-
ports of enemy action along the West Coast, Knox said
he 'suspected' that eventually vital industries in that area
would have to be moved to safer inland regions," as he
(Mr. Knox) said he had been informed by Lord Beaver-
brook that England has done, piecemeal, "to avoid dis-
rupting production."

Now, in the name of that considerable part of the
Southern California public which it is privileged to speak
for, and with all due regard to necessary restrictions on
military information, The Times respectfully inquires
what all this means. Apparently the Army's information
was that enemy planes were here and preparing for an
attack, then or later. Accordingly it blacked out, started
searchlights, opened fire and kept on firing for a long time.
Secretary Knox's information, he says, is that there were
no planes at all and that the whole thing was a false alarm
and due largely to somebody's nervous jitters. On this
basis he apparently predicates expression of a belief that
such things will make it necessary to remove Pacific Coast
war industries inland.

The reasoning is at least extraordinary. If there were no
planes and no danger, wherein does this particular incident
in any way support the theory that our great aircraft in-
dustry should be moved inland? Is it supposed to be dam-
aged by false alarms and jittery nerves on the part of
others? And are false alarms confined to the Pacific
Coast?

And just where, if the question is a fair one, did Secretary
Knox get the information leading him to believe that
the air raid was a phony? The official and only official
source of such information in this case is the Army. What
the Army's information was has been made very clear,
both by its own statement and by its vigorous action. It
is not for a moment to be believed that the Army did not
act in good faith in the matter. It is equally incredible
that Secretary Knox would even remotely intimate any-
thing of the sort. Least comprehensible of all is what
the Navy head sees in the case to abet the desire of some
government officials and some inland communities to
transfer Coastal industries to the latter.

These are matters on which, in the view of this newspa-
per, the public is entitled to enlightenment. It does not ap-
pear that such information could in any way or degree
prejudice any military effort or aid the enemy.

Knox Indicates Raid

Five Deaths Laid to Raid Blackout

Traffic Accidents and
Heart Attacks Take
Lives of Quintette

Deaths of five persons—
three in traffic accidents,
two as victims of heart at-
tacks—were listed as direct-
ly attributable to the five-hour
blackout in Los Angeles Coun-
ty yesterday morning.

The inky blackness also result-
ed in injuries to scores of other
persons.
Mrs. Zeniah Klein, 48, of 1907
Mayflower St., Arcadia, was
killed when an automobile in
which she was riding collided
during the blackout with a milk
truck driven by Mrs. Goldie J.
Wagner, 50, of 2510 S. 10th St.,
Arcadia, during the early morn-
ing hours at 1900 S. 10th St.,
Arcadia.

LIGHTS OFF
The victim's husband, Harry
E. Klein, 17, told deputy sheriff
he was driving with his car
lights off when he collided with
the milk truck, which was also
reported driving without lights.
Mrs. Klein died at the scene.
Klein and Mrs. Wagner received
minor injuries.

Police Sergeant Eugebert Lar-
son, 55, of 3295 Adriatic Ave.,
Long Beach, was killed in a
head-on collision with a Long Beach
while en route to the police sta-
tion for emergency duty.

DRIVER SUCCUMBS
A pedestrian, Jesus Alfredez, 55,
of 1658 Pomeroy St., died at Geor-
gia Street Receiving Hospital
from injuries he received when
he walked into the side of an
automobile driven by Henry W.
Graveson, 26, of 11232 Duncan
St., Lynwood, during the black-
out in the 900 block on Mission
Road. Graveson was not held.

While driving a station wagon
loaded with ammunition for the
California State Guard unit in
Hollywood, Henry B. Ayers, 60,
slumped over in his seat and died
of a heart attack before medical
aid could reach him. Ayers suf-
fered the heart attack while the
blackout was in full force and
anti-aircraft fire was piercing the
sky.

HEART ATTACK
While busy on duty as an air
raid warden George P. Weil, 36,
of 2834 Forrester Drive, suffered
a heart attack. He was taken
home and died there a short time
later. He leaves his widow, Mrs.
Betty Weil, and a son Robert, 8.
Weil was an accountant. Forest
Lawn Mortuary will have charge
of funeral arrangements.

William Prince, 71, of 384 N.
Vernon Ave., Pasadena, received
critical injuries when he was
struck by a car reported driven
by Raymond C. Parker, 21, of
1301 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasade-
na, at the intersection of Gar-
field Ave. and Colorado St., Pasade-
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War dep't + tentative conclusions

Major Gen. Mark Clark - attached to Army General Staff
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Plane Signaling Suspects Seized

Some of 15 Japanese Arrested Accused of Trying to Guide Flyers

Fifteen Japanese, at least several of them identified as enemy aliens, were arrested by Sheriff's deputies and police during the Southland's first presumed air raid as authorities moved swiftly to forestall fifth-column activities during the blackout Tuesday night.

Charges of attempting to guide enemy raiding planes to military objectives were lodged against some of the suspects.

Those arrested in connection with these asserted crimes were held for investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

FLARES REPORTED

Sheriff's deputies from the Firestone Park substation, notified flares were being set off in series of three white and three red, alternately, arrested Yosuke Yamado, 61, alien, at 8001 S. Compton Blvd.; Sukeichi Yokoyama, 43, of 8003 S. Compton Blvd., also an alien, for questioning by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

It was in the vicinity of their vegetable ranch where the suspicious lights were observed, Capt. Virgil Gray of the Sheriff's office reported. In the same area Seichi Ishii, 61, of 7905 S. Compton Blvd., who said he had been in bed since evening but whose shoes were soaking wet, also was taken.

MORE ARRESTED

In the Bell Gardens area, where flares were reported during the blackout, deputies arrested Kyo Kunisaki (female), Chikara and Akio Kunisaki and Tokushiki Okuda, all of 6143 Buel St. Near by, at 7739 Garfield Ave., deputies arrested Setsumi Fujimoto, near whose home flares also were reported.

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Reporter Reacts Like One Sitting on Volcano

Police With Hallucinations See 150 to 200 Planes in Sky, but Safer Ones Only Seven

BY RAY ZEMAN

Sitting on the lid of a bubbling volcano is just like awakening during an enemy air raid.

You wonder in Inglewood whether bombs will fall on the airplane plants or—and here a great big lump comes into your throat—in that pretty yard beside your bedroom window.

The "wooo ooooh" of the sirens first sounded like "just another ambulance." My wife and I wondered whether to go back to sleep.

SEE ANSWER IN SKY

Instead we went to an open window and saw the answer. There would be no sleeping.

We were visiting at the home of her father, Police Judge Frank D. Parent.

"Should we take the baby down to the basement?" she asked me.

I thought of running to cyclone cellars in Nebraska, and it sounded like a good idea.

Then I thought of The Times. This might be the biggest story in years. And it might center—that lump popped up again—right here on the aircraft factories.

GET QUICK START

Quick conversation, snap judgments and we were started.

The judge guaranteed to watch our son.

We didn't turn on any lights. We tripped over shoes in the closet. We couldn't find the right clothes. We stood by an open window instead of lying flat on an interior floor.

Out of all this confusion, we were on our way by foot, to the Inglewood City Hall a few blocks away.

There was no chance of backing an automobile uphill in the dark from a strange garage, let alone violating rules by driving it.

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We shuffled along. Market and Commercial Streets

two officers on the sidewalk. Standing by. Preventing robbery by blackout vandals. Waiting. Waiting for that bomb.

There was another roar. Another. Another.

The officers told where the ack-ack guns were hidden that sent this death into the air. "Military secret, though," they warned. "Don't print that."

Sheet lightning poured in the general direction of Redondo Beach.

BRILLIANT FLARE

"What's that?" we asked. The brilliant flare brightened the walls here, many miles from the guns.

"Must be the Coast Guard," guessed one officer. "After a submarine, I suppose."

"Nope, it's just some bigger shells," insisted another.

My wife shivered. She had been unable to find her hat in the dark. A wind was whistling.

There was a lull. The lights went dead. All was black again. "Kill that cigarette," officers called to each other.

They recalled what they had seen. One believed he saw American ships take off and engage in several dogfights with the invaders.

CONFUSED STORIES

Others denied this. Confusion punctuated their stories.

Police and fire cars stood ready to dash to trouble.

We stood ready to ride along. The clock ticked on. The show went on for another performance as lights pierced the skies at Los Angeles Harbor and Long Beach. A ring of shells burst around the point marked by the beams.

Then all was quiet. We called The Times from a pay phone booth in a strangely darkened office building. The telephone company's long-distance operator wanted to know the number from which we were calling.

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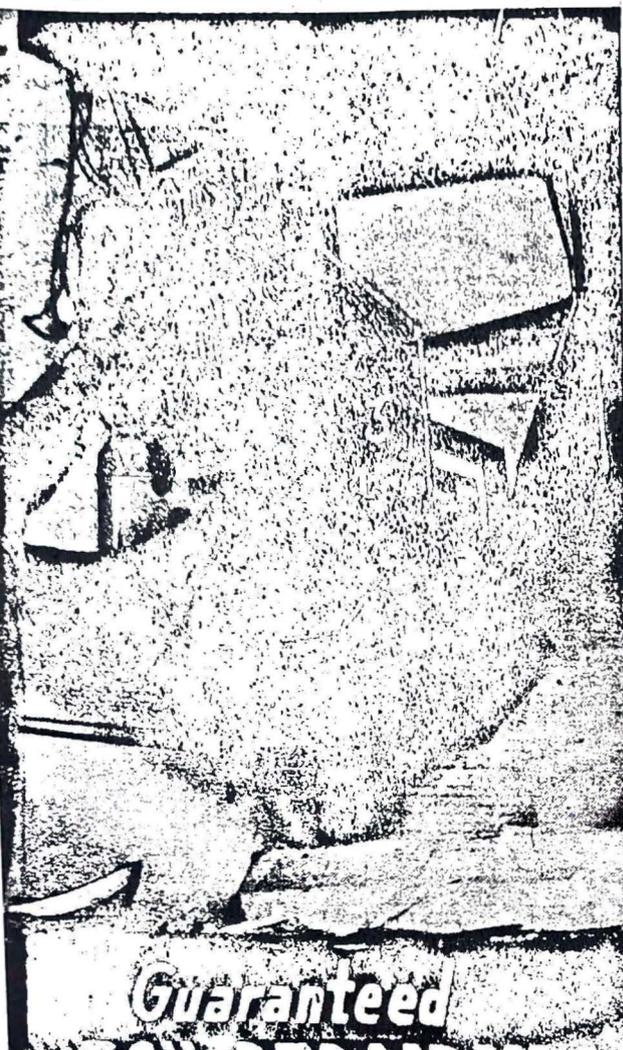
"It's dark in here. Can't see the number on this phone. Have no idea where I am."

There was a burst of a shell. The operator must have interpreted that as a number. The call was put through.

We went to bed around 4:45 a.m. We had wild dreams.

At 7 a.m. we heard bugle call in an Army camp a few hundred yards away.

Overhead were endless American planes.



with examines remains of electrical sign in window of jewelry roadway, which was blacked out with garbage pail. Times photo

Alert Finds Many Unaware of Rules Covering Blackouts

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Take cover. If on the street in an air raid, take shelter in the nearest building. Modern concrete structures such as tall office buildings or pedestrian tunnels provide good shelter.

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Here's what to do when the air-raid signal sounds:

Black out lights. At night extinguish all outdoor lights. Screen all inside lights so no illumination may be seen from the outdoors. If lights cannot be masked effectively, they must be turned off. It is the responsibility of the consumer of electricity to carry out these instructions on all lights under his control. Penalties for failure to do so are provided by city ordinance.

DRIVING FORBIDDEN

Park. You will not be permitted to drive during an air raid. All vehicles must park (with lights out) where they will not impede emergency or military traffic. Lock car ignition and remove key, but do not lock car doors. Seek shelter in the nearest building. If no cover is available, lie face down on the ground.

Stay where you are if under shelter. In a house keep away

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Unless absolutely necessary, avoid use of the telephone. Lines must be kept clear for defense forces and emergency services.

EMERGENCY CALLS

Emergency calls. Call for help only in a serious emergency. Report incidents to an air-raid warden if he is available. Otherwise, call the Fire, Police, Receiving Hospital or other proper city department or public utility.

The air raid and blackout warning signal means that there must be no light showing outside.

To shut in light, cover all openings tightly with opaque materials. No material permitting a glow to show through is satisfactory.

In places of business or multiple dwellings don't pull switches to effect a blackout. Leave exit and other required lights turned on and visible from the inside, but not from the outside.

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In Huntington Park, Teruo T. Osaki of Gardena, driving during the blackout without lights and carrying no identification papers, was arrested for questioning by the F.B.I.

Alarms Point Up Red Cross Need

Possibility of Disaster
Dramatized, Says Taylor

Yesterday's anti-aircraft fire and the preceding shelling of a Goleta oil field by a submarine close inshore gave Los Angeles convincing evidence of its need to support the American Red Cross \$2,500,000 war emergency fund drive.

Such was the statement of Reese H. Taylor, chairman of the drive, who pointed out that Southern California received tastes of what it may endure in days to come while the war with Axis forces continues.

If any portion of our California mainland is smashed by an Axis attack, Taylor said, it will be a matter of extreme satisfaction to victims of the disaster that the Red Cross is financed to render first aid and hospitalization, as well as to meet the demand for canteen food service, shelters and clothing.

Lower California Air Base Alleged

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. (U.P.) Chairman Robert R. Reynolds (D.) N.C., of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, today said that if the planes reported over Los Angeles were Japanese they "no doubt" were based on the Lower California Peninsula.

He also said in a Senate speech that the Gulf of California would afford an excellent location for "sheltering of enemy ships" and that the sparsely inhabited peninsula could be utilized for establishment of enemy air bases.

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A belch from anti-aircraft batteries broke the silence.

The crisscrossed beams were crawling southward.

MAYBE ONLY NINE

The enemy planes were moving toward Palos Verdes.

We held hands at more curbs and reached the Police and Fire Stations.

Police officers greeted us like old friends. My wife, before newspaper days in New York, was a Times correspondent in Inglewood and other Centinela Valley cities. They remembered her.

"Two hundred planes?" they asked us. "Why those men had hallucinations. There were seven planes, maybe nine."

With masculine shrewdness they pointed to the jail matron for verification. "Seven," she said. "I counted them."

It was a big day at headquarters.

Extra shifts of police and firemen were on duty.

Practically every other street block in the downtown area had

Police and fire cars stood ready to dash to trouble.

We stood ready to ride along. The clock ticked on. The show went on for another performance as lights pierced the skies at Los Angeles Harbor and Long Beach. A ring of shells burst around the point marked by the beams.

Then all was quiet.

We called The Times from a pay phone booth in a strangely darkened office building. The telephone company's long-distance operator wanted to know the number from which we were calling.

CAN'T SEE NUMBER

"It's dark in here. Can't see the number on this phone. Have no idea where I am."

There was a burst of a shell. The operator must have interpreted that as a number. The call was put through.

We went to bed around 4:45 a.m. We had wild dreams.

At 7 a.m. we heard bugle calls in an Army camp a few hundred yards away.

Overhead were endless American planes.

Outside was a pretty lawn. Sunlight was pouring on.

We gave the baby his orange juice and hugged him.

Reveille was spelling a new day.

Most of County's Schools in Session

Elementary schools in the Baldwin Park area were the only reported schools in the city and county school districts to remain closed yesterday due to transportation difficulties as a result of the five-hour blackout.

All other schools remained open under the emergency regulations set up recently by City Superintendent of Schools Vierling Kersey and A. R. Clifton, County Superintendent of Schools, it was reported.

Thousands of students, as well as many teachers, were late getting to classes because of delays in transportation.

Attendance dropped below normal at all schools.

Only One-fourth City's Raid Sirens Revealed as Working

Less than one-fourth of the city's recently purchased \$50,000 worth of air-raid sirens were installed and working when Los Angeles experienced its first air-raid alarm yesterday morning.

That was revealed in the City Council yesterday when Councilman John Baumgartner introduced a resolution asking three city departments to report to the Council not later than this morning on the progress of the siren system installation.

"I'm not condemning anyone but I understand that there has been some delay in the putting of this system in operation," declared Baumgartner.

Councilman Norris Nelson, onetime head of a special committee which tested and made recommendations on various types of signals, said that he was in a position to make a preliminary report at the moment. He declared that only 32 out of 145 of the smaller signals

ordered had been installed and only 17 out of 60 large signals, making a total of 49 out of a contemplated 205 sirens considered necessary to blanket the city.

"We (the Council) stipulated that these signals must be of a certain pitch (so they couldn't be confused with emergency apparatus) and the manufacturers had to build special equipment to meet the order," said Nelson. "Naturally that is holding up installation but I am told that all the equipment should be available in the next 15 days."

Baumgartner's resolution, asking the Purchasing Agent, the Building and Safety Department and the Fire Department to report on the siren situation today, was passed unanimously. These departments were also asked for a statement on measures taken to inform the public of air raids in communities where the sirens have not yet been installed.

Survey Shows Safe Shelters in City for 237,000 Persons

There are sufficient structures of Class A construction in Los Angeles to afford reasonably safe shelters in case of air raids to 37,000 persons, according to a survey by the Building and Safety Department.

The total is 303 buildings, including Civic Center and other public structures, having reinforced concrete floors and roof slabs, without including the basements or the upper five stories, according to Supt. Gilbert Morris.

BASIS OF SURVEY

"We have based the survey data obtained from metropolitan areas which have been subjected to intensive bombing, and so technical research on the physical characteristics of various types of bombs, their caliber, velocity, destructive power, etc.," Morris said.

"This analysis has resulted in

the conclusion that no building in Los Angeles would afford safe shelter against a direct hit by the larger type of demolition bomb, but our geographical position probably would preclude use of the heavier type of bomb in this area," he continued.

TYPE OF SPACE

The space computed, he said, consists only of public or semi-public areas, such as lobbies, foyers, lounge rooms, barrooms, public dining rooms and public corridors, allowing 10 square feet per person.

It includes no space of private occupancy, such as warehouses, offices, stores and lofts, although some building managers have indicated their spirit of co-operation in willingness to open quite a number of vacant areas in case of emergency.

The survey includes a 30-page list of the 303 shelter buildings.

The blackout was not without its casualties, however. A State Guardsman died of a heart attack while driving an ammunition truck, heart failure also accounted for the death of an air-raid warden on duty, a woman was killed in a car-truck collision in Arcadia; an air-raid warden chasing a suspicious character he thought might be a Jap fell and broke an ankle. A Long Beach policeman was killed in a traffic crash en route to duty.

CIVIC CENTER GUARDED

Sheriff's deputies guarded Civic Center buildings with new machine guns of tremendous fire power throughout the night.

Various observers claimed they saw high-flying planes numbering one to hundreds during the terrific clamor of the anti-aircraft barrage. Some thought the objectives of the busy gunners was a dirigible, a balloon or possibly a drifting barrage balloon.

Other observers, equipped with powerful night glasses, asserted they were unable to see a single aircraft or other object in the sky.

LIVES SAVED

In one instance, the attraction of the aerial display of gunnery paled the night sky possibly saved the lives of two persons.

As the clangor of the anti-aircraft barrage got under way, Mrs. Blanche Sedgewick and her niece, Josie Duffy, 14, left their bed in a rear room of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh G. Landis, 1738 W. 43rd Place, to watch the firing.

From high in the sky an unexploded shell whistled down onto the concrete apron in front of the Landis garage. The glass in the rear windows was shattered and shell fragments screeched into the dwelling.

One jagged fragment tore through the bedroom wall and ripped the bed where the woman and girl had been reposing.

Other dwellings in the immediate vicinity were pocked by shell splinters.

Whether American interceptor planes took off during the barrage to hunt the unidentified aircraft could not be established.

REPORTS CONFLICT

One official source which declined to be quoted directly said American planes quickly went into action. Another said no United States Army planes took off because of the danger from anti-aircraft fire.

Still another source expressed the opinion that if the unidentified planes were hostile they

From Santa Barbara, area of the submarine attack Monday night, Dist. Atty. Percy Heckendorf said he would appeal to Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt, commanding officer of the Western Defense Command, to make Santa Barbara County a restricted area for enemy nationals and American-born Japanese as well.

"There is convincing proof," Heckendorf asserted, "that there were shore signals flashed to the enemy." Heckendorf said the people would hold Gen. DeWitt responsible if he failed to act.

Army ordnance officers meanwhile were studying more than 200 pounds of shell fragments from missiles fired by the submarine which caused only \$500 damage in the Elwood oil field near Santa Barbara.

Five Deaths Laid to Blackouts

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juries to many persons during the eerie blackout hours.

In an unusual accident, William Stokely, 23, radio announcer, of 1624 N. Hudson Ave., received a deep laceration over his right eye when he ran into an awning while running to work.

Lieut. Walter Larter, 29, of 132 W. 98th St., kicked in a glass window in a Hollywood store to put out a light and suffered a half-inch cut on his right leg.

Hurrying to his air-raid warden post, Roy Campbell, 71, slipped in the darkness on the stairs at his home, 1102 Elden St., and received a broken left arm.

In Pasadena, Charles W. Hoffman, 64, an air-raid warden of 73 W. Villa St., suffered possible fracture of the right hip when he fell from a three-foot retaining wall while checking lights of an apartment house at 506 N. Fair Oaks Ave.

Another air-raid warden, Thomas G. Barber, 22, of 1970 Cheremoya St., sprained his right ankle when he jumped over a three-foot fence in Hollywood in an effort to reach a house which had its lights out.

Mrs. Marie Charles, 71, of 205 Bennett Ave., Long Beach, suffered serious injuries when she stumbled in the darkness of her home and fell headlong down the stairs.

Police Station, said:

"Well, this might do the folks around here some good. This ain't no picnic, and now they know it."

The thunder of the sky guns to the south and the flash from their muzzles as they unloaded their potions of death to the invaders lent real emphasis to that statement.

At Wilshire station the officers wore grim visages as they answered ceaseless calls—Japanese signaling with red lights, flares here, terrific concussion there—war calls.

"Get that light out on Wilshire Blvd."

RACE TO PROWL CARS

Two officers raced to their prowling car, me on their heels. This was transportation to the office when cars weren't moving.

"These guys got to go, that they can't leave their damn lights on," said one, referring to the merchant on the boulevard whose neon sign blazed away.

A score of men met our car. They wanted to know just how far they could go in getting that beacon out.

"Just get it out," said the officers. The men went hunting for rocks.

"What about those blinker traffic lights on Wilshire," said one of the officers. "Hell, they mark the road like the Auto Club." The lights blinked on.

HAILED BY WARDENS

At every other intersection the police car was hailed by air-raid wardens, white bands around their arms.

"Turn those lights out and stop!" they yelled, before they saw the car was official.

"The Japs around here will be awfully unpopular tomorrow," said a bystander.

Now the searchlights were out and the guns were quiet. The police car cruised along Wilshire. Suddenly one searchlight streaked into the blue. Another joined it. Another, and another, and another. They joined for a moment above us.

"Let's see what's doing over on Olympic Blvd.," said one of the officers. But then the lights shifted slowly southward, over the coastline.

Walking toward, you could see clearly enough by starlight. Ten million stars must have hung in the sky and not a vagabond cloud to obscure them.

SHOOTING STARS

As you walked, you looked back over your shoulder to see what was going on up there and over yonder and if the great searchlights were moving your way. To a novice in air raids the shooting stars were a menace, and they seemed to join in defense of their orbits.

Dim shadows of people filtered by. Some laughter and conversation trickled from the locked doors of bistros. Wardens' whistles shrieked now and then and a voice yelled at a light.

The people you met weren't rattled or scared or particularly nervous. But their eyes were turned unbelievably southward toward those lights and bursting shells. They looked up.

And they were awake—wide, wide awake.

Tony Sarg Improves

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (AP)—Tony Sarg, 59, artist and puppeteer, today was reported slightly improved at Manhattan General Hospital where he underwent an appendectomy last week.

villains at home or their nation's cause in war is the best of all.

Invitations to Treachery

Ours is an invitation to treachery. I suppose we must not kill traitors and enemy spies who had traffic with the Germans, Italians and Japanese down to the formal state of war, but certainly any enemy agent who is convicted of acts hostile to this country committed since then should be put to death soon after conviction.

Social or political rank or position should not be permitted to influence our conduct and I insist still that every man and woman who participated as a member in any of the activities of the anti-American trusts or any of the Italian treason groups which masqueraded as cultural societies should be seized now and fled away in a concentration camp.

You can't treat traitors and

country a sucker for every kind of treachery.

Spy Has Soft Berth

The spy and saboteur, whether native, naturalized or alien, has a soft berth in this country. So many of us have opposed certain domestic social and economic policies of the New Deal and the foreign policy of the President down to Dec. 7, that traitors and enemy spies undoubtedly think they can justify or mitigate their conduct by dragging these issues into discussion. But no patriotic American would think of doing anything to help the enemy just to get square with the President or Harold Ickes.

It is no sign of nobility to coddle traitors and spies. It is a sign of weakness and the enemy knows it. We spare their lives because we don't like to shoot them in cold blood. We will have to learn to do a lot of things we don't like doing before this war is done.

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Chilly Throng Watches Shells Bursting in Sky

BY MARVIN MILES

Explosions stabbing the darkness like tiny bursting stars... Searchlight beams poking long crisscross fingers across the night sky...

Yells of wardens and the whistles of police and deputy sheriffs.

The brief on-and-off flick of lights, telephone calls, snatches of conversation:

"Get the dirty..." That was Los Angeles under the rumble of gunfire early yesterday.

RESIDENTS AWAKENED

Sleepy householders awoke to the dull thud of explosions...

"Thunder? Can't be!" Then: "Air raid! Come here quick! Look over there, those searchlights. They've got something. They're blasting it with anti-aircraft!"

Father, mother, children, all gathered on the front porch, congregated in small clusters in the blackout streets against orders. Babies cried, dogs barked, doors slammed.

But the objects in the sky slowly moved on, caught in the center of the lights like the hub of a bicycle wheel surrounded by gleaming spokes.

SPECULATION RIFE

Speculations fell like rain. "It's a whole squadron!" "No, it's a blimp. It must be because it's moving so slowly." "I hear planes." "No you don't; that's a truck up the street."

"Where are the planes then?" "Dunno. They must be up there, though." "Wonder why they picked such a clear night for a raid?" "They're probably from a carrier."

"Now, I'll bet they're from a secret air base down south somewhere."

Still the firing continued. Like lethal firecrackers, the anti-aircraft blasted above, below, seemingly right on the target in the tenacious beams. Other shots fell short, exploding halfway up the long climb.

Tracers sparked upward like Roman candles.

Metal fell. It fell in chunks, large and small; not enemy metal, but the whistling fragments of bursting ack-ack shells. The menacing thud and clank on streets and roof tops drove many spectators to shelter.

WARDENS DO GOOD JOB

Wardens were on the job, doing a good job of it.

"Turn off your lights, please. Pull over to the curb and stop. Don't use your telephone. Take shelter. Take shelter."

On every street brief glares of hooded flashlights cut the darkness, warning creeping drivers to stop. Police watched at main intersections. Sirens wailed en route to and from blackout accidents.

There came lulls in the firing. The searchlights winked out. Angelenos breathed deeply and said:

"I guess it's all over." But before they could tell their neighbors good night the guns were blasting again, sighting up the long blue beams of the lights.

WATCHERS SHIVER

The fire seemed to burst in rings all around the target. But the eager watchers, shivering in the early morning cold, weren't rewarded by the sight of a falling plane. Nor were there any bombs dropped.

"Maybe it's just a test," someone remarked. "Test, hell!" was the answer. "You don't throw that much metal into the air unless you're fixing on knocking something down!"

Still the firing continued, muttering angrily off toward the west like a distant thunderstorm.

The target inched along high overhead, flanked by the cherry-red bursts. And the householders shivered in their robes, their faces set, watching the awesome scene.

Plane-Carrying Submarine Believed Used by Japanese

LONDON, Feb. 25. (AP)—The Japanese are believed to be using at least one plane-carrying submarine and possibly more, informed sources declared today.

They said that when the New Zealand armed merchant cruiser Monowai was engaged by an enemy submarine near New Zealand waters about a month ago she was attacked simultaneously by a plane believed to have come from a submarine. Neither attack caused any damage.

A submarine-carried aircraft probably would be a seaplane which could be stored in two sections by hangars on each side of the undersea ship and

be assembled at sea, the informants explained.

The idea is not fundamentally new. Britain tried it in 1927.

The ill-fated M2, which had been built to carry a 12-inch gun, was adapted to take a seaplane with folding wings by removal of a hangar in the space formerly occupied by the gun mounting. The seaplane was catapulted from the submarine.

Both the plane and the M2 were lost later.

Jane's Fighting Ships, authoritative naval manual, lists the giant French submarine Surcouf, the largest in the world, as carrying a small seaplane stored in a deck hangar.

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Stimson Says 15 Planes Over City

Secretary of War Declares Craft Flown by Enemy Agents Over Los Angeles Area May Have Been From Commercial Sources

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. (AP)—An Army report that as many as 15 planes may have been operated by "enemy agents" over the Los Angeles area, where an air-raid alarm early yesterday sent anti-aircraft guns into action, was made public today by Secretary of War Stimson.

Coming a day after Secretary Knox had told reporters that Navy Department information indicated the episode was "a false alarm," the Army report said the unidentified craft may have been commercial planes flown over the area by enemy agents to spread alarm, disclose anti-aircraft gun positions and test the effectiveness of blackouts.

NO BOMBS DROPPED

No bombs were dropped, there were no casualties among American forces, no planes were shot down and no American Army or Navy planes were in action, Stimson said.

The Secretary announced that the report came to him from Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief-of-Staff, and apparently was based on information relayed by West Coast Army officials.

The conclusion that the planes may have been obtained from commercial sources, he said, was based on the varying speeds of the planes and the fact that no bombs were dropped.

"As many as 15 planes may have been involved," said the report, "flying at various speeds, from what is officially reported as being 'very slow' to as much as 200 miles an hour, and at an elevation of from 9000 to 18,000 feet."

FIRE 1430 ROUNDS

Elements of the 37th Coast Artillery Brigade, composed of anti-aircraft forces, fired 1430 rounds of ammunition between 3:12 and 4:14 a. m., P.W.T., during yesterday's alarm, Stimson said.

The Secretary said the only comment he wanted to add to the report was that "perhaps it is better to be too alert than not alert enough. At any rate, they were alert there."

Stimson said the Army's investigation of the incident is continuing.

REPORT ON RAID

A stenographic report of the memorandum read by Stimson said:

"From details available at this hour:

"1.—Unidentified airplanes, other than American Army or Navy planes, were probably over Los Angeles and were fired on by elements of the 37th Coast Artillery Brigade (that is, anti-aircraft guns) between 3:12 and 4:14 a. m. These units expended 1430 rounds of ammunition.

"2.—As many as 15 airplanes may have been involved, flying at various speeds, from what is officially reported as being 'very slow' to as much as 200 miles

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Knox Assailed on 'False Alarm'

West Coast Legislators Stirred by Conflicting Air-Raid Statements

BY KYLE PALMER
Times Staff Representative

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Whether Los Angeles experienced a bona-fide air raid or reconnaissance in the early morning hours of Wednesday or was the victim either of military practicing, many California and other West Coast legislators voiced red-hot criticism here today of the conflicting statements and explanations offered by Army and Navy heads.

Chief target of angry condemnation was Secretary of the Navy, Knox, who failed today to amplify the offhand remark made at the Secretary's press conference yesterday that the whole thing was "a false alarm."

CALLED 'SMART CRACK'

Knox was denounced for commenting at all on a matter that had not been cleared up at the time he expressed his opinion and one which, under any circumstances, was the responsibility of the Army.

He was accused of making "a smart crack" at the expense of the Army authorities and also of making light of an episode that had caused the death of several civilians in Los Angeles.

Secretary of War Stimson, who said today that possibly 15 "commercial planes operated by enemy agents" were over Los Angeles during the air-raid alarm, came in for his share of uncompromising comment.

STIMSON'S VERSION

Reading an explanation that had been furnished him by Chief of Staff Marshall, Stimson said the operation probably was undertaken by enemy agents seeking to discover anti-aircraft battery locations "and for purposes of demoralizing the civilian population."

Praising military and civilian defense authorities in Los Angeles for their conduct during the alarm, Secretary Stimson remarked philosophically that "it is better to be too alert than not alert enough."

Refusing to expand his conjectures as to the identity or the number of planes involved in the Los Angeles episode, the Secretary of War failed to satisfy

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Lightly Dusted for Mystery Raid Hunted

Authorities Begin Search Covering All of Southern California

While official controversy continued over the genuineness or otherwise of Los Angeles' gigantic anti-aircraft and searchlight display of early Wednesday during an air-raid alarm, authorities yesterday launched a canvass of all Southern California for possible secret bases from which the mysterious aircraft might have operated.

Meanwhile, Mayor Bowron, observing that "we have been supplied with no facts as to whether or not there were any planes over Los Angeles Wednesday morning," remarked:

"Los Angeles is glad to be the guinea pig for any practice maneuvers—if this was a practice maneuver. It showed that the city's volunteers are ready to efficiently perform their duties.

"It should give the public a feeling of confidence to know, as the tremendous barrage established beyond a doubt, that the Army is here in force and is ready to do its job, too."

PRaise FROM WILKIE

Wendell L. Willkie, Republican 1940 standard-bearer, praised the Army's quick response to the emergency signal, adding: "Whether there were enemy planes or not, it is always wise to err on the side of safety." Willkie criticized "armchair strategists," but added, "You cannot expect people to keep silent when the Navy says one thing and the Army another." He called the confusion "a perfect illustration of the need for unified command of our forces."

CONFLICT DEPLORED

Sheriff Biscailuz, deploring the conflict of Washington announcements regarding the authenticity of the raid, reiterated that "it is highly important to keep faith with the thousands of air-raid wardens, auxiliary policemen and other volunteers in the defense effort."

Biscailuz maintained that the Army's official insistence that strange aircraft were abroad over Southern California during the

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Quake Felt Along Coast

A short, mild earth shock was felt by residents of the South Santa Monica Bay area yesterday at 6:30 p. m. The quake, failing to cause any damage, was felt in Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach.



PLEA FOR OFFENSIVE—Joan Bennett and Ambassador Hu Shih of China Academy of Motion Picture Arts at

Willkie Pleads for Offensive

U.S. Must End Spirit of Defense and Hit Hard and Fast, Film Group Told

"We want our armies penetrating every active front. We want our fighting planes leading our bombers to their goal! It sickens me to think of America in terms of defense!"

Standing in the Billmore Bowl last night addressing the elite of the motion-picture industry, Wendell Willkie, all-American patriot, used those words to impress upon members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences the feelings of Americans in the war.

"YOU'LL KNOW"

Then, putting a significant inference in his speech which predicted worse things to come, Willkie said:

"A year ago I was in London, and I'll tell you that when there is an air raid in Los Angeles you won't have to argue about it—you'll just know!"

Another speaker was Dr. Hu Shih, Chinese Ambassador to the United States, who paid tribute to the film industry with true Oriental courtesy.

"The enlightenment of motion pictures in these times," he said, "will do much to ease the suffering of mankind in this 'round-the-world' war."

WINDING CONCEPTIONS

Fontana Cooper

Actress Prize for Actor f

BY RJ
Joan Fontana
Gary Cooper
That was wood last night the 14th anniversary dinner in the picture for her performance. Miss Fontana's role as Seton was picture of the

WINS OVER

Miss Fontana plus of votes was nominated in "Hot Bettle, Davis Foxes." Greer was nominated in the Stanwyck for her performance. Only a few Mary Astor for the best actress in a picture. The Great Warner Bros. Miss Roger presentation.

STEWART-O

Lieut. James Stewart, Air Corps, winner for "The



Lieutenants Mario Deiro made bomb.

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to Barbara Negress, 20th St., who reported to authorities. Lieutenants S. R. Mario Deiro, who during the investigation reported that several in the bomb were contain black powder, rendered harmless.

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alone, stopped off at and then boarded Pacific's City of Los Angeles. "I can't find people as here in the country—alert, pathetic? Nothing wrong with this country," he said. Leaders in government as good as the people could be fine. If they tell the people they need have no fear of going wrong with the country, leaders would do jobs we would all do better."

MAILED
er thing—no need of worried because in some confusion actual firing black-out here is bound to be first. England had had plenty. It is her experience. It is here with experience. People to pull together as and counties and national effort. But co-ordinated from it will be, Willkie

Mystery Raid Bases Hunted

Southern California Survey Seeks Possible Enemy Plane Hide-outs

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blackout coincides with local official opinion.

Biscailuz said it is possible the unidentified planes came from south of the border but called attention to the Mexican government's unflinching co-operation in keeping the West Coast free of enemy planes or ships.

SURVEY BY CARDENAS

Gen. Lazaro Cardenas, former President of Mexico, recently surveyed the Baja California territory and announced that there were no enemy bases there, it was recalled.

The Sheriff is positive there is no place in Los Angeles or Orange counties for enemy air bases but said there are vast uninhabited regions in San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono counties and in Arizona and Nevada where camouflaged bases "could" be located.

A "special alert" in Orange, Riverside and San Diego counties Wednesday night was described yesterday by the Fourth Interceptor Command in San Francisco as "merely a precautionary measure" resulting from the blackout.

HORNS INSTALLED

Only 50 per cent of the force summoned to duty by a "yellow" alert was called up in the Wednesday night quiet.

The City Council yesterday was informed that by March 15 the air-raid siren system will be in full automatic operation. All siren horns have been installed, but only a portion of the apparatus has been wired for automatic operation as yet.

Meanwhile, eight Japanese arrested in the Norwalk district on complaints of citizens and air-raid wardens that they were setting off flares or flaunting defiance to the blackout by leaving house or motor vehicle lights on, were freed although the F.B.I. is said to be continuing its inquiries.

FOUR CONVICTED

Four persons were convicted of violating the blackout ordinance and fined. They are John Y. Harada, 2800 E. Foster Road, Norwalk, fined \$50; Giovanni Chigo, 3139 Firestone Blvd., fined \$50; Walter Van Der Linden, 602 W. Center St., Norwalk, fined \$50, and Ray Allen Ellwanger, 32, of 2017 W. 74th St., Los Angeles, who was accused of telling the air-raid wardens to "go to hell." He was released on \$25 bail in Beverly Hills.

Various persons continued to insist that they had seen planes in the sky during the barrage. Chief of Police J. H. McClelland of Long Beach said he was standing beside a naval observer atop the Long Beach City Hall, who said he was following the flight of nine silvery-looking planes from the Redondo Beach area across the land side of Mt. MacArthur and toward Santa Ana and Huntington Beach.

SIGHTSEERS PLAYED

Gathering of curiosity seekers in the vicinity of reported incidents relating to the war was criticized yesterday by Director

Stimson Tells of 15 Planes

Says Craft Flown, Here by Foe May Have Been From Commercial Sources

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per-hour, and at an elevation of from 9000 to 18,000 feet.

"3.—No bombs were dropped;

"4.—No casualties among our troops.

"5.—No planes were shot down.

"6.—No American Army or Navy planes were in action.

"Investigation continuing. It seems reasonable to conclude that if unidentified airplanes were involved, they may be some from commercial sources, operated by enemy agents for the purpose of spreading alarm, disclosing location of anti-aircraft positions, or the effectiveness of blackouts. Such conclusion is supported by varying speed of operation, and the fact that no bombs were dropped."

THEY WERE ALERT

Stimson added: "The only comment I, myself, have to make is perhaps that it is better to be too alert than not alert enough. At any rate, they were alert there."

To a reporter's question "Is that a report from the West Coast?" Stimson replied:

"It came to me from the Chief of Staff, and it is evidently a report from out there."

Wardens in Rural Areas Praised

Alertness in Recent Blackout Stressed

Air-raid wardens in unincorporated areas proved alert and efficient in the Wednesday blackout, Lieut. J. G. Bowers reported yesterday to Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz, County Defense Council chairman.

Bowers, chief warden, said a survey of the 12 substation districts disclosed few errors. Principal complaints from wardens, he said, were on the lack of arm bands for identification. Some have not received the prescribed bands.

Film Paper Surtax Upheld

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26. (AP) The United States Circuit Court of Appeals today upheld imposition of a surtax of \$17,059 against the Wilkerson Daily Corp., Ltd., of Los Angeles, which publishes a motion-picture trade paper.

NORFOLK'S Alert Tested

NORFOLK (Va.) Feb. 26. (AP) Hampton Roads area resulted in The Norfolk Air Warning information Center today disclosed that a routine test of the aircraft warning system in the Norfolk, Va., and the District of Columbia.

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Letters to The Times---

The Total Blackout!

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The Two Patriots

"I'll do my bit," the youngster said,
 "To save my country from the foe.
 I'll pack a gun or fly a plane—
 What are we waiting for—let's go!"

"I'll do my bit," the workman said,
 "If you'll give me the wage I crave;
 And you'll pay double for overtime—
 I'm a modern patriot—not a slave."

So the youngster went away to war,
 Faced hell of tank and plane alike.
 He died a hero's death—because
 Arms plants were idle—"men on strike."

That war is the personal concern of every citizen is conceded. Then why, in the name of common sense, do we draft one group of citizens—compel them, if unwilling to go into battle to defend their country; and then endeavor to coax or cajole other citizens to get busy to provide our soldiers with those munitions without which their effort must be fruitless. Why not conscript all our man power—why not say to the man in the shop: "Take your choice—get busy making guns or else get ready to go to the front and carry one. You must do one of the two."

I've been a union man since long before many present-day union racketeers were born; and I speak both as a real unionist and a loyal citizen when I say that I believe that in times like this, one rule should apply to every citizen—"work or fight."
 A. J. HORTON,
 Los Angeles.

Millions are asking this.

Percentage?

Organized labor claims to have a membership that would about equal 9 per cent of the population of the United States, or about 14 per cent of the workers therein. With this small percentage organized labor wants to set wages, hours and working conditions for the much larger per cent of unorganized workers who up to now are supposed to be free Americans. This viewpoint seems to be held by some courts and many government officials.

Now I believe a more equal condition would exist if the employers were ordered by the government to maintain the above ratio so that at least 15 per cent of their staff would be union members and the balance nonunion if it better suited the employer.

Picketing should be abolished as it is un-American and has no elements of justice in its action.

All unions should be made to incorporate in any State in which they collect dues, and a statement should be filed at least once a year showing membership, monies collected, the amount spent and for what purpose.

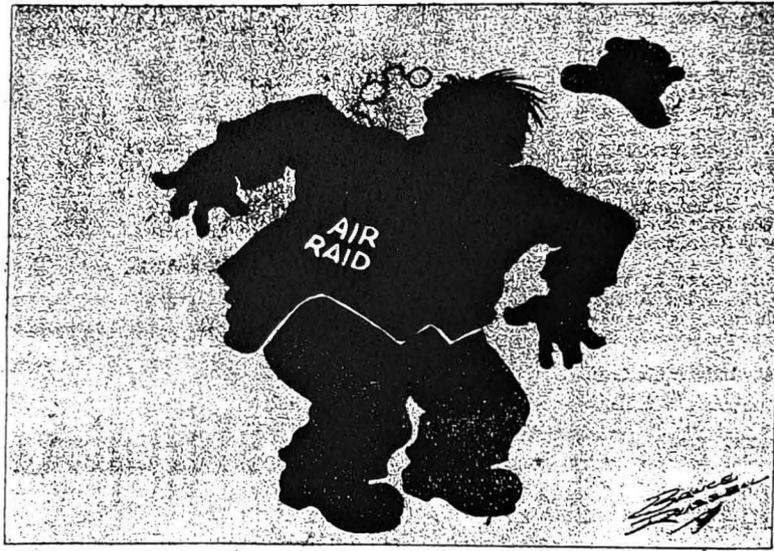
A. A. STAFFORD,

Laguna Beach.

It sounds logical.

More Work!

How much longer are we going to kid ourselves with the idea that we can win this war without work? And by work I do not mean the union closed shop variety. I do not mean the 40-hour week—



Chinese Troops Entering Thailand

BY DR. H. H. CHANG

Former Chinese Ambassador to Portugal, Czechoslovakia and Poland

The news that Chinese troops have entered Thailand from the north and are preparing to attack Chlengmai so as to harass the rear and flank of the Japanese army now pressing toward Rangoon is both encouraging and significant.

Chinese troops have not been stationed on foreign soil for at least a century. Since 1842 China has been busy signing away concessions and privileges and paying huge indemnities to countries whose military power completely overwhelmed her. But it was obviously not like this previously, for no nation could have survived for 5000 years, as China has done, without adequate military strength not only to perform its defensive and protective duties but also to carry its ability to strike into enemy territory.

The Han and Tang dynasties are full of examples of gigantic military feats in the northern and western parts of the country which laid the foundations of an extensive empire. In the southwest also, which is featuring so prominently in the present war, the Chinese carried out military ex-

country where the whole philosophy and mentality of its people is based upon military conquest as the supreme end of all human endeavor. The glorification of the state as a divine personality for which individuals are created in order that they may be sacrificed on its altar is so complete that it becomes to all intents and purposes a national religion. A small book written shortly after the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-05 entitled "Human Bullets" has these astounding lines: "I jumped out of bed, cleansed my person with pure water, donned my best uniform, bowed to the East, where the great Sire resides, solemnly read his proclamation of war, and told His Majesty that his humble subject was just starting to the front." When I offered my last prayers—the last I then believed they were—before the family shrine of my ancestors, I felt a thrill going all through me, as if they were giving me a solemn injunction saying: "Thou art not thy own. For His Majesty's sake, thou shalt go to save the nation from calamity, ready to bear the crushing of thy bones and the tearing of thy flesh. Disgrace not thy an-

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Dire Peril Told in Dies Report

Plot for Eventual Invasion of America Detailed by Committee With Disclosure of Pearl Harbor Tip Before Enemy's Attack

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (AP)—The Dies committee charged tonight that the Japanese carried on intensive espionage and propaganda activities in this country for years before Pearl Harbor with the aim of preparing the way for an eventual invasion and conquest.

Making its third major report on subversive activities, the committee on un-American activities placed great stress, so far as Japan's long-range plans are concerned, on a book by a Japanese officer who advocated a direct attack on the West Coast, a temporary halt and consolidation of forces in the Rocky Mountains, and finally an advance toward the eastern seaboard.

CONQUEST PLAN

The report emphasized, too, the so-called Tanaka memorial of 1927, which said that "we must first crush the United States" before China could be subdued. This document is an alleged plan for world conquest submitted by Premier Tanaka to Emperor Hirohito.

The committee said it began its investigation of Japanese activities "more than a year ago" and early in 1941 "came into possession of a so-called strategic map which gave clear proof of the intentions of the Japanese to make an assault on Pearl Harbor."

It was proposed, the committee continued, to hold hearings last fall and expose Japanese espionage. At that time Chairman Dies (D.) Tex., asked the Justice Department whether this would be satisfactory from the standpoint of the administration's plans.

WARNINGS GIVEN

Matthew D. McGuire, as Acting Attorney General, replied on Sept. 8 that the matter had been discussed with President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull, "both of whom feel quite strongly that hearings such as you contemplate would be inadvisable."

No hearings were held. However, the committee said it made available to government agencies before the attack of Dec. 7 evidence showing that:

1.—The Japanese had detailed maps, drawings and photographs of Pearl Harbor, West Coast cities and fortifications, and of United States naval vessels.

2.—In 1940 there was talk in Tokyo of submarines with a 10,000-mile radius—about enough to reach the West Coast and return—and of taking the Midway Islands in one day.

3.—Nipponese military men

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Children Bound to Nippon Soil

Allegiance to Hirohito Stressed in Japanese Language Schools Here

How American-born children of Japanese aliens are closely bound to their ancestral soil by ties of blood, tradition and culture through operation of Japanese language schools in this country is disclosed in detail for the first time today with publication of the Dies committee on un-American activities report.

The study shows that no avenue of inculcating the Japanese nationalistic spirit and an unquestioning devotion to its god-Emperor, Hirohito, in American-born Nipponese children is left unexplored or unexploited.

At the moment of the Pearl Harbor attack on Dec. 7, 1941, there were 248 Japanese language schools in operation in California, staffed by 454 teachers and reaching 19,310 pupils of from 4 to 20.

The instructors were all either Issai (Japanese aliens) or Kibei (American-born Japanese educated in and therefore completely loyal to Japan and its ideals.)

Under their guidance—the first activity of the students on reaching school after attendance at

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First Lady Won't Take Public Jobs

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (U.P.)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt told reporters at LaGuardia Field tonight that she will not take any more government positions while her husband is President.

"I can't take a government position because of my being the President's wife—I found that out," she said, smiling.

Mrs. Roosevelt resigned recently as assistant director of the Office of Civilian Defense.

Kailu Inquiries Demanded in Congress

Questioning of Knox and Stimson Urged in Los Angeles Alert

BY KYLE PALMER
Times Staff Representative

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Reverberations from the unclassified and unclarified air-raid alarm at Los Angeles early Wednesday morning continued today in the Senate and House chambers, with action shaping up for at least two Congressional inquiries into the affair.

Demands for a complete explanation of all aspects of the alarm were voiced not only by Pacific Coast legislators, but by many other members of Congress who took the view that the episode importantly affected the whole country and should not be permitted to remain in obscurity.

BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS

House members from California were under a barrage of questions and bewildered comments from hundreds of constituents, most of whom seemed in doubt as to whether they had escaped a genuine air raid or had been the victims of a bungled experimental demonstration by Army defense units.

The powerful House Military Affairs Committee took cognizance of the situation when some of its own members as well as other legislators asked the committee to call Secretary of War Stimson and Secretary of the Navy Knox before it early next week for questioning.

A second investigation was suggested by Representative Harry Englebright (R.) of San Francisco, minority whip in the House, who expressed a conviction that the people are "entitled to know whether there had been a raid, a rehearsal to repulse a raid, or just somebody's hasty imagination that a raid was in progress."

CALL REQUESTED

Englebright, ranking House member of a special Senate and House defense committee of Senators and Representatives from the Pacific Coast, asked the committee chairman, Senator Holman of Oregon, to call the members together at once.

He urged Senator Holman to demand that both the War and Navy departments "render satisfactory explanation" not only of the events that occurred in connection with the raid, but that

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House Kills Proposal to End 40-Hour Week

Cheers Greet Defeat by Smashing V That Surprises Even Administration

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (AP)—A determined drive to suspend for the duration of the war Federal laws calling for a 40-hour week and extra pay for overtime suffered an unexpectedly smashing defeat in the House today.

Most of the Republicans joined with large numbers of Democrats to bury the proposal, 226 to 62, on a standing vote after the Roosevelt administration, the A.F.L. and the C.I.O. had mustered their biggest guns against it. Cheers swept the House when the result was announced.

The lop-sided nature of the vote was a surprise even to administration leaders in the chamber, who had expressed fear that the proposal, offered by Representative Smith (D.) Va., would be accepted.

Smith had offered his plan as an amendment, or rider, to a

bill broadening the scope of the government's war production program. The day, President Roosevelt declared that the riding riders on the bill were a "scapegoat" for the House's defeat. The House engaged in a debate on Smith's "MacArthur's" for tools and it is America to answer said Representative Tex., supporting amendment. Representative Tex., asserted, "hand, that the amendment increase labor disj Representatives and C.I.O. were on buttonholing members to beat the A.F.L. President V and C.I.O. President ray issued statementing it.

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Workers' Vote Ends C.I.O. Partial Strike at Shipyard

Results of a government-conducted worker election yesterday put an end to the C.I.O. partial strike at Terminal Island, where Bethlehem Steel Co. is building

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Southland Daylight Raid Test Planned

County Civilian Groups Discuss Problems; O.C.D. Director Lauds Response to Emergency

Tentative plans for an all-Southland daylight test of civilian defense organizations were set in motion yesterday and Jack Helms, western regional head of O.C.D., was bombarded with local defense problems when representatives of civilian groups in the entire county met with him in Mayor Bowron's office.

Mayor Bowron, chairman of the session, opened it by reading a telegram from Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt, western defense commander, praising Southland civilian defense workers for their "splendid and immediate response" and for the "high state of efficiency in all units" during Wednesday morning's anti-aircraft barrage.

SATURDAY SUGGESTED

The Mayor, taking note of Gen. DeWitt's prohibition of "test" blackouts, urged a daylight test of all civilian defense facilities at an early date. He suggested a Saturday afternoon as probably the best time and declared that Los Angeles will have such a practice.

A committee was appointed to effect the necessary arrangements between community air-raid wardens so that a simulated "raid" might be called at an unannounced time, yet without interfering with the military or with defense production.

HELMS OPTIMISTIC

Director Helms, to whom the eventual plan will be given for submission to Gen. DeWitt, indicated that he does not know what the general's reaction will be, but expressed optimism so long as the plan does not expose the area unnecessarily from a military standpoint.

Helms also complimented the defense leaders for their conduct during the Wednesday morning blackout, but warned of the need for additional training—especially for the organizing of more fire watchers.

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that it will be a matter of policy all over the United States—and that he has no idea of the outcome.

Questions from the floor followed thick and fast.

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Congressional Probe Demanded to Allay Confusion After Alarm

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they "also explain why the Secretary of War continues to tell the country the raid was 'real' while the Secretary of the Navy hasn't withdrawn his inference that it was 'phony.'"

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

Requesting the House Military Affairs Committee to go into the matter, Representative Leland Ford (R.) of Santa Monica suggested that Secretary Stimson and Secretary Knox appear before the committee "to tell the following things:

"1.—Why we cannot identify our own planes. I am told that this definitely and positively can be done.

"2.—Why, if planes are unidentified, we attempt to shoot down our own pilots and our own planes.

"3.—If it was thought that these were commercial planes operated by enemy agents, why our own planes did not go after them, bring them down to a landing, or upon refusal to land, shoot them down, or at least find out where they came from and where they went. In this connection, our people know, within a reasonable range, where these planes would have to come from and where they would have to land."

PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE

Ford said that the people of Los Angeles have every confidence in the Army and Navy, but that retention of this feeling might depend to a much greater extent than official Washington seems to think "upon a clear, candid and complete statement of the facts."

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Ad Lights on Coasts to Go Out

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (AP) Myriad advertising signs, store window displays and other lights along the nation's coasts will be blacked out nightly under a policy proclaimed tonight by James M. Landis, Director of the Office for Civilian Defense.

He called for the extinguishment in "critical" coastal areas of all lights "not capable of being put out at a moment's notice" in the case of an air-raid alert.

(Los Angeles city and county civilian defense officials announced that such precautions already have been taken. Easily accessible switches are required on all illuminated signs under a new county ordinance.)

The requested blackout applies not only to strictly coastal communities but to the so-called "target area" which extends inland 300 miles from the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific coasts.

Unofficially, it was stated that the policy will result in the extinguishment of a great many if not most of the advertising signs and store window lights in the area since in most cases they are not controlled from central switches and hence cannot be doused quickly.

Asked how the policy will affect the famous lights of New York's White Way, for example, one source said that while it will not exactly be dark it may seem like "the bottom of the Holland Tunnel."

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Baja California Arming Urged

Explorer Proposes He- Protection to Prevent Use by Enemy as Base

Heavy protection should given to Lower California to prevent that area from becoming possible steppingstone for enemy invasion of the U. S. States, declared Randolph I. author and explorer, last night a lecture at the Wishire Theater.

He explained the life and tombs of the Mexican people Baja California in conjunction with a color motion picture made last year when he crossed the entire Gulf and Pacific line of Lower California in his foot schooner.

Leigh said the Mexican government has taken into private custody eight Japanese sailing vessels which were found operating in the Gulf waters, the declaration of war. At Manila, he said, officials arrested Japanese radio operator and confiscated a powerful short-broadcasting set.

The speaker pointed out because of the sparse population of Lower California heavy protection is needed there to prevent any enemy attack. He it would be unreasonable to expect Mexico to send large forces there inasmuch as the potential danger is greater to the U. S. States than to Mexico.

Mexico's co-operation in the matter, Leigh said, has been splendid in setting up the pre-protection in force in that area.

Binoculars Wanted by Washington

Should Not Be Mailed to San Diego Depot

Donors of binoculars to "Eyes for the Navy" campaign yesterday were asked to return their gifts direct to the Navy Observatory in Washington, instead of to the 11th Naval District supply depot in San Diego.

All binoculars must be either 6x30 or 7x50 Zeiss or Bausch & Lomb, and such other would donations as opera glasses and lorgnettes are useless to Navy, it was pointed out.

Donors are paid \$1 for use of the binoculars for the duration of the war and then will receive possession with Uncle Sam thanks.

Air Cadets Soon Will Train at St. Mary's

MORAGA, Feb. 27. (AP)—Five hundred Navy air cadets will flock to St. Mary's College campus within the next three months to begin training which the Navy expects will make them "the strongest, most daring and most determined type of airman in the world."

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Concerning the fact that the first consideration and bulk of allocations are specified for cities of more than 10,000 population—a specification which prompted much discussion from the floor later—Helms asked that revised population figures be prepared and submitted if it is believed that gains warrant it.

REVISED LIST READ
Hal Kennedy, executive co-ordinator for the Los Angeles County Defense Council, immediately read such a revised list. Based on utilities installations and other business criteria, it shows a boost of 310,256 for the county and 134,956 for the city since 1940. Incorporated cities, many of them now filled with defense workers, jumped from 2,340,902 to 2,573,878, according to the tabulation. Unincorporated areas showed a boost from 444,741 to 522,201.

"We feel that communities under 10,000 should share and share alike with others," Kennedy said. "Is there some way that a city which still doesn't reach the 10,000 mark can be assured of equipment?"

ARM BANDS AWAITED
He also asked for an estimate on the time needed before equipment such as arm bands can be expected—so that morale may be maintained among the volunteers, and so their authority won't be questioned at 3 a. m. Helms said requests for equipment for smaller cities will be passed along to Washington, but

Population Gain of 134,956 in City Since 1940 Indicated

Increases in population totaling 134,956 in Los Angeles and 310,256 for the entire county since the 1940 census were indicated yesterday in figures disclosed by Hal Kennedy, executive co-ordinator of the County Defense Council.

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Three convenient addresses to enjoy farm house style dinner! You'll find the menu temptingly suggesting, all the hot biscuits you can eat, fried chicken, meat, "farm house style," homemade soups served as is made. Vegetables and salads, garden fresh every day. Dinners one price 65c. No flower. Singson—Cherry Chase and Brand, Pasadena—3288 E. Colorado St. Los Angeles—8th at Mariposa DR. 8777

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So far, less than half of what were asked for has been promised. Duty types, for the air wardens and others, will come first. Other civilians very likely will be told to make gas-proof rooms for themselves.

Arm bands should cost no more than 5 cents apiece and the local agencies probably will have to buy them unless their funds are completely exhausted, Helms indicated.

GENERAL LOOKS ON

Maj. Gen. E. J. Dawley, a spectator during the lively question and answer session, counseled that Army men go through such supply problems all their lives.

"I feel for you—but I don't think the situation is hopeless," he said after complimenting them on Wednesday morning's performance. "We of the Army think we are working here with people who have their feet on the ground."

Sheriff Biscailuz, who presided during part of the meeting, adjourned it following a moment's tribute to Lieut. Rudy J. Binder, flyer son of Mayor Peter Binder of El Segundo. The young lieutenant was killed recently in the Northwest.

Dr. Torrance Free on Bail in Mexico

MONTERREY (Mex.) Feb. 27. (AP)—Dr. Arthur Torrance, author-explorer accused of slaying his elderly bride during a Mexican honeymoon, was released on \$1000 bond today pending a final decision in the case.

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"This explains everything except where the planes came from, whether they were going, and why no American planes went in pursuit of them."

TO DISPEL RUMORS

"In view of all the hysterical rumors set afloat after the Los Angeles alarm, many of them broadcast by radio announcers in lieu of facts, it is difficult to understand the policy of Army authorities in refusing to dispel such rumors by disclosing such facts as are already known to the enemy."

Representative Costello (D.) of Hollywood, only California member of the House Military Affairs Committee, endorsed Ford's request for a complete airing of the situation.

"So far as I am concerned," Costello said, "I have no desire to embarrass either the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy but I feel the Congress and the country should have from each of them—if not a statement agreeing on what happened at Los Angeles—at least their own individual and official statement of what happened."

Other aspects of the situation into which the joint inquiries may go, it was indicated, is the state of efficiency of the defense warning system, the extent to which airplane detection devices have been made available and reasons why no American aircraft went aloft during the presumed raid.

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FRILLS AND FURBELOWS

McKellar said that when Landis appeared before the Appropriations Committee he had agreed that the proposed \$100,000,000 fund for the O.C.D. should not be expended for purposes of "education or entertainment."

Sales of New Guns Stopped

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (AP)—The War Production Board tonight forbade the sale or other disposal of any new pistol, rifle or shotgun by any person except a manufacturer, effective at once. Secondhand weapons are not affected.

Cigarette Price Rise Balked by Henderson

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (AP)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson today refused to permit an increase in cigarette prices, asserting that an O.P.A. investigation showed that current prices are "fair and equitable." "Accordingly," he ruled, "the (old) schedule and prices are continued in effect."

Produce Man Found Guilty in Slaying

STOCKTON, Feb. 27. (AP)—Maurice Zuckerman, 63, wealthy produce broker, was convicted of manslaughter tonight for the fatal shooting of Otto Dander in a bar room here last Nov. 11.

to San Diego Depot
Donors of binoculars to "Eyes for the Navy" campaign yesterday were asked to turn their gifts direct to the Naval Observatory in Washington. D. Instead of to the 11th Naval District supply depot in San Diego.
All binoculars must be either 6x30 or 7x50-Zeiss or Bausch Lomb, and such other would donations as opera glasses, longnettes are useless to Navy, it was pointed out.
Donors are paid \$1 for use of the binoculars for the duration of the war and then will regain possession with Uncle Sam thanks.

Air Cadets Soon Will Train at St. Mary's

MORAGA, Feb. 27. (AP)—Four hundred Navy air cadets will flock to St. Mary's College campus within the next three months to begin training which the Navy expects will make them "the strongest, most daring and most determined type of airmen in the world."
Brother Austin, president of the college, made it clear that the school will continue its normal curriculum and athletic program.

Pope Pius 'Indisposed'

LONDON, Feb. 28. (AP)—Vichy broadcast today said the Vatican reported Pope Pius X was slightly indisposed, adding that "there is no cause for anxiety, but doctors have advised His Holiness to avoid all strain."

Four Killed in Bomber Crash

CORPUS CHRISTI (Tex.) Feb. 27. (AP)—Four men were killed and a fifth narrowly escaped death, the Navy announced today, when a patrol bomber from the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station crashed into Corpus Christi Bay Wednesday.

The dead:
Karl L. Brehm, 24, aviation machinist mate of Hamilton, Cal.
Myles Stantos Ross, 24, aviation cadet of Seattle, Wash.;
John Henry Shepherd, 23, aviation cadet from Port Arthur, Tex.;
Kenneth Eugene Spence, radioman third class of Antelope, Calif.
Lieut. Wayne T. Stuckey, squadron instructor, was taken to the Navy hospital for treatment.

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