

December 7, 1941.

PROPOSED MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS

Yesterday, December 7, 1941, a date which will live in ~~infamy~~
the United States of America was ~~suddenly~~ and deliberately attacked
by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.

The United States was at the moment at peace with that nation and was
~~still in~~ ^{continuing} the conversation with its Government and its Emperor looking
toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific. Indeed, one hour after
Japanese air squadrons had commenced bombing in ~~Manchuria~~ and the Philippines,
the Japanese Ambassador to the United States and his colleague delivered
to the Secretary of State a formal reply to a ~~formal~~ message, ^{recently} from the
~~Secretary~~. While ^{stated} it seemed ^{desirable} to postpone to ^{the} ^{next} ^{day}
must be considered ~~at an end~~, ^{it} contained no threat ^{or} ^{war} ^{or} ^{hint of} ^{war}
armed attack.

It will be recorded that the distance ~~of~~ ^{between} ~~Hawaii~~ ^{especially} of
Hawaii from Japan makes it obvious that the ~~attack~~ ^{was} deliberately
~~on 7 Dec 1941~~
planned many days ago. During the intervening time the Japanese Govern-
ment has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false
statements and expressions of hope for continued peace.

The attack yesterday on ~~Honolulu and on the Island of Oahu have~~ has

caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. Very many American lives have been lost. In addition American ~~ships~~ ships have been torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu.

Yesterday the Japanese Government also launched an attack against Malaya.

~~On last night Japanese forces attacked ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{Philippines} ~~Philippines~~ Islands~~
~~Japan has, therefore, undertaken a "surprise offensive extending~~
throughout the Pacific area. The facts of yesterday speak for themselves. The people of the United States have already formed their opinions and well understand the implications ~~of these attacks~~
~~to~~ ⁱⁿ very ~~on~~ the safety of our nation.

As Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy I have, ~~ordered~~, directed that all measures be taken for our defense.

Long will we remember the character of the onslaught against us.

(A) No matter how long it may take us to ~~overcome~~ ^{overcome} this ~~permitted~~ ^{permitted} invasion the American people will in their righteous might win through to absolute victory.

I speak the will of the Congress and of the people of this ^{country}, when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost but will see to it that this form of treachery shall never endanger us again. ^D Hostilities exist. There is no sincing the fact that our people, our territory and our interests are in grave danger.

I, therefore, ask that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December seventh, ^{has} ~~as~~ ^{2d} a state of war exists between the United States and the Japanese Empire.

~~With perfect confidence in our might~~