The *USS Arizona* spews plumes of black smoke after her forward magazine was hit by a Japanese shell.
The President signs the war resolution in the Oval Office at 4:10 p.m. on December 8, 1941.
This January 30, 1942 political cartoon in the St. Louis Star Times lampooned former isolationists who were now criticizing the Roosevelt administration for the lack of military preparedness prior to the Pearl Harbor attack.
Americans were hungry for news about the events unfolding in Hawaii and Washington.
WAR!

OAHU BOMBED BY JAPANESE PLANES

Six known dead, 21 injured, at emergency hospital

Attack Made On Island's Defense Areas

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Test of a White House announcement detaining the attack on the Hawaiian Islands is:

"The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor from the air, all naval and military activities on the island of Oahu, principal American base in the Hawaiian Islands."

Oahu was attacked at 7:55 this morning by Japanese planes.

The Rising Sun emblem of Japan, seen on plane wing tips.

We were after a wave of bombers streamed through the cloudy morning sky from the southwest and filing their missiles on a city resting in peaceful Sabbath calm.

According to an unconfirmed report received at the governor's office, the Japan forces that attacked Oahu reached island waters aboard two small airplane carriers.

It was also reported that at the governor's office either an attempt had been made to bomb the USS Lexington, or that it had been bombed.

City In Updraft

Within minutes the city was in an uproar.

As bombs fell in many parts of the city, and defense areas the defenders of the island went into action.

Army intelligence officers at Ft. Shafter announced officially shortly after 9 a.m. the fact of the bombardment by an enemy by long-range bombs and had taken immediate measures in defense.

"Oahu is under an air raid alarm," said the announcement.

"Civilian order to stay off the streets until further notice."

Scores of planes were reported to be attacking the city of Honolulu.

Civilians ordered off streets.

The orders have been issued by all civilians stay off the streets and highways and not use telephones.

Evidence that the Japanese attack has registered some hits shown by three billion dollars in the Pearl Harbor and Hickam field area.

All army personnel and civilian defense workers, with the exception of women, have been called to duty at Pearl Harbor.

The Pearl Harbor harbor was immediately a mass of racing craft.

A trickling stream of injured people began pouring into the city emergency hospital a few minutes after the bombardment started.

Thousands of telephone calls almost overloaded the Mutual Telephone Co., which put extra operators on duty.

At The Star-Bulletin office the phone calls delayed the single operator and it was impossible for this newspaper, for sometime, to handle the flood of calls.

An extra newpaper was called.

Hour of attack—7:55 A.M.

An official report from the department commander, made public shortly before 11, is that the first attack was at 7:55 a.m.

Witnesses said they saw at least 50 airplanes over Pearl Harbor.

The attack centered in the Pearl Harbor, the Army authorities said.

"The rising sun was seen on the wing tips of the airplanes." According to an official report.

Although martial law has not been declared officially, the city of Honolulu was operating under M-Day conditions.

It is reliably reported that enemy activities were in progress in the air at Wheeler Field, Hickam field, Kaneohe bay and naval air station and Pearl Harbor.

Some enemy planes were reported shot down.

The body of the pilot was seen in a plane burning at Waialua.

Oahu appeared to be taking heavy casualties after the first uproar of queries.

Anti-aircraft guns in action.

First indication of the raid came shortly before 8 this morning when anti-aircraft guns around Pearl Harbor began sending up a hundred barrage.

At the same time a vast cloud of black smoke arose from the naval base and also from Hickam field where flames could be seen.

Bomb near governor's mansion.

Shortly after 9:30 a bomb fell near Washington Place, the residence of the governor. Governor Poinsett and Secretary Charles M. Riten were there.

It was reported that the bomb killed an unidentified Chinese man across the street from the Schuman Cunningham Co., where windows were broken.

At 10:05 a.m., today Governor Poinsett telephoned the Star-Bulletin announcing he has declared a state of emergency for the island territory.

He announced that Edward L. Doty, executive secretary of the major disaster council, has been appointed director under the M-Day law's provisions.

Governor Poinsett urged all residents of Honolulu to remain off the street and the people of the territory to remain calm.

Mr. Doty reported that all major disaster council workers and medical units were on duty within a half hour of the time the alarm was given.

Workers employed at Pearl Harbor were ordered at 10:10 a.m. not to report at Pearl Harbor.

The mayor's major disaster council was to meet at the city hall at about 10:30 this morning.

At least two Japanese planes were reported at Hawaiian department headquarters to have been shot down.

One of the planes was shot down at Ft. Kamehameha and the other back of the Waialua.

Hundreds see city bombed.

Businessmen of Honolulu reported the news of the attack by Japan's surprise air raid.

The attack was witnessed by the office of the governor and the mayor.

Schools closed.

Schools were closed.

Editorial

Hawaii meets the crisis.

Hawaii and Hawaii will meet the emergency of war today in Honolulu and Hawaii have not compromised by the fact of the state's small size or the nature of the attack.

Governor Poinsett and the city and county leaders have rallied upon the public to remain calm for civilians who have been in the position of sailors on the streets to stay off; and for every man and woman to do their duty.

This is right, as well as the president, who has called upon the people to remain calm in response to the emergency.

The situation is grave and the task is monumental. The task is not only to meet the situation but also to adjust and to adjust to the situation.

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Additional Star-Bulletin extras today will cover the latest developments in this war.