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CONGRESS DECLARES U. S. AT WAR WITH AXIS POWERS

U. S. Bombs Big Jap Battleship

Situation, in Philippines "Completely in Hand," Army Spokesman Says; Developments During Last 24 Hours Described As Of Minor Importance.

Other Attempts By Nipponese To Gain Foothold On Isle Fail

America's Armed Forces Score Triumphs In Air And On Land; Withering Fire Poured Into Landing Parties On Beaches Around Linagayan.

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Britain Hears War Review

British Minister Speaks Gravely On U. S. And English Losses At Sea.

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Restrictions Taken From Army Service

Congress Passes Bill Permitting U. S. Troops To Be Sent Anywhere.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(I.N.S.)—The Senate and House today passed a resolution amending the draft law to allow American troops to be sent anywhere in the world.

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Enraged Persons Cut Down Jap Cherry Tree



Use of the Japanese cherry trees which line the Tidal Basin in Washington, D. C., was cut down by persons enraged over Jap attacks on Hawaii. On one of the stumps was the inscription, "To hell with those Japs."

WAR BULLETINS

MANILA, Dec. 11.—(A.P.)—The Philippine Army was reported officially but reliably tonight to have recaptured the region around Aparri, on the north coast of Luzon, and to be driving the Japanese back to the seacoast.

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Japan Claims New Victory In Sea Fight

Sinking Of Aircraft Carrier, Submarine And Destroyer Reported.

TOKYO, Dec. 11.—(I.N.S.)—(Via official Japanese wireless)—Japan today claimed a new smashing victory over the United States Pacific fleet with destruction of the aircraft carrier Lexington and the sinking of an American submarine and a destroyer.

The aircraft carrier, according to Japanese Imperial headquarters, was sunk off Hawaii, west of the island and southeast of the Pacific West Coast.

Tokyo also proclaimed the destruction of a U. S. S. submarine in a landing raid on Manila, sinking of the destroyer and submarine, and infliction of heavy damage on a transport, according to the Japanese claim.

Lexington Launched in 1931. The USS Lexington, launched in 1931, was a 28,000-ton displacement aircraft carrier.

The carrier carried 100 aircraft and was capable of carrying 30. The Lexington was armed with eight 8-inch guns and 22 3-inch guns.

TOKYO, Dec. 11.—(I.N.S.)—Tokyo and surrounding villages were ordered blacked out by military authorities today.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—(I.N.S.)—Reuters (British) News Agency today quoted a German (DNB) dispatch from Shanghai saying strong detachments of heavy Japanese tanks have landed at Kaostat on the eastern coast of Malaya.

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Germany And Italy Are Named Foes As Asked By President Roosevelt

Fuehrer Makes Address To Reichstag And Mussolini Echoes His Words In Rome; Germany Will Strike First Blow, Promise Made To People By Nazi Leaders.

Hitler Says Obligations To The Japanese Will Be Kept

Congress Loses Little Time In Acting On Request From President Roosevelt For All-Out Strife Between America And Axis Powers; No Vote In Opposition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(U.P.)—The United States today went to war against Germany and Italy, making it an all-out battle against the Axis, including Japan.

President Roosevelt sent to Congress his second war message within 70 hours and the legislators snapped through resolutions recognizing existence of hostilities with Germany and Italy.

The long known and long expected has thus taken place," the President told Congress in a message read separately by clerks in each House.

We went to war unanimously this time. There were no dissenting votes to either war resolution, although Rep. Jeannette Rankin, (P., Montana), voted "present" instead of "yea" or "nay."

The Senate jiggered the German resolution through 88-to-0 and voted 90-to-0 for war with Italy. The House vote on Germany was 399-to-0, with Miss Rankin voting "present." On Italy, the House voted 399 to 0, with Miss Rankin again "present."

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Axis Declares War

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