warmen O. S. American

in terms of possible trade and

commerce with friendly nations

across the Pacific. With Canada

and Japan at war, today we

think of our position in the

terms of being closer to attack

by an enemy and what we can

do to defend ourselves here and

aid in prosecuting the conflict

te a successful culmination

wherever the battle may rage in

As far as we in Prince Rupert

are concerned, we may be ex-

cused for hoping that it will

take as long for war to come to

us from the Orient as it has

taken to develop the peaceful

contacts of friendly nations in

whatever sphere they might

In one sense, and possibly a

very real one, we here in Prince

Rupert are now actually "on the

front line." We may well con-

sider many eventualities and

take action without delay to

meet them. We are in a state

War so far has not touched

us very directly in Prince Ru-

pert. From this on we may ex-

pect that it will change things

for many, if not all, of us. It

may bring effects that we do

not relish, involve sacrifices

which we may resent, cause us

inconvenience and most likely

We should be prepared for

many things and we should be

prepared together. There may

be tasks to do that will call for

a complete harmony of commu-

nity endeavour, sinking some of

the old sentiments and feelings

that in the past have pulled us

Even in emergency, there is

no reason to become excited.

There is every reason, however,

to face the situation and be in-

telligently prepared, to the best

of our ability, to face anything

And we should remember, too,

that nothing worse can happen

to us than has happened al-

ready in this war to our kith

and kin in other parts of the

world who carry on with grim

determination, high resolve and

Others have "taken it." So

Doubly vanquished is he who

It is a poor soldier and a poor

man who quails when the time

comes to fight his own battles

instead of having someone else

to do is to carry on normally

our individual courses with com-

mon sense but steeling ourselves

in preparedness for anything

WASHINGTON - Indications

are that South American coun-

tries will remain neutral as far

as Japan is concerned unless

there is an attack on American

that may come our way.

For the most of us, the thing

is beaten before he starts.

to do it for him.

territory.

Shopping

Days Until

Christmas.

the future may hold for us.

have been.

of emergency.

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## WAR IS WITH US For thirty years and more Prince Rupert has thought of her position as being five hunared miles closer to the Orient

Early Dispatches Covering Outbreak of Conflict With Japs.

TOKYO - Japanese Imperial headquarters announced Monday that Japan entered a state of war with United States and Great Britain in the western Pacific as from dawn Monday.

NEW YORK - Japanese warplanes killed 350 men at Hickman Field and set fire to the United States battleship Oklahoma in a sudden raid on Pearl Harbor, Ronoiulu. Several attacking planes were shot down. A National Broadcasting Corporation observer radioed direct from the scene.

TACOMA-High ranking army officials have issued for an immediate round-up of all Japanese nationals in the Pacific northwest.

SHANGHAI - The Japanese sank the British gunboat Petrel as it lay off the international settlement waterfront here Sun-

SAN FRANCISCO - A United States transport has been sunk three hundred miles off San Francisco. This was an unconfirmed report yesterday.

LONDON - A dispatch from New Delhi says that there is no doubt India will declare war on

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## Treachery of Nippon Leads To Speedy Action By Two Great Democracies In Entering Conflict

### CANADA AT WAR ALSO

Joins Motherland in Declarations Against Finland, Hungary and Rumania.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8:-Following a meeting of the cabinet Saturday, Both Canada was officially declared at war with Finland, Hungary and Rumania, joining the government of the mother country in the declaration. Premier William Lyon Mackenzie King made the announcement, stating that Australia, New Zealand and South Africa were likewise declaring war. Mr. King added that the most of the nationals of the three nations in Canada were considered wholly loyal to the Dominion.

HONOLULU-Fifty to 150 planes were used by the Japanese in the initial attack upon Honolulu. Suicide troops were landed by parachute with saboteurs. Wake and Guam are also reported to have been attack-

Hawaii and Philippine Islands Subjected to Air Assault Without Warning—Extensive Damage Done— President Roosevelt Battle Spreading Far and Wide.

### Thailand Quits After Only Brief Resistance to Japs

Churchill and Roosevelt Tell of Plans That Are Being Made to "Extirpate Both Root and Branch of Evil."

Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared Great Britain at war today against Japan in accordance with her promises to United States, Thailand and China. President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked Congress at a special session to declare war upon Japan since the "unprovoked and dastardly" attacks on Hawaii and the Philippines. Congress speedily implemented his request within 43 minutes. Only dissenter was a woman pacifist from Montana.

Great Britain declared war on the Tokyo government without waiting for Washington first to formulate the United States declaration.

Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa are joining the declaration.

The Australian cabinet today agreed on a war declaration against Japan. Prime Minister John Curtin announced that the Japanese had attacked the Australian Island of Nauru.

Thailand, after brief resistance to the Japanese invasion from the sea and across the French Indo-China border, ceased firing today and opened negotiations with the invaders.

China has decided to declare war on Japan, Germany and Italy, Foreign Minister Eugo Tai-Chi announced tonight.

The White House announced today that a Japanese attack on Hawaii resulted in the capsizing of an old battleship, destruction of a destroyer, damage to other vessels and destruction of a relatively large number of planes.

(Tokyo claimed that two United States battleships had been sunk, four others damaged and four heavy cruisers damaged in an attack on Pearl Harbor. The battleships were the Oklahoma and West Virginia).

The White House statement said that several Jananese planes and submarines had been accounted for and said that casualties in the attack were about three thousand, half being fatalities. President Roosevelt said in a statement yesterday that the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor and Hawaii from the air, a second attack being severe. It was disclosed that active resistance was "still continuing" against a Japanese attacking force in the vicinity of Hawaii.

Reinforcements of planes were being rushed to the islands, the White House said, and repair work was under way on ships, planes and ground facilities.

Japanese bombers, ranging from Luzon to Mindanao, struck at least twice at the Philippines today and Manila, which so far has escaped bombing, was blacked out tonight.

# Asks for Declaration; Congress Soon Acts

Describes Attack By Japan As Unprovoked and Dastardly-Such Treachery Can Never Be Permitted Again.

### PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 8: - President Franklin lin D. Roosevelt late this afternoon signed the resolution declaring war against Japan. It had been speedily passed by house and senate following the request of the president in his address to a joint session this morning. There was unprecedented unanimity with only one dissenting voice in the house.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 8: - President Fraklin D. Roosevelt at 9:35 a.m. (PST) today requested a joint session of congress to declare war upon Japan, and the request was speedily implemented. "I ask congress to declare, since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, that a state of war has existed between

## Naval Fight Is Going On \*

+ Japanese aircraft carrier and + solute victory. six Japanese submarines had \* "Our people, our territory and in Honolulu despite the air & destruction. \* attack on the city as we'l as \* on Pearl Harbor base.

All Measures Being Taken, Mili- through. tary and Civilian Protection Heads State.

VICTORIA, Dec. 8:-All necessary defence measures are being taken in view of the new war situation in the Pacific, said Brigadier R. O. Alexander, general officer commanding here. All leaves of the Royal Canadian Air Force have been cancelled.

The civilian protection organization is on the alert, said Major S. F. M. Moodie. A black-out may be declared in Vancouver at any

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* Japan and the Japanese Empire." \* Throughout a brief speech to congress, the president was wildly cheered. Almost every sentence was punctuated with great roars of applause.

"I believe that I interpret the wishes of congress and the people HONOLULU, Dec. 9:- There \* that we should not only defend \* is naval fighting off Hawaii, \* ourselves to the uttermost but + the United States battle fleet + make it certain that this form of having moved out to engage treachery shall never again enthe Japanese. There was no to danger us. No matter how long it confirmation, however, of a + takes we shall win through to ab-

\* been sunk. There is no panic \* our interests are threatened with

"I am confident that our forces and the determination of our people shall gain us inevitable triumph so help us God."

Immediately after the president had spoken, John W. McCormick THIS COAST of Massachusetts presented a resolution to implement the president's request of Massachusetts presented a resolution to implement the president's request of Massachusetts presented a resolution to implement the president's request of Massachusetts presented a resolution to implement the president's request of Massachusetts presented a resolution to implement the president of the pres war and it was speedily put

FIRST AID WORKERS All first aid workers in the City of Prince Rupert will

please report at the City Hall tonight, December 8, at 8:00

CHAIRMAN CIVILIAN PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

# Great Britain Declares War On Japan; No

and Branch Must Be Extirpated Together, Declares British Prime Minister.

upon the Tokyo government as from today without waiting for Washington to formulate a United States declaration. At the same time Britain made allies of Thailand and China. Prime Minister Winston Churchill, speaking in parliament today, said: "It only remains now for the

task ahead with whatever strength God may give them."

that instructions had been sent to unprovoked aggression," the government informed them that a state of war existed against them. charge d'affaires in London who

## God may give them." The prime minister announced No Confirmation On Sitka Bombed

A radio broadcast today reported without confirmation that Sitwas unable to check on this re-

Hitler's Madness Has Infected Nippon, He Said, So Root

### SPEAKS IN BROADCAST

Prime Minister Winston Churchill spoke in a world radio broadcast at noon today, repeating the speech which he had earlier in the day delivered to parlia-

LONDON, Dec. 8: - Great Britain declared war two great democracies to face the

the embassy at Tokyo to deliver a note to the Japanese government that, "in view of wanton acts of

was given his passports. (Continued from Page Two)