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The Fearl Harbor facts were held up until Congres was on vacation in the hope, perhaps, that all would be over and forgotten when Congress re-adjourned.

However, the grave political blunder occurred when we were told that "It was not the fault of any one individual but the fault of the whole American People".

This passing the buck and placing the blame on the voters is an old political trick that did not click . . instead it created such resentment that at least one member of the President's Cabinet is due to walk the plank. In 1937, when President Roosevelt made his famous speech in Chicago shout 'quarantining aggressor nations', we had just three under-equipped and under-developed Flying Fortresses. This, in view of the fact that the Administration at that time generously credited itself with unusual foresight and vision. In that same year—1937—when a hill was before Congress to reorganize the Air Corps and graft it a budget and staff of is own, and which received a favorable vote in Committee—the bill was "laid on the table" at the request of the President until further notice. That favorable further notice never arrived.

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notice. That favorable further notice never arrived.

So, the blunder of being unprepared cannot be blamed on the American People.

On September 1, 1939—the day Hitler started World War II by invading Poland—twe had just 19. Flying Fortresses and fewer than 500 short range fighter planes.

In-1942, after Pearl Harbor—when the American People were keenly aware of our grave danger, Major Alexander DeSeversky went to Washington to attend what he thought was to be a personal discussion with the President-regarding the question of United States. Air Power. He found that he was not to see the President but instead was shunted off to an interview with . Guess Who?—Harry Hopkins.

No, the unpreparedness of the United States both before and immediately after Pearl Harbor was not the fault of the "Whole Ambrican People."

The fault lies squarely at the door of the mes who were supposed to safeguard our Nation: The President, the Secretary of War, and the Secretary of the Navy—it was the job, the duty and the authority of Franklin Delano Rooseveit, Henry I, Stimson, and Frank Knox to prepare this Nation against attack. . . it was not the duty of the "Whole American People."

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The money had been authorized and appropriated to prepare Hawaii against attack and the time for completion of the projects set for six months before December 7, 1941.

But, we were not prepared. WHY? The American People have a right to know

the true facts.
They have a right to know if the real fault
was political corruption and graft; and, ifgraft, who were in on the financial skullduggery. Who got What and How Much?
No wonder 52 pages of the report were
withheld because of military secrey.

Always To Be Suspected

with the forces of occupation, will be able to convince the wolld of their right to associate with civilized people and its to have a government that can take a leading place among the nations of the world.

Despite the evidence of the world.

The some to an end, with all the atroctices that have been proved against the Japanese, there will be some fluoriton and stolen to exist the sound of the world.

The Japanese, it should be remonitered, opened their war against Russin by a curprise attack upon Port Arthur. They began their war against Russin by a very prise attack upon Port Arthur. They began their war against Russin by a treacherous attack without any declaration of war. In China, and wherever the Japanese flores have gone, helples people have been mistreated in horrible fashion and deliberate forces have gone, helples people have been mistreated in horrible fashion and deliberate efforts were made to degrade and punish representatives of the Western nations.

Even now, with the Allied occupation of Japan proceeding, there can be little confidence in the apparent submission of the Japanese military elique has formulated sinister, designs or whether there is something like an underground organization in Japan, primed to take advantage of any opportunity that may arise.

THE VALUE OF COMPULEORY EDUCATION IN THE United States has again been shown by the abilities of our young wien- and women to adjust themselves to the requirements of the recent war. Education develops many qualities, not the least of which are courage and initiative.

BIRMINGHAM AND ABJACKET AREAS ENTER UPON another fall and winter series of activities, some of them social, some eivie. It is to be hoped, that from the latter kind will come practical ideas and suggestions for a better community, state, and nation—not to overlook the whole earth.

It CERTAINLY IS A LONG, LONG ROAD THAT hath no bumps, cracks, or one-armed drivers upon it.

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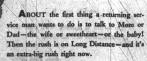


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