

The MIRACLE of Pearl Harbor

Just 23 short years ago the U. S. was plunged into World War II at Pearl Harbor. In January, 1942, all news was bad. Read, in this eye-opening article, the one reason WHY the Allies were allowed to win that war—and why they have not won a war since!

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CAN YOU believe it now? In January, 1942—just 23 years ago—the U. S. Army and Navy lacked even the power to stop a Japanese invasion of the West Coast of the United States.

The Pacific Fleet was all but destroyed. The Army was untrained, ill equipped.

It was America's blackest hour.

Secret plans, known only to President Roosevelt and a few selected advisors, called for the evacuation of the entire United States west of the Rocky Mountains should Japan invade the mainland.

Just how—and WHY—almost-certain victory was miraculously wrenched from the hands of the German-Japanese Axis is a startling, never-before-told story. It involves *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast, and why you are able to hear it today!

The time has come to reveal this story in the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

An "Invited" Bombing?

One month before the bombing of Pearl Harbor by Japan, the American troopship, the *Hugh L. Scott*, made a strange, unscheduled three-day stop in Honolulu. I was on that ship.

We of the 5th Air Base Group, who were on board, wondered, "WHY?"

After we were once more steaming toward Manila, our intelligence officer, Colonel Tally, revealed to us highly secret information when he said, "We were detained for three days in Hono-

lulu because the Army and Navy High Command expected Japan to bomb Pearl Harbor on November the 6th."

The Colonel startled us: "The U. S. has been trying to goad Japan into attacking us for some time."

"WHY?" we asked in astonishment.

"The American people hate war," he said, "but if Japan will just declare war first, the U. S. will then become aroused and will be willing to fight back."

"Otherwise," he said, "the complacent American public will not wholeheartedly support a war to stop Hitler and Japan."

The Colonel warned, "If the U. S. doesn't get into the war to help Britain and Russia, our only two possible allies will be conquered by Hitler."

This West Pointer's cold-blooded analysis sent shivers through us. "After Hitler conquers all of Europe, he will then invade the United States. But the American people are unprepared for war," he concluded.

How right he was!

The Colonel divulged more top-secret information as he went on to say that the danger of war was so great that the Army and Navy brass in Honolulu debated whether to send the *Hugh L. Scott* and its cargo of troops back to San Francisco or on to Australia.

"The decision," he said, "was finally made to send us on to the Philippines because the *Hugh L. Scott* has on board tanks and airplanes which MacArthur's army in the Philippines

will need if Japan launches an attack against Manila."

Safe Arrival But . . .

After the few tanks and airplanes we had on board the *Hugh L. Scott* were delivered to the American forces in Manila, we of the 5th Air Base Group were told to board an inter-island steamer. There wasn't room on the small boat for both us men of the "5th" and all our equipment, so we left our guns and ammunition on the dock to be shipped later.

We arrived at the Del Monte airstrip on the island of Mindanao in the southern Philippines, the first of December, 1941.

World War II began for the U. S. six days later when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, and Clark Field on the island of Luzon.

When the Japanese invaded Luzon, the equipment we left sitting on the dock in Manila was sent to the fighting men on Bataan, who desperately needed every gun they could get their hands on.

Even though we were unarmed and unprepared for war, we still expected the mighty U. S. Air Force to fly in from the United States.

In preparation for their arrival, we began feverishly building airstrips. The island of Mindanao became a complex of thirteen top-quality, heavy-duty airfields. We built high-quality bomb shelters, and blasted out a large airplane hangar in a mountainside.

The American planes did not arrive,

but the Japanese army did! We, our airstrips, our hangars, and our bomb shelters were all captured on May 10, 1942.

We had been prisoners for more than a year when we heard one of the most astounding stories ever told, the story which revealed the truth about the "Miracle of Pearl Harbor."

"Stranger Than Fiction"

Only a few of the group who heard this story are still alive to tell it.

We heard this astounding story from an English-speaking interpreter, a cousin of the Emperor. This Japanese officer startled us by revealing, "The Imperial Japanese High Command now realizes that we will eventually lose the war." He said bitterly, "The Germans have let us down."

According to the Emperor's cousin, two weeks after Pearl Harbor, Japanese spies in Moscow sent a secret report to Tokyo warning that "our German allies have suffered a disastrous defeat in the battle of Moscow."

This report from Japanese spies in Russia revealed how Nazi armies were hurled back by a surprisingly well-equipped, warmly clad Siberian army which Hitler and his generals did not know existed. But the "die" was already cast! This Japanese spies' report from Moscow came to Tokyo two weeks too late. By the time the full magnitude of the colossal defeat suffered by the German armies on the Moscow front became known, the Japanese High Command had already bombed Pearl Harbor. They had already committed themselves to fighting a losing battle.

Many of our Japanese guards, who were unaware of German defeats in Russia, were constantly telling their American captives that they expected to live in California after the war was over.

The cousin of the Emperor was not deceived. He had been listening to the news. He admitted that Japan's German allies had just suffered another major disaster at Stalingrad, where the entire sixth German army was either killed or captured by the Russians.

That is why he said, "The Japanese now realize that it is only a matter

of time until Germany is defeated. Without the help of Hitler, the Japanese army cannot hope to conquer the U. S.

"We made a fatal mistake in bombing Pearl Harbor without attacking the U. S. West Coast at the same time. Had we invaded the West Coast early in the summer of 1941, you would never have sent thousands of tanks and airplanes, countless guns and ammunition to Russia. You would have been forced to use these weapons to defend your own country.

"It's obvious now," he said, "that without large-scale American help, the Russians could not have kept Hitler from annihilating both their army and their entire population.

"It's too late now. We have already scattered our troops all over Southeast Asia and the islands of the Pacific where they are dying like flies from malaria, gonorrhea, and syphilis."

He then made the alarming statement, "After conquering Russia, the Germans planned to spend a few days conquering England; then they planned to *blitz* across northern Greenland on into Canada, while we Japanese were invading Alaska and the West Coast."

The Emperor's cousin said, "If everything had gone like we planned, we would have struck you before you had time to arm and train an army."

With astonishing frankness, he revealed top-secret Japanese plans. After all, we were "American pigs," (as the "Japs" called us)—doomed to die.

Cold-bloodedly he said, "Germany had promised us the western half of the U. S. for our part in the war. In order to inflame all Asia into backing our propaganda slogan, 'Asia for the Asiatics,' the Japanese army had been instructed to kill every white man and woman in the Orient and in the western half of the United States, just as soon as victory was certain."

Thinking we would never live to tell the story, and that nobody would believe us if we did, he boasted, "After destroying the U.S. nation, we Japanese planned to conquer the rest of China, marshal the millions of Chinese into a fighting army and then after Hitler relaxed in a world at peace, the Japanese Imperial High Command

planned to strike Germany a surprise blow."

Regretfully he added, "If we just hadn't made a tactical mistake, we could have conquered the world."

Almost apologetically, the Japanese lieutenant went on to explain the Japanese tactical mistake. "We could have destroyed the United States if we had just landed our forces on the West Coast of the U. S. in a surprise attack. Army intelligence now realizes that the Japanese army could have taken much of the Rocky Mountain region before you Americans could have equipped and trained your peace-loving people to fight."

But he was wrong. The Japanese should have attacked the Russian flank in Siberia, and forced Stalin to fight a two-front war and helped Germany conquer Russia before they attacked the U. S. Hitler urged the Japanese to attack Russian Siberia, and leave the U. S. alone. But the Japanese had their own plan to conquer the world.

Why Japan Bombed Pearl Harbor

Admittedly, Japan had long wanted to have as part of their empire the entire North American continent, but the wily Japanese military strategists decided against trying to fight both Communist Russia and the U. S. at the same time.

The Japanese had always been afraid that if they invaded the U. S., the Russians would stab them in the back by invading Manchuria. That is why, as part of their preparations for war, the Japanese Foreign Minister, Matsuo, signed a treaty of neutrality with Stalin on April 13, 1941. The Japanese hoped this treaty, coupled with Russian fear of Hitler, would keep them from having to fight a two-front war.

This treaty of neutrality aroused the American government, but not to action. Washington was content to merely wonder if the Japanese signed this treaty of neutrality with Russia as preparation to attack British and American possessions in the Pacific.

The Japanese preparations to attack the U. S. were suddenly intensified on

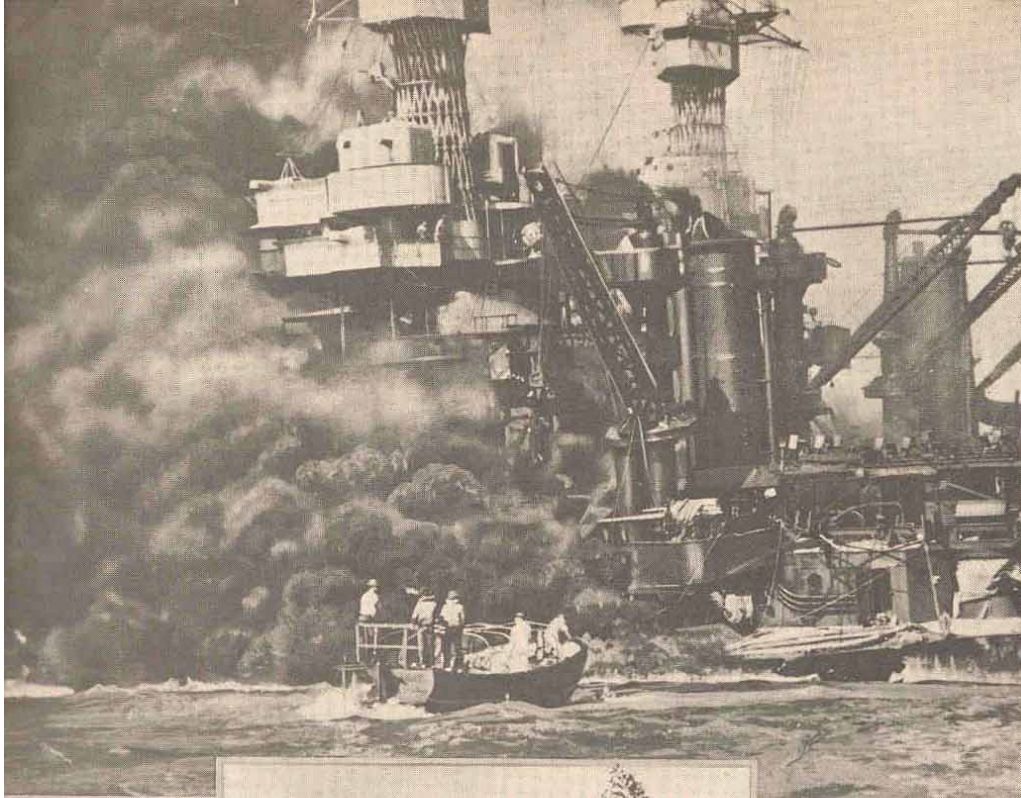
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PEARL HARBOR

Astounding as it may seem, the defeat at Pearl Harbor actually won the war for the United States and the Allies. Read the never-before-revealed truth in the accompanying article.

On June 22, 1941 the German armies attacked Russia. By December 2, of that year, advance units of the German forces reached the outskirts of Moscow (see inset photo at left). Japan erroneously assumed Russia had been defeated. The Japanese now thought their eastern flank would be free. Five days later on December 7, 1941, they attacked Pearl Harbor (large photo at left). But this was their most gigantic miscalculation, because . . .

Wide World Photos



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. . . the Germans never captured Moscow or Stalingrad. First, they became bogged down in Russian mud (see lower right). After Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor Russians utilized fresh troops from Manchuria to lift the siege from Moscow and Stalingrad (see large photo at right). As a result . . .



. . . Germany was unable to drive to victory and was finally defeated. In the Pacific, the Japanese now had to face the immense industrial complex of the United States. They couldn't win. In 1945, the Atomic Bomb was used. Japan officially surrendered September 2, 1945 (see photos at left).

Wide World Photos



June 22, 1941, when at 3:30 in the morning, German *blitzkrieg* struck Russia a surprise blow.

The German attack overran the border at most places before the Russians could organize a defense. In fact, most of the 3,800,000 Russian prisoners taken by the Germans were taken in the first few weeks of the campaign (William L. Shirer, *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*, pp. 952-953).

Because this attack on Russia appeared to be fantastically successful, the Japanese no longer feared a Russian "stab in the back" after they had begun attacking the U. S. The Japanese war lords began gleefully preparing to launch their long-planned attack on the U. S.! Japan hastened its preparations to capture needed raw materials in Southeast Asia before they and their ally, Hitler, launched a direct invasion of the United States' shores.

General Tojo, the Japanese Prime Minister, instructed his ambassador to Washington, Admiral Nomura, to secure from the American government approval to conquer Indonesia and all of Southeast Asia and India.

The American government refused to be frightened by thinly veiled threats of war, by what amounted to an ultimatum.

The Japanese suddenly began throwing threats of war at the U. S.

That these threats of war were not idle threats was made evident when Secretary of State Hull's cryptographers, on November 19, 1941, deciphered the notorious "winds" message to Admiral Nomura from Tokyo. Tokyo warned Admiral Nomura that when the Japanese newscaster on the short-wave Tokyo broadcast said the words, "East wind, rain," Japan was about to attack the United States.

Unknown to the United States, on November 25, 1941, the Japanese carrier task force sailed for Pearl Harbor.

The Japanese were further encouraged to attack Pearl Harbor when last-minute reports out of Russia stated that on "December 2 (1941) a reconnaissance battalion of the 258th (Nazi) Infantry Division had penetrated to Khimki, a suburb of Moscow, within sight of the spires of the Kremlin . . ." (William L. Shirer, *The Rise*

and Fall of the Third Reich, p. 863).

Assuming their potential enemy, Russia, had already been defeated by their German allies, the Japanese government gave the command: "BOMB PEARL HARBOR."

Now, they thought, was the time to capture the Philippines and Southeast Asia as preparation for a German-Japanese invasion of the American homeland.

Japanese Decision Premature

But unknown to General Tojo and his war lords, the communist general, Marshal Zhukov, launched, on the day before the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, a gigantic counteroffensive on the Moscow front which reeled the German armies back in the bitter cold and snow.

"Fresh Soviet divisions which German intelligence had no inkling of were continually being thrown into battle" (William L. Shirer, *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*, p. 855).

This fresh, well-trained, well-equipped Soviet army changed the course of history. The Nazis were stunned! "Where did this large, well-clothed, well-equipped Russian army come from?" they asked.

Little did the Nazis realize that their own ally, Japan, was responsible for the colossal disaster they suffered on the Moscow front.

Japanese Lust for U. S. Land Backfired

Russian spies in Japan had somehow discovered that Japan planned to attack the U. S. at Pearl Harbor about December 7, 1941.

The Russians also learned that the Japanese had politely refused Hitler's demand to attack Russian troops on the Siberian border. The Japanese were "dead set" on destroying the Pacific fleet of the U. S. and capturing all of Southeast Asia and India. They were determined to "feather their own nest" and not Hitler's.

When Russian spies discovered this fanatical Japanese determination to attack the U. S., Stalin hastily withdrew his army of close to a million men from the Manchurian border and brought them over the trans-Siberian railway to Moscow, just in time to turn

the tide of battle against the Germans in early December, 1941.

The Japanese High Command now realizes that if they had invaded Siberia, the peace-loving U. S. would have remained neutral until both Japan and Hitler were ready to launch a surprise invasion of the North American continent.

They also realize that if they had attacked the Russian army on the Siberian border, Stalin would have been forced to fight on *two fronts at once*.

Stalin then would not have been able to bring his well-equipped Siberian army to the Moscow front in time to stop the Nazis. European Russia would have fallen.

Because the Germans had badly mauled the Russian army, the Russians were not strong enough to fight both Germany and Japan at the same time. The power of Communist Russia would have been destroyed.

After annihilating the Russian armies, and before alarmed Washington statesmen could have armed and trained an American army of defense, Hitler and Japan planned to launch a world-shaking attack on the U. S. mainland.

But the Japanese made the wrong decision. They neither invaded Siberia as Hitler wanted them to, nor did they invade the West Coast of the U. S. as hindsight led them to believe they should have. They bombed Pearl Harbor instead, without invading the West Coast of the U. S., giving the U. S. valuable time to equip and train an army.

BOMBING: Blunder? Blitz? or Blessing?

Strange as it may seem, the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese was a MIRACLE which saved the U. S. from defeat.

Before Pearl Harbor, American naval strategy had been decided by battleship admirals, who assured the American statesmen that battleships would win the war.

Alexander De Seversky quotes Admiral William V. Pratt as saying on June 11, 1941, "A battleship is so heavily armored that when a bomb strikes it, the force of the explosion

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hammered the Germans and Japanese into helplessness and saved the American nation from the total annihilation planned by Hitler and Japan.

Why the Miracle of Pearl Harbor?

Could anything be plainer? The Almighty Divine CREATOR inspired these Japanese blunders. He did not want the "Japs" to win World War II.

WHY?

The Bible makes clear the answer. "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and *then shall the end come*" (Matt. 24:14).

Even though by 1945 this Gospel was being preached over the radio to part of the U. S., it was not yet being preached to all nations.

The Almighty Creator God intervened in the affairs of men because prophecy (Matt. 24:14) must be fulfilled.

The work of God, the work of publishing the Gospel message to all the world, had already begun in the United States.

Should this United States have fallen, God's WORK would have been stopped.

A Dire Warning

This Gospel is now being preached to all the world. The prophecy of Matthew 24:14 is right now before your eyes being fulfilled.

The time of God's intervention is almost at hand. The end of this age is fast approaching.

Will God Intervene Again?

God will not save us from this next war unless we really turn to believe and trust in the Living God who rules the heaven and the earth. Unless we as a people repent now, we will not be saved by divine intervention from the sudden, imagination-defying hydrogen bomb destruction and national captivity planned by the fast-rising tenation power in Europe!

God won't be on our side in this next war unless we get on His side now!

All the tearful prayers of a disobedient, God-rejecting people will not in-

duce God to withdraw the terrible punishment He has prophesied for our rebellious nations if we don't repent now.

It will be too late to pray then. God won't see bloody hands lifted up to Him in desperate supplication.

If the people of this nation reject the preaching of the Gospel and the Truth of God now, God will be through fighting for us! God will be ready to FORCE our people into submission to Him.

What About You?

But what about you? You, personally, can be saved from the coming destruction prophesied for our nations today.

But you've got to repent—NOW—

before it's too late! Before God begins to take frightful measures to force His people to repent nationally. The day the attack begins will be too late. The way to escape the coming prophesied tribulation is to turn around now, forsake your ways, your false religion and your society, and put all your trust for safety in the Living God by obeying His laws NOW!

Just before the destruction comes, then you can say, "God, I have obeyed you, I have done all you have asked, so now I claim the protection you have promised me in Revelation 3:10," and He will save you out of the coming destruction.

What have you to lose by turning to God? You have your *life*—this *physical* life—and eternal life to gain.

God's Great Society

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in the hands of *spirit beings*, themselves very *sons of God*. They will disseminate the TRUE VALUES and give loving help in applying it to people's lives.

"Yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: and thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left" (Isa. 30:20-21).

These teachers will "reveal unto them [the people] the abundance of peace and truth . . . and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the PROSPERITY that I procure unto it" (Jer. 33:6, 9). Obedience to God's way—His LAWS—brings ABUNDANCE AND PROSPERITY! In God's Kingdom people will be EDUCATED to this *fact*—not told that God's law is a CURSE!

At that time God says, "I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts [actually *change* man's nature so he will obey God's law instead of being hostile to it as natural man now is—Rom. 8:7]; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his

brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they ALL shall know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord" (Jer. 31:33-34).

What a happy, joyful, WONDERFUL time that will be!

More Information Available

You have just been given a brief glimpse into the truly "Great Society" of the WORLD TOMORROW. But the Bible reveals much, much more about it. You need to have this information—and you can get it absolutely free in our Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course. All you need do to begin receiving this fascinating and intensely interesting study course is to make your request and promise to study this course *with your Bible* at least one-half hour each day.

Also, write for our articles on "The Coming Utopia," and "The Kingdom of God—What Will it be Like?" These articles—also free upon request—explain aspects of God's Kingdom not covered in this article.

Don't delay! Make your request right now while you are thinking about it. We will speed the literature to you as soon as we receive your request.