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Holland Reiterates Attack on Tribune, Patterson Papers

Says Japs Were 'Tipped Off' That Navy Had Broken Secret Code

By the Associated Press.

Representative Holland, Democrat of Pennsylvania told the House yesterday that "American boys will die because of the help furnished our enemies by Joe Patterson, Robert McCormick and Eleanor Patterson through the Chicago Tribune, the New York Daily News and the Washington Times-Herald."

He contended it was public knowledge that a story published in the three papers concerning the composition of the Japanese fleet at the battle of Midway "tipped off the Japanese high command that somehow our Navy had secured and broken the secret code of the Japanese Navy."

"Three days after the Tribune story was published the Japs changed their code." Representative Holland said in another of several speeches criticizing the three papers and their publishers.

Deprived of Advantage.

"Through the unthinking and wicked misuse of freedom of the press by the Tribune, our side had been deprived of a military advantage of enormous utility," Holland continued.

He referred to the finding of the Chicago grand jury that the Chicago Tribune did not violate the Espionage Act in publishing the Midway story, but added:

"In the proceedings, the Chicago Tribune convinced itself of practicing a journalistic confidence game, along with its fellow partners of the vermin press, the Washington Times-Herald and the New York Daily News.

"Robert McCormick blandly pleaded, in the defense of his newspaper story, that they were not culled from naval intelligence documents. Although the story stated that it was based on information received from 'naval intelligence' and was printed under a Washington date line, the Chicago Tribune said that was just done to deceive its readers."

Speculates on Action.

"I wonder," Holland continued, "whether the military branches of the Government wanted a true bill returned? . . . Is it not possible that when our naval officers and our legal officers sat down to work out their case against the Tribune, it became plain to them that the trial of the case would reveal, of necessity, how that code came into our possession and other secrets of naval intelligence—not already revealed by the traitorous triumvirate, the New York Daily News, the Washington Times-Herald and the Chicago Tribune—which the Japs would gladly sacrifice a battleship to learn?"

Mr. Holland said "three days before Pearl Harbor, these jackals of journalism secured and published our master plan of war, delivered to the President under the signature of the chief of naval operations and the chief of staff of the Army."

"How long," he asked, "are we going to be stabbed in the back at home while our brave soldiers, sailors and marines fight for our lives abroad?"

Scott Questions Holland.

Representative Scott, Republican of Pennsylvania asked Mr. Holland if he had proof that the three newspapers were "friends of Hitler" and suggested, if he had, that Mr. Holland "waive his congressional immunity and submit that proof to a court of law so that it can be properly established.

"I think the proper place and the proper forum to decide such matters," Mr. Scott said, "is the forum where the defendant has an opportunity to be heard and to answer."

Representative Holland responded that "all you have to do is read the editorials of the Chicago Tribune and compare them" with those appearing in papers in France and Austria before those countries were conquered. He continued:

"He (Col. McCormick) may unconsciously be a friend of Hitler because when a man's hate becomes so great that he hates a certain individual and loses all reasoning power, which I believe the Pattersons and Col. McCormick have, they may feel that any thing they can do for Hitler or to disrupt our war effort is going to embarrass our commander in chief."