

Saturday night people were quite at ease, never dreaming of any trouble. Never thinking that 300 miles away to the north there was a large group of Japanese ships that had already been under way for three weeks, and that was all poised with 300 airplanes ready to attack the next morning.

Morning came and word came in that a submarine had been sighted. They were not able to find any trace of it so they decided it did not amount to ~~anything~~ anything. Radar was just in its infancy then. They were sort of experimenting with it. At about 7 o'clock a man who was sitting around == fiddling around with the radar said, I see a large group of airplanes which seem to be headed in this direction about 200 miles away. Oh, they said, I think I heard there was another group of planes coming in from ~~the~~ United States. Don't pay any attention to them. Pretty soon he reported again: They are only 50 miles away now. Oh, they said, It will be nice to see them all when they get here.

As the planes came over, one of the pilots in one plane waved at somebody he happened to see on the street in Hawaii, and the man waved back. They thought, How wonderful that these folks have gotten here. Then all the sudden at 7:55 the bombs began to drop; the guns were shooting; the submarines were entering the harbor. For the next 15 minutes there was as much damage done to the American Navy as there was done in three or four years of war in any earlier time.

Those great battleships, one after another within 15 minutes after they arrived the Arizona exploded from a direct hit. Other great battleships toppled over, and then sunk to the bottom. There were over 2000 sailors who died in the attack. The people said, If the Japanese had realized how great the damage was and how completely immobilized the American navy was, they could have come right in and taken California with comparatively little difficulty.

I think this verse fits very well the situation. People are taking things easy. Things are going along. There's nothing to worry about. Things always will continue exactly as they have been. That certainly is the attitude in our country today. Things are going forward. We heard about the great preparations for war over across the sea.

Russia has a larger standing army mobilized than Hitler had in the last war. The President of the United States recently made a statement that Russia has machines trained on Europe such that just about every city in Europe could be destroyed in a few minutes, if they let loose their missiles. And he has made the very gracious offer that if the Russians will remove all of theirs we won't put any in! You can imagine what effect that has on the people of Europe! They would like to have peace continue and they certainly don't want us starting putting missiles in ~~there~~ there and giving the Russians the idea of starting to shoot at us.

So we find this passage very appropriate to our world conditions.