

10

STATEMENTS REGARDING RUMORS OF SABOTAGE IN HAWAII

Rumors of sabotage by Japanese at Pearl Harbor are still being repeated and believed by reputable people in California eighteen months after December 7, 1941.

In order to provide authentic refutation of some of these stories, the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play have obtained, through Charles F. Loomis, Director of the Morale Section of the Hawaiian Military Government, official statements from W. A. Gabrielson, Chief of Police of Honolulu, and Colonel Kendall J. Fielder of the Military Intelligence Headquarters.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

City and County of Honolulu

May 12, 1943

1. The statement that Japanese trucks in Honolulu deliberately put out of commission several American airplanes is an absolute lie. The Military and Naval Intelligence services and the F.B.I. can verify that there were no Japanese trucks on any airfield, nor did any such trucks do any damage in Honolulu on December 7th.
2. There was no congregation of crowds, and the Army, Navy or Marine Corps was not called on to preserve order in the city. No American machine gunners cleared Honolulu streets of any Japanese before, on or after December 7th.
3. The statement that all over Honolulu had signs which read, "Here a Japanese traitor was killed", is another absolute lie.
4. There was not one act of sabotage attempted by any Japanese or any other person during December 7th or thereafter.
5. The Japanese bombed Oahu twice: On December 7, 1941, and sometime during the latter part of 1942, when four bombs were dropped in the hills back of the city.
6. There was no dynamite planted by any Japanese or anyone else in or about Honolulu in December; and no civilian ever used a truck to pick up any dynamite.

While no acts of sabotage were committed, the Japanese did maintain an excellent system of espionage.

(Signed) W.A. Gabrielson, Chief of Police

HEADQUARTERS HAWAIIAN DEPARTMENT

Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Military Intelligence

17 May 1943

I was surprised to learn that some of the many Island rumors about the Hawaiian Islands during the first few days of the war are still prevalent on the mainland. They have been repeatedly denied by all authorities.

In connection with the six statements that Mr. F. enumerated in a letter to you, it can be positively stated that all are untrue. It is hardly worthwhile to refute them individually, but it might be of interest for you to know that the movie, "Air Force", was censored and the scenes about the misuse of the Japanese trucks and the Japanese snipers on Maui were deleted before the picture was permitted to be shown in Hawaii.

Having been in charge of military intelligence activities since June, 1941, I am in position to know what has happened. There have been no known acts of sabotage, espionage, or fifth column activities committed by the Japanese in Hawaii either on or subsequent to December 7, 1941.

(Signed) Kendall J. Fielder

Colonel, G.S.C., A.C. of S., G-2

C O P Y