

Christmas Island of the United States

CHRISTMAS IS.—British or American? is the heading of an article “By Our Honolulu Correspondent”—presumably an American citizen—in the *Pacific Islands Monthly* of December 15, 1938. This rather long and somewhat ironical report starts out with these two paragraphs:

“In support of reports first published in the ‘P. I. M.’ early in 1937, it seems that Christmas Island, Britain’s mid-Pacific possession, may be the next on America’s list of islands to be annexed, according to statements emanating from the Honolulu ‘annexation’ office, which supervises the U. S. colonists upon Jarvis, Baker, Howland, Canton and Enderbury, the isles ‘annexed’ since 1935 by America.

“As a matter of fact, the local officials were surprised that Christmas was not ‘annexed’ before Canton and Enderbury were in March, 1938, because for long they have been gathering all the material they can about Christmas in obedience to a blanket order from Washington.”

To keep the record straight, let it be publicly stated that

no information, concerning Christmas Island published in the *Paradise of the Pacific*, was secured from Richard Blackburn Black, Field Representative of the U. S. Department of the Interior, who is in charge of the five American islands named above. Since the *Paradise of the Pacific* is the only publication in Hawaii that has urged that the United States Flag be raised over American Christmas Island, the above information is published in justice to Mr. Black and to show that neither he nor his Federal office has given out any information concerning Christmas Island.

Paradise has not recommended that Christmas Island be “annexed,” for it belongs to the United States. Nor were any of the five other American islands named above “annexed,” as will be seen by reading President Roosevelt’s two Executive Orders published on the opposite page.

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Beauty of Hawaii Wears Leis and Holokus—Pan-Pacific Press Photograph

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An American Dictator

The quickest way to have an American dictator is to ignore the constitutional guarantees of free speech, free press and other freedoms.

Broad Streets

Broad streets of Honolulu should greet eyes of visitors. Tree-shaded, too.

National Defense

Cordial cooperation between National Defense and Civilian Hawaii is vital. Cooperation—that's the thing.

Former German Pacific Territory

When will the demand come from Germany that she receive back her former territory in Pacificland?

Finger-Printing WPAers

The order, by the New York WPA Administrator, that WPA workers be finger-printed, brought a storm of protest.

Sound-Proofed Warplanes

Is it not possible to make "air-fighting" a little more comfortable by sound-proofing the warplanes?

Mal De Mer

There is nothing like a good dose of sea-sickness to bring out the true qualities of a lady or a gentleman.

Aquarium

Let's have the finest aquarium in the world situated in Honolulu. Do you know how old our only little one is?

Trans-Pacific Aviation

"Lighter-than-air, helium and diesel engine!" succinctly spoke one authority. He was talking about flights from California to China. "You know a dirigible holds the record now. It might not go as fast as a heavier-than-air plane but it would save time on stop-overs. Easy riding and a friendly feeling of being safe, by the passengers. Of course a fast-flying landplane, to take care of special passengers, might fit beautifully into the Pacific sky picture, too."

President Roosevelt's Birthday Dances

Hawaii did her share in honoring the President and in the fight against infantile paralysis.

Radio Conquest of the United States

The question has been asked: "Is it possible that there be such a thing as a Radio War in which the enemy, by overwhelming the American Mind, would win the war?"

Loyalty of Hawaii

Loyalty of every person living in Hawaii is necessary that the United States be secure.

Railroads and Food

Railroads can take a leaf out of the menu-book of the steamships and give passengers all they can eat without charge.

Army Garrisons On Every Hawaiian Island

The cause of Americanism would not suffer if garrisons of the United States Army were stationed on every one of the eight larger islands of Hawaii.

A New Thing In History

History does not afford one instance, like the present one in the Orient, where a race other than white threatens to dominate a continent. Will it be China or Japan?

Dressing for Dinner Aboard Ship

All dressed up and nowhere to go—for you are aboard ship. All dolled up and wondering if Dictator Neptune will let you stick out the dinner. And the head waiter is wearing exactly the same costume of mourning that you are—what's the use of dressing up? Convention, me lad.

Discrimination Against Hawaii

American citizens of Hawaii should unite in bombarding Senators, Representatives, and other federal leaders, in Washington City, to make the Capitol Hawaii-conscious. Our Legislature should lead the way. This is no time to be humble. Leaders of Hawaii should keep the People of Hawaii informed.