



## American Air Bases of the Pacific

FLOCKS of valiant American Airbirds—commercial and their defenders—swooping through American Pacific Air—with well protected island-nests. That's the new Pacific picture painted by American Aviation.

Air is a continuous element over the entire earth in which planes cruise—needing land and water only for passenger-cargo service and plane-service-ing. Airbases are as essential to aviation as airships. They are necessary for air and weather information.

Aviation will surprise America in the Pacific, unless American imagination and preparedness keep pace with changing sky conditions—even chaos may result. Aviation surely will modify American National Defense.

Deaths of the Washington and London treaties on December 31, 1936 removed all restraint upon fortifying American airbases in the Pacific. With the Russians connecting Europe, Asia and America by air via the North Pole, maintaining airbases in the Arctic and Siberia; Great Britain creating airbases at Singapore, Ceylon, Hong Kong, New Guinea, Papua, British Pacific Islands, and claiming Antarctica probably with airbases in view; Japan rapidly developing airbase schemes in the Pacific; the United States also must advance airbase plans in the American Pacific Area.

Aviation projects the strategic frontier of the United States from the Pacific Coast several thousand miles westward—to an apron of American Islands extending irregularly from Alaska to Samoa. This boundary of the American sphere is well represented by an arc from Panama to Samoa and the Date Line to the Aleutians.

An efficient American merchant carrier service must include air-commerce and adequate airbases in the Pacific. Such air-commerce may be by seaplanes or land planes. What could be sweeter than air-routes, including airbases, for swift and safe landplanes, to the various airports of the Pacific. A successful Amelia Earhart round-equator flight in a landplane will encourage this subject. Dirigibles may reappear.

The Territory of Hawaii is providing many air-harbors but there also is a serious national mission to be executed in Hawaii. The territorial airports should be federally developed as are water harbors. Military, naval, and federally-planned airfields should exist on every one of the Hawaiian Islands where necessary—for commercial and National defense needs. This also applies to the outlying islands of Hawaii—Midway, French Frigate Shoals, Ocean, Johnston, Palmyra, Kingman Reef and others.

Air-bases should be constructed on the Aleutians, Wake, Howland, Baker, Jarvis, American Samoa, and possibly other islands. American engineering can create airbases for both land and seaplanes on any of them.

American islands west of Wake are not within the logical sphere of influence in the Pacific and sooner or later probably will be relinquished.

Protecting American airbases in the Pacific is an important part of National Defense. Without such protection, American air-commerce will be futile. What form such protection will assume will not be suggested here. However, the methods adopted will be the solution of a new problem.

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## *Unmask the Beauty of Honolulu*

"Honolulu" and "Beauty" should be synonyms. Sweep away all buildings, not public or quasi-public, between Iolani Palace, Washington Place and St. Andrew's Cathedral. Visualize the beauty unmasked.

## *Birthday of Jose Rizal*

On June 19 Filipinos and Americans of Hawaii commemorated the birthday of Jose Rizal—the Filipino patriot who was executed by the Spaniards in Manila on December 30, 1896.

## *Hui Manu*

Songbirds—lots of them—for Hawaii. More power to the Hui Manu that brought hundreds of beautiful feathered songsters recently to us.

## *Informed Public Will Destroy Discrimination*

Information is power. A well-informed American public will no more permit discrimination against American Hawaii than an American public stood for taxation without representation from 1775 to 1781. Hawaii's best friend is an American Unified-Hawaii that tells Continental United States the truth and nothing but the truth.

## *Sun Worshipping Cult of Waikiki*

Clad in coats of tan and drowsy unembarrassed smiles, the Sun-Tanners of Waikiki brown their way through life. Under a perfect Hawaiian Sun, shining in a perfect Hawaiian blue sky flounced with fleecy clouds—tempered with a Hawaiian Trade Breezes. Limbs and torsos, necks and countenances, bronzed and gleaming gold. Health and beauty of the Hawaiian Sun in them all. It is the Sun they worship.

## *Voters on Faraway Isles of Hawaii*

With aviation making them desirable it should not be long before realtors are advertising lots for sale on Johnston, Palmyra, Kingman Reef, Necker, Ocean, French Frigate Shoals and other islands of Hawaii. Maybe it would be well to perfect plans for affording their residents full opportunity to vote at the next election.

## *Amelia Is Doing It*

Amelia Earhart Putnam's flight Around-the-Equator will aid American air-commerce and National Defense. America is extremely interested in landplane-landings on American South Pacific Islands. Soon there may be an American commercial landplane service using those islands. Remember also that the American Navy and Army use landplanes.

## *Pearl Harbor Canal*

Anyone who viewed the water-triangle of Bruge-Zee-bruge-Ostend used by German submarines during the World War will conclude that a canal from Pearl Harbor to the sea—in addition to the present channel—would help a lot.

## *Eat Hawaiian Fruits and Vegetables*

You breathe Hawaiian air and drink Hawaiian water—all to aid your health and happiness. Why not eat Hawaiian fruit and vegetables—that have taken to themselves Hawaiian elements—for the same reason. The more Hawaiian you make your body while in Hawaii the more you aid Nature of Hawaii to keep you healthy and happy.

## *Neutrality*

Under the Neutrality Act of May 1, 1937 the first thing the President must do is to proclaim the existence of all wars including civil wars. Think of the influence concentrated on the Chief Executive to make him proclaim or not proclaim. Consider the Presidential brain-torture involved in deciding whether it is a war in Spain—a war in Manchukuo—a war in 1930 when Japan attacked the city of Shanghai.

## *Over the North Pole from Moscow to United States*

Shortest distance between two points is the route of the airplane—a great circle route. Land and water have their limitations but the air has none. From any and all directions they dash at us. Russia has shown the way. National Defense is nervous.

## *Flag Day*

Flag Day, June 14, was commemorated by the Daughters of the American Revolution.