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The statements made in this letter both as regards the approximate position of Miss Earhart's plane and the area covered by the naval planes in their search for Miss Earhart are based on information received from Commander Creighton, O.N.I.

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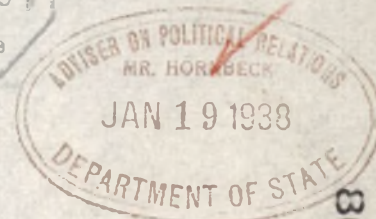
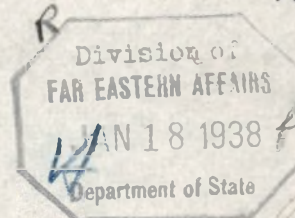
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Answered HRP



Honorable Cordell Hull
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am sending you, herewith, photograph of the front page of "Smith's Weekly", published in Sydney, Australia. The continuation of the article starting on that page is completed on a second photostat which accompanies the first. I know you will find interest in reading this article if you have not already done so.

I am submitting it to you, first, for the information which it may afford; and second, to ascertain whatever might be available concerning the authenticity of the article. I am especially anxious to know if the story has any foundation in fact at all; whether the findings, if any, made by the Navy Fliers were substantial; and whether it is true that the alleged findings were shared with the British Navy?

You need not bother to return the photostats referred to since I am holding an additional one for my own use and information.

Sincerely yours,

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A handwritten signature or set of initials, possibly "Hays", written in dark ink.

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My dear Senator Nye:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 17, 1938, enclosing a photostatic copy of an article headed "U.S.A. does AUSTRALIA a Secret Service", from the October 16, 1937 issue of Smith's Weekly, published in Sydney, Australia. This article deals chiefly with the search made by the United States Navy air force for Miss Amelia Earhart, whose plane was thought to have been forced down somewhere between Gilbert Islands and Howland Island in the North Pacific, and the alleged seizure by the United States Navy of this opportunity to survey the Japanese mandated islands in that area.

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The Honorable

Gerald P. Nye,

United States Senate.

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It is the understanding of the Department that the allegations in the article concerning which you inquire are without foundation since the area covered in the search for Miss Earhart was considerably removed from that occupied by the Japanese mandated islands.

The courtesy which prompted you to make the article available to the Department is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Cordell Hull

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HUSBAND : Have you made arrangements about getting home from the party?

WIFE : Yes, I've got my name in my purse !

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U.S.A. Does Australia A Service

"There has been an understanding between America and Australia, regarding the Pacific, for years. The U.S.A.'s 'quadrilateral' range over the Pacific was a square embracing the area from the Aleutian Is., Panama, Samoa, and Guam. But Japanese infiltration has pushed a Japanese crescent into the Pacific, forcing American interest back accordingly.

"Japan has a naval base and arsenal at Bonin and, in addition to the masked Caroline and Marshall Islands (7100 of them!), has extended to Guam and Yap.

"Furthermore, Japan's interest in the Philippines is extensive, with one-third of the population and two-thirds of the trade. The Philippines will have autonomy in two years, passing out of American direct control.

Manila Closest

"Bonin lies opposite the British Singapore base, and now Japan has an interest at Yampi Sound. Take a map, and you will see that a line from Yampi (Australia!) to Bonin cuts off Singapore, while Japanese infiltration of the Pacific now extends down to Yap.

"You might also like to know that the nearest capital city to Darwin is NOT in Australia. It is Manila, in the Philippines, now becoming Japanese in influence.

"I trust," he added with a wry smile, "you know a little more about the Pacific situation. Some of us have known for years, but reports to the Commonwealth Government are probably decorating some handsome pigeon-holes."

Commonwealth authorities, as of automotive transport.

"When the Great War broke Australia had only 34,000 vehicles. The figure is now at the million mark."

Severe unemployment was from a shortage of petrol in Australia. According to the report, at least wage-earners would be direct and wages amounting to £2 a year would be in jeopardy.

In addition, thousands were directly affected. These included body builders, and engine builders. 14,000 people are at present in motor-body building, earning £1 a year. Their production of cars in 1936 was valued at £7,000.

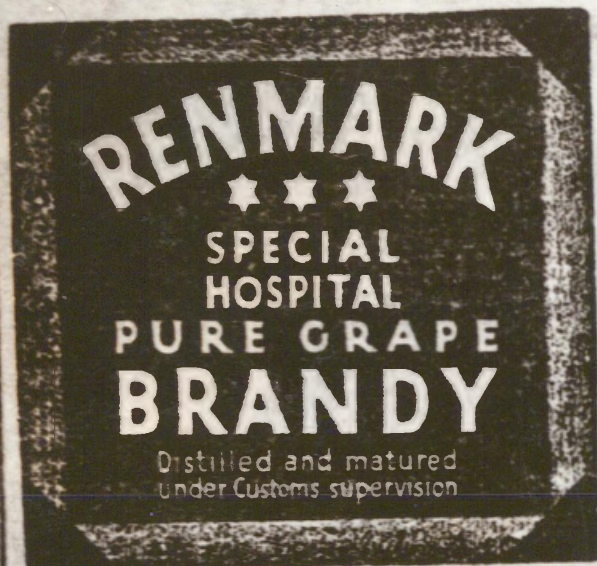
Overseas countries have been awake to the chaos which was a petrol shortage in the mechanised age, and have tried to prevent it. Great Britain has pointed a special board to build up and report on petrol stocks, building up of reserves of petrols, as well as motor spirit octane ratings for aircraft.

British interests have started erecting large storerooms on the island of Aruba, in America, to contain millions of gallons of fuel. As the island is safely safe from air raids, it will be able to lift cargoes of fuel for British warships in the event of any other rendezvous.

South Africa has already



Amelia Earhart



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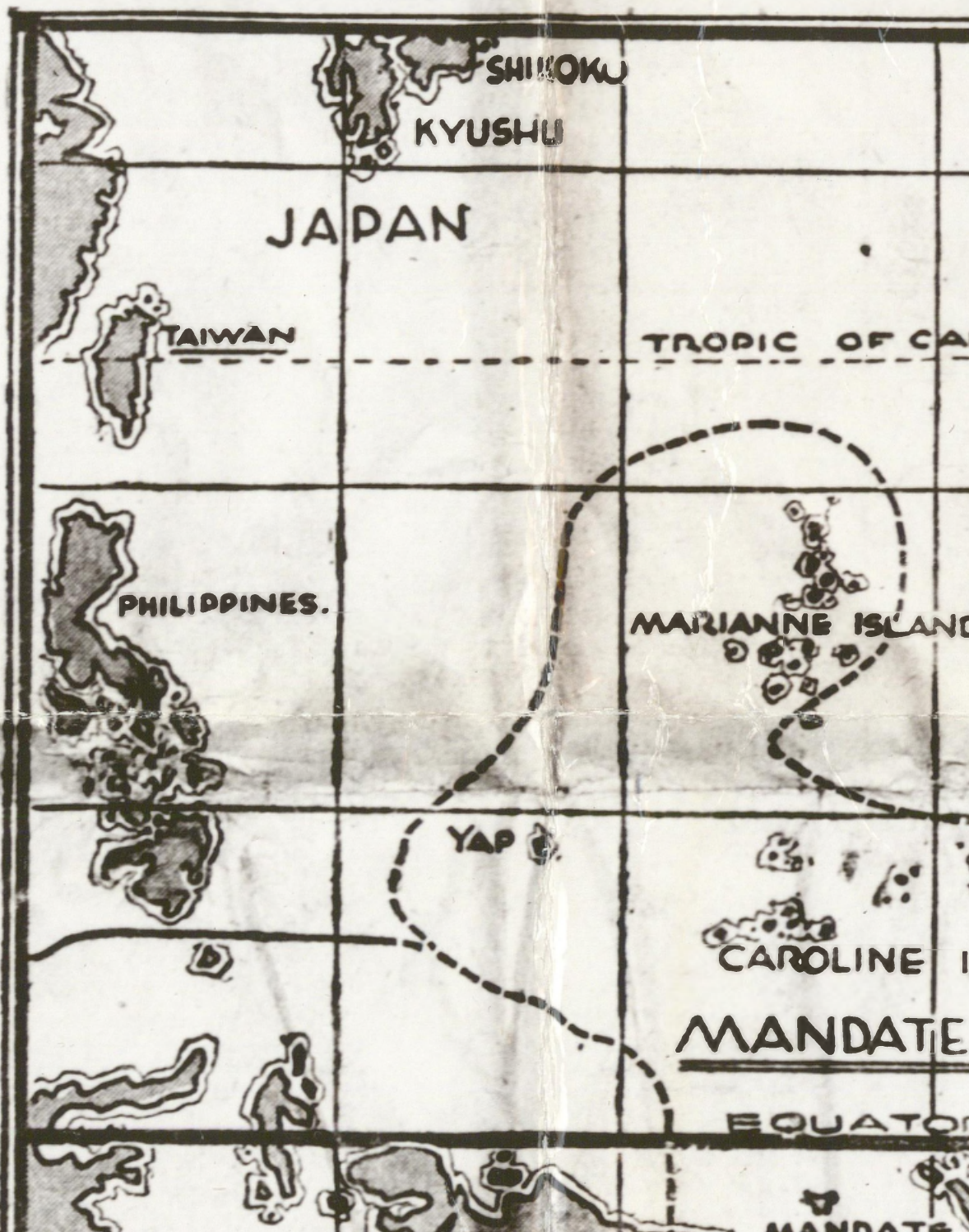


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