

Denver Post

October 11, 1942

The Japs

**Dream of Attacking U. S.
Via Aleutians.**

AT THE OPPOSITE END OF THE GREAT PINNACLES, IN THE NORTHERN PACIFIC, THE JAPANESE ARE CROUCHING ON THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS, HOPING TO POUNCE UPON THE WEST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES.

The late General "Billy" Mitchell considered these Alaskan waters the most important strategic bases of the world.

There may be about 10,000 to 20,000 Japanese on these islands, half of them living on land, the other half living aboard their ships. We have been trying to dislodge them, but the difficulties are great because the islands are constantly wrapped in impenetrable mist, generated by the warm Japanese and cold Arctic currents!

This region is known as the "weather kitchen" of the world, and that is another reason why the Japanese want to retain it. They are in a better position to foretell what kind of weather our west coast will have—information which could be of the utmost importance in aerial warfare.

The Japanese know very well that there can be no rest for them while we have our ramparts in the Pacific. The stupendous loot they amassed in a few months will never be safely theirs while we are a great naval power in the Pacific. Their interests fully coincide with those of the Germans in that one respect.

The Axis pincers make it clear that this war is entirely different from all previous ones. This is a global struggle in which we have learned to think in terms of the entire earth, and not merely in terms of nations or continents.

Aleutians

**Form Vital Land Bridge
From Asia to U. S.**

The Germans are fully aware of this fact. They maintain that it is wrong to talk about Europe, Asia and Africa as the continents of the Old World. They assert that there are no three continents at all, but a huge "World Island," and their country, occupying approaches to vital trade routes, is the "heart-land."

Every part of the "World Island" must be subordinate to the interests of Germany.

DAKAR IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO THEM BECAUSE IT COMMANDS THE GREAT TRADE AND AIR ROUTES BETWEEN THE NORTH AND SOUTH ATLANTIC AS WELL AS BETWEEN THE EASTERN AND WESTERN HEMISPHERES.

AMERICA IS CAST FOR THE ROLE OF A COLONY, SUPPLYING RAW MATERIAL FOR THE NEEDS OF THE HEART-LAND, GERMANY.

The Japanese have their own idea about the world situation, and they have made it abundantly clear to us. They are convinced that there cannot be two great powers in the Pacific region, and they are determined to make the empire of their mikado supreme.

THE ALEUTIANS FORM A VITAL LAND-BRIDGE WHICH THEY MUST POSSESS IF THEY ARE TO KNOCK US OUT.

We have also learned to think in terms of the new strategy. The leaders of our armed forces know that this is a global war. They know that there can be no peace for us while the powerful Axis pincers are trying to close down upon us in the Aleutians and at Dakar.