

# Key to Pacific Held by Stalin, Townsend Says

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Witness Sought by

FBI in Nazi Probe

Sees Defeat for Japs

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Ralph Townsend, sought for a month by the Department of Justice as a "master mind" of Japanese propaganda in the United States, last night said Japan cannot hope for victory unless Russia betrays her allies and signs a new pact with Germany.

Climaxing a four weeks' search which led to rumors that he had fled to Japan or had been murdered by foreign agents who feared he might reveal Japanese secrets he had obtained, Townsend came to Washington Wednesday to accept service of a subpoena to appear before the special grand jury investigating sources of enemy propaganda.

## Amazed by FBI Search

Townsend, at one time a United States Vice Consul in Japan, expressed amazement over the futile search conducted by the FBI.

"I was vacationing in New Orleans," Townsend said. "Before I left Lake Geneva, Wis., my home, early in November, I had talked freely with investigators for the Department of Justice. They assured me they did not want to call me before the Grand Jury.

"Because some newspapers had made life unpleasant for me at my home I decided to go on a vacation. I didn't tell anyone where I would be because I didn't want to be bothered.

"Last Sunday when the Japanese attacked Hawaii I wrote a letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation telling them I felt events had made it necessary for every citizen to reaffirm personally his loyalty to the United States.

## Asked for Subpoena

"On my way home to Lake Geneva I learned the Department of Justice had been searching for me. I went to the department and asked for the subpoena they had been unable to serve."

Townsend, Far Eastern expert for Scribner's Commentator and the Lake Geneva Herald, said he had worked hard to keep this country at peace, but once the attack from the Japanese came he was convinced it was the duty of every citizen to fight for victory.

"Japan can cause us a lot of trouble as long as she has oil," Townsend said. "My latest information leads me to believe her oil supplies may last a year. When they run out the Japanese will dig in wherever they are, and they will be hard to dislodge.

## Key Rests With Stalin

"The key to the whole situation rests with Stalin. If he will join the United States in fighting Japan from Russian bases at Vladivostok, Japan cannot resist long. If Stalin does not fight Japan the war will last more than a year. I am confident the United States will be victorious."

Townsend said he looked for-



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Confident of U. S. Victory

ward eagerly to the opportunity to appear before the Grand Jury because "I have never accepted a dollar from any foreign power."