



WARNINGS IGNORED. Gens. Marshall and Gerow admitted they might not have alerted Pearl Harbor sufficiently. Joseph L. Lockard, who had sounded a futile alert, thought the whole investigation silly.

Frank Witnesses

The Pearl Harbor commanders had been warned. That had been established by previous testimony. Now the Congressional committee wanted to know why they had nevertheless been caught asleep.

For this, two exceedingly frank witnesses—ex-Chief of Staff George C. Marshall and Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow—took a share of the blame.

Gerow, who was war plans officer four years ago, admitted he hadn't properly evaluated the answer of Lt. Gen. W. C. Short, Hawaii Army Commandant, to warnings of a possible Jap attack (Short had established only an anti-sabotage alert).

Short's Fault? Marshall said he must have seen Short's reply, agreed: "That was my opportunity to intervene, and I didn't take it." Then he added (and this applied to Admiral H. E. Kimmel, too) that Short was a responsible commander who should have acted on his own.

Marshall explained he didn't telephone a last minute warning because he knew Axis agents had even tapped FDR's Trans-Atlantic phone calls to Churchill.

Revelation. Over Marshall's protest, the committee revealed his 1944 letters to Gov. Dewey (PATHFINDER, Oct. 1) in which he asked the GOP Presidential candidate not to disclose the U. S. had a machine which deciphered both German and Jap codes. Military officials said this revelation at the hearing would cost the U. S. an advantage, because other nations now would develop new and tougher codes.

In Williamsport, Pa., Joseph L. Lockard, who as an Army private, detected the approaching Jap planes in his radar screer and gave a warning which was ignored had this comment on the whole Pearl Harbor investigation: "Asinine."