

GOVERNOR ASKS BETTER SUPPORT FOR GUARD HERE

"More Action and Less Talk on Preparedness," is Plea at Ad Club Luncheon

"GET IN AND HELP," SAYS EXECUTIVE OF HAWAII

Col. Johnson, Adjutant General, Also Gives Straight-to-the Point Talk on Subject

"Now, gentlemen, get in and help." With this request for Ad Club support, which was given before it was asked for, Governor Pinkham closed a brief but ringing speech on the all-important topic of the defense of the nation, and the defense of the Territory.

"I am for more action and less talk on matters of preparedness," said the governor. "Every day my mail is littered with communications about patriotism and the defense of the flag, but there is no place in the world where the setting is more appropriate for action rather than words.

"That is why, ever since I became governor, I have closely affiliated myself and my administration with the regular army and navy, and stood solidly behind the National Guard of Hawaii, for its increase, and for its efficiency."

Governor Pinkham spoke after Col. Samuel I. Johnson, the adjutant general, had aroused Ad Club enthusiasm to the limit with a straight-to-the-point talk about local preparedness in general and the National Guard of Hawaii in particular.

"About the time that I received my appointment," said Col. Johnson, "the governor received a direct request from the secretary of war to increase the national guard. I was therefore instructed to commence with this work, and before long we hope to have a new regiment in the territory, which, with auxiliary units, will mean more than doubling the old organization.

"All our wars have been fought by citizen-soldiers, but everyone who has given the matter any study knows that it takes six months at least to make a soldier, and that it is little better than murder to send untrained men into the field, although often this has to be done. Secretary Garrison says that the United States has tried the plan of minimum preparedness for years. Let's see if Hawaii can't prove

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an exception to this rule and give at least a portion of its 25,000 or so eligible citizen-soldiers at least a fair fighting chance.

"We want men to join the national guard and we promise that they will never regret joining. But we have something for you all; something for the man who is too busy, or thinks he is too busy to go into the organized militia. We are planning rifle instruction and overnight camps for civilians, where they can learn to take care of themselves, and to be of some use to their comrades if ever called on to defend their own homes.

"There is an opportunity for every one. If one branch of military work doesn't appeal, there is another that can be taken up. We need mounted detachments and machine gun companies right here in Honolulu. In fact, I would like to see an Ad Club machine gun company. This club has the reputation of pulling together and being first of all along the line. Why not set the pace in this matter?"

That the Ad Club is lined up solidly behind the governor and the adjutant-general was evidenced by the applause. At once Chairman Tom Harpe appointed a new committee on military matters, composed of Charles Norton, Charles F. Loomis, Ed Cowse and C. D. Wright.

The first speaker at today's luncheon meeting which, by the way, was the first after a suspension of two months, was Naval Constructor J. A. Furer. Mr. Furer gave a most interesting non-technical description of the flying of the F-4, sketching the progress of the work in a way that kept everyone keyed up to a high pitch of interest.

There were several points over which the general public has been somewhat in the dark which were cleared up by Mr. Furer, who has been the technical director of the work since the F-4 disappeared last March. A stenographic report of Mr. Furer's talk would have put the story of the F-4 in most interesting narrative form. Ad Club members were free to express their regrets that provision had not been made for making a permanent record of the talk.

A committee was appointed to lend Ad Club support, and help in every way possible in the benefit performance which is to be given for Miss Jane O'Roark at the Eijou next Wednesday. The committee members are C. D. Wright, Neill Slattery, J. D. Cleary, James Dunbar and W. C. Hodges.

Responding to the roll call of the states, John N. Blair, a prominent New York attorney, who is visiting Honolulu, made a graceful speech in which he said that his eyes had been opened to the importance of the territory even in the few days he had been here, and that he for one would do all in his power to herald the name and fame of Hawaii on the mainland.

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