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Axis Charges FDR Started Conflict in Pacific

The German and Italian propaganda ministries did their customary sister act today, shrieking in unison that it was Franklin Delano Roosevelt who started the war in the Pacific.

But they didn't accuse the President of bombing Pearl Harbor.

No echo of the propaganda charges was heard in Axis diplomatic quarters. If the Axis governments accept their own propaganda, they will be obligated under the Tripartite Pact to declare war against the U. S. A. (*Story on the Pact on Page 8.*) Apparently they weren't quite ready for that yet.

This is what DNB, the official German news agency, had to say:

"The war incendiary, Roosevelt, has finally achieved his goal and also set the Far East aflame.

"Next to Churchill, he (Roosevelt) is the most responsible person who kindled this war. For years he endeavored to hatch a war of Jews and plutocrats born by the Fuehrer's revolution and, conscious of that goal, he worked his agents and middlemen to extend this battle to other countries and to other portions of the earth."

The Rome radio was terser. It simply said:

"As a result of Roosevelt's war-mongering program the first hostilities occurred between Japanese and American forces."