

EYE-WITNESS TO THE CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

In a letter of October 4, 1992, to our old friend, Helen Thomas, UPI White House press corps, Allen Drury, noted writer -- "Advise and Consent," among many other notable works -- states:

"I have read with great interest the Schulers' material on Pearl Harbor, not only as a citizen but because, as you probably don't remember, the Pearl Harbor hearing was my biggest assignment for UP and, in a sense, the most important thing I have covered in Washington -- because it revealed to one naive young reporter that there comes a point at which everyone, from President to file clerk, will lie when their own self-interest and self-preservation are concerned. It was the greatest lesson in human nature I ever got, and I'll always be grateful to dear departed Johnny Cutter that he assigned me his rookie to be part of his Pearl Harbor team.

"The picture of Joseph Grew that emerges here is exactly how he impressed me listening to him on the witness stand. And the vindictiveness with which Frank Schuler and others who dared fight for the truth were pursued in the Department only confirms what I have heard and observed about many others in similar situations over the years...."

Signed, "Al,"