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PEARL HARBOR FACTS NOT IN,

FERGUSON SAYS

Michigan Senator Hopes Diplomats

Will Furnish Story

By the Associated Press

Senator Ferguson (R., Mich.) said yesterday the State Department should supplement Congress' Pearl Harbor report with "diplomatic facts."

Ferguson said he was sure the joint committee which reported its findings on the December 7, 1941, debacle last night did not get all the information to which the public is entitled about international negotiations bearing on the inquiry.

But the Michigan Republican said the six-month-long hearing went as far as a congressional committee could go. He foresaw no attempt to reopen it now or in the near future, he told a reporter.

(Ferguson had signed a minority report differing with the majority on who was to blame.)

The minority report, also signed by Senator Brewster, (R., Me.) contended that "the whole question of whether or not it would have been possible to avoid war by proper diplomatic action and thus avert the Pearl Harbor tragedy was left largely unexplored."

"We did not want the people and historians to believe we had all the facts," Ferguson said.