

TODAY and
TOMORROW

India Can't Be Duped

THE British Government's proposals to end the political deadlock in India, although acclaimed by all sections of the British public, will flounder on the rock of Nationalist Indian opinion, because these proposals do not go beyond the Cripps' proposals which were rejected by the Indian National Congress in their entirety, because the extensive powers the Viceroy and the Commander-in-Chief possess make these proposals a mockery of "Democracy", and because the proposals, if accepted, would pit one community against another in a mad scramble for power and position, and thereby keep India effectively divided to the great detriment of the country.

It has been said by Amery that the Viceroy will not use his extraordinary powers except in the interests of India. But then the British Government have never drawn the line between British and Indian interests. In the past, many anti-Indian legislations have been certified by the Governor-General after they had been turned down by the elected representatives of India, and always according to the British it has been done in the interests of India as if Indians do not know what is good for India.

The Viceroy's veto powers are a negation of the principles of democracy, and this provision alone, apart from all the other shortcomings in the proposals, makes it thoroughly unacceptable to India. Indians feel, and rightly, that the Viceroy will use his powers to block all measures adopted by the executive if they are detrimental to the interests of Britain. The Viceroy has done it in the past, and he will do so in the future.

According to latest reports from India, Mahatma Gandhi who has been invited by the Viceroy to attend the Conference of Indian leaders at Simla, has declined the invitation. He has also opposed the conference because, according to him, it is not placed in its proper political setting. Gandhiji has also condemned the British Government's attempt to estrange the Depressed Classes from the Hindu Community by defining Depressed Classes as separate from Caste Hindus. Gandhiji says that there is no such term as Caste Hindus. On this question of the Depressed Classes no one in India can speak with a more authoritative voice than Mahatma Gandhi. All his life he has espoused the cause of the Harijans.

The fact that public opinion in Britain has endorsed the proposals, including even the Labour Party which made so much noise about India recently, proves what we have all along said, that as far as India is concerned, all parties are united in pursuing a common policy. It strengthens us in our conviction that India's freedom can be achieved only by the untiring efforts of Indians themselves. The Indian National Congress has served India's best interests for more than fifty years. As a result today we are nearer our goal of freedom than at any other time in our history. India stands by the Quit India demand. Complete independence and not any patched-up compromise is the goal of our people.

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73,500 FOE CASUALTIES IN OKINAWA

Invasion Forces Lose Over 20,000 Men In Ten Days' Relentless Warfare

Tokyo, June 18 (Domei)—Nippon defenders of Main Okinawa Island from June 1 to June 10 killed or wounded more than 20,000 enemy forces, boosting the number of casualties inflicted on the enemy since he first landed on Okinawa to more than 73,500.

These mounting figures, in addition to underlining the severe attritional character of the battle of Okinawa, highlight the tremendous losses the enemy is suffering in personnel and materials at the hands of Nippon "bleed the enemy white" tactics.

Meanwhile, Nippon forces are firmly maintaining their positions in the Shimajiri sector, in the southern part of Main Okinawa Island. Deeply entrenched behind a network of defences in hilly terrain, with the outer battleline at present extending through the villages of Gushichan, Domori, Yonagusu and Itoman, the gallant Nippon defenders displaying relentless fighting spirit are fiercely hurling back the enemy as the bloody battle continues to rage unabated in this sector.

In the Gushichan and Domori sectors the enemy is desperately trying to thrust into Nippon defences with frontal attacks and the fighting in these sectors is extremely furious. More than 20 days have elapsed since the enemy in the latter part of May penetrated the battleline connecting Shuri and Naha, which formed the nucleus of the defences of Main Okinawa Island. However, Nippon defence garrisons fighting under a unified command are continuing to exact heavy losses from the enemy in men and materials.

Britain Opposes Czech Deportation Of Germans

Zurich, June 16 (Domei)—The British Government has made a demarche to the Czechoslovak Government requesting that the latter refrain from carrying out any drastic mass deportation of the 2,000,000 Sudeten Germans from Czechoslovak territory, according to a London dispatch.

The British Government's note said it could not agree to the policy of mass deportation and the matter concerned Britain, the United States, France and Russia, not the Czechoslovak Government alone.

One of the reasons for Britain's objection to the deportation policy, however, is believed due to the fact that the ousted Sudeten Germans will be forced into Southern Germany.



Birla Exposes Sinister British Plans To Stifle India Industrial Progress

The sinister designs of the British to stifle India's industrial progress was disclosed by G. D. Birla in an outspoken speech in London on Saturday.

Birla revealed that British industrialists want not only to impose their goods on India at monopoly prices, but also to exercise absolute control of India's postwar trade to further safeguard Britain's commercial interests.

Birla declared that if this is the stand taken by the British, India will seek other markets. India, he said, must have her own control of all important ventures she launches, and under no circumstances will she be prepared to part with it.

U.S. Combat Casualties Exceed Million Mark

Lisbon, June 15 (Domei)—American Secretary of War Colonel Henry Stimson, yesterday revealed that combat casualties for all branches of the American armed services had now reached 1,017,000 including 230,000 killed and 616,000 wounded, according to a Washington dispatch.

BRITISH PROPOSALS HELD NEGATION OF DEMOCRACY

Commenting on Lord Wavell's proposals, Subrata Roy Chowdhury, President of the Cambridge University Majlis, told Reuter yesterday, "The proposed changes are contrary to the basic principles of a democratic constitution because they do not make the executive dependent on the will of the legislature. Nowhere in the world are such haphazard efforts made to reconcile two incompatibles—a responsible executive dependent not on the will of the people whom they represent but on the whims of reactionary British imperialism which is determined to hold what it has."

Meanwhile, a report from New Delhi says that Mr. M. N. Roy, Leader of the Radical Democratic Party, has issued a statement strongly criticising Wavell's latest proposals. The report, however, did not reveal the nature of the criticism.

While newspapers in Britain continue to give a big welcome to Wavell's plans for India, the press in America is displaying considerable anxiety regarding the attitude of the Indian nationalists towards these proposals. The New York Times says that these proposals are admittedly halfway measures while the New York Herald Tribune says, "The British proposals appear hardly revolutionary. The extensive powers which the Viceroy and the Commander-in-Chief possess undoubtedly will be a great handicap to the acceptance of the programme by Indian nationalists. The paper adds that since these were the rocks on which the Cripps' mission split, the extent of the British concession may well be questioned by the Indians."

MAHATMA GANDHI REJECTS VICEROY'S INVITATION TO ATTEND SIMLA CONFERENCE

Wavell's Scheme Designed To Hold India In Bondage

Lisbon, June 16 (Domei)—Intimating that he does not regard Indian Viceroy Lord Wavell's latest proposal for reorganizing India's executive administration as a definite step toward self-government, Sri Iqbal Singh, Secretary of the Federation of Indian Associations in Great Britain, today pointed out that the Viceroy and the Indianized Viceroy's Executive Council would remain merely an advisory body, according to a London dispatch.

While the decision to accept or reject Wavell's plans rests squarely with India's national leaders, Sri Singh said he was of the opinion that the proposed change definitely falls short of India's national demand.

Meantime, Sri V. K. Krishna Menon, Secretary of the India League in London, termed the new plan as simply an offer of a new round-table conference with the difference that in the present case the British Government would put forth specific proposals and the Indians would be asked to say "Yes" or "No."

As to the British proposal to create a post of British High Commissioner for India, Sri Menon declared that this virtually meant the setting up of two India Offices—one in Whitehall and one in New Delhi. Instead of one Viceroy, the British would then have two, he stated.

Condemns Br. Proposals As Inadequate To Meet India's Aspirations

While British press and political circles continue to acclaim Lord Wavell's latest proposals for solving the present political deadlock in India, latest reports from India reveal that Mahatma Gandhi has condemned these proposals which are really meant to help the British Viceroy to intensify British exploitation of India's manpower and material resources to carry on their war of aggression.

Gandhiji has also informed the Viceroy that he cannot attend the Conference which the Viceroy proposes to hold at Simla on the 25th of June.

Gandhiji also takes strong exception to the use of the term "Caste Hindus" in the Viceroy's broadcast. He denies the existence of any political party in India known as "Caste Hindu." Gandhiji has thus revealed the diabolic intentions of the British to perpetuate communalism in the Indian public life by reconstituting the Viceroy's Executive Council on rigidly communal lines.

Gandhiji also opposes the proposed conference of political leaders scheduled to be held at Simla on June 25th on the ground that such a conference cannot do any useful work in the political setting as proposed by the Viceroy. It will be recalled that Wavell made it very clear that the scope of the conference cannot be enlarged beyond the terms explained in his broadcast and that it will not be open to the conference to make any changes in the interim scheme put forward by the British Government.

Fresh Disturbances In Levant States Reported

Zurich, June 16 (Domei)—Reports from the Levant States today told of fresh incidents, as General Sir Bernard Paget, British Commander-in-Chief for the Middle East, was said to have arrived in Beirut to study the situation.

Two shooting incidents occurred in Aleppo in which one woman was killed and three civilians and one French soldier wounded, while railway workers on the Damascus-Aleppo line, a dispatch said, have declared a strike.

In Central Eastern Syria, French authorities were reported to have handed over the barracks at Deir ez Zor to the British after the desertion of 150 French Camel Corps troops on Thursday.

Random Notes

By CHANAKYA

The lady whom I introduced to you last time has come again for a little more space. I am much obliged to her for providing me with food for some of my random notes.

You are now well familiar with her handbag. A lady's handbag. In compliance with a request of my better-half, I was once obliged to take an expedition to High Street and make a selection of a satchel for her. All throughout my adventure for the best available one, I was feeling myself too wretched and embarrassed. After going and coming out of a number of shops, I luckily got into a friend's. Candidly did I confess to him the dilemma in which I was placed. He volunteered to come to my rescue. I readily agreed to his choice, bought the bag and hastened home only to receive a few cold looks by way of thanks from my wife.

For a wife to go and select a tie for her husband might seem as ridiculous as a husband to go and buy a satchel for his wife.

Today ladies' handbags are becoming conspicuous by their absence. Their vanity-bags have been replaced in several cases by more useful bags neatly made of grass, the advantages of which are too manifold to enumerate here. These beautiful grass-bags, so handy and comfortable, belie the vanity of our fair-sex. Women have come to be one with men. Almost all have the grass-bags that superbly fill a double, nay, more than a three-fold purpose. One of the wonderful social phenomena of the New Order.

Nippon Defenders Battling Against Odds In Okinawa

Tokyo, June 17 (Domei)—The main strength of Nippon defenders entrenched in a network of defence positions in the southern section of Okinawa Island continued to battle furiously against numerically superior enemy forces which launched a general offensive on June 5. The battleline at present runs north of Gushichan, Domori, Yonagusugu, and Ito-man. The focal point of the enemy offensive now lies in the Gushichan and Domori sectors on the eastern coast, where the enemy is deploying the 7th, 96th and First Marine divisions.

Meanwhile, in the Oroku sector Nippon garrison forces, though encircled by numerically superior enemy forces are fighting gallantly to exact a heavy toll of enemy forces. The enemy is employing the Sixth Marine Division in this sector.

Enemy task forces which since the start of enemy invasion operations have been extending support to his ground forces through aerial bombardment of strategic points in the Ryukyu Group, withdrew following partial completion of enemy land bases on Okinawa and other islands. These task forces are at present making occasional sorties to attack Kyushu Island and Minami Oakarjima due east of Okinawa Island.

Some 270 enemy carrier-borne planes attacked Kyushu Island on June 5 while two days later

New Soviet Move Upsets San Francisco Confab

Lisbon, June 17 (Domei)—David Friedman, Reuter correspondent in San Francisco, reported that delegates at the San Francisco Conference were faced with another hitch today when the Soviet Union unexpectedly called a special meeting of the Executive Committee, demanding that the original proposal governing the range of functions of the General Assembly be referred back to the Committee.

As the result of Russia's demand, the meeting of the Political and Security Functions Committee and the General Assembly Commission meeting called for today were cancelled, he said.

A small sub-committee, comprising American Secretary of State Edward Stettinius, Russian Ambassador Andrei Gromyko and Australian Minister of External Affairs Herbert Evatt, has been appointed to "report back."

Russia was said to be opposed to giving the General Assembly such wide powers of discussions as would permit any member who did not like the actions of his neighbours, even though they concerned only domestic affairs, to bring those affairs for discussion before the General Assembly.

The Soviet delegation maintained that such actions would constitute an infringement of the sovereignty of the State concerned and could result in strained relations between the countries, Friedman said.

Suzuki Tributes Nagoya Citizens & Govt. Officials

Nagoya, June 18 (Domei)—Premier Admiral Baron Kantaro Suzuki, in an address before a gathering of local Government officials and civilian leaders on Friday afternoon, declared that untiring efforts are being made by Nagoya citizens for reconstruction despite repeated enemy indiscriminate bombing attacks, and re-affirmed his conviction in sure victory.

Premier Suzuki and his staff yesterday inspected the war-devastated area of Nagoya after visiting Atsuta Shrine. Later the Premier attended a meeting sponsored by the Headquarters for Tokai and Hukuriku Regional Superintendents-General as well as prefectural Government authorities.

Pointing out that workers and students of Nagoya are continuing their work with ever-increasing vigour in defiance of the enemy's wanton attacks, Premier Suzuki said he was very much impressed and felt assured. He said, "This vigorous fighting spirit of the citizens has further strengthened my conviction in Nippon's sure victory."

Surface Craft Pounded In Waters Off Okinawa

A Nippon Base in Okinawa, June 16 (Domei)—The Nippon air force repeatedly pounded enemy surface craft operating in Okinawa waters in support of the ground battle on Main Okinawa Island, on Thursday and Friday night and again at dawn today, Saturday. In co-ordinated action another Nippon air force heavily blasted enemy airbases on Okinawa Islands causing fires at more than a dozen points in the target area.

Minami Oakarjima was subjected to a raid by about 70 enemy carrier-based aircraft. A group of enemy warcraft on the same day approached and shelled the latter island.

Heavy Losses Dealt On Enemy Troops In Honan

A Nippon Base On The Honan Front, June 18 (Domei)—The nerve centre of Chungking's First War Zone was dealt a heavy blow by successful Nippon operations undertaken last month in Honan Province.

Launching an offensive on May 13 against Chungking's First War Zone armies, Nippon forces rapidly struck down along the strategic Lushih highway connecting Lingpo with Lushih. On May 19 the Nippon forces reduced Chataokow, key point on the highway, following fierce hand-to-hand fighting. The Nippon forces continued to drive southward along the highway and on May 23 reached points north of Kuantaokow, important junction between the enemy 40th and 38th armies.

The enemy forces, which were thrown into confusion as a result of the rapid advance of the Nippon campaign, rushed the main strength of the 90th Army northward from the Lushih sector. Five new divisions were massed in the Lushih sector apparently with the intention of staving off the Nippon drive. The Nippon forces, however, engaged the enemy in heavy fighting along the Lushih highway and crushed enemy attempts at counter-offensive with heavy losses to the enemy.

War results scored since the start of operations up to the end of May include 1,074 enemy dead counted on the battlefield, 62 enemy troops taken prisoner, and two heavy machineguns, 18 light machineguns, 17 rifles and large quantities of ammunition captured.

Remittances To Indochina Now Become Possible

Bukit Tinggi, June 18 (Domei)—As in the case of Djawa, beginning Friday, June 15 remittances to Indochina become possible. Permit, however, must be obtained and there is a limitation set upon the amount to be remitted monthly.

American Submarine Sinks Soviet Vessel

Tokyo, June 18 (Domei)—The 10,000-ton Soviet ship Transbalt was torpedoed and sunk by an American submarine at about 3.30 a.m. on June 13 while steaming westward across the Soya Strait between Hokkaido and Karafuto. The vessel was en route to Vladivostok fully laden with food-stuffs.

The crew of the ill-fated ship numbering 99 escaped in five cutters of which four were picked up by Nippon units on the two days June 13 and 14.

Since no Nippon submarines have been operating recently in the Soya Strait, where only patrol boats have been maintained to watch against activities of American submarines, it is beyond any doubt that the submarine which attacked and sank the Soviet ship was American.

Death Of Haji Sikanthar

The death occurred at his residence in Syonan, yesterday, after a brief illness, at the age of 70, of S. Haji Sikanthar, merchant, and father of S. M. Kadir of the staff of the Azad Hind Government Broadcasting Station. The interment took place in the evening in the presence of friends and relations.

Journalists Assn. To Hold Lecture-Movie Meeting

Syonan, June 16 (Domei)—Sponsored jointly by the newly-formed local Journalists' Association and the Eurasian Welfare Association, a lecture-movie meeting will be held at the Fuji Gekijo next Sunday, June 24 at 8 p.m., open to the general public.

Presiding at the meeting will be Mr. T. Hope, Chairman of the Nanko Kisha Kai. Speeches will be made by Mr. Hope, Dr. C. J. Paglar, President of the Eurasian Welfare Association, Tuan Abdul Samad, chief editor of the Berita Malai, and Mr. Roy Ferroa representing Domei News Agency. A stage entertainment to be put up by the Women's Section of the Eurasian Welfare Association and a film show will also be included in the program.

This is the first of a series of lecture-movie meetings to be held in the future by members of the N.K.K. at various theatres in this city to cater for the Chinese, Malai, Indian and English-reading newspaper public.

Shimbun Fortnightly

The second issue of the Syonan Shimbun Fortnightly which will be on sale within the next few days shows all round improvement over the first issue and contains better reading matter.

Included in the contents are articles on how essential commodities are brought to Syonan, how to distinguish the various new types of aircraft the enemy has been using in attempted raids on our island and a review on current political trends.

In the special feature "Errata," Momiji reveals why the Americans are raiding Tokyo, and tells you about American re-occupied parts of the Philippines. There is also the story of a thrilling dogfight off the shores of Syonan and Malai in which a Syonan donated fighter bagged a B-24 and a PB4Y2, together with a picture of parts of the B-24 retrieved from the wreckage, after the raiders have been shot down.

More pictorial illustrations have been included in this issue and there is also a topical cartoon.

The Chairman of the Malai Banking Association contributes an instructive article on Savings and the last but not the least feature is a true story.

Br. Government Facing Acute Housing Problem

Lisbon, June 15 (Domei)—The magnitude of Britain's housing problem was borne out today in a London message which quoted Duncan Sandys, British Minister of Works, as saying that about three-quarters of London's 2,200,000 dwellings received damage of some kind during the war.

More than 1,000,000 houses were damaged by rockets and flying-bombs during the ten months' of bombardment, Sandys said, adding that more than 100,000 dwellings in London's civil defence region were destroyed or damaged beyond repair during the war.

Most of the damaged houses have been given only emergency repairs, Sandys said.

French Proposals On Levant Issue Criticised

Zurich, June 17 (Domei)—A British dispatch, quoting the diplomatic correspondent of the 'London Daily Telegraph', today said that Britain rejected the French proposal for holding a five-power conference on the Middle East in a note handed to French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault by British Ambassador Alfred Duff Cooper.

The Levant issue, hence, is still deadlocked, the correspondent said.

U.S. To Withdraw Troops From Soviet-Occupied Zone

Lisbon, June 15 (Domei)—United States Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew today intimated that the United States has been compelled to backdown and agree to the withdrawal of American troops from the Soviet-occupied zone in Germany, owing to obstinate Soviet refusal to discuss the organization of the "Allied Control Council" for the administration of Germany whose formation was agreed upon by the "Big Three" powers about ten days ago, according to a Washington dispatch.

The American Secretary of State confirmed that United States troops will be withdrawn on June 21 from areas of Germany allocated to Russian occupation forces. Indicating, however, that problems remain to be solved concerning the exact lines of demarcation of the occupation zones, Grew said that these matters have not yet been completely settled but it was "hoped" that the boundaries would be announced soon.

The withdrawal of American troops from the areas allocated to the Red Army, Grew said, would help to dispose the controversy that has "somewhat embarrassed Russian-American and Anglo-Russian relations."

Heavy Damage To Foe Flagship Now Admitted

Lisbon, June 14 (Domei)—Norman Makin, Australian Navy Minister, today revealed that the cruiser "Australia," former flagship of the Australian naval squadron which took part in the Philippine invasion operations, has sailed from Australia for Britain for repairs made necessary by the heavy damage sustained in the fighting against the Nipponese, according to the Australian Radio.

Makin said that the decision to send the "Australia" overseas was reached in accordance with an agreement between Australia and the British Admiralty to have the "Australia" repaired outside the country in order to leave Australian repair facilities, as far as possible, in the hands of the British Pacific Fleet.

The departure of the "Australia" for overseas repair would seem to indicate that Australian repair docks are at present hard pressed by the repair demands of the British Pacific Fleet, whose units recently have been incurring increasing losses in the Okinawa and Sakishima operations.



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