

A Malicious Allegation

SYDNEY D. Bailey, writing in the London weekly newspaper, "Tribune", deplores that a great number of Asiatic leaders including Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Dr. Ba Maw who were at one time held in high regard in the West have become Nippon's puppets, thereby easing Nippon's problem of administering occupied territory.

Whether or not, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Dr. Ba Maw and the other Asiatic leaders whom Bailey mentions were held in high regard in the West, the fact cannot be denied that they enjoyed world-wide recognition as devoted servants of their respective countries.

Take our own Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose for example. Can any one seriously question the fact that he has suffered for his country's sake more than any man? Netaji Bose has had no fewer than eleven terms in the British jails. But for his passionate love of his motherland, he might have continued in the Indian Civil Service and risen to high position and power. He chose instead to lead a martyred life so that his long-suffering motherland may become free. The hardships he had to endure during some terms of his repeated imprisonments so told on his health that even his very life was one despaired of. When, however, he subsequently recovered, as if by a beneficent dispensation of Providence, he resumed, without delay his uphill fight against the Powers-that-be.

Is it conceivable that a man cast in such heroic moulds has now become Nippon's puppet? Any allegation of that kind would be monstrously absurd. None but the most malicious can fail to see that if true patriots like him and Dr. Ba Maw now enthusiastically cooperate with Nippon, it must be because of their conviction that they are thereby advancing the cause of their respective country's independence which has been always so near and dear to their hearts.

And their conviction has been proved to be right. Nippon has categorically declared, time and again that she wants to see all East Asiatic countries to be independent units of a family of nations. The declaration by itself might not be worth much, but Nippon has accompanied her generous words with generous action. She completely resigned her power in many of the occupied countries, National China, the Philippines, Indo-China and Burma to the acknowledged leaders of the people in these territories.

It does not matter at all what Asia's enemies call the great leaders of Asia like Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and Dr. Ba Maw. These are the men who will go down in History as

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Netaji's Message To Countrymen, Burmese Nation

Enjoins To Carry On War Of Liberation Until Enemy Is Crushed

An Undisclosed Base, May 21 (Domei)—In a message addressed "To my Indian and Burmese friends in Burma," Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, declared.

Brothers and Sisters: I am leaving Burma with a very heavy heart. You, my countrymen in Burma, have done your duty to your Motherland in a way that evoked the admiration of the world. You have given liberally of your men, money and materials. You set the first example of Total Mobilisation.

The spirit of selfless sacrifice that you have shown, particularly since I shifted my Headquarters to Burma, is something that I shall never forget, so long as I live.

I have the fullest confidence that that spirit can never be crushed. For the sake of India's Freedom, I beseech you to keep up that spirit, I beseech you to hold your heads erect, and wait for that blessed day when once again you will have an opportunity of waging the War for India's Independence.

When the History of India's Last War of Independence comes to be written, Indians in Burma will have an honoured place in that History.

I do not leave Burma of my own free will. I would have preferred to stay on here and share with you all the difficulties. But on the pressing advice of my Ministers and high-ranking Officers, I have to leave Burma in order to continue the struggle for India's liberation. Being a born optimist, my unshakable faith in India's early emancipation remains unimpaired and I appeal to you to cherish the same optimism.

I have always said that the darkest hour precedes the dawn. We are now passing through the darkest hour; therefore, the dawn is not far off—INDIA SHALL BE FREE.

I cannot conclude this message without publicly acknowledging once again my heartfelt gratitude to the Government and people of Burma for all the help that I have received at their hands in carrying on this struggle. The day will come when Free India will repay that debt of gratitude in a generous manner.

the architects of a new Asia, while the worthies like Sir Ramasamy Mudaliar and Sir Feroz Khan Noon whom Britain at this moment parades to all the world as India's spokesmen will be lying in their cold graves, unwept, unhonoured and unsung.

NETAJI BOSE IN BANGKOK; ISSUES SPECIAL ORDER OF DAY TO AZAD HIND FAUJ

Bangkok, May 25 (Domei)—Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind and Supreme Commander of the Azad Hind Fauj has arrived here with his Cabinet Ministers and staff.

Netaji has issued the following Special Order of the Day to the officers and men of the Azad Hind Fauj from an undisclosed base on May 21st.

Brave Officers and Men of the Azad Hind Fauj!

It is with a very heavy heart that I am leaving Burma—the scene of the many heroic battles that you have fought since February 1944 and are still fighting. Your brave deeds in the battles against the enemy on the plains of Imphal, the hills and jungles of Arakan and the oilfield area and other localities in Burma will live in the history of our struggle for Independence for all time.

Comrades! At this critical hour, I have only one word of command to give you, and that is, that if you have to go down temporarily, then go down fighting with the National Tri-colour held aloft; go down as heroes; go down upholding the highest code of honour and discipline. The future generations of Indians who will be born, not as



slaves but as free men, because of your colossal sacrifice, will bless your names and proudly proclaim to the world that you, their forebears, fought the bat-

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Anglo-American-Soviet Differences Paving Way For Another World War

Owing to conflicting interests and ideological differences among the anti-Axis Powers since the fall of Germany, an underground warfare which might possibly break out into an open warfare is now going on between the Anglo-Americans on the one side and the Soviets on the other.

This was the view expressed by Lt.-Col. Shozo Nakajima, Chief Spokesman of the Imperial Nippon Forces in the Southern Regions, at the weekly Press Conference here yesterday referring to the present position of the anti-Axis Powers and their activities at the San Francisco Conference.

"Just by looking over the activities of San Francisco Conference you can get a good idea of this and you would still believe that another warfare is in the making," pointed out the Chief Spokesman.

"There are many complex and difficult problems centering in the disposal of Germany and it is very clear that, as the interests between the Anglo-Americans and Soviet Russia clash and widen, a big friction is bound to arrive but as long as the war against Nippon continues it is necessary for the Anglo-Americans to keep Soviet Russia in their camp," went on Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

In the reconstruction of their internal industries Russia would require the material support of

Nippon Army's Bleeding Tactics Prove Effective On Anglo-Saxon Foes

Commenting on the progress of the fighting in Okinawa, Lt.-Col. Shozo Nakajima, Chief Spokesman of the Imperial Nippon Forces in the Southern Regions, at the weekly Press Conference here yesterday, pointed out that the bleeding tactics pursued by the Nippon forces had been proving very effective.

Already fifty days had elapsed since the enemy landed in Okinawa and up to this time the enemy had suffered 53,000 casualties. In ships the enemy has suffered more than 500 which had either been crippled or sunk.

By these heavy casualties which the enemy has suffered, he believed that the enemy could not have imagined that he would suffer much more casualties as he drew closer and closer to Nippon mainland, declared Lt.-Col. Nakajima, pointing out, "We would like to have you to pay special attention how Nippon bleeding tactics will develop and how they will continue to inflict mounting casualties on the enemy."

America at least for some time and therefore some sort of compromise and agreement would be established. But a union of temporary interests would not last long between any group of nations where the differences are of an ideological nature, pointed out Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

Azad Hind Fauj Bravery, Valour Highly Praised

Lt. Col. Nakajima Tributes High Morale, Sense Of Patriotism Of I.N.A.

Paying a striking testimony to the fighting qualities of the Indian National Army, their sense of patriotism and high morale, Lt.-Col. Shozo Nakajima, Chief Spokesman of the Imperial Nippon Forces in the Southern Regions, speaking at the weekly Press Conference here yesterday, expressed the hope that the units of the Indian National Army now fighting on the Burma front for the emancipation of their motherland would continue to fight to the last man with the same zeal and enthusiasm which they had displayed in the various sectors of Burma in the past.

The Chief Spokesman also expressed the hope that the units of Indian National Army who are now in Malai would display the same zeal and spirit and would fight to the last man for the emancipation of their motherland.

Lt.-Col. Nakajima said that with the formation of the Indian National Army in July 2603, the forces of the I.N.A. had been co-operating with the Nippon forces in fighting in the various sectors very gallantly and bravely in fulfilment of their objective. With the change in the operations of the Nippon forces in the Burma sector the Indian National Army had to make some changes in their fighting in that sector.

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the Supreme Commander of the Indian National Army, with his Cabinet Ministers has now removed to Bangkok and he is continuing his command there, went on Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

"In time of war changes in battlefronts are more likely to happen and the fact that Netaji Bose and his Cabinet Ministers have had to remove from Burma is nothing extraordinary. This does not affect their morale. In fact, their morale, their sense of patriotism and their fighting spirit remain the same," declared Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

As the Indian National Army had already done much fighting and gained much valuable experience in the various battlefronts, as Netaji Bose states, their patriotism and zeal for their motherland remain the same, went on the Chief Spokesman, adding that what he had been telling now had been gleaned from reports received from Bangkok.

"At this time I hope and I desire that the Indian National Army would continue to have their zeal for their motherland's independence and, should

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Russia Slighted Again At 'Frisco Conference

Lisbon, May 24 (Domei)—Ignoring the Russian suggestion regarding the designation of so-called "strategic areas," the Trusteeship Committee of the San Francisco Conference late last night approved five sections of the working paper on the trusteeship system, according to a San Francisco dispatch.

The reluctance of the colonial powers to part with their mandate possessions was reflected in the Committee's insertion of specific references to the mandates of the mandatory powers as well as the trusteeship of the trustee powers, apparently anticipating that all of the present mandates will not be placed under the trusteeship system.

The dispatch said that the Union of South Africa already has indicated its unwillingness to place its mandates under trusteeship and, on the contrary, asked for outright annexation. The placement of territory even of the old League mandates under the trusteeship system appears entirely to be "voluntary," it stated.

Meantime, the San Francisco Conference continued to be bogged down on the veto issue. Twenty-two questions by the little nations on when and where a veto would likely be used still remained unanswered.

Thiruvalluvar Day Fete At Ramakrishna Mission

Saint Thiruvalluvar's Day will be celebrated at the Ramakrishna Mission premises at 9 Norris Road, Syonan, tomorrow at 5.30 p.m.

The programme includes worship, addresses, devotional songs, musical entertainment and refreshment to children of the Indian National School and the Ramakrishna Mission Orphanages.

H.E. Col. S. C. Alagappan will preside at the meeting and deliver addresses in Tamil and Hindustani. The other speakers are Sri M. Kannappa Chettiar, Sri S. Gopal, Sri G. Sarangapani, Janab T. Pakir Mohiddin and Brahmachari Kailasam.

Prizes will be distributed to the prize winners in the Thiruvalluvar Essay competition.

Sri Ramalingam, Miss Nagarathnam and party will entertain the gathering to selections of high class music.

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time arrive, they would fight to the last man and would shed their blood in the achievement of their objective. In other words, I would like them to have the same spirit of our fighting forces—the spirit of the special attack corps.

"I also desire that not only the men fighting on the Burma front but those men in Malai would also have the same spirit—their zeal for the independence of their motherland. We would like to have them to fight to the last man until their objective is achieved. If the enemy should come to Malai we would like to have the I.N.A. together with us and to give their lives in the defence of Malai. We would like to have them to take the lead in defending this land and by fighting in defence of Malai they would be helping to crush the greedy ambition of the British.

"We would like the Indians to keep this in mind—the crushing of the British in Malai would help to achieve their noble end of attaining the independence of their motherland," exhorted Lt.-Col. Nakajima in concluding his statement.

Anglo-American-Soviet Relations Becoming More Delicate & Complex

Tokyo, May 21 (Domei)—Relations among the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union are becoming more complex and delicate evolving around the question of Germany's disposal, writes the Yomiuri Hochi's Stockholm correspondent. The question of disposition of Germany and "liberated areas" has been agreed in principle through the Yalta Agreement. However, the situation has become so difficult that it necessitates another "Big Three" meeting, according to the correspondent who predicts developments in connection with this conference will have the greatest effect not only on future relations of these three countries but on the history of Europe and the world war situation. Excerpts from the article follow:

An outstanding phenomenon in connection with pending issues is the strengthening of the Soviet determination to carry out an independent policy benefitting the Soviet Union and the Anglo-American attitude to cope with such a Soviet stand.

Issues include: Firstly, partitioning of Germany. Soviet troops have occupied Eastern Germany to a line from Wismar southward along the Elbe River to Czechoslovakia. This is generally regarded as Soviet-occupied territory but it is reported the Soviets are desiring expansion across the Elbe to a line connecting Vorsfeld and Hanover.

On the other hand, the Americans have occupied Southern Germany, the British occupied North-western Germany and the French occupied the Southern German-French border area. Borders of these occupied areas however, have not been established. What is more, there is no guarantee the present occupied areas and administrative areas to be decided will necessarily be the same, wherefore adjustment of these questions is expected to cause much difficulty.

Secondly is the question of administration of Berlin. It has been stipulated the administration will be under the Allied Joint Control Commission. However, there are already a number of troublesome issues namely, the Lublin Warsaw Government is demanding a hand in the administration, while it is reported the Soviets are arbitrarily appointing the city's officials, monopolizing control of Berlin radio facilities, and by power of military forces in control restricting the movements of Anglo-Americans.

thereby steadily pushing through their own measures.

Thirdly is the question of treatment of the Doenitz Government. The Soviets are regarding Doenitz and his regime as war criminals and not recognizing the regime's existence, while the United States and Britain, in compliance with Field-Marshal Montgomery's announcement are seemingly recognizing the Doenitz regime as the proper German authority under present circumstances.

Fourthly is the question regarding treatment of war criminals. The majority of Soviet-labelled war criminals are in the hands of the Anglo-American authorities because fearing treatment at the hands of the Soviets, they surrendered to the Anglo-Americans. The Soviets, suspecting the Anglo-Americans of being lenient in their treatment of captured Germans, have demanded their strict punishment and have even gone so far as to demand the handing over to them of certain Germans. This is expected to develop into a serious political question.

The fifth question is allotment of liberated areas.

The sixth question is administration of occupied areas by respective military governments of the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and France. It is significant that while the United States and Britain have already announced the withdrawal of large portions of their troops, the Soviet Union is keeping complete silence on the matter. Indications are there will be a clash between the Anglo-Americans and the Soviet Union on the question of economic recovery of these liberated areas.

The seventh is the question of employing German labour. The Soviet Union and France for instance are demanding labour of several million Germans for their post-war reconstruction. However, Britain and the United States are apparently not giving approval for fear of affecting their own employment situation.

The eighth is the question of sovereignty of 'liberated' countries such as Finland, Poland, Hungary, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Rumania where Soviet influence has been firmly implanted. Another issue is the controversy over Trieste between Yugoslavia and Italy.

The circumstances being such, it is no wonder the British magazine 'Economist' has said, "Western Europe democracies are today threatened by a new menace even greater than Nazi Germany."

Move To Oust Amery At Next General Elections

Lisbon, May 24 (Domei)—As a step toward ousting Leopold S. Amery, the Committee of Indian Congressmen in Britain today decided to address letters to both the British Labour Party and the Communist Party, suggesting an agreement between the parties to oppose the Secretary of State for India at Sparkbrooke division, Birmingham, in the forthcoming general election, according to a London dispatch.

The letters, which urge united action in order to prevent the splitting of votes, will be sent to the parties at the beginning of next week.

"Irresponsible Slander" Of British News Agency

Zurich, May 24 (Domei)—The Soviet commentator "Observer", writing in the influential Soviet organ "Izvestia," today said that the story spread by Reuters claiming that Russia was seeking Chosen, Manchoukuo and Taiwan was "irresponsible slander by persons of unclean conscience," according to a Moscow dispatch.

Carrier-Borne Planes Raid Southern Kyushu

Fukuoka, May 24 (Domei)—Approximately 180 enemy carrier-borne planes, mostly Grumman fighters, accompanied by some patrol bombers, raided airbases in Southern Kyushu for about two hours from 3 p.m. this afternoon. Only slight damage was sustained by our side on the ground.

Tension Continues To Run High In Lebanon

Zurich, May 24 (Domei)—Indicating that anti-French tension continues to run high in Lebanon, a dispatch from Beirut said that the anti-French strike, which was stopped by the Lebanon Government's decision two days ago, began there again today when all of the city's shops closed down.

Johore Bahru Indians To Stage Tamil Dramas

Under the auspices of the Indian Independence League, Johore Branch, two Tamil dramas will be staged at the Amusement Park Theatre on Tuesday the 29th instant and Wednesday the 30th instant (Sathiavan-Savitri on the 29th and Valli Thirumanam on the 30th) at 8 p.m.

The net proceeds will be donated to the Indian Relief Camp. Rates of admission will be \$10 and \$5, respectively.

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Special Air Attack Corps Land On Foe Airbases

Tokyo, May 25 (Domei)—The Imperial Headquarters in a communique issued at 4.30 p.m. today announced as follows:

Firstly, the Giretsu Special Attack Airborne unit commanded by Captain Michio Okuyama daringly landed amidst in the enemy in the Kita and Naha airfields on Okinawa Main Island on the night of May 24th. Upon landing, they promptly blasted grounded enemy aircraft, munition depots and airfield installations in rapid succession and are achieving war results besides throwing the enemy into confusion.

Secondly, in concert with the attack, our Special Attack Air Corps are now fiercely assaulting enemy surface craft in the waters around Main Okinawa Island.

Heavy Fighting Rages On Tarakan War Front

A Nippon Base in the South-West Pacific, May 24 (Domei)—With the enemy frantically trying to push ahead under cover of ship and artillery fire, the heaviest fighting is at present in progress between enemy invaders and Nippon garrison forces on the Tarakan front. Focal points of fighting are now in the sectors north-east of Tarakan airfield and north-east of the reservoir where every inch of ground is being contested in bloody hand-to-hand battle. The enemy offensive has however been so far held up due to stiff resistance put up by Nippon defenders.

Meanwhile, Nippon forces with artillery support carried out daring storming attacks on the enemy-held airfield as well as enemy positions in the sector on two consecutive nights May 21 and 22.

Netaji Issues Special Order Of The Day To Azad Hind Fauj

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My unshakable faith in India's liberation remains unaltered. I am leaving in your safe hands our National Tri-colour, our national honour and the best traditions of Indian Warriors. I have no doubt whatsoever that you, vanguard of India's army of liberation, will sacrifice everything, even life itself, to uphold India's National Honour, so that your comrades who will continue the fight elsewhere may have before them your shining example to inspire them at all times.

If I had my own way, I would have preferred to stay with you in adversity and share with you all the difficulties. But on the advice of my Ministers and high ranking Officers, I have to leave Burma in order to continue the struggle for emancipation.

Knowing my countrymen in East Asia and inside India, I can assure you that they will continue the fight under all circumstances and that all your suffering and sacrifices will not be in vain. So far as I am concerned, I shall steadfastly adhere to the pledge that I took on the 21st of October, 1943, to do all in my power to serve the interests of 38 crores of my countrymen, and fight for their liberation. I appeal to you, in conclusion, to cherish the same optimism as myself and to believe, like myself, that the darkest hour always precedes the dawn. INDIA SHALL BE FREE—and before long.

May God Bless You!

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mrs. A. T. Arumugam of 194 Bukit Timah Road, thanks all friends and relations who lent their cars, sent wreaths, rendered assistance and for their kind attendance at the funeral of her beloved husband.



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