

TODAY and TOMORROW

Our Earnest Prayer

EVEN the most moderate politician in India who is pining for peace with Britain at any cost will admit that Wavell's offer is far from amounting to even Dominion Status. All they say in favour of it is that it is a step towards self-government.

Wavell's offer puts a high premium on the aggressive communalism of Mr. Jinnah. The more obstinate he is, the more concessions he gets. Despite the glaring fact that his Moslem League represents only a section of the Indian Moslems, as was abundantly proved in the last general elections for the Central and the Provincial Legislatures, the British are endeavouring to make out that Jinnah is more or less the uncrowned king of the 90 million Moslems of India. The British invest him with such undue importance only because his irreconcilable communalism is a very convenient pretext for the continuance of British rule for ever. Is the Congress going to yield to this, and thus write its own death-warrant as a national political body embracing all communities and classes in India regardless of caste or creed?

Another grave objection to the acceptance of Wavell's offer is that it binds the Indian leaders to fully cooperate with Britain in her war against Nippon. Such co-operation would merit the severest condemnation on prudential and moral grounds. It would involve the already impoverished and famine-stricken India in a more intense drain on her human and material resources.

If prudence dictates that India should not bother herself in the least with Britain's war against Nippon, morality also points the same course. What injury did Nippon ever do to India, to justify our fighting against the Nipponese in this war? On the contrary, the Nipponese, as our fellow Asiatics, have always sympathised with the cause of Indian independence. And during the last three years they have rendered invaluable help to Netaji and his three million followers in East Asia in our struggle for our country's freedom.

In face of this fact, it would be sheer ingratitude on the part of Indians if they harness themselves to Britain's war against Nippon. Britain is not claiming that the East Asia War is being fought for any great or noble purpose. Britain's sole aim in this war is to make her imperialism safe in East Asia. That is the reason why we Indians in East Asia earnestly pray that Wavell's offer may after all be turned down by Congress and other nationalist leaders. But even should the Congress accept Wavell's offer, it would not shake our determination to keep up our crusade against the British Imperialism until we attain Purna Swaraj.

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## NEW SOVIET MOVE SEEN IN BALKANS

Anglo-Russian Relations Getting Strained Over Greek Border Clashes

Zurich, July 12 (Domei)—A special 'New York Times' wire from Athens today reported that Soviet troops have now appeared on Bulgaria's frontier with Greece and at some points Russian non-commissioned officers appear to be in charge of border posts. Although the sources of this information cannot be revealed, it may be considered to be entirely accurate, the dispatch said.

This fact has added to the general uneasiness now prevailing in Greece, where there is an acute awareness that frontier incidents with small Albanian, Yugoslav and Bulgarian bands are growing in number. The dispatch said that British units stationed in Macedonia and Thrace are doing their utmost to maintain order and keep the scale of these incidents in check.

While most of the minor forays are extremely trivial, the fact that they are occurring on the average of every other day is disturbing, the dispatch said.

A few weeks ago an Indian Army captain escorting some Greek boy scouts on a "picnic" near the Bulgarian frontier was arrested when he went to the border to inform the Bulgarians what his group comprised. He was later released by a Russian officer, but his jeep was impounded.

Shortly afterwards, a mixed British and Greek patrol in three Bren-gun carriers "misread" its maps and penetrated some hundred yards into Bulgaria, the dispatch said. These men were arrested at rifle point and held for three days during which they were thoroughly interrogated by a Soviet Colonel who came from Sofia.

Furthermore, there is considerable evidence that an organized irregular band led by the Bulgarian secret police is operating in Thrace and Macedonia.

In order to tighten up the situation, the British were said to have now placed strict restrictions on the border. No Russian is now able to enter Greece without first obtaining permission from the "Allied Control Commission" in Sofia.

Within Greece, the British complain that the Communist Party is conducting a campaign against the morale of the British troops, especially Indian units.

The 'New York Times' article concluded that the result of all this is that not only are Balkan relationships undergoing a considerable strain but Anglo-Russian harmony is deteriorating.

## Fierce Fighting Rages On Entire Burma Front

A Nippon Base on the Burma Front, July 12 (Domei)—Nippon units continued to fight fiercely along the entire Burma front against the numerically superior enemy with mounting losses inflicted on enemy troops.

Our troops in Loi Lom and Kalaw sectors launched powerful counter-attacks against the enemy while bitter fighting continued to rage in the Pegu mountain area. Serious losses already sustained at the hands of Nippon units forced the enemy high command to withdraw the 14th Army to the rear to be replenished.

## Nippon Shock Troops Wreak Havoc On Foe In Balik Papan Sector

A Nippon Southern Base, July 13 (Domei)—Expertly availing themselves of every opportunity, members of Nippon garrison forces in Balik Papan are carrying out organized shock attacks on enemy positions and causing him plenty of trouble.

Three naval warrant officers, Kokubu, Yamamoto and Kobayashi set out on the evening of July 6 and through the aid of Indonesians infiltrated into the rear of enemy positions. Waiting until darkness they stormed enemy positions and with bombs destroyed two cannons and killed or wounded a considerable number of enemy troops.

## Ternate Invaders Forced Back In Furious Fighting

A Nippon Base in the South-west Pacific, July 13 (Domei)—Nippon garrison forces on Ternate Island continue to battle furiously to hold

## SIMLA CRISIS UNSOLVED; VICEROY MAKES FEVERISH ATTEMPT TO WOO JINNAH

Communist Party Urges Complete Rejection Of Ceylon's Reforms Bill

If the Congress and Nationalist Left Wing leaders as well as ordinary members have been gagged behind prison bars in India, fortunately for Ceylon the Left Wing is expressing itself most strongly against and is bitterly resisting British attempts to foist upon Ceylon a British-made constitution of slavery.

A latest report states that the Ceylon Communist Party Central Committee has passed a resolution strongly condemning the action of the Secretary of State in rejecting the Sri Lanka Bill.

This action, the resolution adds, is a violation of the principles of freedom and democracy and a total denial of the right of the people of Ceylon to form their own constitution. At the same time, the Committee emphatically warns the nation "of the danger of an undemocratic slave constitution being thrust upon us," and appeals to the State Council, all political parties and the entire population of Ceylon to continue the fight against imperialistic tyranny until the complete realization of their very birthright of freedom and independence.

back enemy forces which effected a landing on June 25. Nippon forces are at present pressing the invaders northward, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

Ternate Island is situated close to western coast of Halmahera Island.

Wavell Strikes Off Maulana Azad's Name From List To Placate Muslim League

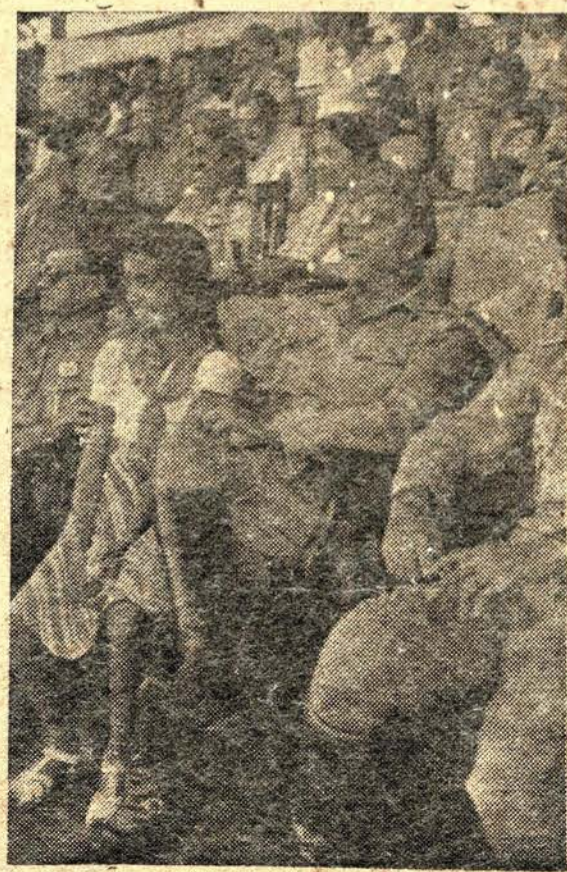
The deadlock over the allocation of seats in the proposed new Executive Council still remains unsolved. The Viceroy has had feverish consultations with Mr. Jinnah, Gandhiji and other leaders, but as Maulana Azad is reported to have said, the prospect of settlement has receded farther.

In a short ten-minute interview with the Viceroy yesterday, Mr. Jinnah apparently refused to budge from his determined stand. Mr. Jinnah then attended another meeting of the Muslim League Working Committee, after which he said he still had no statement to make except to say that the Working Committee was meeting again.

Reports from Simla reveal that Wavell has already made a further concession to the Muslim League. These reports state that Wavell had originally drawn up a tentative list of the new Council and that this list contained the name of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, but later, to placate Mr. Jinnah, the Viceroy struck off Maulana Azad's name.

Congress and Nationalist circles including Nationalist Muslims are indignant at this deliberate insult to the Congress and to a great Muslim who is also a great nationalist. Nationalist observers interpret Wavell's action as one more proof of the hollowness and hypocrisy of his ridiculous claim to be a sincere friend of India. No sincere friend of India will uphold and encourage such sectarian agitation as represented by Mr. Jinnah and the Muslim League, but because it suits Wavell as the highest agent of British imperialistic tyranny and exploitation to create and pamper division and communalism, naturally Wavell is ready to encourage and consent to the Muslim League's extreme demands.

Wavell's latest concession to the Muslim League also proves the correctness of Netaji's repeated declaration that the British proposals are only a cunning plan to undermine the strength and position of the Congress and to force the Congress and Nationalist leaders into a helpless position of being mere "yes" men, and for this treacherous purpose, Wavell will not only make any concession to the Muslim League regardless of India's national interests. He will make or perhaps he has already made secret agreements with the Muslim League whose support is the bedrock of the Wavell plan to exploit India with the nominal sanction of Indian leaders.



A hearty laugh! Netaji was an interested spectator at the Azad Hind Fauj Sports meeting which was held in Jalan Besar Stadium on Thursday, July 5, in celebration of "Netaji Week".



### Soviet Russia Pictured As International Banker

Lisbon, July 12 (Domei)—Soviet Russia is pictured in the role of international banker, offering dollar credits to neighbouring states in reports widely circulated from London, Reuter reported. The Soviet Embassy officials said they had "no comment" to make upon the reports that Russia has approached such bordering nations as Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia with offers of dollar loans to enable neighbouring nations to purchase raw materials from United States, South America and Britain for manufacture into finished products for sale to the Russian Government.

According to reports which British and American officials have been checking since late last week, Russia is implementing trade agreements she has with bordering nations by offering them credits necessary to purchase raw materials or machinery with which to produce goods she needs, Reuter further reported. Russian credits are to be made before the end of the year with delivery of any manufactured goods produced from raw materials acquired with money deferred until late Spring of next year.

In the cases of both Poland and Czechoslovakia according to Reuter, Russia will not call for delivery of finished goods until supplies for the two nations' own pressing domestic needs are moving into consumption. Neither the Czechs nor Poland are anxious to accept proffered credits, Reuter continued, until they know whether or not the international fund agreement will be put into operation by subscribing nations. In both instances officials feel that it would be ill-advised to accept credits in quoted hard money and sell finished goods for controlled currency such as the Russian ruble.

One version of the Russian loan was that the country may loan gold to her neighbouring nations, permitting them to convert the metal into dollars. Another was that credits of six milliard dollars which the Soviet is reported seeking in the United States would be loaned to border nations, Reuters said. SABANG

### Postponement Of Tangier Conference Requested

Lisbon, July 11 (Domei)—The British Foreign Office last night handed French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault the suggestion that the Tangier conference be postponed until the British Government had further time to consider the question of the Soviet Union's participation in the talks, according to a Reuter dispatch from Paris.

### British Carrier Task Force Attacks Sabang

Nippon Frontline Base in the Southern Regions, July 12 (Domei)—A British carrier task force attacked Sabang, northern tip of Sumatra Island, yesterday morning. Approximately ten carrier aircraft participated in the attack.

Enemy planes operated from two aircraft-carriers which comprised the mainstay of the British task force. The enemy carrier task force made its appearance in waters adjacent to Sabang around 10 o'clock yesterday.

### Indian Welfare Association Convenes Mass Meeting

Under the auspices of the Indian Welfare Association, a public meeting of Indians of Syonan will be held at the Jalan Besar Stadium tomorrow, at 6 p.m., when the proposed Evacuation Scheme of the Government will be explained and doubts and misunderstandings on the part of the public will be cleared.

The Indian members of the Sanji-Kai who took part in these conferences will supply all available information and answer any questions which may be put to them.

Proceedings will be in Tamil, Hindustani and English.

### Wartime Education In Nippon Streamlined

Tokyo, July 12 (Domei)—The Education Ministry today announced the simplification of its organization designed to streamline Nippon's wartime education system. The present revamping reduces the organization of the Ministry from six bureaux and 30 departments to five bureaux and 22 departments with the resultant 30 per cent personnel cut.

Other outstanding features of the present reorganization include, firstly, establishment of a student mobilization bureau tasked with the more effective employment of students to be mobilized for factory and farm work; secondly, appointment of two councillors to the Ministry who, by special orders from the Education Minister, undertake survey and planning on specific matters.

Parallel with its reorganization, the Education Ministry will transfer part of its authorities and personnel to the headquarters of regional Superintendents-General and prefectural governments in accordance with the Government's policy of decentralizing administrative power.

### Advisability Of Early Evacuation Of Non-Essentials Again Stressed

(Contributed)

From the recent trend of events we see that the war has reached a very critical stage, but Nippon, supported by the one billion Asiatics of Greater East Asia is determined to fight out this sacred war to a successful conclusion; and to this end is strengthening all defences.

Syonan is the heart of the Southern Regions and is a place that must be held at all cost, so it behoves us, as the citizens of this fair city, to do everything possible to make it the greatest bulwark of our defence—an impregnable fortress—in very truth an unconquerable bastion!

The peaceful conditions and prosperity experienced here since the establishment of the Nippon regime three and a half years ago, are now threatened from outside. The present situation is very grave, and it is to be expected that in the near future the enemy will carry out strafing raids against our land.

### Valuable Lesson

Learning from his ruthless actions in other large cities the Nippon authorities here decided that as far as possible the local populace should not have to face the same perils. Indiscriminate bombings with incendiaries and high explosives caused havoc among civilian masses in towns like Manila and Rangoon, and it is to save the people here from such horrors and perils that the government has formulated its evacuation plans: it is up to the local populace to appreciate the authorities' good intentions and concern over their safety and get ready to evacuate as soon as the facilities are ready to take them away to their respective destinations.

In the conditions created by the enemy's indiscriminate bombing there may be a serious

shortage of food, water and other essential facilities. The authorities, through experience, foresee these difficulties and are anxious to save the people from suffering these hardships—hence the evacuation order

### Special Bureau Formed

In view of these facts it is imperative that all non-essential civilians, especially aged people, women and children, should understand the true intentions of the Government and give serious thought to the matter of evacuation

The sole motive behind this evacuation scheme is to ensure the safety of the local citizens, and the authorities have gone to untold lengths to provide facilities for the speedy evacuation of all non-essential populace.

In addition to the good work done by the Auxiliary Police and the Kosei-ka in this connection, a special bureau has also been organised, employing experienced men of integrity and sympathy, who will not only arrange for the welfare of all evacuees but will also keep in trust all property belonging to those who evacuate.

Intending evacuees have also been promised assistance in the matter of transport and essential food supplies in addition to financial gifts by the Government.

Bearing in mind the cosmopolitan nature of the local populace, the authorities have even tried as far as possible to arrange varied destinations, so that evacuees may have a choice of accommodation suitable to them.

Those who choose to go to Endau or Bahau will certainly have the added advantage of being able to provide a big impetus to the Grow More Food drive at these two farming colonies. Bahau especially has invited and offers a safe refuge to all Roman Catholic evacuees, and is even in a position to offer part time employment to able-bodied workers. Arrangements have also been made with states un-country, and the smaller farming colonies in the islands of the Rho Archipelago, all of which are willing and able to accommodate Syonan evacuees. For those who wish to go to Diawa and Sumatra too, arrangements are being made—so why hesitate?

### Householders' Duty

Heads of households, it is up to you to give serious thought to this matter immediately and thus ensure the safety of those near and dear to you. There is no time to be lost. The situation demands immediate action, so make up your minds here and now, and go while the going is good. Those who procrastinate may have cause for regret should compulsory evacuation become necessary. Syonan MUST be cleared of ALL its non-essentials to facilitate the defence of this nerve-centre of the Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere, so let us each and all be up and doing and play our part.

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### Staggering Br. Empire War Losses Revealed

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Of these 532,233 were killed, died of wounds or injuries, or are missing and believed killed.

India's casualties were placed at 177,315, Canada's—101,008, Australia's—92,211, New Zealand's—39,783, and South Africa's—36,765.

### Acute Coal Shortage In Britain Reported

Lisbon, July 11 (Domei)—Foreign ships bringing goods to Britain are having difficulty in getting cargoes of coal to take back to home ports, because of the current coal shortage in Britain, according to a Newcastle report.

### EVACUATION SCHEME

Mr. Toh Eng Hoe, a prominent Chinese leader of Taiping, Perak, has written to a Syonan friend as follows:—

"I hear that there is a gigantic scheme for the evacuation of several thousands of Syonanites to up-country places. If you know of those who are keen to come to Taiping, will you be good enough to let me know.

"Our Association here has land in Changkat Serdang, Jehong and Lauderdale Estates for people to settle down for food production. All these three places have pipe water service and are known to be healthy. Those who have capital can take up land for cultivation for their sole benefit. To those who have no capital, they can be employed as cultivators on a salary cum food basis. Good coolie lines are available on all these estates and if separate huts are desired, they can be built later on."

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