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The War Minister's instructions given
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Instructions

It is with much pleasure that when we
are waging the Greater East Asia War upon
which the fate of our Empire depends I have
found a chance to express my views at the
conference you all attend.

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~~1940-1941~~

As the number of the enlisted men increases so violently, some of those who enter the barracks can hardly stand ^{up} against the severe training for soldiers. And the Army has to execute the special and positive measures for bringing up of strong soldiers in every point of training, supplies and hygienics to my great regret. Of course the bodily health of the nations especially of young people makes the source of the brilliant strength of our Army, therefore, you will make sincere efforts for the improvement of the bodily power of the nations. Moreover, in contemplating

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^{future}
the request for the defense of Great East Asia,
the increase rate of our national population
in these years can never fulfil the purpose.

The government ^{is} now making sincere
considerations for the establishment of population
increase measures, though I cannot but hope
heartily you will collaborate with them with
full strength, too.

2. Concerning the air defense

The Imperial Army with close cooperation
with the Navy not only gave the annihilating
strike on the enemy air force at the
time of breaking out of the war, but within
the country is maintaining stricter precautions

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against hostile planes incessantly day and night. I think it very happy that we, helped by the greatest cooperation and aid of the nations, are carrying out so perfect defense of the country that we have never been assaulted by a single bomb of the enemy.

In such a situation, this great success seems to have degraded the national consciousness for the air defense. Danger comes soonest when it is despised.

Above all, when we take in our mind the weather conditions of North-East of our Empire and the unforeseen transitions

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of the international situations, we are forced
to feel keenly the necessity of maintenance
and consolidation of the air defence establish-
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Well then, the aerial defence is an act of hostilities which the nation should evenly take charge of, and as the firm belief of ultimate victory in aerial defence is originated from the superiority of instructions for aerial defence and the thorough-going of drills, I do hope that you will firstly intend the epoch-making elevation of capacity of instructors for aerial defence, at the same time, that in case of drills you and superior staffs will endeavor to encourage and instruct people by taking the initiative in attending the actual ground and to have the perfect aerial defence line as firm as a rock truly combined by the united efforts of government and people accomplished.

I think that in keeping with the expansion and perfection of anti-aircraft defence units there will increase many difficult works respectively in every locality, but wish that you will render cooperation positively from the wide viewpoint of a firm conviction of ultimate victory.

III Concerning the increase and strengthening as well as expansion and fulfilment for production power of munitions industry.

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There is no need of using superfluous words here that for the execution of war we are pressed to the necessity of increasing and strengthening, also expanding and fulfilling the production power of domestic munitions industries more and more.

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And so far as the replenishment of rapidly increasing labor affairs personnel in connection with military concerns

I anticipate of many difficulties according to various

situations, and in reference to these I have hitherto been favored with your utmost cooperation, but I shall look

forward to much more endeavors for the future.

What is more, it is necessary to prevent the centralization of munitions factories in large cities from

any point of view whatsoever; therefore, as to the further

expansion and perfection, it is our intention to disperse them in proper places as possible from the standpoint of territory planning.

Accordingly, I would like to have your troubles especially regarding the improvement for establishing conditions of these new factories.

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4. Concerning the maintenance of the livelihood of the people.

As the Empire is now in the midst of war, she must concentrate the whole national power on the sole aim of carrying out the war. Accordingly,

it is indeed unavoidable that the whole people, resources and ^{those} of the Empire and ^{under our control} producing capacity should be turned to the reinforcement of the ^{military strength} and the expansion of the munition

productive capacity and that the ^{living standard} ~~of the livelihood~~ ^{of the} ~~life~~ of the people should be lowered to some extent.

However, since ^{the} production of the munitions and their transporters are both due to the

people on the home front, it is absolutely necessary

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However, when we see into the future transition of the situation, it is made clear that both the United States and the Great Britain, who were once crushed and staggered in the dust at the outset of the war and have no possibility of rapid recovery from their standing, will exert themselves in working out the strategems of

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Next, regarding some government-relieved men lacking the spirit of strenuous efforts and self-control, due consideration shall be paid so as to give a thorough personal direction connecting with the military authorities and thereby not to be contrary to the spirit of earnest relief on the part of the people. Furthermore, since problems concerning family disputes or public morals of bereaved families and family members of the soldiers at the front greatly affect the fighting spirit of front-line officers and men, please give your special consideration ^{to} for this extermination.

7 Regarding regulation of election campaign.

military factory workers and compulsorily recruited
 men have remarkably increased in number since the
 incident, and it seems to me that, in this general
 election, voters connected with the Army will reach
 a great number unparalleled with those in the past.
 Therefore, the Army can not help being much concerned
 with political campaigns made for them from the
 outside and the influences thereof that are exerted
 upon them. As ex-soldiers and returned soldiers
 have occupied a dominant position among the
 voters, it is anticipated that strong activities,
 with a view to the acquisition of them, will be made.

The harmony among soldiers, officials and people, and the unification and ~~use~~ of the total power of

~~I believe that~~

~~The harmony among soldiers, officials and people, the unification of the total power of the nation and ~~the~~ and the display of the unificat^{concentrated} unified total ^{strength} power of the nation are the very basis of winning victory.~~

~~I earnestly hope that all of you will ^{further} endeavor to establish the structures for ^{the} certain victory by overcoming all the ^{difficulties} obstacles which is expected to increase from now on entered into ^{the} ~~its~~ serious ^{stage} phase~~

In short, the Great East Asia War has now reached to ^{the} (its) serious phase with the fall of Singapore. We must win ^{the} victory over the enemy (we must overwhelm the enemy and win the victory) by ^{extending} conducting more positive operations ~~from now~~ after this, and at the same time ~~we must proceed to establish~~ ^{have to proceed} to establish the Co-prosperity sphere of the Greater East Asia.

~~for this aim~~ ^{with} for extending further the position - therefore the military authorities will further solidify the iron unity of our ~~troops~~ forces and will proceed straight to the attainment of the

object
aim
purpose of the war with confidence in certain victory,
and thus (thereby) they hope to meet that they
can meet the Emperor's wish and justify the
nation's trust.

I believe that the harmony among soldiers
officials and a people ~~are~~ and the
display of the unified total strength of ^{the} nation
are indeed the fundamental requisites of
winning victory.

I earnestly hope that everyone of you

with ~~the~~ aim of
this

訓示

皇國ノ隆替ヲ決スル大東亞戰爭下ニ各位ノ會同ヲ煩
 ハシマシテ所懷ノ一端ヲ陳ブルノ機會ヲ得マシタル
 コトハ私ノ最モ欣幸トスル所デアリマス
 惟ヒマスルニ對米英戰局ガ帝國ノ爲極メテ有利ニ發
 展シ皇威ヲ中外ニ顯揚致シテ居リマスルコトハ
 御稜威ノ下陸海軍將兵ノ獻身的奮闘ト銃後國民ノ眞
 摯熱烈ナル後援協力ノ賜デアリマシテ此ノ機會ニ於
 テ各位竝ニ各位ヲ通ジ全國民ニ對シ深甚ナル敬意ト
 感謝トヲ表スルモノデアリマス
 而シテ帝國陸軍ト致シマシテハ現下收メ得タル戰果
 ヲ益々擴大シテ米英ノ屈伏、重慶政權ノ覆滅ニ努ムルヲ

以テ第一義トシ併セテ國際情勢ノ凡有變轉ニ對處シ
必勝ノ戦力ヲ完成スルコトヲ企圖致シテ居ル次第デ
アリマス

之ガ爲ニハ更ニ各位ニ對シ一層ノ積極的御協力ヲ要
請セザルヲ得ナイモノガアルノデアリマス

以下所管事項ニ關スル所信ヲ申述べ度ト存ジマス

一 國民體力ノ向上ニ就テ

大規模作戰ノ展開ト國防圏ノ擴大トニ伴ヒマシテ
帝國ハ尨大ナル兵力量ヲ要スルニ至ツタノデアリ
マスルガ壯丁ノ量的増加ト質的向上トハ之ニ即應
シナイ憾ミガアルノデアリマス
殊ニ農村青少年ノ都市移住、工業人口増加等ニ伴ヒ
マシテ筋骨薄弱、結核性疾患等ガ逐次ニ増加シテ參

ル傾向ガアリマス從ツテ徵集人員ノ激增ニ件ヒ入
 營セル壯丁ノ中ニハ激烈ナル兵業ニ服シ得ナイモ
 ノモアリマスルノデ軍ニ於テハ訓練、給養、衛生等各
 般ニ互リマシテ積極的ナル健兵對策ヲ講ジテ居ル
 實情デアリマシテ寔ニ寒心ニ堪ヘマセヌ申ス迄モ
 ナク國民特ニ青少年ノ體力ハ即チ皇軍精強ノ源泉
 ヲナスモノデアリマスカラ國民體力ノ向上ニ付キ
 マシテハ眞劍ナル努力ヲ拂ハレタイノデアリマス
 又將來ニ於ケル大東亞國防ノ要請ヲ考察致シマス
 ルト近時我國人口増加ノ趨勢ヲ以テシテハ到底之
 ヲ充足シ得ベクモナイノデアリマシテ政府ニ於テ
 モ眞劍ナル人口増加對策ノ樹立ヲ考慮セラレテ居
 リマスガ各位モ十分御協力ノ程望ンデ已ミマセヌ

二 防空ニ就テハ、陸海軍ト緊密ナル協同ヲ保チマシテ開戦
帝國陸軍ハ海軍ト緊密ナル協同ヲ保チマシテ開戦
劈頭、敵ノ航空勢力ニ徹底的打撃ヲ與ヘマスルト共
ニ内ニ在リテハ敵機ニ對シ日夜不斷、益々警備ヲ嚴ニ
シ違算ナキヲ期シテ居ルノデアリマスルガ銃後國
民ノ絶大ナル協力援助ト相俟ツテ未ダ一發ノ爆彈
ヲモ蒙ラズ國土防衛ノ實ヲ擧ゲツツアリマスルコ
トハ洵ニ幸ト存ズルノデアリマス
所ガ此ノ戦果ニ依リマシテ却ツテ國民ノ防空意識
ガ低下セルヤノ感ガ無イデアリマセヌ油斷ハ大
敵デアリマス殊ニ帝國東北方ノ氣象狀況竝ニ端倪
スベカラザル國際狀勢ノ變轉ヲ考察致シマスルト
キニハ益々防空態勢ノ整備強化ヲ痛感致スノデアリマス

マス

抑、防空ハ國民齊シク擔任スベキ戰鬪行爲デアリマ
 シテ防空必勝ノ信念ハ防空指導ノ卓越ト訓練ノ精
 到トニ根源致スノデアリマスルカラ先ヅ防空指導
 者能力ノ劃期的向上ヲ圖ラレルト共ニ訓練ニ際シ
 テハ各位竝ニ上級幹部ハ率先現場ニ臨ンデ鞭撻指
 導スルニ努メラレ以テ眞ニ官民一體鐵石ノ防空陣
 ヲ完成セラレシコトヲ切望致シマス

尙軍防空部隊ノ擴充ニ伴ヒマシテ各地方共ニ夫、困
 難ナル仕事ガ増加スルコトト存ジマスガ戰爭必勝
 ノ大局的見地カラ積極的ニ協力ヲ與ヘラレタイノ
 デアリマス

三 軍需産業生産力ヲ增強擴充ニ就テ

三 戦争遂行上、国内軍需産業ノ生産力ヲ愈々増強擴充ス
ルノ必要ニ迫ラレテ居ルコトハ茲ニ贅言スルノ要
ヲ認メナイノデアリマス
而シテ急激ニ増加スル軍關係勞務要員ノ充足ニ關
シテハ諸般ノ情勢上、幾多ノ困難ヲ豫想セラレルノ
デアリマス之ニ關シマシテハ從來共各位ノ甚大ナ
ル協力ヲ得ツツアルノデアリマスルガ今後一層ノ
御努力ヲ切望致シマス
又軍需工場ノ大都市集中ハ如何ナル觀點ヨリ致シ
マシテモ防止スルノ必要ガアリマスカラ今後ノ擴
充ニ當ツテハ國土計畫ノ見地ヨリ極力適地分散ヲ
圖ル心算デアリマス
就キマシテハ是等新設工場ノ立地條件改善ニ關シ

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TOJO expresses his views at the Prefectural Governors' Conference on the progress of the war and the goals still to be attained.

Among the points he urges consideration and implementation of are: population increase, even awareness of the importance of air defense and civilian drills, expansion of production and munitions industry, the necessity of preventing the centralization of munitions factories in large cities, and the maintenance of the lowest possible standard of living.

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四 國民生活ノ確保ニ就テ

帝國ハ目下、戰爭ノ眞最中デアリマスカラ國家總力
ヲ戰爭遂行ノ一途ニ集中セネバナリマセン從ヒマ
シテ帝國及我が管制下ニアリマスル人員、資源及生
産力ヲ擧ゲテ兵力ノ增強、軍需生産力ノ擴充ニ振リ
向ケ國民生活ヲ某程度切り下ゲルコトハ洵ニ已ム
ヲ得ナイモノガアルノデアリマス
併シ乍ラ軍需品ノ生産モ之ヲ輸送スル者モ銃後ノ
國民ノ力デアリマスカラ國民生活ノ最低限度ヲ確
保スルコトハ絶對ニ必要デアリマス之ヲ確保シ得
ナイ場合ニ於キマシテハ國民士氣ノ衰頹、厭戰、反戰
思想ノ擡頭、軍需生産力ノ低下トナツテ表ハレ遂ニ

ハ治安ニモ影響スルニ至リ、總力戦ノ圓滑ナル遂行
ハ期シ得ナイヲテアリマス此ノ點ニ關シテハ軍ト
シテモ最大ノ關心ヲ寄セ作戰上支障ヲ及ボサザル
範圍ニ於テ南方ヨリ民需物資、特ニ食糧ノ内地輸入
ヲ圖リツツアル次第デアリマスルガ各位ニ於カレ
テモ時局認識ノ徹底、統制經濟ノ圓滑ナル運營、産業
再編成ニ伴フ轉廢業者對策等ニ關シ萬遺憾ナキ措
置ヲ講ゼラレタイノデアリマス

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防諜特ニ敵性謀略ノ破摧ニ就テ

大東亞戰ノ緒戦ニ於テ赫々タル奇襲作戰ノ成功ヲ
收メ得マシタノハ各位竝ニ關係各官ノ防諜上、特ニ
軍ノ行動秘匿ニ關スル適切ナル御協力ガ與ツテ力
ガアツタノデアリマシテ茲ニ深ク感謝ノ意ヲ表ス

ル次第デアリマス
 然レドモ將來ノ推移ヲ洞察シマスルニ開戦ノ劈頭
 一敗地ニ塗レ武力戰的抗爭ニ於テハ急速ニ其ノ態
 勢ヲ挽回シ得ナイ米、英兩國ガ宣傳謀略等ノ祕密戰
 的策謀ニ力ヲ注ギ特ニ經濟、思想等ノ部面ニ謀略ノ
 魔手ヲ延べ以テ我が戰爭ノ遂行ヲ阻害セントスル
 ハ明瞭デアリマシテ又共産分子ノ暗躍モ看過シ得
 ナイノデアリマス
 飜ツテ現下國內ノ情勢ハ生活必需品、特ニ食糧ノ需
 給不圓滑等ニ基キ動モスレバ此ノ種謀略遂行ノ溫
 床ヲ醞釀セントシアルノ實情ニ鑑ミマシテ此ノ際
 特ニ敵國ノ謀略ニ對シテハ一層深甚ノ注意ヲ拂フ
 ト共ニ之ガ封殺ニ關シ將來益、各位竝ニ關係各官ノ

努力ヲ御願ヒ致シマス
六 軍人援護ニ就テ

軍人援護ニ關シテハ各位ノ御努力ト適切ナル御指導トニ依リマシテ其ノ成果見ルベキモノアリ爲ニ第一線將兵ハ後顧ノ憂ナク一意軍務ニ精進致シテ居リマス洵ニ同慶ノ至リデアリマシテ各位ノ御勞苦ニ對シマシテ衷心ヨリ感謝ノ意ヲ表スル次第デアリマス

然レドモ戰面ノ擴大ニ基ク兵力ノ飛躍的增強ト時局ノ長期化ニ伴ヒマシテ軍人援護ノ強化、特ニ隣保相扶觀念ヲ基調トスル援護精神ノ昂揚持續ニ關シ一層ノ御配意ヲ得タイノデアリマス
又被援護者中、自彊自肅ノ精神ヲ缺ク者ニ對シマシ

テハ軍關係當事者ト連絡ノ上徹底セル個人的指導ヲ加ヘテ國民ノ熱烈ナル援護精神ニ背カザル様留意セラレタク尙遺族竝ニ出征軍人家族ノ家庭紛争乃至風紀問題等ハ前線將兵ノ士氣ニ甚大ナル影響ヲ與ヘルノデアリマスルカラ之ガ絶滅ニ關シ格段ノ御配慮ヲ煩ハシタイノデアリマス

七 選舉運動ノ取締ニ就テ

事變以來軍工員、徵用者等ハ著シク増加致シテ居リマスルノデ今回ノ總選舉ニ於ケル軍關係ノ有權者ハ從來ニ其ノ比ヲ見ザル程多數ニ上ルモノト思ハレルノデアリマス從ツテ之等ニ對スル外部ヨリノ政治運動及其ノ受クベキ諸感作等ニ就テハ軍ニ於テモ多大ノ關心ヲ拂ハザルヲ得ナイノデアリマス

又在郷軍人、歸還軍人等ハ有權者間ニ於テ優位ヲ占
メテ居リマスルノデ之等ノ獲得ヲ目標トシテ熾烈
ナル策動ガ行ハレルコトヲ豫想致スノデアリマス
即チ除隊兵、傷痍軍人ノ待遇改善、遺家族ノ保護乃至
恩賞ノ均霑等ヲ標榜シテ投票ノ獲得ヲ圖リ或ハ物
資偏重ノ選舉演說等ヲ行ヒマシテ不知不識ノ裡ニ
大東亞戰爭ノ真意義ヲ沒却シ反戰反軍乃至軍民離
間等ノ言論ニ陥ル虞ハ無イト云ヘナイノデアリマ
ス之等選舉運動ニ派生スル諸種ノ事象ノ中軍ニ惡
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トガ出來ナイノデアリマスルカラ軍及軍關係者ヲ
對象トスルモノハ軍ノ本質ニ鑑ミ聯隊區司令官、憲
兵等ト密接ニ連繫ノ上處置セララルル様希望致シマ

之ヲ要シマスルニ大東亞戰爭ハ「シンガポール」陷落ヲ契機トシテ漸ク本格的段階ニ達シタノデアリマシテ今後愈、積極的作戰ヲ展開シテ屈敵ノ戰果ヲ擧ゲマスルト共ニ大東亞共榮圈ノ建設ニ邁進セネバナリマセヌ之ガ爲軍ト致シマシテハ愈、鐵石ノ團結ヲ固クシ必勝ノ信念ヲ以テ只管征戰目的ノ完遂ニ邁進シ上 聖旨ニ應へ奉リ下國民ノ信倚ニ副ハンコトヲ期シテ居リマス而シテ軍官民一致、國家總力ノ統合發揮コソハ戰捷獲得ノ基礎條件デアルト信ジマス何卒各位ニ於カレマシテハ今後加重セララルベキ一切

ノ障碍ヲ克服シ以テ必勝態勢確立ノ爲、一層ノ御努力
アラシコトヲ切ニ希望致ス次第デアリマス

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