

**TODAY and  
TOMORROW**

**Sure Victory**

**RIGHTLY** has Lieut.-Col. Shozo Nakajima, Spokesman of the Imperial Nippon Forces in the Southern Regions, declared in the course of his latest review of the war situation in Dai Toa: "The close of the third year of war indicates the beginning of the end for the enemy's counter-attack and the launching of an offensive by the Nippon forces. The fourth year will be the year of decisive victory for Nippon and her allies." For, in the third year of the Greater East Asia War, while the various counter-attacks launched by the Anglo-Americans have all ended in disastrous failure, Nippon's inner-line operations have been most successfully completed. G. W. Thomson, B.B.C. News Editor for Far Eastern Affairs, says that, in the last seven months Nippon has achieved tremendous success in China, capturing Changsha, Hengyang, Kweilin, Liuchow, and recently Tushan. Now Kweiyang, Kunming and Chungking itself are under direct threat from the speedily advancing Nippon forces.

The British magazine, the New Statesman and Nation, says, "The military crisis which confronts Chungking becomes graver every week." Now Nippon, having completed her inner-line operations, is able to launch out vigorous and decisive offensives. The latest advance of the Nippon forces into Kwangsi province has heightened the panic of the Americans. Driven out of all their air bases, and having seen vast areas of the Chungking regime captured by the Nippon forces, the Americans are now faced with the total loss of their slender hold on China.

The failure of their own attempts at counter-attacks and the tremendous success of Nippon offensives have heightened the defeatism and despair of the Americans. America has been depending almost entirely on her quantitative superiority about which they have always boasted unreasonably. But today in their pessimism, the Americans have duly realised that their material superiority is no real advantage. The American Naval Secretary, James Forrestal, has said: "The previous American technical advantage is now very slender. On the other hand, the compactness, power and increasing size of Nippon military strength on land, in the air and at sea will gravely hamper future Anglo-American operations."

Truly, the fourth year of the war has begun under very favourable circumstances for Nippon and her allies. The close of the third year has marked the turning point of the war which cannot but end in total victory for Nippon and her allies—victory for all East Asia and India.

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## Nippon Nation's Faith In Victory Strengthened

**Premier's Nation-wide  
Broadcast On Third  
War Anniversary**

Tokyo, Dec. 8 (Domei)—Premier General Kuniaki Koiso, in a nation-wide broadcast early this morning, on the occasion of the third anniversary of the outbreak of the Greater East Asia War, declared that the sensational war results achieved by Nippon's special attack corps in the battles centering around the Philippines have further strengthened the firm Nippon conviction in "sure victory in the current War of Greater East Asia."

Emphasizing that the issue in the Pacific war weighs heavily on the outcome of the battle in and around Leyte, Premier Koiso expressed confidence that all American forces will ultimately be driven from the island into the sea. Already the Nippon forces have completely frustrated the enemy's hope of recapturing the Philippines, he said.

Looking back on the past three years, one cannot but be struck by the tremendous significance of the current war, he declared, pointing out that the period under review has witnessed the steady construction in East Asia of a new world based on moral justice and in keeping with the traditional Oriental spirit and culture. The War of Greater East Asia, furthermore, Premier Koiso said, has deepened the impression in the minds of various East Asiatic peoples that the Anglo-Americans are truly their enemies who must be crushed. He declared, "The current war has also awakened in the minds of various East Asiatic peoples courage to fight out the present war and crush the enemies who had ruthlessly subjected them in chains. Our national flag—the Rising Sun—is today extending rays of hope to the centuries-long oppressed peoples of East Asia."

Referring to the situation in Europe, the Premier declared that the German people, under Chancellor Adolf Hitler, are united firmer than ever in their determination to win, and despite enemy bombs are exerting their utmost efforts to increase production. With the united and armed German people fiercely resisting powerful enemy forces on the frontier, the war in Western Europe has come to a virtual stalemate, he said.

Referring to the domestic situation in Nippon, Premier Koiso declared that the enemy's blind-bombing has only served to heighten the indignation of the Nippon people and their determination to achieve ultimate victory.

## MIDNAPORE AIR BASE IS BOMBED

**Military Targets Blasted  
5 B-29 Super-Fortresses  
Set Ablaze, Destroyed**

A Nippon Base at the Burma Front, December 7 (Domei)—The major base of the United States 20th Bomber Command at Midnapore, 170 kilometres west of Calcutta, was subjected for the first time to a severe bombing attack by our long-range bomber unit before dawn yesterday.

Winging their way in bright moonlight, Nippon bombers reached the skies over the target area shortly before dawn, and in defiance of fierce anti-aircraft gunfire, heavily pounded the enemy airfield in the suburbs of Midnapore which had been specially constructed for basing B-29 "super-flying fortresses". Five enemy aircraft were set ablaze, while heavy damage was inflicted on ground installations. Our bombers further caused big fires to start at four points.

From this bombing mission all our planes returned to their base unscathed.

## Over 300,000 Enemy Casualties During One Year Warfare

Tokyo, Dec. 8 (Domei)—Nippon Army and Navy forces during the past one year inflicted 304,000 casualties, including dead and wounded, on the Anglo-American forces, Dai Honyei announced this afternoon. Our losses in personnel in the same period totalled 168,000 dead and wounded, the announcement added.

The announcement reads: "Casualties, including dead and wounded, which the Imperial Army and Navy inflicted on Anglo-American forces during the past one year amount in

## GRIM FUTURE IN STORE FOR ENEMY IN EUROPE AND ASIA

Lisbon, Dec. 7 (Domei)—In the face of the smashing Nippon advances in Kwangsi and Kweichow provinces, Major-General Albert Wedemeyer, commander of the United States forces in China and chief of staff to General Chiang Kai-shek, was forced today to issue a statement declaring that the military situation in China is serious. Said to be issued in "absolute candour", the statement said, "We are faced with a serious military situation."

He found it necessary to deny the reports that the American forces will evacuate China leaving Chungking in the lurch, proclaiming his confidence that "the United States will see China through the crisis."

## More Nippon Paratroops Land On Burauen Base; Launch Immediate & Heavy Attack On Enemy Forces

**Special Attack Units  
Take Big Toll Of Foe  
Warcraft Off Leyte**

Tokyo, December 8 (Domei)—Dai Honyei announced at 4 p.m. today as follows:

"Firstly, one plane belonging to the Banda Unit of our Special Attack Corps attacked one enemy battleship or large-size cruiser in Leyte Gulf on Dec. 5, heavily damaging and setting it ablaze. On the same day three planes belonging to the Teshin Unit charged into a group of enemy transports in waters west of Suluan Island, located east of Leyte Gulf. War results however are not yet ascertained. Three of our escort planes have not yet returned.

"Secondly, it is now revealed that three planes belonging to the Ichu Unit which set out for Surigao Strait on Dec. 5 sank one enemy transport each.

Tokyo, Dec. 8 (Domei)—Dai Honyei announced at 4.30 p.m. today as follows: The Kamikaze Special Attack Corps on Dec. 5 attacked an enemy transport convoy proceeding southward through Surigao Straits, sinking two vessels and damaging another and on Dec. 7 damaged two cruisers in the Camotes Sea.

"Secondly, our air forces from Dec. 5 to Dec. 6 intercepted in Leyte Gulf, Surigao Straits, and the Camotes Sea an enemy transport convoy made up of approximately 80 vessels, including escort craft, which were engaged in reinforcing Leyte Island, and sank four transports, and three torpedo boats, and damaged two transports, one vessel of unspecified category, and two torpedo boats".

round figures to the following: United States Army, 226,000; British Army, 78,000 (of which about 20,000 were Britishers).

"Losses in the Imperial Army and Navy totalled about 168,000 dead and wounded."

**Military Installations  
And Aircraft Blasted  
At Tacloban, Dulag**

A Nippon Base in the Philippines, December 7 (Domei)—The Nippon attacks against enemy airfields on Leyte Island with parachute and airborne troops gained further momentum when two more Nippon paratroop units descended on the north and south airfields at Burauen last night, to reinforce our airborne troops who have been carrying on determined assaults against the United States troops defending both these airfields.

These new paratroops and airborne units are now closely co-operating in continuing their attacks. The descent of these two paratroop units followed the successful landing effected by the paratroops of our "Taka-chiho" Unit deep behind the enemy lines in the airfields yesterday afternoon.

Nippon paratroop units, which had been waiting at various bases in the Philippines for an opportune moment to strike devastating blows on the enemy, finally pounced on enemy positions at sundown on Dec. 6.

The spearhead of the Nippon attack units, together with our paratroop units and special attack units, aboard transport planes swiftly winged their way toward enemy positions on Leyte Island. Despite a terrific barrage of anti-aircraft fire by enemy ground batteries, the Nippon paratroops baled out from a low altitude and after mopping up the enemy garrison troops immediately opened a major assault.

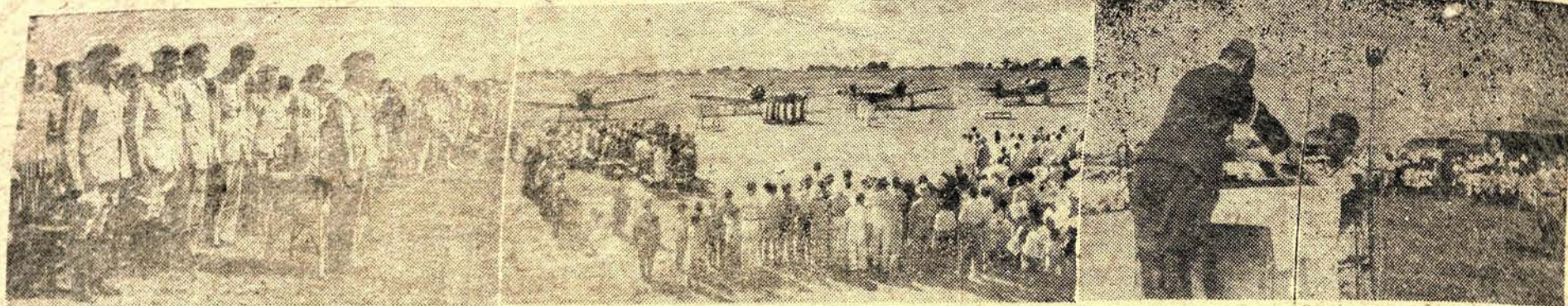
Meanwhile, Nippon air units after subjecting Tacloban and Dulag airfields to fierce attacks landed in these airfields, immediately followed up by other Nippon paratroop units. The Nippon units by destroying parked enemy aircraft and also enemy airfield installations raised the curtain for a full-scale air attack on enemy positions on Leyte Island.

It is noteworthy that the Nippon paratroops successively carried out these operations despite a strong north-easterly wind prevailing over the Leyte sector. According to firsthand reports from our transport units which returned to their base after fulfilling their duty, all Nippon paratroops made a successful landing and scored brilliant results in their initial surprise attack operations.

War revealed that Army casualties reported up to November 22 total 474,898.

Referring to United States arms production, Patterson said that in November the production of heavy artillery ammunition was up to schedule for the first time in many months but the overall production was lagging.

# Impressive Christening Ceremony At Kallang Air Port



A colourful and most impressive naming ceremony of the fourteen planes donated to the Imperial Nippon Air Force, of which ten were given by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Head of the Provisional Government Of Azad Hind and Supreme Commander of the Indian National Army, was held at Kallang Air Port on Tuesday, December 5. Photos from left to right: Prominent I.N.A. and I.L.L. Officials (including H.E. Col. J. K. Bhonsle, Chief of Staff) who attended the function; Christening Ceremony of the planes; Dr. M. K. Lukshumeyah, Vice-President, I.L.L., East Asia, receiving Certificate of Appreciation.

## Indians' Mass Rally At Indo Gekijo Tomorrow

As part of the celebrations in connection with the Third Anniversary of the Dai Toa Senso Indians of Syonan are holding a public meeting at the Indo Gekijo, North Bridge Road, at 6 p.m. tomorrow.

The function is being organised under the joint auspices of the Indian Independence League and the Indian Welfare Association and will be attended by representatives of both these bodies and the various non-Indian communities of Syonan.

Sri M. V. Pillai, President of the Indian Welfare Association, will preside and will be supported by Sri. M. K. Chidambaram, Chairman of the Syonan Chapter of the Indian Independence League, and other officers. Janab M. M. Pavallar and Srijut Basishta Raj will be the main speakers in Tamil and Hindustani respectively.

An interesting picture show will follow the speeches.

## Hitler And Hungarian Chief Of State Confer

Berlin, Dec. 6 (Domei)—Fuehrer Hitler on Dec. 4 received at his headquarters Hungarian Chief of State Franz Szalasi, the official German communique said. The Fuehrer had a lengthy conference with Szalasi on all questions of political, military, and economic co-operation by Germany with the Hungarian nation, united under the revolutionary Hungarian movement.

The firm determination of the German and Hungarian peoples to continue the war of defence with all their means as well as to create all conditions prerequisite for it, dominated this conference, which again took place in the spirit of the old traditional and tested comradeship-in-arms and friendship of the two peoples, the communique said.

## Another Devastating Raid On Morotai Base

A Nippon Base at the Southern Front, Dec. 8 (Domei)—In another devastating pre-dawn bombing raid against the enemy airbase on Morotai Island, the Nippon air force on Dec. 6 heavily pounded sheltered sectors in the north airfield. Severe damage was inflicted on ground installations and fire was caused to start at two places. All our planes returned to their base safely.

## American Army Annihilated On Saar War Front

Lisbon, December 7 (Domei)—American tank forces launched a large-scale attack yesterday noon on the German bridgehead at Julich in the Cologne Plain but were stopped by furious German defence fire before reaching the main German lines, frontline dispatches to Berlin revealed. Eighteen American tanks were destroyed.

The American Third and Seventh Armies yesterday exerted pressure against approaches to the Saar district from the south-west and south. One American group which crossed the Saar at one point was annihilated, according to German frontline reports. At other places however, American tank units entered the forward area of the German West Wall, dispatches said. Fighting in the forefield pillboxes of West Wall was in full swing last night, German dispatches said. In and around Saarlautern especially grim fighting is raging.

Anti-Axis dispatches from Paris said that five American divisions are attacking within five miles of Saarbrücken.

The Soviet High Command said that Red Army troops driving around the lower end of Lake Balaton in South Hungary, advanced to within 35 miles of the border of Austria. At the same time Soviet troops continued to close in on Budapest from the north, east, and south, Moscow dispatches said.

Berlin dispatches said that the defence battle in the vast area between Drave Danube and Lake Balaton continued yesterday with growing intensity. At Lake Balaton German defenders took back their lines by a few kilometres, German frontline dispatches said. The Soviet attack from the bridgehead of Ersci in a western direction was followed by bitter fighting in the course of which the Germans succeeded in sealing off Soviet breaches.

In Italy units of the British Eighth Army increased the bridgehead over Lamone against strong German resistance, according to Rome dispatches which added that bitter fighting is now raging on the river front. Only nuisance flights by Anglo-American planes over Reich territory were reported yesterday owing to bad weather conditions throughout the European fighting front.

## Enemy's Defence Line Along F.I.C. Border Smashed

At the South China Front, December 7 (Domei)—In concert with Nippon forces in South China which are driving toward the French Indo-China border, our units stationed in French Indo-China, launching operations from the vicinity of Langson, pierced the Kwangsi-F.I.C. border on November 28 at Cho Moi and Dong Dang, located on either side of Langson. Smashing back the enemy, the right wing of our F.I.C. units on November 30 reduced Mingkiang, key point on the Yu River.

The left wing meanwhile reduced Lungchow, most vital point between Nanning and the French Indo-China border on December 3, thus completely shattering the enemy's defence set-up along the F.I.C. border.

With the war situation becoming critical Chungking dispatched its garrison forces along the F.I.C. border as reinforcements in a futile effort to stem the Nippon advance. Taking advantage of weakened enemy defences along the F.I.C.-Kwangsi border, Nippon units stationed in F.I.C. caught the enemy off guard, pierced the border, and advanced deep into Kwangsi.

It is believed only a matter of time before Nippon forces from the north and south will join hands. The Nippon objective as the enemy now realizes, is to establish a communications artery across the Asiatic continent extending from Peking to Canton via Hankow, and covering a distance of 2,000 kilometres.

## Earthquake Tremor

### Felt In Enshu Area

Tokyo, December 8 (Domei)—Seismic centre of the earthquake which hit the Tokaido district yesterday afternoon was in the sea off Enshu, according to the central Meteorological Observatory.

The districts affected by the earthquake include Hamamatsu, Shizuoka, Nagano and their vicinities where some damage was caused to dwellings.

In Shizuoka Prefecture tidal waves caused some houses to be inundated while in Nagoya damage was slight.

In general, damage was slight with practically no damage caused to our production facilities.

## Greek Situation Creates Political Unrest In Britain

Lisbon, December 7 (Domei)—The Greek situation which has taken a dramatic turn for the worse as the result of British armed intervention in the fighting between Leftist and Rightist elements has threatened to produce a political storm in Britain, Reuter's correspondent Richard Jan reported today in a London dispatch.

That the Greek crisis is being viewed with gravity and anxiety is indicated, the correspondent said, by the British Government's quick decision to devote a full day for a debate on the question in the House of Commons tomorrow.

Declaring that American Secretary of State Edward Stettinius' "hands off" declaration added a fresh complication to the Greek situation, the dispatch said, "While Stettinius' statement is variously described by a certain section of the British press as 'indiscreet', 'uncalled for' and 'a great blunder', it is clear from some that opinion is far from being united behind the Churchill Government's 'Greek policy' and 'un-open diplomacy'."

The amount of space in the British press devoted to the Greek crisis yesterday and today shows that public opinion is intensely disturbed, the correspondent said.

Firstly, the Government is criticized for not consulting the American Government before registering disapproval of Count Sforza becoming Italian Foreign Minister, while, secondly, the Government is severely censured for the alleged "veto" on Greek Liberal leader Sephoulis forming a new government.

## Indian Relief Camp

The Indian employees of the Kaigun Shi Setsubu Air Base, Seletar, have again shown their interest in the welfare of the Indian poor and destitutes by donating four-and-a-half piculs of rice for the use of the inmates of the Indian Relief Camp and Hospital at Waterloo Street, and a sum of \$400 for the purchase of vegetables.

The Camp inmates, who number over 200, were given a sumptuous dinner on Saturday last through the generosity of Sri. Ranjee Tiwari and Sri. Sooraj Singh, the well-known milk dealers of No. 221, Serangoon Road.

## Enemy's Huge Losses In China Waters Revealed

Shanghai, Dec. 8 (Domei)—The Nippon Fleet in China waters during the period of one year from November 30, 1943, to November 30, 1944, sank 135 enemy vessels and boats of various category, heavily damaged 16, and captured 317, according to composite war results released yesterday evening by the press section of the Imperial Nippon Fleet in China Waters.

Composite war results follow: Firstly, losses inflicted on the enemy—vessels and boats of various category sunk, 135, heavily damaged 16, captured 317. Enemy dead—9,350, prisoners taken 2,644; enemy who voluntarily surrendered to our forces 7,254.

War trophies captured include 3,614 firearms, 39,681 rounds of artillery shells, 3,815 ground mines and magnetic mines, 1,981 handgrenades. Seventy-two enemy planes were shot down and 32 heavily damaged. Approximately 2,000 magnetic mines were disposed of. Our forces engaged in 3,047 engagements with the enemy.

Secondly, our losses include 413 either killed or wounded in action, twenty small boats damaged, and ten planes which either self-blasted or have failed to return to their base.

## Dysentery Rampant Among Br. Tommies

Lisbon, December 6 (Domei)—British Secretary of State for India Leopold S. Amery, in the course of interpellations in the House of Commons today, admitted that there has been an increase in the number of dysentery cases in the British Army stationed in India, according to a London dispatch.

The rate of admissions to hospitals in India for dysentery and kindred illnesses, he revealed, increased to something less than seven-and-a-half per cent. during 1943-44, compared with the pre-war annual rate of five-and-a-half per cent.

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