

TODAY and
TOMORROW

A Flimsy Pretext

WAVELL'S return to India, after a protracted consultation with Amery in London, has given rise in the British press to quite a lot of speculation as to what his proposals for the solution of the Indian deadlock will be. The London Daily Mail, for instance, led its second main news page with a story from its correspondent in Bombay, headed "Wavell plans all-party rule for India," and suggesting that Gandhiji and Jinnah may aid the coalition. It is believed in Bombay, that Wavell returned from England with a short-term plan for constitutional development designed to tide India over the period of the Pacific war. He will implement this plan, it is thought, by trying to form a coalition Executive Council which will have wide advisory powers but will ultimately be responsible to the Viceroy.

We have had of late abundant indication that the Britishers have no intention whatever of relaxing in the least, their deadening grip on India now or in the near future. Amery's speech on India at the London Rotary Club carries no hint of any change of heart on the part of Britain towards India. On the contrary, it is a brazen defence of the British Raj on the time-honoured hypocritical grounds. In a way, it is only a reiteration of the fibs and fallacies which are the stock-in-trade of British politicians orating on India.

In the light of that speech of Amery at the London Rotary Club it would be senseless optimism to expect anything really worth having from Wavell. Wavell, Amery and their gang can afford to flout Indian Nationalism all the more boldly because they have behind them the support of even the Labour Party in this matter.

What, in the name of heaven, is the objection to the British letting India govern herself right now? Has not India all the requisites to independence? She is economically more self-contained than most other countries in the world. Her people are not just a semi-savage horde but can boast of centuries of civilisation and culture, as perhaps no other nation can. It is said by India's enemies that our people are hopelessly divided among themselves. This is an unmitigated lie.

The fact is, that the allegation of disunity among us by the British is just a flimsy pretext for them to continue to exploit us. After all, the tap root of what little disunity there is among us is British Imperialism which has all these one hundred years pursued a policy of divide and rule in India.

If the British were really honest about India, they should let us have independence, now and at once. They are not honest. That is why they are seeking to fool us with some mockery of a self-government, and that too, only in order to squeeze as much out of India as possible for their Pacific war, which is taking an increasingly heavy toll of their human and material resources. This time our political leaders are not going to be deceived by Wavell and his tribe.

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BLOODY WAR FOR OKINAWA IN BIG RAINS

Special Air Attack Units Sink Two More Warships In Devastating Raid

Okinawa Front, June 8 (Domei)—Furious fighting rages on intermingled fronts between opposing forces on Okinawa amidst torrential rain and mire with the centre of the fighting gradually shifting further southward. The main strength of Nippon defenders entrenched in positions further south have now completed a new battleline to stem the onslaught of enemy invaders who are steadily infiltrating into areas facing main Nippon positions. By dusk June 4 embittered fighting raged along a line running west of Uchima, Yozadake Meteorological Observatory and Itoman.

Meanwhile, in the eastern coastal area, about 200 enemy troops drove as far as Gushichan on the morning of June 5 but were repulsed by Nippon defenders by 6 p.m. the same day after bitter fighting. In the sector south-west of Naha and also Oroku, Nippon forces valiantly repulsed, by storming attacks and hand-to-hand fighting enemy invaders attempting to capture Oroku airfield.

The Nippon garrison on Kagamisu fortress, along the shore west of Oroku, carried out storming assaults to exact heavy toll from the enemy equipped with trenchmortars. Another enemy contingent which drove southward from the direction of Matama Bridge, while giving support to a flank attack against Oroku Airfield is now attempting to drive further. At present this enemy unit is being fiercely attacked by Nippon defenders along a line connecting Nyoha and Nesabe.

Enemy surface craft since June 4 further intensified bombardment of Nippon positions in support of fighting of the enemy's ground forces.

A Nippon Base in the Okinawa Sector, June 8 (Domei)—Our airmen of the special attack corps itching for action pending improvement of the weather over Okinawa waters, resumed their devastating activities yesterday Thursday morning, when weather conditions began to improve gradually. Unit after unit, these intrepid airmen left their bases on their missions of death and destruction against enemy warcraft which had been spared their crippling blows for the past few days on account of inclement weather.

In their renewed assaults, our special attack air units are already known to have sunk one enemy warcraft of larger size and another of unidentified category instantaneously. These are but initial results and still greater war results are expected to become known later.

Speculation Rife As To Wavell's "Gift" To India

All-Party Rule Held Most Likely With Viceroy Retaining Powers

There is considerable speculation in the British press as to what Lord Wavell's proposals for the solution of the Indian deadlock will be. According to a despatch from London, the London Daily Mail yesterday published a story from its Bombay correspondent headed "Wavell plans all-party rule for India" and suggesting that Gandhiji and Jinnah may aid the coalition.

It is believed in Bombay, says the correspondent, that Wavell returned from England with a short-term plan for constitutional development designed to tide India over the period of the Pacific War. He adds that Wavell will try to form a Coalition Executive Council which will have wide advisory powers but will ultimately be responsible to the Viceroy.

Commenting on the proposals published by the London Daily Mail, well-informed Indian observers declare that the reformed Indian constitution will be just a machinery, designed solely with the view to harnessing all parties in India to furthering Britain's war effort in the country. The British are merely trying to fool Indians with some mockery of self-Government, for the sole purpose of intensifying their loot and blunder of India's resources for the prosecution of their war of aggression and for forcing more of India's youngmen to join their army and serve as cannon fodder. But no Indian will be fooled by these latest tricks of the British, these observers concluded.

MAHATMAJURGES MUSLIMS FOR CONSOLIDATED ACTION AGAINST COMMON ENEMIES

Inhuman Labour Laws Still In Force In India; Women In Coal Mines

Lisbon, June 7 (Domei)—British Secretary of State for India, Leopold S. Amery, replying to questions in the House of Commons concerning the continued employment of Indian women in the mines, today upheld the Indian Government's continued violation of the International Labour Office's ruling against the employment of women underground on the grounds of war necessity, according to a London dispatch.

Amery shifted the responsibility for the continuance of the deplorable situation to the Government of India, declaring that the matter was not in the hands of the British Government, when Dr. Edith Summerskill, Labourite, asked, "How long does this government propose to sanction this cold-blooded cruelty to expectant mothers in India?"

The great shortage of coal affecting the whole war situation and the life of India is causing great difficulty to the Indian Government in its solution of the problem, Amery said.

Summerskill asked how many expectant mothers working in the mines had given premature birth to children and how many of these mothers and babies had died. Amery claimed that there was no record of any Indian child being born in the mines and that he would ask the Indian Government for other information.

Another member asked when the Government proposed to adopt a "civilized attitude" and withdraw all women from all the mines.

Levant Liberty At Stake Not As Muslims But As Separate Nation

Denouncing British reign of terror in India, Mahatma Gandhi, in a statement issued in Bombay yesterday on Syrian-Lebanese question, exhorted all Muslims in India to co-operate with the nationalist forces in India and strive for the complete emancipation of India from the British yoke.

Speaking about the Syrian-Lebanese question, Gandhiji declared that he purposely refrained from making any statement hitherto not because he felt less than others but because he felt more. "Injustice is so obvious and glaring," he said, adding that it pained him to think that the Muslims of India feel they can effectively ask for justice to Syrians and Lebanese as fellow Muslims.

Liberty of Syrians and Lebanese is at stake not as Muslims but as separate nations. Gandhiji added that Muslims should speak as Indians and should invite the co-operation of all India including members of all religions.

Gandhiji's declaration is regarded as a warning to India and to the other exploited nations of their plight in the event of an Anglo-American victory in this war and also a clarion-call to all freedom-loving nations to resist Anglo-American aggression with a view to safeguarding their national heritage.

Nippon Armed Might Sure To Wipe Out American Forces From Pacific In Final And Decisive War

"The decisive war, in the real sense of the word, has yet to be fought and when that war takes place, in the future, I am confident that our forces will wipe out the American forces from the Pacific and our conviction in final victory is being based on sound reality."

Thus declared Lt.-Col. Shozo Nakajima, Chief Spokesman of the Imperial Nippon Forces in the Southern Regions, at his weekly press conference here, yesterday, in a review of the war situation in the Pacific.

At the outset of his review Lt.-Col. Nakajima recalled the comment of an American military commentator who had stated that the operations in Okinawa were a great failure; that it was due to the incompetency of the American military authorities and that the whole affair could be described

as something worse than the Pearl Harbour catastrophe. The fact that such words had come from the enemy (the Spokesman said) testified to the success of our bleeding tactics inflicted on the enemy. From our point of view, the infliction of losses on the enemy, such as the sinking of their ships and killing of their personnel—we can say we have fully fulfilled our objective with the appearance of our new weapon, the "Jinrai". So now the enemy is saying that in order to cope with our new weapon he has to re-equip his war weapons and to re-examine his strategy against Nippon, went on Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

A number of commentators in America are now advocating the institution of an investigation party to go into the question of the present situation of

the Okinawa operations and find out the true state of affairs. This in itself is ample evidence that the Government and the people of the United States of America are not united as one man, went on the Chief Spokesman, adding that this could be taken as an instance that the Government would like to carry on the war but the people are lagging behind—that they are not so willing.

"The enemy's war aims are not clear. The officers and men in the front line think about the whole matter and this creates in them a feeling of scepticism. I believe as the war nears the Nippon homeland and as it increases in ferocity and intensity this feeling of scepticism among the enemy forces will increase, and evidence of this

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Random Notes

By CHANAKYA

Jai Hind!—What a grandiose salutation. It sends a thrill through us. It throbs our hearts with ecstasy. Jai Hind—Victory to Hindustan—Victory to 400 million souls—Victory to one-fifth of the human race—Victory to a great nation whose forefathers were torch-bearers of civilization. Victory to Hindustan whose saints preached "Shanti"—Peace—whose thinkers dedicated to coming generations the highest philosophy. Victory to the downtrodden millions dominated by an alien race, a race whose ancestors were cavedwellers when India was chanting hymns and Vedas—Victory to four hundred million slaves who are today made tools to enslave others. Victory to a Great Cause, a cause set to free Hindustan, to reinstate her to her former glory, to end a colossal crime perpetrated by man upon man, to establish universal justice and everlasting peace. Salutation to thee, our Netaji, for this Gem. What a stupendous meaning in that small, sublime seven—JAI HIND!!

Of all the good-byes I have heard, the Nipponese Sayonara—"Since it must be so"—is the most beautiful. Unlike "auf wiedersehen" and "au revoir", it does not cheat itself by any bravado "till we meet again", any sedative to postpone the pain of separation. It does not evade the issue like "farewell", which is a father's good-bye—"go out into the world and do well, my son." It is encouragement and admonition, but it passes over the significance of the moment; of parting it says nothing. "Good-bye" and "adios" says too much; they try to bridge distance, almost to deny it. Good-bye is a prayer: "You must not go—I cannot bear to have you go! But you shall not go alone, unwatched. God will be with you." But Sayonara says neither too little nor too much; it is a simple acceptance of fact. All understanding of life lies in its limits; all emotion, smoldering, is banked up behind it. It is the unspoken good-bye, the pressure of a hand, "Sayonara".

Trees are being felled indiscriminately by people as the price of fire-wood increases. Even the trees that embellish the Bukit Timah Cemetery are not spared.

Trees have something pleasant and alluring about them even to the fancy. Those particularly at the cemetery were there for a long time as growing monuments and witnesses of numerous things including how the rich and the poor, the friend and the foe, the great and the low come to meet without distinction under the social soil of the austere cemetery. Holding communion with the departed and fending the ground in which their coffins are laid, these trees in their magnificence and virtue demand of us a greater consideration than that which we are inclined to give them under ordinary conditions.

Nippon Armed Might Sure To Wipe Out Enemy In Final, Decisive War

(Continued from previous page) sentiment is contained in the diary kept by an American pilot who was recently shot down in the China theatre of war," remarked Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

Speaking about the production capacity of the Americans, Lt.-Col. Nakajima said that President Truman in his message to the Congress said that their production capacity was at its peak. This is supposed to be an authoritative statement and we could take it as one showing the real situation of the American production. The reason for the enemy for carrying on the Okinawa operations so frantically and desperately is because he wants to beat Nippon or try to beat her while his production capacity is at its peak, went on the Chief Spokesman.

The Okinawa operations have now reached a hitch in strategy and are causing the enemy one of the heaviest losses that he had suffered so far. Looking at it from our point of view I can clearly say that this was a very good opportunity for us to inflict much losses on the enemy. Of course, the outcome of the trend of these operations is not the deciding factor in the war of Greater East Asia. So looking from our side the significance of the strategy in the Okinawa operations is how much losses we could inflict on the enemy and this, as I have already said, is being daily fulfilled.

As to what move the enemy would carry out next it is very

difficult to predict; but one thing is very clear and, that is, that the limit of their material strength which they boasted so much is now in sight and it is now on the decline, went on Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

Continuing, Lt.-Col. Nakajima said that the enemy had been telling that he had destroyed, as the result of raids over Nippon cities, Nippon's industrial centres and ammunition factories but this is only a propaganda stunt on the part of the enemy. Our special attack corps and other forces are still fighting strongly on the Okinawa theatre and Nippon's production capacity has not in the least been affected by enemy raids. Several parts of the largest cities in Nippon have no doubt suffered destruction but this has, in no way, affected the morale or the fighting spirit of the people.

The phrase 'decisive war' has been used many a time but it has been used in the sense to denote local operations in a particular place. But this decisive war in the real sense is yet to be fought and when that takes place in the future I am confident that our forces will wipe out the American forces from the Pacific and our conviction in victory is being based on sound reality. The spirit that underlies this conviction in victory is the spirit of the special attack corps which is embodied in the new weapon "Jinrai" and which is instilling fear and terror into the enemy forces, pointed out Lt.-Col. Nakajima in conclusion.

Women's Poor Home To Be Established Here Shortly

Syonan, June 7 (Domei)—Aiming at giving free relief and support to destitute women and children rendered homeless as a result of enemy air-raids or due to the exigencies of war, the Auxiliary Police Association with the help of the authorities will shortly open a Women's Poor Home here it is disclosed.

To be run on lines similar to other relief centres now operating locally, it will be staffed by Catholic nuns of the French Convent Mission and will occupy part of the former Convent Hostel at Stamford Road.

The Home will admit poor and needy women, irrespective of nationality and age, together with their children, who will be fully cared for. Those able to work will be found employment by the Auxiliary Police personnel themselves, and be given every possible assistance while in the Home.

The running and management will be in the hands of the Auxiliary Police Association assisted by the Social Welfare Department of the Special Municipality. The opening ceremony will be held sometime this month.

Churches' Concert Nets \$180,000 For Charity

Syonan, June 7 (Domei)—Contributing their share towards alleviating the plight of the city's poor, the Federation of Syonan Christian Churches here on Wednesday sponsored a highly successful variety concert at the Kokaido. A total sum of approximately \$180,000 was realized which will be distributed to various

Selangor Snatches Victory From Syonan Tourists

Kuala Lumpur, June 7 (Domei)—Meeting the Syonan football touring team in a return match, Selangor avenged their defeat at the hands of the tourists by snatching a comfortable 3-1 victory after a one-all first half. Syonan won the first game 2-1.

Nippon Balloon Bomb Falls In Michigan

Lisbon, June 7 (Domei)—Drifting eastward some 2400 kilometres over continental United States, a stratosphere long-distance Nippon balloon explosive has fallen in Michigan within the last six months, the United States Army revealed yesterday, according to an American dispatch.

Michigan State with such cities as Detroit, Flint and Lansing, is the centre of America's automotive industry. Although numerous Nipponese balloon explosives are known to have fallen in the Western portion of the U.S., this is the first time the newest explosive has been reported east of the Mississippi.

American Army authorities, it will be recalled, recently warned residents living between the west coast and the Mississippi against the danger of Nippon stratosphere balloons.

local charities as well as the Wounded Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund.

Before the entertainment, a speech was delivered by the Chief of the Education Department of the Special Municipality, who exhorted the citizens to carry on the good work of Christ according to its Oriental interpretation.

"Izvestia" Attacks U.S. Subversive Propaganda

Zurich, June 7 (Domei)—The "Izvestia," official mouthpiece of the Soviet Government, today published two articles—one deploring anti-Soviet propaganda in the United States and another scoring the recent tendency of the American press to shift the blame for the San Francisco "deadlock" onto the Soviet Union, according to a Moscow dispatch.

The article by Evgeniy Shokov, "Izvestia" correspondent in San Francisco, said that anti-Soviet propaganda in the United States threatens to endanger Soviet-American understanding.

Declaring that in the Soviet Union only the most favourable references are made to the United States, Shokov said, "It is to be regretted that the same does not hold in the United States, where Soviet propaganda is to be read and heard."

Meantime, the Observer of the "Izvestia" today criticized the tardiness of the San Francisco Conference in carrying out already adopted decisions, such as the Yalta Agreement, and American inferences that Russia is holding back the Conference's progress.

As to the "New York Times" dispatch reporting that "Russia refuses to yield to the Yalta veto power," the Observer said that the claim gives rise to a "very strange sensation if we remember that the matter in point is the Yalta formula—a decision which has already been adopted by the Allies."

"Why is it then necessary to 'yield'? Would not 'to yield' mean to renounce the adopted decision?"

Third Agricultural Exhibition At Fuji-Go

Syonan, June 7 (Domei)—Reports reaching here from Bahau state that the Farming Colony's Adviser, Dr. C. J. Paglar, presided at the third agricultural exhibition which took place at Fuji-Go on Tuesday morning.

The success of this exhibition was attested to by the fact that many farmers won cash prizes for their crops, the prizes being given by the Negri Sembilan Government authorities and Dr. Paglar to those having the best yields of vegetables and other types of food crops.

Mamiya Company Cited For Distinguished Service

Tokyo, June 7 (Domei)—The War Ministry today announced that the Throne has been informed of the issuance of a citation by the Army Commander on Feb. 3 this year to the Mamiya Company for rendering distinguished service by carrying out a surprise attack against the enemy in the Muga sector, key point on Vogelop Peninsula, New Guinea Island, in the latter part of last year.

Nagayoshi Unit Honoured For Meritorious Service

Tokyo, June 7 (Domei)—The War Ministry announced today that a report has been submitted to the Throne on the granting of a citation to the Nagayoshi Unit and a unit attached thereto by the army commander for meritorious services rendered in the defence of Bataan Peninsula early this year.

The unit which defended positions east of Olongapo and south-west of Balanga, Bataan Peninsula when the enemy on January 30 effected a landing in Subic Bay, despite overwhelming odds fiercely counter-attacked the enemy in the Olongapo sector and south-western sector of Balanga and gallantly engaged and repeatedly hurled back the enemy, perfectly fulfilling the tasks assigned to them. During the course of these operations they scored outstanding war results including some 3,000 enemy troops killed or wounded, besides blasting 12 selfpropelling cannons, setting ablaze more than 70 bivouacs, and shooting down or damaging six enemy planes.

Special Aerial Attack Corps Wreaks Havoc

Frontline Airbase, June 7 (Domei)—Fighter escort of Shimpu Special Attack Air Corps braving inclement weather at dusk yesterday successfully carried out bodycrashing attacks against enemy surface craft in waters around the southern part of Main Okinawa Island. Meanwhile, all planes of the fighter escort unit successfully brushed aside interception of enemy fighters and returned safely to base.

Wreckage Of B-24 To Be Exhibited Here To Public

Parts of a B-24 reconnaissance enemy plane which was shot down over the sea off Kuantan recently have been brought to Syonan and they are now lying at the Hodo-bu building.

The wreckage will be put on display in a prominent part of the city very soon and the local public will have the opportunity of viewing them.



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