

TODAY and
TOMORROW

Anglo-U.S. Plight

THE increasingly fierce and fanatical resistance which the Nipponese are putting up in the Pacific has completely knocked the bottom off Uncle Sam's earlier cocksureness about his capacity to finish Nippon without much foreign aid. Churchill told us after his conference with Roosevelt at Quebec that it was only with considerable reluctance that the then American President yielded to the British Premier's request to let the British forces participate in the Pacific operations. So certain was Roosevelt of the striking power of his country. Poor Roosevelt! He did not live to see the terrible mauling the Americans are receiving now at the hands of the Nipponese in the Pacific waters. But Roosevelt's successor, who sees it, is wiser, if sadder. President Truman is feverishly seeking and getting more and more help from the British.

But Truman would seem to think that even by enlisting the maximum British co-operation, America cannot achieve an early victory over Nippon. He will therefore try his best to persuade Russia to declare war against Nippon.

There is, however, a snag about Russia's entry into the Pacific war. Should Russia come in, the Anglo-Americans would have to say good-bye to all their dreams of political domination and economic exploitation of China and other parts of the Far East. Even supposing, for argument's sake, that Nippon was ultimately defeated by the Anglo-American-Soviet combination, the main beneficiary of such an event would be Russia. Just as the defeat of Germany in Europe has brought little or no advantage to Britain and America but has made Russia all-powerful in that continent, so the defeat of Nippon in Asia would give a tremendous impetus to the Soviet influence in the Far East, an impetus that would, before long, prove the undoing of British and American imperialisms in that vital part of the world.

The longer the Pacific war drags on, the stronger becomes Russia. While the Anglo-Americans are breaking their heads over the question as to how to speed up the production of war-materials necessary to cope with the mounting demands of their war against Nippon, a large scale conversion of Soviet productive capacity from war to peace requirements is in full swing. Russia is already dominating Europe politically and militarily. And Russia will take advantage of the present unsettled conditions to monopolise the European markets which have hitherto been the dumping ground of American and British goods. That would be too bad indeed. That is another reason why America is in a frenzy to finish the war against Nippon.

We do not know yet what Russia's attitude will be towards the Pacific war but what we do know is that Nippon is fighting with an indomitable spirit, and will continue to fight so, until she is assured of an honourable peace and a rightful place in the post-war world.

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Truman's Statement In Berlin Creates Storm In American Circles

Washington Charter Not Applicable To U.S.

Lisbon, July 23 (Domei)—If American President Harry Truman's statement in Berlin yesterday that "there is not one piece of territory that we want out of this war" is a true reflection of his view, well-informed quarters in Washington believe that Truman "is in for trouble both with the service departments and with his friends," James B. Reston, "New York Times" correspondent, reported today in a dispatch from Washington.

If Truman's latest statement is not read in the light of two official statements on this subject by American Navy Secretary James Forrestal and Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the American Senate Foreign Relations Committee, this week, responsible officials in the American capital believe that "Truman will be charged either with having changed one of our basic peace aims or with having misled not only our enemies but our allies," the correspondent said.

In an exchange of letters with Connally, Forrestal, the correspondent pointed out, strongly emphasized America's need to maintain "undivided control of certain strategic areas in the Pacific wrested from the Nipponese by our armed forces."

Forrestal said that the United States Navy Department was in agreement with the United Nations Charter so long as it is "conditioned by our understanding that the United States is not committed by this Charter or any provision thereof to place under trusteeship any territory of any character."

Supporting Forrestal's view that the United States must retain possession of certain Pacific islands, Connally said that the United States was not obligated to turn over these islands to the United Nations trusteeship control.

'Big Three' Conference Continuing In Secrecy

Lisbon, July 23 (Domei)—The atmosphere of secrecy surrounding the "Big Three" deliberations thickened today and up to early this evening, there was no information of any kind available from the British, Russian or American delegations, Denis Martin, Reuter's correspondent, reported today in a dispatch from Potsdam.

Tonight is believed to be the date of British Prime Minister Winston Churchill's State dinner for Soviet Premier Josef Stalin and American President Harry Truman, the correspondent said.

Another Reuter dispatch said there is a feeling in Berlin tonight that the "Big Three" Conference is drawing to a close.

Balik Papan Fighting Now Intensifies; Enemy Losses Increase; 1,650 Casualties

A Nippon Base in the South-West Pacific, July 24 (Domei)—Increasing intense fighting is taking place in the Balik Papan area, Borneo front, with Nippon and enemy forces waging battle at close quarters.

Enemy forces on July 20 renewed their offensive with flame-throwers but were thrown back by our garrison. Nippon forces accounted for about 60 enemy troops killed or wounded during the two days, July 18 and 19.

Meanwhile, a death-defying unit returning from a sortie on July 19 reported about 400 additional casualties inflicted on the enemy.

Lisbon, July 23 (Domei)—Indicating that Anglo-American forces are incurring increasing losses in the Borneo operations, a dispatch from American General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters in Manila today disclosed that 1,650 Anglo-American troops have either been killed, wounded or missing so far in the Borneo fighting. The figure includes 287 dead.

Premier Suzuki Inspects Underground Craft Plant

Tokyo, July 23 (Domei)—Premier Admiral Baron Kantaro Suzuki accompanied by Hisatsune Sakomizu, Chief Secretary of the Cabinet, and Lieut.-General Saburo Endo, Director-General of the Board of Aeronautical Arms of the Munitions Ministry, and others yesterday afternoon inspected a certain underground aircraft plant.

During the inspection of various sections of the plant Premier Suzuki warmly extended words of gratitude and encouraged each and every worker to do his utmost to further boost aircraft production. He was so interested in the plant that he spent three hours and a half on his inspection tour before he left for his official residence.

DETAILED PROGRAM FOR AZAD HIND DAY MASS RALLY HERE TOMORROW

The Azad Hind Day will be celebrated by Syonan Indians by a mass rally tomorrow. The rally will be held at the Padang opposite the local Branch of the I.I.L. in Waterloo Street at 6 o'clock in the evening, when His Excellency Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose will address the gathering.

All Indians are requested to attend the meeting and to hoist the national flag side by side with the Hinomaru to mark the occasion.

Following is the detailed programme:

6.00 p.m. (1) His Excellency Netaji arrives and takes his stand at the flag staff in front of the Guard-of-Honour.

(2) National flag is unfurled and the Guard-of-Honour presents arms.

(3) Inspection of the Guard-of-Honour.

(4) His Excellency Netaji proceeds to the dais. Garlanding by the Chairman, Indian Independence League, Syonan Branch, etc.

(5) His Excellency Netaji addresses the gathering in Hindustani.

Translation in Tamil.

(6) National Anthem (3 stanzas) led by the Azad Hind Fauj Party.

Simla Fiasco Emboldens Liberal Party; Kunzru Suggests Solution To End India Crisis; Janab Jinnah To Make Statement

Senator Chandler Now Takes Great Interest In India Independence

A farcical sidelight on the subject of Indian independence comes from Washington. The notorious Far Eastern expert, Senator Albert Chandler stated on Sunday at a press interview that he would draw the attention of the United States Senate to the question of India's political status, during the debate on the ratification of San Francisco Charter.

Chandler said, "I studied with great care the passage in the charter referring to dependent territories. The charter promises ultimate independence to all countries and I would like to know what positive practical steps can be taken by the new organisation to bring about India's complete freedom and independence."

Senator Chandler, who now talks so piously about India's complete freedom and independence, is one of the five American experts who thoroughly investigated the ways and means of Anglo-American war exploitation of India. Every time Senator Chandler and his friends shed crocodile tears at India's slavery, the Indian people know that some new diabolic move against India's interests is being contemplated by American politicians.

Senator Chandler, says the Washington report, will soon become the head of the United States Baseball Organisation. Indians readily wish Mr. Chandler godspeed in his new "job," but only let him be warned. Hypocrisy and falsehood may be admirable qualities in the American political arena, but in baseball they get—hum—a sound dressing.

Azad-Wavell Letters Not Yet Released

Suggestions for the solution of the political deadlock in India have come from Pandit Hridayanath Kunzru, Liberal leader and member of the Council of State. At a recent press interview in Allahabad, Pandit Kunzru said that Wavell should be allowed to reconstitute his Executive Council and choose new members himself or the British Government should take a reasonable interpretation of Lord Linlithgow's declaration of 1940 about the protection of minority interests and not allow these interests to hold up the country's advance towards national freedom.

It is striking, says a political observer, that this lukewarm Liberal leader's suggestions are identical, with the Congress President and Working Committee Members' declarations. As Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has declared, by its excessive eagerness for compromise and co-operation with the British, the Congress Working Committee has proved itself less interested and concerned about India's independence than even the Liberal Federation. The Congress Working Committee was prepared to go any length in accommodating the Muslim League's demands, while Pandit Kunzru shows a more determined and uncompromising attitude as regards national freedom.

A report from Bombay states that Mr. Jinnah, who has kept up a commendable attitude of strict reticence since the breakdown of the Simla Conference, has declared that he would shortly make a statement on the criticisms in the press regarding responsibility for the failure of the Conference. Only, Mr. Jinnah was awaiting the release of the correspondence that passed between Lord Wavell and the Congress President, which, he said, might throw a great deal of light on this subject.

India War Gift Fund Used For Br. Tommies

A report from Athens says that Sir Homi Mehta, Chairman of the Bombay War Gift Fund, who is now visiting Indian troops in the Middle East declared: "Most of what is collected in India towards War Gift Fund is being spent on British and American troops."

Mehta said that he was very distressed to note that despite the enormous sums contributed by India for her troops abroad, welfare accommodations of Indian soldiers particularly those in Salonica are far from satisfactory. He added that every Indian officer and soldier complained that the standard of amenities for Indians required a great deal of improvement.

"United Nations" Battle For Oil In Middle East

Zurich, July 22 (Domei)—Reports of a three-way struggle among United States, Britain and Russia to secure oil interests in the Middle East today were heightened with the receipt of a Reuter report from Beirut alleging that two American oil companies have obtained a 70-year concession to operate in Lebanon.

Reuter said that a 70-year concession to two American oil refineries to operate in Lebanon is believed to have been agreed between the representatives of Socony Vacuum and Standard Oil and the Lebanese Premier.

The refineries will be able to deal with 50 per cent. of the Iraq oil brought to Tripoli, Lebanese seaport town, it said.

Russia's Ambition To Build Powerful Navy

Zurich, July 22 (Domei)—In an Order of the Day to the Red Army and Navy on the occasion of Soviet Navy Day, Josef Stalin, Soviet Premier and Commander-in-Chief of all of Russia's armed forces, today intimated the ambition of the Soviet Union to construct a powerful Navy during the post-war period, according to a Moscow dispatch.

The announcement said: "The Soviet people want to see their Navy even stronger and mightier. Our people will build new battleships and new bases for the Navy.

Stalin's Order of the Day indicates that Russia does not intend to lag behind Britain and the United States and is determined to take full advantage of her newly-won opportunities.

Farming Facilities To Evacuees To Selangor

(By Our Own Representative) Ipoh, July 20. Syonan evacuees to Selangor will be despatched on their arrival at Kuala Lumpur to agricultural lands for food production services, declares the Selangor Syu Seityo in a set of regulations issued by him on July 12.

Those evacuees with technical ability or special talents may be allotted to important factories. A number of privileges such as payment for clearing expenses (one acre \$25), draining expenses (one acre \$70), construction of path (one mile \$2,000), subsidy for settlement on "Kai-kontl" (one family \$150), distribution of farming tools, food (not special rice ration) and sugar, salt, etc., will be provided to the evacuees who will do food production work.

The various communities should give their co-operation in providing transport, rest, food and lodging facilities to the evacuees. They should also provide them with accommodation on farms, instruction on agriculture and assistance in livelihood. Inconveniences and troubles of the evacuees should be investigated also.

The regulations further state that the various communities may collect money for the Evacuees' Welfare Fund and set up a committee to be known as the "Syonan Evacuees Welfare Committee" to ensure the smooth running of the scheme.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS ASSURE ALL FACILITIES AND HELP TO EVACUEES

(By Our Own Representative) An assurance that they would treat the evacuees as members of their own family and that they would do everything for them to make their stay happy in the various provinces, was given by the provincial governors at an interview in Taiping on Friday last with the Press party which travelled with the first batch of evacuees last week.

Their Excellencies were at Taiping for a Governors' conference and shortly after their discussions the Press party was afforded the opportunity of meeting them at the hotels at which they had taken residence during their short stay there.

The Governor of Selangor (His Excellency S. Katayama) said that the Selangor Government was prepared to treat those evacuees coming to Selangor as members of their own family and not as stepsons. He expected the evacuees would come to Selangor with the determination of working and helping the State. The Government authorities and all communities in the State would support the evacuees as much as possible—especially those who would take to cultivation work.

The Governor of Negeri Sembilan (His Excellency S. Hatta) said that evacuees to his State would be warmly welcomed not only by the authorities but by the various communities as well. "Ours is essentially an agricultural State and I expect all evacuees to become fighters in the "Grow More Food Campaign" as soon as possible. I don't expect the evacuees to do

jungle-clearing and such other hard work. We will give them cleared lands and partly cultivated lands. Those who want to set up in business can open factories for milling tapioca while women and children can engage themselves in spinning work," stated the Governor.

The Governor of Malacca (His Excellency Kinugawa) pointed out that Malacca had always welcomed immigrants and that all those evacuees who would be coming to Malacca need have no anxiety about their future. "Transportation and foodstuffs for the evacuees have already been arranged and the several local committees are waiting to receive them," added His Excellency.

The Governor of Pahang (His Excellency Mike) said that Pahang which slightly differed from other States was looking for immigrants for a long time. In fact, Pahang had suffered in the past owing to lack of cultivators. The evacuees from Syonan would be provided with all facilities in accordance with their qualifications and experience, declared His Excellency.

The Governor of Johore (His Excellency Sunakawa) said that the Johore Authorities would give the evacuees from Syonan a good treatment. "We have appointed "Syonan, Evacuee committees" who are prepared to lodge the evacuees in safe places and find them employment. The Oversea Chinese Association and other local committees will welcome them as they would welcome their own children," declared His Excellency.

Second Batch Of Syonan Evacuees Reaches Ipoh

(By Our Own Representative) Ipoh, July 21. Community leaders representing all sections of the Ipoh public, including high Nippon officials, were present at the Railway Station this evening when the second batch of evacuees from Syonan numbering 46 in all arrived here by train.

There were 18 Indians and 19 Chinese while the rest were Eurasians.

The evacuees were received by the respective community leaders and were supplied with boiled sweet potatoes, cakes, coffee and bananas.

In addition to community leaders, a band of young Chinese, Indians and Malays rendered valuable assistance in carrying the evacuees' luggage.

Good many of the evacuees who have friends and relatives in Ipoh District left for their

Foe Destroyers Routed Off Boso Peninsula

Tokyo, July 23 (Domei)—Nippon surface craft on an escort mission routed about eight enemy destroyers in an encounter that took place off the southern tip of Boso Peninsula late last night. These enemy warships were spotted shortly before midnight by our surface craft which were escorting transports.

Upon spotting the enemy our warcraft immediately opened fire and routed the enemy destroyers after 28-minute exchange of fire. The enemy fled toward the south. One of our transports in the convoy sustained slight damage resulting from a small fire in the course of this encounter, from which all our other vessels returned unscathed.

destinations immediately after their arrival.

Included in this batch there were evacuees for Kampar (8), Sungei Siput (6) and Taiping (6) also.

Every Indian Must Attend AZAD HIND DAY MASS RALLY

Tomorrow, 25th July, 2605, At 6 P M. On Waterloo Street Padang

When NETAJI will speak on Simla Conference And Its Lessons and on the International Political Situation and Its Bearing on INDIA'S FREEDOM WAR

Press Party Interviews Perak State Governor

(By Our Own Representative) Ipoh, July 18.

At an interview this morning with the Press party travelling with the evacuees from Syonan (who arrived Ipoh yesterday afternoon), H.E. N. Kawamura, the Governor of Perak, stated that the Government would do their very best to help evacuees who had come from Syonan.

The Governor pointed out that the Government realized the fact that the evacuees had to leave Syonan because of the exigencies of the war, but "wherever we live, whether in Syonan or Perak, the war will approach us and we all expect difficulties. We should do our best to overcome all these difficulties and what we want is the sincere co-operation of the public with the government."

His message to the Syonan people (stated the governor) is that the Government of Perak and the public would do their best to give the necessary relief to the evacuees by way of relieving their difficulties and helping them to earn their livelihood.

It is the duty of one and all in this country to participate in this war—to live together and fight together, added His Excellency.

Evacuees To Djawa Set To Leave Early August

Syonan, July 23 (Domei)—The first evacuee ship which will repatriate former residents in Djawa now in Syonan is set to leave early next month carrying approximately 70 families, information obtained from Evacuation Headquarters this morning revealed.

The majority of the people registered to be repatriated are Indonesians, although a number of Chinese and Indian families have also booked passage in the ship to return to relatives residing in various towns in Djawa.

Ipoh Indians Observe Azad Hind Govt. Day

(By Our Own Representative) Ipoh, July 21.

The Azad Hind Day was observed by Ipoh Indians today by a public meeting at the premises of the local branch of the Indian Independence League.

The meeting was attended by a fair number of Indian women besides a number of others.

Proceedings began with the singing of the National Anthem and the observance of one minute's silence in memory of the gallant dead.

Speeches were delivered by Janab Mohamed Khan and Sri Ramanathan Chettiar explaining the significance of the day and exhorting all Indians to continue their support to the Azad Hind Government and the Indian National Army in men, money and material until the independence of India is achieved.

Dr. C. R. Paul, the chairman of the League, presided.

FUNERAL RITES OF MR. HIRANO

The funeral service of Mr. Hirano, a member of the Eiga Haijyu Sha (Malaj Shisha), who died here recently, will take place at the Honganji Temple, Oxley Rise, on Thursday, the 26th instant, at 5 p.m.

Foe Super-Fort Bombers Attack Yamaguchi Area

Tokyo, July 23 (Domei)—Thirty enemy super-fort bombers from about 10.30 o'clock last night raided Kudamatsu and the vicinity of the city of Ube, both in Yamaguchi Prefecture. Part of them sowed mines in Kammon Straits.

Earlier the same night seven super-forts appeared over the Nippon Sea via the central part of Okayama Prefecture.

Grand Opening Of 1/4 Million Dollar Restaurant

The grand opening ceremony of the quarter million dollar Stage & Restaurant at the Arena Tea Garden at New World on Sunday evening proved a great success when a large gathering attended the function.

Dr. Lim Boon Keng, the popular Chinese leader here, declared the Restaurant open. Many prominent Chinese, including the representatives of the local newspapers, spoke at length wishing the proprietor and partners of the Restaurant success in their venture.

Various kinds of refreshments were then served to guests and friends. A special programme of music was provided on the occasion by Mr. Philip Vaz and his boys.



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