

TODAY and TOMORROW

American Bluff

AFTER General Eisen-Hower's admission, that he has been forced to use up a good fraction of next year's supplies, President Roosevelt could no longer hide the truth about American war production. At a Press conference, Roosevelt has declared that shortage of shells, ships and other war materials is causing heavy manpower losses on the battlefronts.

The acute shortage of war materials does not affect America alone. It affects the entire war position of the anti-Axis nations. Britain is very largely dependent upon American production. Chungking also is supposed to be getting supplies from America. As for Russia, even if Russia does not depend upon American war production, the fact that Eisen-Hower's armies on the Western Front are severely handicapped by shortage of materials, affects Russia very much indeed. The failure of the Anglo-American armies weakens Russia's offensive and defensive power against Germany.

In fact Roosevelt seems to have foreseen the present situation of war material shortage some time ago. That is why, perhaps, he has sent Donald Nelson to Chungking with a grand scheme to start a War Production Board in Chungking. This Chungking War Production Board may not bother to produce anything. But it will certainly serve as an excuse for Roosevelt to stop all supplies to Chungking. Such stoppage will certainly affect Chungking very badly, though to America, it will save less than one per cent. of waste, so that Roosevelt is now faced with the problem of saving war material supplies in greater quantities.

Roosevelt is forced to consider the holding up of supplies to the foolhardy American offensive in the Central Pacific. Because the operations in Leyte have proved a disastrous and tragic failure for the Americans, Roosevelt would perhaps like to write off the American Pacific offensive altogether, and divert supplies intended for the Pacific to Eisen-Hower's forces in Europe. But this he dare not do, because American public opinion will not tolerate any admission of total failure in their own special sphere—in the Pacific theatre. That would indeed be a national tragedy for America.

Eisen-Hower's revelation that American production is far below the actual requirements has shattered the usual American bluff about their colossal war production. Thus, in the present decisive phase of the war, for the first time, the Americans have come to the end of their bluff and have begun, for the first time, to face the grim realities—the realities that are so unpleasant, so unfavourable to them.

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ENEMY PAYS HEAVILY FOR KYUSHU RAID

Sixty Out Of Eighty B-29 Super Fortresses Shot Down Or Damaged

Tokyo, Nov. 22 (Domei)—The China-based Nippon air force intercepting some 30 enemy B-29's on their way back from their unsuccessful raid on Western Kyushu yesterday shot down four and heavily damaged nine others, according to a communique released by Dai Honyei at noon today.

The communique further said that the latest check-up revealed that our fighters in their interception operations against the enemy B-29's over Western Kyushu yesterday morning additionally accounted for one super fortress shot down definitely and 17 others effectively hit, in addition to the 32 previously announced as downed or heavily damaged.

The communique reads: "Firstly, our air force in the China sector intercepted about 30 remaining B-29's which raided Western Kyushu yesterday over Anhwei and Honan Provinces and, chasing them for some two hours from about 1.00 p.m., shot down four (one unconfirmed) and damaged nine others. Two of our planes have not yet returned.

"Secondly, additional war results achieved in intercepting the B-29's over Kyushu yesterday are as follows: One definitely shot down and 17 others effectively hit."

Lisbon, Nov. 21 (Domei)—The United States War Department said that B-29's today attacked Northern Kyushu and encountered strong fighter opposition, adding that results of the bombing were unobserved because of heavy clouds. The Department added it was too early to determine if any losses were sustained, because all the B-29's have not yet returned to their bases.

TYPHOON HITS LEYTE INVADERS

Lisbon, Nov. 21 (Domei)—A United States press dispatch from Leyte quoted General MacArthur's daily communique today as saying that "all traffic in the air, on the ground and at sea is fraught with great difficulty and hazard and battle conditions are becoming static". The correspondent said the communique was issued as typhoon, winds and rains lashed Leyte and washed out bridges and turned roads into rivers.

Indiawide Anxiety Over Imprisoned National Leaders

Acharya Narendra Dev Profulla Ghose In Serious Condition

The grave condition of several prominent Congress prisoners as a result of the callous treatment meted out to them by the British authorities, has infuriated the masses and given added impetus to the anti-British revolution raging throughout the country.

According to a New Delhi report yesterday, Sir Francis Moody, the Home Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, admitted in the Central Assembly yesterday, that the condition, particularly of two of the members of the Congress Working Committee, namely, Acharya Narendra Dev and Dr. Profulla Chandra Ghose, was quite serious.

The Home Member said that Acharya Narendra Dev had been suffering from asthma and bronchitis but refused to state whether the prisoner is still confined in a damp and dingy cell or not, or whether adequate medical treatment is being given to the prisoner.

As regards Dr. Profulla Chandra Ghose, another member of the Congress Working Committee, the Home Member revealed that Dr. Ghose has been suffering from internal haemorrhage, the cause of which the Home Minister refused to divulge.

It will be recalled that several Indian leaders including Mrs. Kasturibai Gandhi, Mahadev Desai and others died in prison as a result of the callous treatment meted out to them by the British authorities. According to well-informed political observers, the British authorities' heartless treatment of Indian political prisoners with a view to breaking their spirit, will only further fan the flames of the anti-British revolution which is raging throughout the country.

NIPPON WAR PLANES SINK MORE ENEMY TRANSPORTS

A Nippon Base in the Central Pacific, Nov. 21 (Domei)—Continuing devastating assaults against enemy warcraft, our air force yesterday sank three transports and damaged the remainder in the course of an attack against an enemy convoy composed of four transports and two escorting destroyers 120 miles north-west of Truk Island.

With the enemy's carrier strength seriously depleted as a result of the battles off Taiwan and the Philippines, our air force is now directing assaults against enemy transport convoys with a high degree of success.

CLOSE-RANGE FIGHTING ON LEYTE; ENEMY FORCES NOW FACING IMMINENT DANGER

Enemy Artillery Positions On Leyte Destroyed

Manila, Nov. 22 (Domei)—Daring night attacks carried out by a Nippon assault unit which thrust deep into enemy heavy artillery positions in the northern section of Leyte Island, resulted in the complete destruction of enemy gun emplacements, Nippon soldiers who returned to their base from this successful mission told Domei today. These close-quarter night assaults were carried out on November 8, 12 and 13.

On November 12, they said, the Nippon unit bypassed the first enemy encampment as it was not the objective of the attack. Penetrating deeper into the enemy line the Nippon raiders discovered an enemy heavy gun emplacement on which all of them quietly closed in. Two members of this unit blasted the enemy's heavy artillery with their handgrenades, while the remaining eight ignited explosives set in artillery tractors. Instantly a deafening detonation followed, blasting the enemy gun emplacement to smithereens, they recounted.

Manila, Nov. 21 (Domei)—The Nippon forces in the Leyte sector intercepted the spearhead of the American forces of about 300 strong equipped with two field guns and four trenchmortars in the vicinity of Damulaan, 18 kilometres north of Baybay and are now engaging the enemy in a fierce battle.

The enemy landed at Abuyog, 30 kilometres south of Dulag, in the early part of this month in order to reinforce his forces. Our forces after completing preparations intercepted the enemy attempting to push northward at Damulaan where bloody fighting is now going on.

Nippon Forces' Attempt At Encirclement Of Enemy's 32nd & 24th Divisions

Lisbon, Nov. 21 (Domei)—Admitting the tough going in Leyte, an Associated Press correspondent expressed the fear that there is every indication of the Nipponese forces encircling United States divisions taking up positions in the northern part of the island.

A Nipponese unit, the correspondent revealed, began attacking one battalion belonging to the United States 32nd Division operating in the vicinity of Pinanpoan, about two miles from Limon, while another assaulted part of the United States 24th Division near Capoccan, about four miles south of Pinanpoan.

These attacks were made while the United States forces were inching their way in muddy, raid-sodden battleground, the Nippon forces spraying them with machine-gun fire and causing heavy casualties among them, he said.

The newsman quoted American officers as saying that such actions on the part of the Nipponese forces, in spite of torrential rain, indicate that they are either trying to encircle the American divisions in northern Leyte or cut off their route of supply along the coast.

Another correspondent, writing directly from the Limon sector, said that the Nipponese are fighting stubbornly and checking American forces attempting to break through for a drive to Ormoc.

Coupled with this strong opposition, the inability to use their artillery pieces because of the close-range fighting is adding to the difficulties being encountered by the United States forces, he stated.

FOE ENCIRCLED NEAR LIUCHOW

Lisbon, Nov. 20 (Domei)—An Associated Press correspondent quoted the Chungking military spokesman as intimating tonight that two Nippon columns advancing into Kwangsi Province from the north and east had formed a junction west of Liuchow, completing a direct link across China from Hongkong to Manchoukuo and trapping Chungking troops caught in a pocket south-west of Liuchow.

SOLEMN MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LATE MR. MUROTARO SENDA



A solemn and impressive Memorial Service for the late Mr. Murotaro Senda, Civil Governor, who died at his residence in Tokyo on November 5, was held at the Syonan Honganji on 13th November. The Service was well attended by high-ranking officials of the Imperial Nippon Army and prominent officials of the I.N.A. and I.L.L. (H.Q.). Photo shows left Lt. Col. Komura paying tribute to late Mr. Senda; centre, high I.N.A. & I.L.L. Officials attending the Service; and right a section of the crowd and floral tributes.

War Ministry Reveals New Army Personnel

Tokyo, Nov. 22 (Domei)—General Yasuji Okamura, Supreme Commander of Nippon army forces in North China has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of Nippon expeditionary forces in China, succeeding Field-Marshal Shunroku Hata who has been appointed Inspector-General of Military Education, the War Ministry announced this afternoon.

The announcement also revealed that Lieut.-General Sadamu Shimomura, hitherto Commander of the Western Army has been appointed Supreme Commander of Nippon forces in North China, while Lieut.-General Isamu Yokoyama has been appointed to succeed Lieut.-General Shimomura as Commander of the Western Army.

Essay Prize Winners' Patriotic Gesture

One of the local prize winners (Sri. M. Oolaganadhan) in the recent Essay Competition, sponsored by the Indo Sinbun Sha in commemoration of the First Anniversary of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, has kindly donated the award to the benefit of the Azad Hind Fund. Sri. Oolaganadhan won the First Prize in Tamil and was awarded \$100.

A pupil from the Indian National School (M. Muthusamy), who was awarded a prize by the I.L.L., Syonan Branch, for his essay on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and which was read out by Muthusamy himself at the meeting of the Azad Hind Day on Tuesday, donated his prize money to the Indian Orphanage.

Muslims To Celebrate Hari Raya Haji Festival

Syonan City, Nov. 22 (Domei)—Muslims here will observe next Monday the "Idul Hadha," one of the annual Islamic festivals known locally as "Hari Raya Haji." This is the third time such a religious festival is to be celebrated by all Muslims throughout Malai since the advent of the new Administration.

In Syonan this year the celebration will be highlighted with the staging of a "Malai Arts Night" by the Malai Section of the Syonan Musical Association under the joint sponsorship of the Syonan Malai Welfare Association and the Berita Malai Press.

Unabated War Rages On Aachen & Metz Sectors

Lisbon, Nov. 21 (Domei)—As fierce fighting raged unabated in the Aachen and Metz sectors, with the Germans stepping in with hammering blows to break up anti-Axis offensive attempts, Martin Hallensleben, German News Agency military correspondent, today reported that the fighting on the Western Front has assumed the character of a large-scale battle of material.

Anglo-American forces in the Aachen and Metz areas are hurling men and material at the cost of huge losses in an effort to effect a break-through, but the German defenders are maintaining a firm front as the German High Command apparently has worked out a careful defence against this onslaught, he declared.

Hallensleben said that proof of the German tactics of exhausting the Anglo-American forces is supplied by the fact that they already have had to pay a huge price for every inch of ground gained.

The German High Command reported today that at the Meuse bridgehead north-east of Helmond, Holland, German legions yesterday smashed up fresh British attacks supported by tanks, while other Wehrmacht troops offered stiff and heroic resistance to massed American attacks between Geilenkirchen and the areas south-east of Stolberg.

A Reuter's war correspondent said that "there was no material change in the position round Geilenkirchen yesterday", as Berlin dispatches reported "counter-attacks arrested the enemy in various sectors in which at first he was able to advance". The German High Command stated that 65 Anglo-American tanks were destroyed in the fighting yesterday.

At Metz, the German garrison was said to be engaged in a bitter struggle with American troops who entered the western part of the city, while east of Moerchingen "badly mauled enemy formations were unable to continue their attacks", the German High Command reported.

Between the Rhine-Marne Canal and the Burgundy Gate, as well as north-west of Belfort, heavy fighting flared up yesterday.

Eisenhower Sees No Signs Of Early German Collapse

Lisbon, Nov. 21 (Domei)—General Dwight Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of the Anti-Axis Invasion Forces in Europe, at a press conference at his headquarters in Paris, today declared that he could see no signs of a collapse of German resistance and appealed to all the peoples of anti-Axis nations to exert their utmost effort, according to a dispatch received here.

Indicating that the offensive against Germany is heavily sapping anti-Axis war materials, General Eisenhower stated, "I want more supplies than we are getting, and I think the soldier wants more than he is getting, both now and in the future."

In asking for more supplies, the anti-Axis Supreme Commander declared that he was not criticizing the efforts of the home fronts in anti-Axis countries but still more materials are needed with the intensity and growing scope of the war.

General Eisenhower said that in order to attain the anti-Axis war aim, "we have got to fight like hell for it," indicating that the war in Europe is far from over.

Two Enemy Fighters Downed In Kweilin

Kweilin, Nov. 19 (Domei)—A total of 16 enemy fighters, comprising P-51's and P-40's, in two formations simultaneously attempted to raid Kweilin from the north and south around 2.30 p.m. yesterday.

Volley of fire from our anti-aircraft batteries caught the enemy formations before they could attain their objectives and brought down two P-40's. The remaining enemy planes abandoned the attempt and fled.

Nippon Air Force Again Pound Morotai Base

A Nippon base in the South-western Pacific, Nov. 20 (Domei)—Close upon the heels of its raid conducted early on the morning of November 18, our air force at dawn the following day again assaulted the enemy airfield on Morotai Island and blasted it at two points and caused large fires to start at three other points.

All our planes returned to base safely.

Enemy Carrier Heavily Damaged Off Mindanao

A Nippon Base in the Philippines, November 22 (Domei)—The "Kamikaze" Special Attack Corps of the Nippon naval air force, launching its famed body-crash assault against an enemy task force in waters east of Mindanao last Monday, heavily damaged one standard aircraft-carrier which most probably was sunk.

U.S. Navy Dept. Admits Further Naval Losses

Lisbon, Nov. 20 (Domei)—The American Navy Department today admitted the loss of 10 additional war vessels in the south-west Pacific, including a destroyer and two destroyer escorts, according to a Washington dispatch received here.

The announcement claimed, however, that the losses were not incurred in the recent naval battles against the Nipponese.

BIRTH

Son—Dalvinder Singh to Mrs. Santokh Singh wife of Mr. Santokh Singh of I.L.L. Seremban on 11.11.04.

Three Powers Leaders' Conference Postponed

Lisbon, Nov. 21 (Domei)—An Associated Press report from Washington today said that plans for an early meeting between British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, American President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Soviet Premier Josef Stalin "appear to have hit a snag", necessitating a complete revision of the whole schedule of anti-Axis post-war conferences.

The dispatch added that "this probably means that a full-dress United Nations gathering to discuss the Dumbarton Oak's World Security Plan will be held next spring instead of this winter."

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