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## Potsdam Aftermath

THE Potsdam Conference decisions have been published at some length. The entire absence of any mention in the communique about the Far East and the Pacific war has caused keen disappointment in America and Britain.

American disappointment is not difficult to understand. As the Conference was drawing to a close there was widespread feeling and expectation in America that Russia would join in the war against Nippon. In the past Roosevelt had tried his best to drag Russia into the Pacific war without any success. But the American people thought and hoped that the new policy and changed tactics of Truman might succeed where Roosevelt's diplomacy had failed. Truman has also failed miserably and the American people are sorely disappointed.

In Britain, the disappointment is none the less. Besides settling the Far Eastern issue by Russia's active participation in the Pacific war, the Britishers thought that the Potsdam communique would deal with such thorny matters as the Dardanelles, revision of treaties between Russia and Turkey and other highly controversial matters, the solution of all of which has been looked upon as an urgent necessity. Contrary to expectations, the Potsdam Conference has made decisions on minor matters only, and even on these the decisions are of the most temporary and provisional nature.

Many of these minor and provisional decisions relate to Germany and to other parts of Europe. In these decisions, Russia has scored a definite and decisive victory. The political part of the Big Three agreement says that there is to be uniformity of treatment throughout Germany and to achieve this the British and American zones must follow the Russian policy of allowing the formation of free trade unions and other democratic institutions and political parties.

This move will greatly increase Russia's prestige and influence. All Germany will tend more towards communism, particularly when they see the better standard of food and living in the Russian zone; and with their political freedom, Germans in the Anglo-American zones will form powerful socialist and communist organisations.

The Potsdam conference has left unchallenged Russian supremacy in the Balkans and even in Western Europe. Truman and Churchill and lately Attlee have not only failed in their attempt to drag Russia into the Pacific war; they have even more miserably failed in their attempts to check Russia's growing influence and power. On the other hand they have bowed down completely and yielded on all matters to Stalin's will and pleasure. There is no wonder why the Anglo-American public are so bitterly disappointed!

## Nippon Forces Occupy Myitkyi In Successful Drive In South Burma

### Fall Of Pegu Now Held Imminent

Burma Front, August 6 (Domei)—Unleashing fierce drives against enemy forces after crossing the Sittang River, Nippon garrison forces in Southern Burma succeeded in completely occupying Myitkyi, north-east of Pegu, before dawn July 28.

Other Nippon forces, meanwhile after crossing the Sittang River, advanced westward and from July 26 attacked some 400 concentrated enemy troops, killing or wounding more than 200 of them. Subsequently, during the night of July 29 our forces successfully captured Shwegyin, approximately 40 kilometres north-east of Pegu. Furthermore, our forces are at present expanding their war results. Consequently, with these successful Nippon operations along the western and northern sectors of the Sittang River, the enemy is now faced with a direct major threat to Pegu and enemy reports admit as imminent the fall of Pegu into Nippon hands.

On the other hand, other Nippon units after crossing the Sittang River carried out furious attacks against the enemy on heights west of Myitkyi before dawn July 28 and completely occupied Myitkyi on the same day.

Meanwhile, powerful Nippon units launching a fresh drive assaulted Tandawn, north of Toungoo, on July 24 and after completely repulsing some 200 enemy troops occupied Tandawn. Subsequently our special attack storming units carried out closing-in charges against enemy artillery positions in the Tandawn sector, while other storming parties made relentless surprise-attacks into enemy lines along the entire sector of the Mandalay-Rangoon Road and achieved large war results.

In the course of their operations our storming units attacked a group of enemy motor lorries and besides setting ablaze or destroying six lorries, exacted 85 enemy dead.

## U.S. Aircraft Carrier Returns For Repairs

Lisbon, August 5 (Domei)—A Washington dispatch today reported that the giant American aircraft-carrier "Hornet" has returned to the United States Mainland for repairs to the damage caused when it recently ran into a terrific typhoon somewhere between the Nipponese Mainland and the Philippines.

It was revealed that during the typhoon a tremendous wave lifted the 27,000-ton carrier high in the air and then smacked it down with such force that the forward corners of the flight deck folded down along the carrier's sides.

## COLLAPSE OF BR. EMPIRE CERTAIN, ASSERTS NETAJI

### England's Victories In Current War Lost To Soviet Russia

Kuala Lumpur, August 3 (Domei)—In an interview to the local Press yesterday Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Head of the Provisional Government of Free India and Supreme Commander of the Indian National Army, answered many questions regarding the trend of international developments and drew pointed attention to the increasing weakness of the British Empire.

Even the victories that Britain may have scored in the course of this war have really been lost to Soviet Russia, declared Netaji referring to Soviet successes in all the Anglo-Soviet disputes so far. Whatever may or may not result from this war, one thing is certain, and that is the collapse of the British Empire, he declared.

Referring to the British Labour Government vis-a-vis the Indian freedom movement, Netaji, while admitting there may be fresh British moves for a compromise with India, stressed the fact that East Asia Indians' armed struggle has assumed a more important role now than ever before because it is now necessary to bring more pressure on the British Government and at the same time give a lead to the struggle for freedom inside India. He stressed India's present need for uncompromising leadership and strong will to carry on the struggle until victory is achieved.

## Potsdam Confab Causes Great Disappointment

Zurich, Aug. 3 (Domei)—Although no reaction is as yet available from Washington and London concerning the final Potsdam communique, neutral circles here today expressed belief that considerable disappointment must have been felt by the British and American public alike over the fact that nothing pertaining to Nippon and the Far East was contained in the final "Big Three" announcement.

The complete absence of reference to the Far East, especially with regard to Russia and Nippon, must have been keenly felt by the Anglo-American people, as American propaganda organs in particular had strongly been suggesting that the final Potsdam communique would touch on Far Eastern issues and the Pacific war, they said.

On the other hand, these quarters said that they were not surprised, and rather had expected that Far Eastern issues would be dropped from the final Potsdam communique in observing that the Soviet press had manifested a lack of enthusiasm

## Congress To Launch New India-wide Programme; Jawaharlal Nehru Moots South Asia Federation Scheme While India Bemoans Under Alien Rule

### Lawrence Appointment Not Significant, Says Vijayalakshmi Pandit

Commenting on the appointment of Pethick Lawrence as India Secretary, Sir Sultan Chinoy, Director of All-India Radio and Cables who is in the group of Indian industrialists visiting the United States, told Reuter, according to a New York dispatch, "I thought we would not have a Secretary. Bevin said he would abolish the Secretary of State."

According to the same New York dispatch Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, now in the United States, said, "Unless there is a fundamental change in policy in India Lawrence's appointment will have no significance. India's past experience with the Labour Government was not such as to inspire undue optimism in another Labour Government, Mrs. Pandit continued.

She stressed that Indians must continue to build up their own strength and not think in terms of a compromise with any British political party on the principle of India's independence.

The opinion that immediate elections in India would provoke serious disturbances is expressed in a leading article in the "Indian Affairs", the official organ of the India-Burma Association.

Commenting on this, competent circles here say that British imperialists are always finding some excuse or other to hold up India's constitutional advance.

## New Under Secretary Of State For India Named

Lisbon, August 5 (Domei)—British Prime Minister Clement Attlee has completed the formation of the new British Labour Government with the appointment of additional Ministers and Junior Ministers, according to a London dispatch.

Major Arthur Henderson, son of the late Arthur Henderson, a former British Foreign Secretary, has been appointed Under-Secretary of State for India and Burma.

Lord Listowel Under-Secretary of State for India in the coalition Government, has been named Postmaster-General, while Arthur Cleech-Jones has been selected as Under-Secretary of State for Colonies.

John Parker, who at 39 is one of the youngest members of Parliament, has been appointed Under-Secretary of State for Dominions. W. W. Edwards becomes Civil Lord of the Admiralty.

rather than caution in the handling of the Anglo-American-Chungking proclamation against Nippon,

## Jinnah Apprehensive Over Labour Victory

Congress indifference to the possibility of elections in India, and decision to launch a new programme was expressed by Sirdar Vallabhaj Patel, Member of the Congress Working Committee. Speaking in Ahmedabad on Friday he said that Congress was always prepared for elections, but was indifferent as to whether elections were held or not. Congress would launch a programme as soon as the ban on it was lifted, he added.

A new and arresting idea of a South Asia Federation comprising India, Iran, Afghanistan, Iraq, Burma and Thailand was unfolded by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in a speech replying to an address presented by the Kashmir National Conference.

Commenting on this idea of a South Asia Federation, a competent observer here says: "Pandit Nehru is an idealist and visionary, and of late, he has shown a marked tendency to be completely out of touch with realities. The pre-requisite for any such federation as envisaged by Pandit Nehru, continues the observer, "is the emergence of India as a free country."

Mr. Jinnah appears to be rather apprehensive over the Labour victory. Leader of a strongly reactionary and sectarian group, the Muslim League, he is naturally anxious that the Labour Government might put into practice its socialistic principles. In a statement in Bombay on Friday he said, the Labour Government should not be misled by the flattery of the Congress leaders.

However, it can be said for certain that the Labour Government will not depart from the Churchill Government's India policy which was given unqualified support by the Labour Party leaders who now are Cabinet Ministers, and Mr. Jinnah need not entertain any fears that the assurances of support he had received from the Tory die-hards would be withdrawn by the Labour Government.

## Enemy Airfields At Kita & Naka Pounded

A Nippon Frontline Base, Aug. 6 (Domei)—Nippon air forces vanguarded by our bomber squadrons made sweeping attacks on enemy held Kita and Naka airfields on Main Okinawa Island and Iyema airfield before Sunday morning and caused 15 columns of fire.

Following close on the heels of the typhoon which raged over the Okinawa Islands from last Wednesday the raids by our aircraft took the enemy completely by surprise and, besides dealing heavy damage, threw them into utter confusion.

Ryukyu Group Under MacArthur's Command

Lisbon, Aug. 4 (Domei)—General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters in Manila today announced that the entire Ryukyu chain of islands south of Nippon, including Okinawa, has been placed under his command as an invasion base against the Nippon mainland, according to a Manila dispatch. The new command, the dispatch said, includes all army forces in the islands with the exception of the Eighth Air Force. Lieut.-General Joseph Stilwell's Tenth Army and General George Kenney's Fifth and Seventh Air Forces are moving to the Ryukyus, the announcement said. In addition, the 13th Air Force is moving into the Ryukyus, it said. The 20th and Eighth Air Forces will remain outside of MacArthur's sphere under the command of General Carl Spaatz.

4,837 Foe Casualties In Tarakan Fighting

A Nippon Base in the Southern Regions, Aug. 5 (Domei)—Fighting against heavy odds since the enemy landed on Tarakan Island, Nippon army and navy garrison units during the past two months have checked the enemy's advance and, at the same time, inflicted heavy losses on his troops by conducting fierce storming attacks at all points. Confirmed war results jointly scored by our army and navy forces up to the present were 4,837 enemy troops killed or wounded excluding those attained at sea. War materials destroyed or captured by our forces during this period included one tank, 20 motor lorries, one heavy machinegun, 19 light machineguns, 46 automatic rifles and three trenchmortars, while large quantities of ammunition and 20 supply depots were destroyed. Our forces since June 10 have also sunk five enemy minesweepers.

Potsdam Confab Ends In Victory For Soviets

Tokyo, August 6 (Domei)—The Potsdam Conference ended in the Soviet Union's one-sided diplomatic victory, Isamu Inouye, Domei diplomatic correspondent, said in a broadcast on Friday night over Tokyo Radio. He pointed out that the Soviet Union, while making no commitments at the conference, gained all that she wanted to gain in Germany. The communique issued at the conclusion of the conference was nothing but a document to be attached to the Yalta communique of February this year, Inouye declared, citing that none of the outstanding issues among the "Big Three" such as the disposal of Germany's Rhineland districts as well as the food problem, was settled at the conference. That the conference also failed to find any concrete means for uniformity in the administration system for Germany is evident from the fact that the communique in this regard merely states, "As far as practical". Inouye further said that the results of the conference, if any, are limited to

"Big Three" Decision "Unjust & Arbitrary"

Lisbon, August 5 (Domei)—The Spanish Government, in a communique issued last night, rejected as "arbitrary and unjust" the expression contained in the final Potsdam communique which refuses to recognize the neutral status of the Franco Regime and opposes its becoming a member of the world organization, according to a Madrid dispatch. The communique said that Spain "sees herself obligated to declare that she does not beg admittance to the international conference and would not accept anything inconsistent with her history, her people or the services which Spain rendered to peace and culture."

It declared that it considered the anti-Spanish sentiments expressed in the Potsdam communique as having resulted from the "false atmosphere created by the defamatory campaign of Red exiles and their associates abroad." The Spanish Government declared that Spain would continue to remain neutral and work for the cause of peace.

Dardanelles Question Still Remains Unsolved

Lisbon, Aug. 4 (Domei)—The absence of reference in the Potsdam communique to the future of the Dardanelles supports the belief that the deadlock in the Russo-Turkish negotiations for a new friendship pact continues, a Reuter report from London said today. Although no authoritative statement has been forthcoming since the start of the negotiations in early summer, the discussions are believed to have broken down several weeks ago, owing to Turkey's refusal to admit the possibility of making territorial concessions to the Soviet Union, it said. The dispatch said that whether or not the Dardanelles issue was raised at Potsdam, it is plain that no solution has yet been reached.

Manpower & Transport Affect U.S. Food Shortage

Lisbon, August 5 (Domei)—Clinton Anderson, American Secretary of Agriculture, in a broadcast from Stillwater, Oklahoma, tonight declared that food shortages in the United States were being complicated by "shortages of manpower and transportation that affect our farms and ranges and hamper our distribution of food and feed," according to an American dispatch. With particular reference to transportation, Anderson said that the demand for boxcars and refrigerator cars exceeded the ability of the railroads to provide them. He forecast critical post-war years for the nation's farmers "if we do not know how to deal with the problems of those years."

business or technical matters. Even the slightest sign of idealism has been lost. He added that the statement announced on board the United States cruiser "Augusta" was meant as a apology to the Anglo-American public who had earnestly demanded the Soviet Union's participation in the war against Nippon.

Deplorable Conditions Prevailing In Greece

Zurich, Aug. 3 (Domei)—Themistocles Sofoukis, Greek Liberal leader, today strongly urged the need of a strong political government for Greece, declaring that the people of Greece are without freedom and subject to the will of all-powerful armed bands, according to an Athens dispatch. He said that there was no security in the country, and the authority of the State at present was practically non-existent. Only the creation of a strong political government could re-establish order, he declared. Meantime, a Tass News Agency dispatch from Athens today carried an article published by a Greek journal which deplored the dismal conditions now prevailing inside Greece. The Greek newspaper article said that about 20,000 persons, including 600 women and 350 teen-age individuals, are now

Vital India-China Oil Pipe Line Sabotaged

A report from Chungking on Saturday morning stated that Lt.-General Albert Wedemeyer, Commander of the United States Ground Forces in China, on Friday disclosed that the vital oil pipeline between India and China has been sabotaged and certain war supplies have been stolen. Wedemeyer made this piecemeal announcement when referring to the unsatisfactory progress made in delivering lend-lease materials to American-trained Chinese troops. confined in Greek prisons under horrible conditions. The jails are packed and filthy, and there is no water. The prisoners are frequently beaten half-dead. Many of the prisoners are suffering from tuberculosis but have not been freed, it said. During the past eight months, which the Greek Regent has called the period of "great freedom," 100,000 Greeks, the journal charged, have passed through prisons and police stations and have been beaten or tortured to death. In the provinces, armed bands, in collaboration with corrupt local authorities, have formed actual governments. The Left Wing press is severely persecuted. The concept that democracy prevails in Greece is but a farce, the paper charged.

France Severs Relations With Spanish Government

Lisbon, August 3 (Domei)—The Paris Radio reported that a resolution asking the French Government to break off diplomatic relations with the Franco Government was passed unanimously by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the French Consultative Assembly today.

Enemy Admits Naval Losses Off Okinawa

Lisbon, August 4 (Domei)—One "light" American vessel was sunk and another damaged off Okinawa on July 29 as the result of Nippon aerial action, a Guam dispatch disclosed today. No details were given.

Konan Saiken 26th Term Draw Results

The draw of the 26th Term Konan Saiken was held at the Syonan Kokaido last Saturday afternoon. The ticket numbers as drawn, in the presence of public gathering, and supplied by the Nampo Kaihatu Kinko are given below:

- 1st Prize \$50,000, 324618. Consolation Prizes—2 Tickets \$1,000 each: 324617 and 324619. 2nd Prize \$20,000, 478819. 3rd Prize 3 Tickets \$10,000 each 255202; 488618; 510176. 4th Prize 3 Tickets \$5,000 each 312924; 453793; 179649. 5th Prize 8 Tickets \$100 each: 351024; 585091; 513859; 537689; 390544; 201750; 290616; 523892. 6th Prize 20 Tickets \$500 each: 297023; 347227; 317932; 175737; 479585; 586993; 550076; 545622; 578214; 316730; 594238; 495481; 527539; 356009; 263119; 202260; 219872; 135549; 593604; 574750. 7th Prize 200 Tickets \$100 each: 235119; 328877; 375333; 582004; 374786; 341747; 585231; 199561; 590126; 549730; 586174; 255512; 555333; 194477; 342959; 509068; 532160; 147742; 384672; 547115; 539729; 446675; 489658; 429449; 334600; 198112; 105268; 288773; 139719; 439451; 110563; 356725; 502648; 575306; 181031; 435016; 270869; 312984; 232642; 329495; 227408; 190861; 129902; 342599; 414044; 397514; 162879; 535863; 239598; 169411; 541798; 527480; 590191; 512017; 269343; 563428; 461567; 471238; 359815; 449698; 346203; 201407; 199018; 239538; 373304; 118470; 325073; 229319; 451305; 306703; 507937; 148959; 121180; 391210; 505017; 162293; 533076; 401165; 473663; 572958; 446059; 576270; 200422; 214662; 566382; 237527; 577756; 118878; 268490; 286963; 106531; 438815; 352118; 362510; 224772; 426601; 393443; 137428; 254641; 143047; 181926; 193578; 439514; 151475; 313151; 236723; 477006; 158338; 469716; 326378; 135056; 365612; 546215; 471378; 361559; 340025; 497974; 578017; 294379; 121497; 410152; 233570; 373265; 502598; 207947; 151214; 531946; 175931; 234724; 247048; 383549; 448099; 102097; 541226; 511715; 542647; 407928; 570943; 534380; 581073; 477320; 306900; 585300; 277977; 397820; 257194; 122447; 365360; 201402; 450595; 392355; 125281; 190356; 533493; 124767; 173476; 583188; 417669; 588370; 333014; 215410; 597850; 497243; 569552; 197278; 531819; 273540; 255714; 346317; 456480; 563555; 513124; 392796; 270516; 460629; 372615; 441796; 388395; 542787; 346476; 463391; 233531; 479082; 257485; 478911; 203918; 383130; 583784; 570949; 501681; 104256; 324317; 316623; 441526; 317003; 144626; 309216; 167125; 158413; 248978. 8th Prize 1,500 tickets \$50 each: All tickets ending in the following three digits:—372; 599; 320. 9th Prize 2,000 tickets \$10 each: All tickets ending in the following three digits:—980; 073; 569; 229. 10th Prize 50,000 tickets \$1 each: All tickets ending in the digit:—3.

Sixth Batch Of Evacuees Leave Today & Tomorrow

The first group of the sixth batch of evacuees are leaving Syonan tonight by train for destinations in Selangor, Negri Sembilan and Malacca. The other group of the sixth batch of evacuees to Perak will be leaving Syonan tomorrow afternoon at 3.05. All evacuees to this State are asked to assemble at the respective Police Divisions tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Anglo-Americans Discuss Pacific War At Potsdam

Lisbon, Aug. 4 (Domei)—The British Foreign Office last night disclosed that during the Potsdam Conference the American and British Chiefs of Staff met daily to discuss details of joint Anglo-American military action against Nippon, according to a London dispatch. The announcement indicated that the discussions were confined to the "Big Two", with the Russians remaining outside of the talks. "There was a discussion of the re-allocation of areas and command in the South-west Pacific and South-east Asia areas, and consideration was given to the employment in the war against Nippon of the forces of other Allied nations that are at war with Nippon", the announcement said.

Stalin, Molotov Return To Moscow From Potsdam

Moscow, August 5 (Domei)—Soviet Premier Josef Stalin and Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov returned to Moscow today from Potsdam, where they took part in the "Big Three" Conference.

Syonan Air Defence Units Down Two Enemy Planes

Two enemy aircraft were brought down by Nippon air defence units when nine P-38 fighters invaded the Syonan area at 11.50 o'clock last Saturday morning. The raiders fled on being intercepted, says Domei.

Johore Indians To Stage Drama For Distress Relief

A repeat performance of the Tamil drama "Gulebakavali" will be staged under the auspices of Indian Independence League, Johore Bahru, at the Amusement Park Theatre, Johore, on August 7th at 8 p.m. The proceeds from the drama, tickets for which are priced at \$50, \$25 and \$10, will go to the Distress Relief Fund.

Self-Sufficiency Drive

That Malai is rapidly attaining self-sufficiency not only in foodstuffs but also in other daily necessities is evidenced by the fact that Messrs. A. V. M. Abul Kasim Brothers, of 79 Choon Guan Street, Syonan, have commercialised two new products—the "Zubaida" Tea and "Alfa" Boot Polish. The "Zubaida" Tea, packed in one pound cartons, has an agreeable taste and flavour and it is one of the best teas now on the market. The "Alfa" Boot Polish in tins is as good as foreign makes and is a most commendable attempt in the self-sufficiency drive.

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