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OF EAST ASIA

(Measures for Burma)

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(1) PURPOSE

The purpose is to free Burma, as a part of the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere, from the fetters of Tritish imperialism as soon as possible to make it an independent state composed of the Furmese people, and to admit it into membership of the East Asia Co-operative Body.

(2) EXECUTION

The following two plans are the practical plans conceivable at this time:

- (A) The purpose is to be achieved by occupying Singapore at a favorable opportunity during the progress of Germany's operations against England, and then by taking some proper means (use force if circumstances require it).
- (B) Independence is to be given impetus by pushing forward the reduction of Yumnan and showing every sign of intending to move into Burma via Chiang Kai-shek's supply route,

(3) REASONS

- (A) To free the Burmese people from British domination, place them under our guidance, and permit them to cooperate with the peoples of Japan, Manchukuo, China, French Indo-China, Thailand, etc., in the system of the New Order in East Asia as a part of the Greater the system of the New Order in East Asia as a part of the Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere, is the way to develop and manifest the spirit and ideal of Japan's foundation by taking advantage of the present affair.
 - (B) Since the First European War, the Burmese people have gradually waked up politically and have developed strong aspirations to free themselves from the yoke of Britain and to establish an independent state. Numerous political organizations were born, and the movement has been continued, although there have been ups and downs. Taking advantage of the development of the present European War as a grand opportunity, there is now a tendency to bring about a movement to achieve their long-cherished hope with Japan's assistance.
 - (C) If Japan should look on with folded arms on this occasion, we would in all probability miss the chance to embrace the Eurmese in the Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere. Not only that, there is the possible danger of placing them under the influence of Germany, Italy, or the United States.

(4) PREPARATIONS

- (A) In order to reinforce preparatory measures towards Burma, the Japanese Consulate at Rangoon should be promoted to a Consulate-General and its staff increased by the addition of necessary personnel, whereby the preparatory measures for assisting the attainment of independence may be expedited.
- (B) British exploitation of Burns, should be exposed by means of newspapers and peophlots with the view to stimulating the race-consciousness of the Burness,
- (C) Under the pretense of sight-seeing or the inspection of industries, influential Eurmose should be invited to visit Japan in order to discuss measures for attaining independence.
- parties whose platforms call for the independence and freedom of Burma, and also with the priest class. The essence of Burmese Buddhism should be studied and in case counter-measures are to be provided, serious consideration should be given to them.

(APPENDIX)

By the way, the political parties which aim at independence are as follows:

- (1) The United Party.

 This party represents a federation of five parties, namely:
 the People's Party, 'Ba Shi' Party, Free Burma League,
 Mandalay 21 Group, and the Ba Shwe Party. Prince TE CHIN HWA,
 grandson of the last King of Burma is President of this party,
 which is guided by the influences of BA PE, head of the
 People's Party, which is the Majority Party.
- (2) BA MAW Party.

 This is a powerful political party headed by ex-Premier Dr.

 BA MAW. Leading the masses through communism, this party

 ultimately aims at the complete independence of Burma. It

 was reported in the papers recently that BA MAW was held in

 custody.
- (3) CHI HLAING Party.

 Headed by CHI HLAING, President of the State Council, this party aims at attaining independence gradually.

(4) THAKIN Party.

This party is also known as the Freedom Fighters League. It is a new party headed by a priest named SOYA MINE. It makes it a principle to appeal, if necessary, to force in order to get freedom for Burma. It has ten thousand members, and looks to Japan for assistance to achieve independence.

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