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RASH BEHARI BOSE PASSES AWAY

An Irreparable Loss

TODAY, Indians all over the world are plunged in deepest gloom and sorrow. They are mourning the death of Sri Rash Behari Bose, the Father of the Indian Independence Movement in East Asia and the Supreme Adviser to the Provisional Government of Azad Hind. The news of his death yesterday in Tokyo at the age of 60 has come as a shock to the entire Indian nation. The loss that we have suffered in his sudden demise is inestimable, irreparable, and beyond words. But though his physical body has passed away from our midst, his spirit is ever enshrined in the minds and hearts of every one of us and it will ever remain fresh in our memory. By his death he has become immortal. By his martyrdom, he has won the undying love of his countrymen. By his services, he has written the opening pages of the new history of Free India, and earned for himself a perpetual place in the galaxy of Indian patriots who have sacrificed their all at the Altar of Indian Freedom, who have lived every moment of their lives not for themselves but for our Motherland, who have striven ceaselessly until their very last breath for the freedom of our country. His name will be remembered and cherished for ever by Indians both at home and abroad. His name will be remembered and cherished till eternity.

A born revolutionary and an ardent patriot, Sri Rash Behari Bose was, from his very early age, wedded to the cult of the bomb and the revolver. He belonged to that category of political firebrands who were convinced that the only way to destroy British Imperialism in India was to wage an open war against it. British Imperialism is founded on force, and force alone will succeed in destroying it. Thus convinced, he launched his revolutionary activities in India even before the first world war. The British tyrants pursued him from place to place, but ultimately he left the Mother Country and arrived in Nippon where he bodily continued his activities in the cause of Indian freedom. He took a vow that he would not return till India is free. And it was through his untiring efforts that Indians have been able to secure the goodwill and sympathy of Nippon and other Axis countries. The fruit of his hard labour is our present mighty and powerful Movement for the Independence of our Motherland.

While paying our humble homage and tribute to the Martyr, let us recall the most inspiring slogan he has given us: "We have one indivisible nation, India; one enemy, England; one goal, Complete Independence!" Let us this day renew our solemn pledge not to rest until we achieve the Complete Independence of our Motherland, the Sacred Cause for which Sri Rash Behari Bose died a Martyr.

Premier Koiso's Spirited Speech At Diet Session

Nation Determined To Overcome Obstacles To Attain Victory

Tokyo, Jan. 21 (Domei)—Final victory will be won by those who, overcoming all hardships however difficult and whatever they may be, and continuing to maintain a spirit of sure victory without faltering before any critical situation, will fight to the very last, Premier General Kuniaki Koiso declared today in expressing the views and conviction of Government before the 86th session of the Imperial Diet.

He said in response to the hard, gallant fighting of our officers and men at the front, the 100 million people must steadfastly uphold the spirit of safeguarding our Imperial policy, and by overcoming any hardship or difficulty, make the most exertions to increase the fighting power and defend their soil, thus speedily attaining the aims of this sacred war and thereby setting at ease the august mind of His Imperial Majesty.

In the course of his speech the Premier said:

"The war situation is developing with ever increasing tempo and today our country has truly come to stand at the critical point of its rise or fall. Last Fall our Imperial forces intercepted the offensive attempt of the enemy in waters off Taiwan and the Philippines and achieved brilliant victories. Even while suffering great losses, the enemy landed on the island of Leyte and then the island of Mindoro, and finally today on the island of Luzon, where a serious situation has been created.

Reviewing the war situation at its present stage, he said military developments in the Pacific theatre are in a state which does not necessarily permit optimism. However, he said, the greatly extended supply lines of the enemy in all fronts are exposed to Nippon attacks and in this fact he expressed the belief is to be found for Nippon's golden opportunity to grasp victory.

Moreover, he said, operations (Continued on next page)

Red Cross Society Inspects H.K. Internment Camp

Hongkong, January 19 (Domei)—Inspecting the local internment camp which was indiscriminately bombed by American planes on Jan. 16, the representative of the International Red Cross Society stationed here today collected data concerning the damage and casualties to be submitted to the headquarters of the Society.

GREAT PATRIOT & FATHER OF I.I.L. MOVEMENT IN E. ASIA DIES IN TOKYO

Tokyo, January 21 (Domei)—Srijut Rash Behari Bose, Supreme Adviser to the Provisional Government of Free India, well-known Indian patriot and father of I.I.L. Movement in East Asia, died of a chronic ailment at his home here at 2 a.m. today. He was 60 years of age.

The death of Srijut Rash Behari Bose has come as a shock to all and has spread a gloom among his countrymen in Syonan. Although he has not been in the best of health for some months it was not expected his end would be so sudden.

The late Srijut Rash Behari Bose, who had been a consistent patriot and ardent worker in the cause of India's freedom, was born in the French Town of Chandernagore, 21 miles from Calcutta, on March 15, 1886. From an early age he interested himself in all revolutionary activities. He received his training at the hands of such outstanding revolutionaries of the day as Sri Aurobindo Ghose. He played an important part behind curtains in the agitation which followed the Partition of Bengal.

Although he had been carrying on his activities for a time quietly an incident of sensational importance brought him to the limelight in 1912. He threw a bomb into the Delhi Durbar procession held in December in connection with the coronation of King George V when an unsuccessful attempt was made on the



Life of Lord Hardinge, the then Viceroy of India.

Shortly after this incident Rash Behari Bose escaped to Nippon where he had been provided with safe asylum and all facilities to carry on his activities for the furtherance of the Indian Independence Struggle.

His arrival in Singapore after the fall of the city and the formation of the Indian Independence League here in furtherance of his life mission to free India from British bondage, are too fresh in the minds of the Indian public here to need any recapitulation.

Liberation Of India Is Key To Liberation Of Asia, Declares Shigemitsu In Diet Address

Tokyo, Jan. 21 (Domei)—Emphasizing that the Anglo-American policy of force has now been bared in all its ugliness without its mask of righteousness, Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu, addressing the 86th Imperial Diet session which reconvened today, reiterated that Nippon is fighting for the establishment of international justice through the emancipation and reconstruction of Asia.

The following are highlights of the Foreign Minister's speech: As the world war grows intensified, he said, all belligerent powers are collecting every ounce of their national strength to pour into the fight-

ing front and both in the east and west the situation has reached a climax in which we all feel, whether in the first line or at the home front, that the war has truly entered upon a decisive stage, while the enemy is feverishly trying to bring hostilities to an early end by desperate counter-moves.

Dealing with the military phase, he said we have absolute confidence in the wise planning and brave fighting of our army and navy, so that we are neither elated nor depressed unduly over the changing aspects of the situation.

The unity between Nippon and her allies, he continued, remains very firm, and "to- (Continued on next page)

British Claim Of Industrialisation Of India A Myth

Ban On Hindustan Motor Works; English Concern Given Sole Monopoly

The traditional policy of the British authorities of keeping India perpetually as a supplier of raw materials and stifling her industrial advancement, is again reflected in the British attitude to India's industrial expansion during wartime.

According to a despatch from London, even the Birla Brothers, the well-known industrial magnates of India, have not been permitted to manufacture motor cars from Indian materials and by Indian labour and Indian capital. Though the Birla Brothers have started a motor-car manufacturing company under the name of Hindustan Motors with a capital of three and a half million sterling, the company has been compelled to enter into a contract with the notorious Nuffield Organisation of Britain whereby the Hindustan Motors will only be allowed to function as a sort of workshop to assemble motor car parts almost exclusively manufactured and supplied by British motor-car manufacturing companies.

Even in the matter of assembling the parts, the Indian technicians and labour will not be given a free and independent hand. They will have to work under the supervision of British technicians and experts, a large number of whom, the London report says, will soon be leaving for India. Further, the Indian company will be allowed to assemble and put on the market only one type of car, namely, a ten-horse-power saloon, called the Hindustan Ten. The assembling and marketing of all other British motor cars, lorries and trucks, will be handled by British firms operating in India.

According to well-informed observers, the limiting of the activities of the national motor-car industry of India launched at such great cost by Birla Brothers is only yet another proof of Britain's intention to keep India in perpetual industrial backwardness and economic bondage.

Netaji Bose Leaves Bangkok For Rangoon

Bangkok, Jan. 20 (Domei)—Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind and the Supreme Commander of the Azad Hind Fauj, left the local airport this morning for Rangoon.

During his five-day stay here, Netaji conferred with the Thai Premier and other dignitaries to discuss important questions, besides addressing a rally.

Winter War On East Front Rages In All Intensity

Berlin, Jan. 19 (Domei)—On the Eastern Front along the entire battle-line from the northern slopes of the Carpathians to the Niemen River, the Winter battle rages with the greatest intensity, the German High Command announced. In the streets of Cracow and Litzmannstadt grim fighting is going on. In the bend in the central course of the Pilica River the Germans inflicted heavy losses on the enemy in repulsing his numerous attacks.

North of the Vistula German formations engaged in severe defensive fighting near Ploehnen, Mislau, Krasnosiele and Scharfensics, with the Soviets pressing forward in western and northern directions. A Soviet attempt at a break-through between Romington Heath and Gumbinnen in the East Prussian frontier region failed. In major battle areas north of the Vistula and in the East Prussian border area, 146 Soviet tanks were destroyed yesterday.

Military experts in Berlin meanwhile estimate that the Soviets are now employing 180 infantry divisions in the great Winter battle. The German military spokesman said German resistance stiffened considerably in the southern section along the front from Cracow to Czestochova. In this sector all Soviet attacks against German positions were repulsed, the spokesman said.

German troops withdrawing their way to the west from Warsaw, captured Sochazev but however gave it up again after all German formations had withdrawn beyond the city in a westerly direction.

The German-Hungarian garrison in Budapest which had been offering bitter resistance against superior Soviet forces for over three weeks, withdrew its positions to the western bank of the Danube last night, the Fuehrer's headquarters announced. North of Lake Balaton a number of German attacking columns penetrated the Soviet front and are pushing eastwards, the communique added.

In the Ardennes sector on the Western Front, American troops on the Safer, between Wiltz and Walendorf, started an attack on a broad front and grim, hard fighting is now going on there, frontline dispatches to Berlin said. At some points the Americans crossed the Safer but however made only little headway amidst extremely heavy losses. The Germans in a surprise attack captured the village of Zetten, north-west of Nijmegen, in Holland.

At Maeseyck, north-eastern Belgium, the British failed to gain ground despite the large forces employed. In the Maginot Line in the Lower Alsace, the Americans failed to bring relief to the assault group which since Wednesday has been surrounded north-east of Reipersweiler. Also between Bitche and Weisenburg American attacks failed, frontline dispatches said.

Shanghai Bags Seven China-Based Raiders

Shanghai, Jan. 20 (Domei)—A Nippon interceptor unit and anti-aircraft batteries shot down seven enemy planes, of which two are probables, and inflicted heavy damage on five others this afternoon when about 15 P-51's and P-38's belonging to the China-based United States air force, raided the suburbs of Shanghai about 2 p.m. today, it was jointly announced by the local Nippon Army and Navy press sections.

The announcement said that damage by the enemy raiders was extremely slight.

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(Continued from previous page) together with them we will fight this war to a finish."

"The War of Greater East Asia was provoked by the enemy in his attempt to eliminate Nippon who stands in the way of his plan for world hegemony", the Foreign Minister stated, "but this challenge to Nippon, defender of East Asia, is a challenge to East Asia itself."

Referring to the American operations in the Philippines, Mr. Shigemitsu said that as soon as America launched her offensive operations to reconquer the Philippines, the Republic rose heroically, declaring war against her and joining Nippon in a common front as a bulwark for the defence of East Asia.

Turning to Burma, he said, for the past year and a half, ever since her independence, Burma had continuously borne the brunt of violent battles. It was most reassuring that under the superb leadership of Dr. Ba Maw, Head of State, the nation was standing at the foremost front in the war of Asia's emancipation and was displaying the indomitable spirit of Asia and demonstrating the proud traditions of East Asia.

"That the liberation of India, is the key to the liberation of Asia and also the criterion of world justice", he continued, "has long been an established view among all unprejudiced thinkers. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Head of the Provisional Government, is leading the Free India army in the struggle for the attainment of that high purpose. Though there are many difficulties yet to be overcome I have no doubt whatever as to the ultimate success and triumph of world justice. The Nippon Government has recently appointed diplomatic representation to the Provisional Government of Free India. There is certainly a great role I believe to be played by that government in future."

Manchoukuo, he said, remained Nippon's staunch ally, ever true to the pledge of 'one virtue and one heart'. Although directly afflicted with the calamities of war she was fully co-operating toward the prosecution of the war, both spiritually and materially, and contributing to Nippon's fighting power with her rich natural resources and well developed industrial facilities as well as her abundant agricultural products.

With regard to the National Government of China, he said that united fully under its new head, Chen Kung-po, the Chinese Government is vigorously

Nippon Forces In Leyte, Mindoro Still Fighting

Syonan, January 19 (Domei)—Nippon garrisons stationed in Leyte and Mindoro Islands, in the Philippines, are still fighting and conducting counter-attacks against the American forces which have landed there, disclosed Lieut.-Colonel Shozo Nakajima, Spokesman of the Nippon Army in the Southern Regions, at today's press conference.

The Spokesman stated that, however, the battle on Luzon has today become the focal point of attention since it is the major battle in the Philippines sector, eclipsing the battles on Leyte and Mindoro.

administering national affairs in the face of many difficulties.

As regards Nippon's relations with neutral countries, he said that with the exception of those which are actually under the dominance of America and Britain, friendly intercourse was being continued as formerly, despite wartime difficulties.

With Soviet Russia, he said, Nippon's relations were governed by the Neutrality Pact of 1941. In view of the respective positions the two countries held, vis-a-vis the world political situation, the governments were maintaining close contact always.

"There is no hope of ever securing enduring peace in the world through the American-British policy of force", the Foreign Minister said. "A peaceful world can be brought into being only in an atmosphere of international amity and co-operation. It is in this very spirit that the Joint Declaration of Greater East Asiatic Nations is conceived. The five points of Nippon's foreign policy which were enunciated before the Diet and to all the world last year are the best concrete lines of approach based upon it.

"I believe", he concluded, "that not by turning to the bypaths of artifice, but rather by marching steadfastly and resolutely on the highway of justice and righteousness, we may work out the destiny of our nation."

Enemy Positions At Thabeikkyin Pounded

A Nippon Base in Burma, Jan. 20 (Domei)—A Burma based Nippon fighter formation on the afternoon of Jan. 16, carried out smashing attacks against enemy positions and shore facilities at Thabeikkyin on the Irrawaddy River, about 100 kilometres north of Mandalay. Direct bomb hits were scored in the target area, causing great explosions and fires to break out at three places. All our planes returned safely to their base.

Meanwhile, our ground batteries on Jan. 16 shot down two P-47's and heavily damaged another when enemy planes attempted to raid Nippon positions at Meiktila, Central Burma.

Nippon Forces Launch Attacks In Lingayen

A Nippon Base in the Philippines, Jan. 19 (Domei)—Since Jan. 16, our forces have been carrying out fierce counter-attacks against enemy forces who are attempting to infiltrate into the interior from the Lingayen coast, and frustrating his plans. With nightfall on Jan. 16, our powerful units launched counter-attacks against the enemy beachhead in the San Fabian sector from several directions and penetrated deep into enemy positions.

Meanwhile, part of our forces carried out counter-landing operations and attacked the enemy in the rear. These forces in their counter-landing operations blasted and set ablaze enemy ammunition tanks and trucks concentrated on roads along the coast, throwing the enemy into utter consternation. In concert with our infantry

Enemy Bases Of Chinchow And Tanshui Taken

At the South China Front, Jan. 20 (Domei)—Powerful columns of Nippon expeditionary forces in South China which on Sunday, Jan. 14, launched a new offensive drive from the East River sector, on Tuesday, Jan. 16, completely occupied Chinchow, 100 kilometres east of Canton, as well as Tanshui, some 40 kilometres south of Chinchow, and by Thursday reduced Pingshanshu, 35 kilometres south-east of Chinchow.

This lightning drive has placed the Nippon South China Expeditionary Forces in a position to establish complete control of the entire Bias Bay region in less than three days after the start of the offensive. Nippon columns are at present further expanding their initial gains.

Chinchow which has been playing an important role in enemy operations in South China, fell to Nippon columns which at 7 p.m. on Sunday launched operations in the East River sector from Tsungcheng in the north to Pinghu in the south and summarily crushed, during their eastward drive, the Chungking 30th Independent Brigade's first and second spearhead columns.

One of the Nippon columns which reduced Chinchow on Tuesday is now continuing its rapid advance toward Hengli, some 30 kilometres north-east of Chinchow.

A second Nippon column, after the fall of Chinchow, turned south-eastward and reduced Pingshanshu, while a third column entered Tanshui on the same day that Chinchow fell.

Meanwhile, a Nippon mobile surface craft unit which was secretly proceeding along the coast of Bias Bay, effected a landing at Octouchiang, ten kilometres south-east of Tanshui on Monday morning.

The new Nippon offensive is expected to effectively forestall any action the enemy might contemplate on the South China Front.

Enemy Using Rocket Bombs In Baguio Area

A Nippon Base in the Philippines, Jan. 18 (Domei)—Enemy planes today raided Baguio city quarters, killing and seriously wounding many Filipinos.

Enemy aerial raiders in the Baguio sector have begun to use rocket bombs in their bombing raids. Enemy planes carry six rocket bombs which are causing considerable damage to residential quarters.

121 Warcraft Sunk Or Damaged In P.I. Waters

Tokyo, Jan. 21 (Domei)—Nippon air and sea forces in the Philippines accounted for 121 enemy warcraft and transports sunk or damaged in Lingayen Gulf and other waters of the Philippines during the course of the ten-day period from January 1 to January 12.

Ninety-eight ships, including eight aircraft-carriers, one battleship, 12 warships of other categories and 77 transports were sunk, while one aircraft-carrier, eight other warcraft and 14 transports were damaged and set ablaze.

units, our artillery went into action, while our air units showed bombed on enemy positions. On the morning of Jan. 17, from our positions were observed columns of black smoke curling up over enemy positions. At the same time, from the direction of enemy positions was heard detonation after detonation.

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carried out by our forces on the China continent since last summer have wiped out important enemy positions and bases in central and south China, leaving the United States air force in China no room for any effective action and, going even further, have opened up a land route linking South China and French Indochina. Furthermore, he added, even in the northern Burma frontier area our forces are continuing their gallant fight against enemy attempts to recapture Burma.

"Now indeed is the time for us 100 million people to give vent anew to our flaming ardour, and following the footsteps of the valiant men of the Special Attack Corps, to demonstrate even more our spirit of sure victory in the field of production", the Premier said. "Government on its part is determined to exert its utmost efforts to speedily carry out measures for victory, and with all the people as one, and by overcoming all difficulties, to devote its efforts to the expansion of our fighting power."

The Premier continuing said that the fundamental keynote of the victory measures which Government intends to take to overcome this serious war situation is directed toward the goal of increasing, to an unparalleled extent, the nation's fighting strength, the speedy expansion of existing national power and the establishment of a structure for the prosecution of the war to victory.

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