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A. As a result of the conclusion of Economic and Joint-Defense Agreements, F.I.C. has become more important for JAPAN politically, economically and militarily. So the JAP. diplomatic agency there must be strengthened to meet the new situation.

(2) Q. What is the authority of the Governor-General of F.I.C.?

A. The Governor-General is under the supervision of FRENCH Colonial Minister. So JAPAN will negotiate with the G.-G. about the substance of an agreement, but the formal finish of an agreement is to be negotiated with FRENCH Home Government.

(3) Q. statement regarding the progress of F.I.C.-THAI Demarcation work.

(4) Q. What is the attitude of JAPAN re F.I.C.-THAI Demarcation Committee?

A. The status of our representative is envisaged to be the Chairman of the Committee, and an arbiter in case of trouble.

(5) Q. What are the sentiments of Frenchmen in F.I.C., and what is JAPAN going to do about the situation?

A. With the conclusion of various agreements, their sentiments towards JAPAN and the AXIS turned for the better, but with the outbreak of GERMAN-SOVIET War, and the development of JAPANESE-AMERICAN negotiations, they seem to have begun to vacillate in their attitude. Especially, some Frenchmen, including F.I.C. government officials and soldiers, are reported to be engaged in anti-JAPANESE activities in secret liaison with hostile countries such as BRITAIN, AMERICA, NETHERLANDS, AUSTRALIA, CHINA, etc. JAPAN is taking proper measures to rectify and suppress such an attitude on the part of F.I.C.

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The JAP. Government, deeming it most proper and expedient to cause the French Home Government to recognize the NANKING Government, and F.I.C. to side with the AXIS, in order to eliminate such anti-JAP. activities, is negotiating with VICHY Government to achieve that objective.

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(14) Q. THAI-JAP. Relations? 5 Nov. 1941

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A. Anti-JAP operations seem to have succeeded to some degree. Many difficulties in the way of winning THAILAND over to our camp is expected.

(15) Q. What materials is JAPAN getting from THAILAND?

A. Rice, rubber & tin. On account of BRITISH influence in THAILAND, JAPAN has succeeded only in getting minimum requirements so far.

(17) Q. What is <sup>the</sup> WANIT affair?

A. Inflammatory literature calling pro-JAP.

WANIT traitor to his country was distributed.

It is considered as an expression of anti-JAP.

sentiments in some quarters.

(18) Q. <sup>What will be the</sup> Future THAI attitude in ~~the~~ international politics?

A. Strict neutrality is expected until balance of power is broken in the world, especially in EAST ASIA.

MALAY

(21) what are the

Q. Effects of the freezing of JAP. funds by the MALAY Settlement Government?

A. SOUTHSEA Iron Ore Co. & IIZUKA Iron Ore Co.

have stopped operations, and ISHIHARA Industrial Co. & NIHON Mining Co. curtailed operation to the minimum.

JAP. traders are also in a tight fix.

(22) Q. What about the repatriates from SINGAPORE?

A. They were treated like enemy nationals or criminals by BRITISH authorities.

BURMA

(25) Q. Effects of freezing of JAP. funds by the BURMESE Government?

A. (a) Specie Bank had its licence of exchange business revoked;

(b) Individual withdrawal up to 100 rupees per capita a week is allowed, but remittance to families in JAPAN is hopeless;

(c) Deposits of the JAP. in Specie Bank are frozen;

(d) JAP. residents are restless, & are wanting to return to JAPAN one after another.

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