

TODAY and TOMORROW

The Time Factor

TWO men of such high standing in the Anglo-American camp as Reuter's Military Commentator in London John Kimchie and the United States Under Secretary of War Robert Patterson clearly indicated the other day that the Anglo-Americans are in for a pretty long struggle in Asia. Both of them agree that Nippon has a formidable war machine and the war against her will not be easy. "Anglo-American military plans, including those dealing with production are based on the assumption that it will take years to defeat Nippon," says Kimchie. But, unfortunately for them, the time factor is no more their ally, as Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose convincingly pointed out in a recent speech in Syonan. Instead, time is working in favour of the Axis nations.

America, said Netaji Bose, has exhausted her manpower and her wealth of raw material in the last two years. Now, on the one hand, we see that the Anglo-American production power is on the decline, and on the other, the Anglo-Americans are suffering great losses at the hands of Nippon and German soldiers.

On the contrary in Nippon, the total mobilisation programme which began in England and America two years ago was started only very recently. It is only of late that the whole of the Nippon nation has been set to war efforts. As a result of all this, the advantage which the Anglo-Americans once enjoyed in respect of production has now passed to Nippon, in the opinion of Netaji Bose.

After recapturing a few of the Pacific islands, in accordance with their island-to-island hopping tactics, the Americans boasted that they would go to Nippon by similar strategy. Against these tactics, Nippon has adopted a novel policy. On the one hand her armed forces are raining destruction on enemy lines, and on the other, land routes from Tokyo to Malai and Burma via China are being opened. A project is under way to build a Tokyo-Syonan road. It is this which has rendered the American island-hopping policy useless, as General Wedemeyer confessed the other day.

In the view of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Nippon's policy is to let the enemy come forward for some distance, and then in a sudden counter-offensive entrap him and annihilate him. In short, the outlook for the Americans in the Pacific is gloomy in the extreme. That means, of course, that the British in India too are facing a dismal time, for they can do nothing effective against Nippon if the American forces are eliminated from the Pacific. Indeed, we who are fighting for our country's liberation in alliance with Nippon have now every reason to be confident of our ultimate victory.

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NIPPON WAR MACHINE IS FORMIDABLE

"No Easy Push Over" U.S. Under-Secretary Warns American Public

Lisbon, Dec. 29 (Domei)—American Under-Secretary of War Robert Patterson today strongly warned the American people that Nippon has a "formidable" war machine and there were absolutely no grounds for an optimistic outlook regarding the Pacific war, according to a Washington dispatch.

In a year-end statement released through the Office of War Information and based on his personal tour of the Pacific battlefield, Patterson said that the Nipponese were "no push-over" and the Americans must be prepared for increasingly tough battles.

Although the Americans have managed to gain a foothold on the Philippines, Patterson said that there were "three very good reasons" why the Nipponese will be a strong foe.

Firstly, the Nipponese Army is bigger and stronger now than at the time of Pearl Harbour, he pointed out.

Secondly, Nippon's industrial machine, backed by accumulated strategic materials, stock piles and millions of labour is "still formidable."

Thirdly, he said, geography serves Nippon "as a powerful ally" to curb the effectiveness of the United States aerial superiority, "complicating our supply problems and making enormously difficult the launching of a full-scale assault against the Island Empire itself."

Meantime, John Kimchie, Reuter's military commentator, in a London dispatch received here today, significantly emphasizes that "Allied experts do not expect the war against Nippon to be easy."

He says that the war against Nippon is fraught with difficulties. (Continued on next page)

Gandhiji's Health Condition Weak

Lisbon, Dec. 31 (Domei)—A New Delhi dispatch today reported that Mahatma Gandhi lay in bed all day yesterday with nausea but slept well last night. His condition, however, was described today as showing "considerable weakness."

Polak Attacks South African Anti-Indian Discriminatory Bill

Lisbon, Dec. 30 (Domei)—Writing in the "Manchester Guardian" today, Henry S. Polak, who assisted Mahatma Gandhi during his South African campaign, supported the protest of Srinivasa Sastri, Madras leader, against the recent discriminatory anti-Indian legislation adopted by the Natal Provincial Council, according to a London dispatch.

He stressed that the protest could not be ignored or despised, especially since it comes from one who until recently was recognized as a moderate leader and spokesman.

Reviewing the South African situation, Polak declared, "Today, cut off almost entirely from contacts with India and increasingly Europeanized, South African Indians, five-sixths of whom are confined to Natal and prohibited from migrating to other provinces of the Union, are South-African-born to an extent of nine-tenths of their number."

In spite of this fact, these Indians, Polak continued, "have no rights of citizenship whatever, for they have been deprived of municipal, provincial and Union franchise. Indeed, unlike the natives, they do not enjoy indirect representation in any public body. And now they are to be denied the right of land-ownership, even for the purposes of investment, except in racially segregated areas."

Polak concluded by challenging his readers if this deplorable

INDIA FAMINE CONDITIONS TAKE SERIOUS TURN; MASS DEMONSTRATION IN LAHORE

Novel Br. Stunt To Avert Certain Collapse In India

In their utter desperation, the British authorities in India are resorting to all sorts of absurd and ridiculous stunts in a vain attempt to avert their fast-approaching collapse. According to a New Delhi report yesterday, the British authorities are invoking the help of the spirits so as to save them from disaster and defeat. For this purpose, they have organised a Maha Yag or Great Sacrifice which will be held in Amritsar, Punjab, on Monday next, and during which prayers will be offered for an early victory. The Maha Yag, it is stated, will be attended by religious fanatics—and is estimated to cost rupees five lakhs. It will be recalled that a similar Yag was held last year in New Delhi at a cost of rupees eight lakhs. In the opinion of religious thinkers, the performance of sacrifices involving the criminal wastage of money extorted from the starving and famine-stricken people of India will bring not blessings but the curses and the wrath of the gods upon the British tyrants. In any case, world events following the New Delhi Maha Yag have only brought the day of the Anglo-Americans' final defeat nearer, instead of bringing them early victory. The forthcoming Amritsar Maha Yag will also not achieve anything bigger, but will only deepen the British pessimism, say the religious thinkers.

policy of racial segregation was not diametrically opposed to the ideals enunciated by the anti-Axis powers and as serious as the charges hurled by the anti-Axis powers against alleged Fascist maltreatment of minorities.

Acute Rice Shortage In Madras; Thousands Die Of Starvation

In the absence of any relief, the British-made famine in India continues to spread, taking an ever-increasing toll of human lives, especially in the Provinces of Bengal, Bihar and Madras, reveals the latest news received here from India.

The famine situation in Madras particularly has worsened to such an extent that the British authorities have been compelled to issue a Press Note deliberately minimising the gravity of the situation and making fantastic claims of relief measures. The Press Note, according to a New Delhi report admitted the existence of acute rice shortage part of which is alleged to have been met by rice imports from other provinces and wheat import from abroad. These import rice and wheat are believed to be pure fiction, wilfully manufactured to fool the hungry starving public.

Meanwhile, another from India stated that in Lahore a spectacular demonstration was staged as a protest against the total inadequacy of the food rations allotted for the public by the provincial authorities. The demonstrators marched in a body to the Punjab Assembly Chamber where they were met by the so-called Foc Minister Sardar Baldev Singh. The demonstration is reported to have been filmed by American correspondents, according to well-informed observers, the Lahore Demonstration has come as a vast outburst of the people's resentment against the authorities inhuman food policy and as a fresh impetus to a general anti-British unrest and revolution in the province.

Thai Special Assembly Session Concludes

Bangkok, Dec. 31 (Domei)—The Assembly of the People's Representatives, which was in special session since Dec. 1, was successfully brought to a close yesterday after having passed various important measures including the budget for the next fiscal year.

Budgetary estimates for the next fiscal year amounted to Bahts 387,400,000 for expenditures and Bahts 249,000,000 for revenues. Moreover, the special session passed a supplementary budget bill amounting to Bahts 82,250,000 for this year. Other wartime measures passed included the foodstuffs and commodities control bill as well as a bill investing Government with special wartime powers.

NIPPON NATION RESOLVED TO WREST VICTORY IN WAR

Tokyo, January 1 (Domei)—In welcoming the fourth New Year since the outbreak of the War of Greater East Asia, Nippon is more than ever convinced of the righteousness of her war aims and determined to attain final victory over Anglo-American imperialism, Tadahiko Okada, Speaker of the House of Representatives declared in his New Year message to the Nippon nation today.

At the outset of his message he pointed out that the war situation in the Pacific, which at one time appeared critical, took a turn in our favour due to the death-defying activities of our attack corps

whose sacrificial spirit is unprecedented in world history. "The entire Nippon nation is more than ever convinced of the righteousness of its war aims and making all-out efforts for final victory. Unless we emerge victorious from the current war, the world is bound to be thrown into a turmoil on account of the Anglo-American ambition to dominate the world. It is the sacred mission of the Nippon nation to save civilisation and the welfare of mankind from Anglo-American imperialism and, for this purpose, we must first secure the freedom of East Asia," he said in conclusion.

Enemy Advance From Kalewa Sector Checked

(By A War Correspondent) Burma Front, Dec. 31 (Domei)—The Nippon forces stationed at point 30 kilometres west of Kadum Schwebo Province, launched a fierce counter-attack against the enemy 11th East African Division which with several tanks, had been attempting to advance eastward from Kalewa area, on Dec. 24 and stop the enemy troops dead in tracks. The enemy, however, on 28, after having brought up reinforcements, consisting of 3,000 troops, 300 trucks as well as scores attempted to penetrate to but our forces, which were forced, held the enemy check. At present both locked in fierce fighting in

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Polish National Govt. Formed Under Moravski

Lisbon, Dec. 31 (Domei)—The Lublin Committee of National Liberation has assumed the status of a provisional government with Joseph Ousbka Moravski, until now the Chairman of the Lublin Committee, assuming the post of premier, according to a Moscow dispatch received here.

Zurich, Dec. 31 (Domei)—Commenting on the assumption by the Russian-sponsored Lublin Committee of National Liberation of the title of Polish Provisional Government, the Polish Telegraphic Agency, official mouthpiece of the Polish exiled regime in London, today termed the move as "an act of lawlessness", according to a London dispatch.

The Polish regime in London emphatically protests against "this attempt against the sovereign rights of the Polish nation, which will never recognise any authority or totalitarian forms imposed on its territory," the P.T.A. declared.

Military Targets At San Jose Base Blasted

A Nippon Base in the Philippines, Dec. 31 (Domei)—Defying fierce enemy ground fire, our air unit last night raided the northern airfield at San Jose on Mindoro Island. In daring dive-bombing attacks all bombs released by our warplanes hit their targets.

All our planes returned to their base safely.

Under-Secretary Of War Warns Americans

(Continued from previous page) and there is no hope of an termination of the hostilities there is an internal inside Nippon, which is ed unlikely."

Nipponese Army has not any catastrophic loss of e at has imposing reserves manpower," he says. Stress- g that Nippon has a powerful and force, Kimche declares hat "less than half" of Nippon's Army "has in any way been ngaged in active battle since earl Harbour."

"More than two million men e still fresh but fully trained. on has another two million who are of military age to be called up." Every undreds of thousands of 1 reach military age to bolster Nippon's fight- ngth, he says.

o Nippon's air power, che points out that Nippon an hold her own, with her lane production at present eing able to offset the rate of oses inflicted by the American ir forces.

Finally, he says there is the ystery of the Nipponese fleet. lthough American propagan- lists are loud in claiming the rtual destruction of the ipponese Navy, sober "official stimates give the Nipponese still formidable naval rating."

Regarding Nipponese military erations in China, the com- ntator declares that Nipponese ategy now seems to be aimed making the Chinese main- d a part of her land bastion inst the anti-Axis invasion. says that the success of ipponese operations would t the anti-Axis powers ided difficulties.

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Bitter Fighting Rages Between Meuse & Moselle

Lisbon, Dec. 31 (Domei)—The German High Command today said that both the Anglo-Americans and the Germans have brought such forces in the battle "between the Meuse and Moselle that about one-half of all the divisions stationed in the Western theatre of war are now involved and the centre of the fighting now lies in the Rochefort-Bastogne area."

Denis Martin, Reuter's special correspondent, said that the Germans have launched an attack on Tripsrath, north of Geilenkirchen, and penetrated into the village but the Anglo-American forces have managed to re-capture the village.

Fierce fighting was reported to be going on south-west and south-east of Bastogne, where American troops are trying to dent the German left flank with the object of slowing down German operations on the central Belgium front.

In the course of yesterday's battles, 34 American tanks were destroyed in the Bastogne sector, Berlin said.

The German High Command said that long-distance fire continued yesterday against anti-Axis supply bases in Liege and Antwerp.

On the Italian front, there was little evidence of important fighting, with the exception of an anti-Axis landing attempt on the Ligurian coast, which, Berlin said, was frustrated with heavy losses to the attackers.

The German High Command reported that six anti-Axis vessels, totalling 52,600 tons, recently were sunk in waters around England.

the Nipponese now appear to be concentrating on creating a solid core from which to defend themselves instead of putting emphasis on sea and distant outposts.

German Armed Might Set To Win Last Fight

Berlin, Dec. 29 (Domei)—In an interview with Trans-Ocean's chief editor, George Schroeder, Dr. Goebbels, Reich Propaganda Minister, declared: "The coming months will show that the enemy plans are too far-flung and that their aims are in great dis-proportion to their military abili-ties."

Continuing Dr. Goebbels said: "The enemy greatly under-estimated the Reich's war potentialities and now must realize that the time element is again counting much in the war. Thus, we have been given the opportunity to re-organize our defence along all fronts and thereby mobilize our potential power which completely sur-prised the enemy."

"Naturally, we still have to overcome much difficulties. But once we are firmly determined to defend the life of our people with all available means, we shall always find the way out even in the most difficult situation. The crisis that has been overcome has not only strengthened our self-consciousness but also tantamount to building up reserve material power which, for the continuation of the war, is of an importance that must not be underestimated. During the past months we not only completely upset our enemies' time-table, but also gained valuable time which today permits us to go into action fully prepared. The last battle alone decides the final outcome and we shall win it."

German Flying Bomb Casualties Mounting

Lisbon, December 31 (Domei)—German V-1 and V-2 rocket-fire against Southern England continued during the past 24 hours, causing more damage and casualties, according to an official London message today.

Syonan Celebrates New Year With Pomp

Syonan, January 1 (Domei)—Syonan today celebrated its third New Year, joining with the rest of East Asia in toasting the health, prosperity and longevity of TENNO HEIKA and resolving at the same time to make even greater efforts and sacrifices in the coming year for the attainment of victory in the War of Greater East Asia.

In all public offices and business firms, thousands of local citizens—Chinese, Eurasians, Indians and Malais, as well as Filipinos—joined their Nippon employers in observing simple but impressive ceremonies that have featured every New Year under Nippon Administration, when due respects were paid to the gallant war dead and toasts drunk to TENNO HEIKA.

The Hinomaru fluttered from all rooftops and public cars, lending additional colour to the celebrations. Early in the morning, special New Year services were conducted in all churches, when prayers for victory for Nippon during the current year were said. Visits were also paid in the morning by all Nippon nationals and leading local citizens to the Syonan War Memorial.

Halmahera Garrison Bags 15 Foe Raiders

A Nippon Base at the South-Western Pacific, Jan. 1 (Domei)—Our ground forces shot down 15 out of about 200 enemy planes which attempted to raid our positions in the northern part of Halmahera Island on Dec. 31.

Tomorrow's Mass Rally Of Indians At Indo Gekijo

It is requested that every Indian should attend the Mass Rally tomorrow at the Indo Gekijo (former Royal Theatre) North Bridge Road, when a resolution will be passed pledging anew his or her all-out co-operation for the successful prosecution of the Greater East Asia war.

The meeting will be followed by the screening of a Hindustani picture and latest Nippon newsreels.

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