

TODAY and TOMORROW

Our Sole Pledge

It is a characteristic of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose that whenever he has to make a momentous decision on behalf of the people, he does it only by consulting public opinion. From the very formation of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind and his formal assumption of the leadership of the Indian Independence movement in East Asia, Netaji has put every decision of his before the masses—and only after ascertaining the considered will of the people—only when he is assured of full and unhesitating support—only then does Netaji enforce his decision—and then trust him to ENFORCE it!

Are you with me or not? Do you understand fully the implications of the step that I propose to take, of the plan of action that I have decided upon?—On every important occasion Netaji has put these questions to his followers. Every time he has himself, at long length, explained the terrible implications of every new decision—the sufferings and the sacrifice involved, sacrifice of wealth and comfort, of life itself. And then, which of you are still willing to follow me and the path I have chosen? Those of you who dare not, who feel you cannot bear the sufferings and the sacrifice if you have the least hesitation, here and now, you can leave me. I want with me only those who are fully convinced and determined to go all the way with me. Netaji has always spoken like that—and always all Indians in East Asia and millions of Indians in India have followed him without the least hesitation.

Even so on Wednesday at the mass meeting held at the Syonan League premises, Netaji reviewed the world political situation and the latest political development in India. Despite our temporary reverses in Burma, even if the Congress leaders accept the Wavell proposals, there is no change in our position. We must fight on, under all circumstances to the last man and to the last round, said Netaji. "How many of you are prepared to stand by me and the Provisional Government and fight to the bitter end?" Netaji asked. It was a solemn moment. But there was not the least doubt or hesitation in the mind of one single Indian.

Netaji's speeches and statements have left no doubt in the mind of any Indian that any compromise with the British means eternal slavery for India. Indians in East Asia have now taken the solemn pledge that even if the British are successful in deceiving Indian leaders into a suicidal compromise, the Azad Hind Fauj, the Provisional Government of Azad Hind and all Indians in East Asia will fight on till India's freedom is achieved.

This pledge we have taken, of our own free will, out of our own conviction and resolution. It is up to us now to fulfil the pledge by total sacrifice at the altar of India's freedom—blood or wealth and money and materials, whichever we can give or are called upon to give, we must give unstintingly unhesitatingly.

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Evacuation Plan Set To Minimise Civilian Losses

Non-Combatants Advised To Leave For Safer Areas As Soon As Possible

Syonan, July 5 (Domei)—The firm determination of the Imperial Nippon forces to fight it out and to withstand a long, hard siege of this city if needs be, should the enemy ever attempt an invasion of these shores, was voiced by Nippon officials at a meeting of delegates who met yesterday under the sponsorship of the Special Municipality to discuss details of the evacuation scheme. Declaring that Nippon never surrenders and that even if it entailed a siege of one or two years for the people of Syonan, the Imperial garrison forces here would fight it out and smash the foe, Mr. M. Shinozaki, Chief of the Welfare Department, Special Municipality, stressed the great importance of non-combatants in this city evacuating as soon as possible in order to minimise danger and loss of lives and property should war ever approach these shores once again.

Mr. S. Ogata, Inspector-General of Police, referring to the continued maintenance of law and order during any period of emergency, exhorted the public as well as members of the Auxiliary and regular Police, to co-operate and unite as one body solidly behind Government. "In Syonan, we fortunately have with us a powerful, self-guiding organization of local citizens in the Auxiliary Police," the Inspector-General declared, adding that during any emergency this organization will exert its utmost, exercising their full power in the interests of the public and all members of the community.

Syonan, July 5 (Domei)—Concrete measures for the enforcement of the evacuation scheme in Syonan were tabled at the meeting held yesterday at the City Office attended by members of the Advisory Council, community leaders, representatives of all religious bodies and the Police and Auxiliary Police organizations.

The meeting, the first formal one to be held since the evacuation scheme was announced a few days ago, paved the way for the all-Malal delegates conference which gets under way tomorrow afternoon.

NETAJI WEEK FETE Today Merchants' Meeting At Dai Toa Gekijo At 3 p.m. Open Air Cinema On I.L.L. Syonan Branch Padang At 9 p.m.

BRITAIN HEADING FOR BIG ECONOMIC CRISIS; CANDID ADMISSION BY CHANCELLOR

Lisbon, July 4 (Domei)—Sir John Anderson, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking at the luncheon of the American Society in London, today admitted that Britain is emerging from the war "with a gravely distorted economy—with an enormous burden of external debt and balance of payment problems such as we never had before to face," according to a London dispatch.

Emphasizing the gravity of Britain's economic position, Anderson said, "The system of international economic collaboration to be established now must profoundly affect our ability to play any useful part in the affairs of the post-war world and may even involve our very standards of life."

With reference to the Bretton

Woods Plan, Anderson said that it was wrong to assume that Britain had been exercising an "excess of caution," declaring that the plan concerns, after all, Britain more vitally than the United States, whose economy is more firmly based than Britain's.

Although there may have been some disappointment and surprise on the other side of the Atlantic because Britain has been slow in declaring itself on these matters, Anderson said, "We were anxious to see how these plans were going to develop and what the final shape would be, and we were unwilling to risk disturbing the processes of deliberation on your side by having simultaneous debates here."

Lord Strabolgi Strongly Flays Winston Churchill

Lisbon, July 4 (Domei)—Lord Strabolgi, influential Labour member of the House of Peers, in a speech at Beverley, Yorkshire today strongly flayed British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, declaring that the genius of Benjamin Disraeli, British Prime Minister during the days of Queen Victoria, created the Indian Empire and the obstinacy of Churchill has led to its loss, according to a Reuter dispatch.

Lord Strabolgi at the same time resented certain insinuations made by Conservative Party members concerning the Jewish ancestry of Professor Harold Laski, member of the Labour Executive, as an attempt to stir up anti-Semitism in Britain.

Pointing out that Disraeli also was a Jew, Lord Strabolgi said the slander directed against Laski was unworthy of a party whose greatest leader was Disraeli.

Foe Planes Raid Ibaragi, Chiba And Kyushu Areas

Tokyo, July 5 (Domei)—Approximately 120 P-51's and three B-29's from about noon yesterday raided Ibaragi and Chiba prefectures in four formations and fled shortly after 1 p.m.

The first formation penetrated the Nippon mainland from waters east of Mito, while the second and third formations came in from Kashimanada and attacked airfields and military installations in Ibaragi Prefecture. The fourth formation, flying in from Kashimanada, ranged in a south-westerly direction and mainly carried out attacks on airfields and military installations in Chiba Prefecture.

Fukuoka, July 5 (Domei)—Twenty-five B-29's on Tuesday night flying in from the Bungo Channel carried out scattered raids on Kyushu. Our air defence units intercepting the enemy raiders over the Kammon sector shot down one super-fort and heavily damaged four others.

INDO-CHINA & THAILAND CELEBRATE "NETAJI WEEK"

Saigon, July 4 (Domei)—Indian Independence League branches throughout Indo-China today launched ten-day celebrations of "Netaji Week" in honour of the greatest Indian freedom fighter, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Headed by Foreign Minister A. C. Chatterjee, and S. A. Ayer, Minister of Propaganda, who are here, Indians in Saigon today held a mass rally inaugurating the week which will feature movie shows, athletic meets and music programs. The final day will be climaxed with a banquet to the highest Nippon, Indian, Annam and Chinese leaders.

Bangkok, July 4 (Domei)—The local chapter of the Indian

Independence League is sponsoring "Netaji Week" celebrations in Bangkok and Thonburi cities commencing today. At public meetings held in both cities this morning, opening the week's program, local Indian leaders as well as an audience of 3,000 unanimously expressed firm determination to continue the armed struggle in accordance with a resolution adopted at both meetings in which it stated Indians in East Asia must settle the question of Indian freedom by blood and iron.

The resolution simultaneously appealed to political leaders and brothers and sisters inside India to reject Wavell's offer as they once turned down Cripps' plan in 1942.

Huge Crowd Sees Azad Hind Fauj Sports Meeting

Thousands Throng At Jalan Besar Stadium; All Events Proved Great Success

The Azad Hind Fauj sports meeting held at the Jalan Besar Stadium yesterday in connection with Netaji Week proved a great attraction when tens of thousands of Indian soldiers and civilians thronged the Stadium and its precincts.

The programme consisted of 21 events which were keenly competed and which provided a full afternoon's sport. The various events were worked off without a hitch and thanks are due to the officials and all others who helped to make the meeting a grand success.

Most of the events provided a good deal of amusement. Events such as the "Capture the King", the Sack Fight, the Rolly-Polly Race, the Musical Chairs (Cycle), the Malkham Pole were worthy of special mention while the participants in the other events displayed no less keenness and interest.

The Balak Sena youths gave an excellent account of themselves in the Physical Training Display under the smart command of their troop leader and the large crowd showed their appreciation by thunderous applause.

The Volunteers of the Rani of Jhansi Regiment took part in several events and came out with flying colours in a number of events. Two of the Volunteers, P. K. Lakshmi Nair and Jeeva Mudaliar, carried away a number of prizes.

In the Thread and Needle Race (Open) three of the contestants were Nippon-fujin and one of them, Miss Ekeda, won the third prize.

The Veterans' Race (Ladies) drew a good number of entrants and the contestants displayed no less enthusiasm and keenness. The winners in this event were Mrs. E. V. Davies (1st.), Mrs. M. K. Lukshumeyah (2nd.) and Mrs. M. Z. Khanj (3rd.).

His Excellency Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was present throughout the whole afternoon and later gave away the trophies to the successful winners.

The Police Band was in attendance and supplied selections of music at regular intervals.

NETAJI WEEK FETE Tomorrow

Tea Party At Netaji's Bungalow At 5.30 p.m. Drama By Rani Of Jhansi Regiment At Kokaido At 7.30 p.m.

Evacuation Forms Ready Full Details Published

Syonan, July 5 (Domei)—Forms to be filled in by members of the public in connection with their evacuation from Syonan will shortly be supplied them by members of the Auxillary Police who will conduct a house-to-house investigation early next week.

These forms, as explained by the Chief of the Welfare Department, Special Municipality, at a meeting held yesterday, will prove important documents to all evacuees. They will be passports enabling them to settle in other places outside Syonan (including districts in Djawa and Sumatra), and at the same time will serve as certificates enabling them to return to Syonan after the war is over as bona fide ex-citizens of this port.

Particulars relating to the individual's police division, section, ward, team and number in the household are contained in the form which also includes sections to be filled in relating to the destination evacuees wish to proceed to. Blank sections for the nationality, relationship, name, age and sex of each member of the family follow while other particulars to be filled in relate to the occupation and ability of those evacuating, their capital or property (if any) and other remarks.

This form has to be signed by the evacuee and countersigned by the respective Kucho (Auxiliary Police Assistant) who will act as the liaison body between those evacuating and the authorities in charge of evacuation.

Inauguration Ceremony Of Guidance Headquarters

Taiping, July 6 (Domei)—The central headquarters of Local People's Guidance Office which will be established in every state throughout Malai was formally inaugurated here on Tuesday afternoon. Director-General Umazu of the General Affairs Department of the Malai Military Administration will be personally responsible for operation of the office assisted by some 30 officials representing different racial groups, Malai, Chinese, Indian and others and also several Nippon advisors.

The office will undertake to guide peoples in all civic matters as well as assist them to improve their livelihood throughout Malai. The headquarters will particularly strive to work for inter-state racial harmony and eradication of provincialism and thereby consolidate the home front.

War-Weary Canadians Riot At Aldershot

Lisbon, July 5 (Domei)—Disgruntled over the delay in their scheduled return to Canada, several hundred war-weary Canadian soldiers stationed in Aldershot, Hampshire, went on a spree of vandalism last night, smashing shop windows and causing thousands of Sterling worth of damage, according to a Reuter dispatch from Aldershot.

The troops rioted from the dissatisfaction of having to wait for weeks to return to Canada after having been told that they would leave within 10 days.

Upcountry Delegates Here Dispel Evacuation Fears Among Populace

Syonan, July 5 (Domei)—Dispelling all fears that may prevail among Syonan's populace regarding the evacuation scheme for non-essential citizens, delegates from the evacuation centres up-country who arrived here early this morning to attend the big conference scheduled for tomorrow, interviewed and gave definite assurance that all evacuees accepted by the various Malayan states will be provided with accommodation and their welfare looked after.

Comprising in all fourteen delegates, who are accompanied by representatives of the various provincial governments, the party has established its headquarters at the Nanto Hotel, and after a brief rest today, will set to work with local government officials and community leaders to discuss all aspects of the evacuation scheme.

Striking testimony of the preparations that have already got underway in some of the provinces to welcome evacuees from this city is provided by a disclosure from the Negri Sembilan delegates that the community bodies in the State together with the government have already launched a scheme to collect funds for evacuees by means of theatrical and sports programmes. The first of these programmes will be staged on Saturday and, according to one delegate "already a huge sum has been collected"—clearly reflecting the help which the people of Negri Sembilan are willing to render to the evacuees.

"As far as the accommodation of evacuees is concerned," the Negri Sembilan delegates pointed out, "we have already a large agricultural scheme underway.....In the various farming districts that have already been settled upon, we have accommodation to house a large number of evacuees."

BARRACKS BEING READY

They added that barracks will definitely be ready to accommodate something like 2,000 evacuees by the end of this month, probably even more. According to preliminary plans of the Negri Sembilan authorities, it was further revealed, evacuees who have no relatives or friends in the province will be dispatched to any of the fourteen large farming settlements that already exist in the State. These farming districts cover an area of 25,000 acres, of which 16,000 acres have already been cultivated. Comprising the first phase of the Negri Sembilan agricultural scheme, the

delegates pointed out, this area of 25,000 acres can easily be increased by another 10,000 acres to accommodate evacuees.

"Syonan's populace can rest assured that whatever number of evacuees the Negri Sembilan authorities accept for the province, sufficient accommodation will be provided for them, and their welfare well looked after. In fact, the people of our province are ever ready to extend all help to evacuees," the delegates emphasized.

Representatives from Malacca reveal that preliminary discussions had already been held by various public bodies in the State, and the plans of the communities there include the temporary accommodation of evacuees in the homes of Malacca residents until huts are built for them in the farming settlements. In short, they said, evacuees on arrival in Malacca will be billeted with families there for some time, until suitable accommodation is built or found for them.

PEOPLE'S SYMPATHY

Indicating the people's sympathy for evacuees, one of the delegates disclosed that already co-operative bodies have been organized with a view to assisting evacuees. These bodies, he said, with government assistance, will purchase food-stocks and sell to evacuees on a non-profit basis. The middle-class and poor people of Malacca, he added, are already benefitting in no small measure by the existence of similar co-operative stores.

All the delegates from Selangor and Perak voice similar views that the people in their respective states are ever ready to welcome evacuees from Syonan and render them all assistance. In Lower Perak vast arable lands exist, the Perak Malai delegate pointed out, and since these areas at present do not have sufficient settlers, the authorities will be only too happy to accommodate evacuees in these farms. Steps, of course, he said, will have to be taken to immediately set up homesteads for sheltering evacuees, and doubtless, the authorities will see to this, thereby ensuring evacuees of proper accommodation.

"The people of Syonan who would like to evacuate can rest assured that we who receive them will see to it that they will be provided with suitable accommodation and their welfare looked after," the delegates emphasized in conclusion.

Australian Prime Minister Curtin Passes Away At 60

Lisbon, July 4 (Domei)—John Curtin, Australia's Labour Prime Minister, passed away early Thursday morning after a protracted illness of over a month and a half due to congestion of the lungs, according to a Canberra dispatch. He was 60 years old.

Nippon Forces Make Bold Advance In Pegu Sector

Lisbon, July 5 (Domei)—Nippon troops in Burma have made a bold westward sally across the Sittaung River to the north-east of Pegu, supported by artillery, Alan Humphreys, Reuter correspondent reported today in a dispatch from Kandy, Ceylon.

The Nipponese, he said, have swept over the Sittaung along a 16-kilometre front and penetrated approximately 10 kilometres west of the river.

Humphreys reported that the Nipponese strength is not yet known but they appear to be operating in several columns.

Netaji Bose To Address Johore Indians On Sunday

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, will visit Johore Bharu on Sunday next and address a mass meeting of Indians at the Supreme Court Padang there at 6 p.m. All Indians are expected to attend the meeting.

Enemy Admits Nippon Attacks In Pegu Yoma

Lisbon, July 4 (Domei)—The South-East Asia Command today reported here that Nipponese troops in some strength, armed with machineguns and mortars, engaged British Indian troops in a two-hour engagement at point 22 kilometres north-east of Letpadan, on the Prome-Rangoon railway. The battle took place in the Pegu Yoma, where Nipponese troops are offering stiff resistance.

Konan Saiken 25th Term Draw Results

The following are the results of the Konan Saiken (25th term) drawn at the Kokaido yesterday:

\$50,000 No. 124,454; Consolation \$1,000 each: Nos. 124,453 and 124,455.
\$20,000: No. 439434.
\$10,000 each: Nos. 113,033; 338,316; 324,613. (All in Syonan allotment).
\$5,000 each: Nos. 247,848; 177,584; 522,781.

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385394 582579 201583 164334
452776 539779 215066 158713

\$500 each:
429335 510956 227136 259611
101449 487227 302208 454491
554609 118632 372534 211870
569136 446200 210188 226505
513058 347161 157923 557193

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347712 531718 376590 222878
326762 171933 494338 475492
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534190 585813 249855 288318
167718 105508 549315 208908
245640 100263 213056 344870
227143 132891 387357 145596
549178 253591 303489 536632
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147928 179886 198752 236650

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Representative Committee To Allocate Relief Funds

Syonan, July 5 (Domei)—A strong representative committee will shortly be established to allocate relief funds for the use of Syonan's war victims, it was announced by the City Office Authorities at a meeting held yesterday.

More than \$1,000,000 has been donated to the Municipality by the Auxiliary Police Association for relief work and added to this all members of this organization are now actively engaged in selling Engo Saiken tickets (Government lottery for war relief) and a substantial monthly amount can be expected to be realized in this way, it was disclosed.

With the object of allocating and dividing the funds now at the disposal of Government for war victims and to keep some aside for future emergencies, a Relief Committee will shortly be established comprising members of the Chinese, Indian, Malai, Arab and Eurasian communities here.

Balik Papan Forces Hold First Line Defences

A Nippon Base in the South-West Pacific, July 5 (Domei)—Nippon garrison forces in Balik Papan continue to hold firmly their first line positions against the enemy who is frantically trying to reinforce his forces.

Meanwhile, the latest check-up revealed that three enemy landing craft were sunk and one minesweeper heavily damaged during the course of the enemy landing in addition to war results previously announced, while our storming parties destroyed or set ablaze several enemy tanks in a series of infiltration attacks.

Anglo-American Rowers Recognise Polish Govt.

Lisbon, July 5 (Domei)—Turning their backs on the London Polish Regime, whose formation they sponsored shortly following the outbreak of the European war, Britain and the United States have formally extended recognition to the new Polish Government of National Unity, according to reports today from London and Washington.

American President Harry Truman tonight announced that Arthur Bliss Lane has been appointed as American Ambassador to the newly re-organized Polish Government and will proceed to Warsaw as soon as possible.

On the other hand, the British Government announced its intention to send a charge d'affaires to Warsaw as soon as possible, pending the appointment of a British Ambassador.

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