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p.10 measures for the N.E.I. Independence. Data for Foreign Minister's explanation, 17 July, 1948.

In view of the desire of the Indonesians, and the purport of the greater East Asia Declaration, ex-Premier KOISO p.11 told the Diet that JAP. is going to grant independence in the future to the N.E.I.

p.12 To clarify the JAP. government's intention following explanations are offered:

p.13 The N.E.I. shall be given independence as a whole.

p.14 The independence shall be promulgated with the completion of preparations in principal areas JAVA, SUMATRA etc.

p.15 The ^{future} center of the new state shall be JAVA, where now Independence Preparations Committee shall be created.

p.16 The time of independence shall be about this autumn.

b.17 In deciding matters concerning the independence, popular will shall take the initiative.

"Measures for the N.E.I. Independence" Data for Foreign Minister's Explanation, 17 July, 1945.

I. In the East Indies, there have been fierce Independence movements ever since the time of the Dutch occupation. "Indonesian for the Indonesians" was the earnest desire of the separatists. As soon as our army occupied the East Indies after the outbreak of the Greater East Asia War, the above pioneers all rendered whole hearted cooperation to us in the expectation that the golden opportunity for Independence had offered itself. They have achieved successful results in their activities as members of the Chuo Sangi-In (Central Advisory Council) and as officials or members of local administrative organizations. On the other hand, the Greater East Asia Joint Declaration was issued in November of the year before last clarifying the Empire's great policy to respect the Independence of every country in Greater East Asia. Simultaneously, with the establishment of Independence in Burma and the Philippines and of the Free India Temporary Government, the desire of the leaders of Independence Movements in the East Indies also was greatly encouraged.

The Empire, on her part, regarded it proper to carry through the spirit of the Greater East Asia Declaration and to make some kind of gesture in regard to the problem of Independence for the East Indies as a reward for the cooperation and expectation of the native inhabitants.

Accordingly, after deliberation at the Supreme War Supervisory Conference of Sept. 5th, last year, former Prime Minister Koiso, in his declaration of the government's policies at the 25th Extraordinary Session of the Diet on Sept. 9th, made a statement that, "The Empire is ready to recognize Independence for the East Indies in order to secure everlasting welfare for her people", thereby clarifying the Empire's intentions on this problem.

Of course, at the Supreme War Supervisory Conference of Sept. 5th, it was merely decided that the above statement was to be made at the Diet Session; and in regard to the areas to which Independence was to be granted, there was no question to Java and Sumatra, but nothing definite was decided on the rest of the areas. Only it was decided to permit the use of the Indonesian song and the Indonesian flag which had heretofore been prohibited, and to encourage and increase the participation in politics by inhabitants to give the native inhabitants a chance to investigate and study matters necessary for the Independence.

II. In response to the above statement by the Imperial Government, an Independence Investigation Committee was established in Java; while in Sumatra and Celebes also, measures had been taken to encourage participation in politics by native inhabitants. Necessary preparations had been

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under way, when in the statement of Sept. 7th, last year, it was merely stated "her Independence shall be recognized in the future", and no time for it had been indicated. To promise the Indonesians their independence and have its realization in a state of uncertainty for a long time, will, it is feared, give rise to doubts as to the sincerity of our Empire.

Especially, at this moment when the enemy's counter-offensive is already about to extend to a corner of the East Indies, it will be imminent, from the necessity of seeking a more positive cooperation from the native inhabitants, to further materialize the statement made last year and to decide clearly the time for the independence and announce it at home and abroad, thereby clarifying the Empire's true intentions towards the complete adjustment of independence for Greater East Asia.

From this standpoint, it is desired at this occasion to come to a decision as in the separate plan.

III Next, a few explanations will be made on the plan for decision.

(1) Regarding Point I.

The standards of the East Indies people are not the same in various areas. Java, of course, has the highest standard and in reality, has the qualifications for independence. The rest of the areas are not recognized as being necessarily qualified for independence immediately.

Therefore, some may entertain the opinion that at this occasion Java, only should be granted independence first of all, and wait for the substantial perfection of other areas to grant them their independence. But the so-called separatists, who have advocated independence for the East Indies in the past, regarded the Dutch East Indies as one body and desired to get independence for the whole area.

To grant independence only to Java, separately, at this time, will disappoint the Indonesians and we regret that it will not only reduce the effect by half, but it is feared that it may give rise to suspicion that the Empire might harbour territorial ambitions in the rest of the areas. So it is regarded best to make it clear that the area to be granted independence is the former Dutch Indies entirely.

Furthermore, this means that the area to be granted independence is the former Dutch Indies, not including British Malaya and North Borneo. These areas are geographically adjacent to the former Dutch Indies, but they have an entirely separate existence in their historical traditions.

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It is regarded inappropriate and unnecessary to grant these areas their Independence together with the former Dutch Indies, and so they have been excluded.

(2) Regarding Point II.

Article No (1) shall mean that when preparations for Independence will have been completed in the principal areas, that is Java and Sumatra, Independence for a new nation shall be declared in the entire area of the former Dutch Indies, which has been decided as the area to be granted Independence. Or a method may be considered by which the areas having completed preparations will be granted Independence first, then the rest of the areas will be included in the new nation successively after completion of their respective preparations. However, it is feared that such a method will invite misunderstanding among the so-called Indonesian separatists who regard the former Dutch Indies entirely as one body.

There is also the difficulty in the legal explanation in incorporating the rest of the areas into the new country as soon as their preparations will have been completed. Rather, it is considered proper to declare Independence simultaneously for the entire area as soon as preparations will have been completed in the principal areas.

It is, therefore, our desire to consider the areas, in which preparations have not yet been completed, as territories of the new nation, for the time being; but our military administration will continue to rule these areas until their preparations will have been completed, when they will be transferred to the new nation, (Article No. II).

The so-called Independence Preparation Committee, mentioned in Article III, is a committee for the preparation of Independence covering the entire area, but the center of the new nation is, after all, Java; and Java is, at present, the farthest ahead in the state of progress in preparation. So, for convenience sake, it is our desire to establish the Independence Preparation Committee in Java. Of course, it will be proper to promote preparations for Independence in areas other than Java according to the state of progress in the preparations made by the Independence Preparation Committee.

Moreover, the Independence Preparation Committee to be established in Java will be to prepare for Independence in the entire area, so it is, of course, expected that representatives from various areas will participate in it. However, under the present communication situation, it is considered difficult to dispatch repres-

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tatives from various areas in the East Indies to Java. In such a case, there are representative people from the various areas in the East Indies residing in Java, so it could be considered that these people may be called upon to substitute.

(3) Regarding Point III.

It is our desire to decide the time for the Independence of the new nation as soon as possible as has been indicated in our policy. There may be circumstances for preparations on the spot, but in view of the war situation and the international situation, it is believed necessary to realize it by autumn this year at the latest.

However, in order to cope with the speedily developing international political situation, it will be proper to immediately decide in general the estimated time for the Independence and to announce it with the areas to be the territory of the new nation.

Furthermore, this announcement shall not be made from our side, but by the Independence Preparation Committee. The purpose is that it is considered proper to make this Independence of the new nation seem, as much as possible, like the natural organization based on the voluntary initiative of the people of the East Indies, and not based on our supervision and suggestions.

(4) Regarding Point IV.

This article, like the above, is for the purpose of making the Independence of the new nation seem like it is based upon the voluntary initiative of the people of the East Indies, and the statement, "This will be decided according to the will of the people", means in reality, it is believed, that the Independence Preparation Committee will be made to decide the matter.

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東印度獨立措置ニ関スル件 外務大臣説明資料

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一、東印度於ハ蘭頃時代ヨリ激烈ナル獨立運動アリ、「インドネシア」人為、「インドネシア」ハ彼等獨立運動者、熱烈ナル要望ナル處、大東亜戰爭勃発シ我軍ノ東印度戦是成ルヤ之等先覚者ハ何レモ獨立ノ母機至レリト期待ノ下ニ我方ニ全面的協力ヲ為シ、或ハ中央議院議員トシテ、或ハ各州地方機關ノ官吏又ハ議員トシテ活動シ其成果見ル可モアリ、他面昨年十一月大東亜共同宣言ノ發出アリ。

「アーリアン」独立、呂西印度假政府成立アルベ東印度於モ獨立運動者、希望ハ一層促進セラメル次オナルカ、帝國トシテモ大東亜宣言ノ趣旨ヲ再貫徹シス東印度住民ノ我方ニ對スル協力ト期待ニ報エル事ニモ當帝度、独立問題ニ周シ仁等カ意思表示ヲ急スコト適當ト思料セラルニミレリ。依テ前内閣ニ於テハ容年九月五日最高戰爭指導會議行議ニ上、九月七日第八十五臨時議會、施政演說於テ小磯前總理ヨリ、「帝國ハ東印度民族永久、福在ヲ確保スル意ニ持東具ノ獨立ヲ認メトスルモノナル」旨聲明シ以テ本問題ニ對スル帝國ノ意ヘ圖ラ明白ナラシメタリ。尤々九月五日、最高戰爭指導會議於テ右聲明ヲ議會於テ為ニトヲ決定セルノミニシテ、独立ヲ許容スキ地域ニ關シテハ「ジャワ」及「スマトラ」等ハ問題ナキモ爾餘ノ地域付テハ明白ナル決定ヲ見ス、唯從未葉エシ居タル「インドネシア」歌及「インドネシア」旗使用ヲ許可シ、又住民政治參與ヲ強化擴大シ、現地住民ヲシテ独立ニ導クル事項、調査研究ヲ為サシムルコトナレリ。

二、右帝國政府ノ聲明ニ呼應シ、「ジャワ」等ハ独立調查委員會設立セラレ、「スマトラ」「セレベス」等ノ地域於モ現地住民政治參與強化措置方執ニレ

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注 指示書中ナルカ客年九月七日 聲明及唯將來其獨裁設シ
トスニミナル」旨述ヘアルムニテ其ノ時期ハ明示シラサル處、独立約束シ
セリ之カ實現ヲ長ク不安定、虚放置スルコトハ帝國、誠意ヘ付疑念ヲ起サ
ニキル虞ナシトセス、殊ニ敵ノ反攻カ既蒙印度一角ニ及ヒラアル今ヨ現地
臣民ノ對ヨ助カ愈々積極化スル必至ヨリ言え、此際客年、聲明ヲ更
三具体化シ、獨立ノ時期ヲ明定シテ中外ニ發表シ以テ大會ノ事自立更整
討スル帝國ノ眞摯ナル意圖ヲ宣明スルノ要アリ、假ナニ異地ヨリ今回別案
ノ如キ決定ヲ參サントスル次第ナリ。

三、次ニ決定案ニ付若干説明スヘシ。

(一) 要領一、二付

東印度ノ民度ハ各地域ニ依リ一様ナラス、最モ民度高ク實質上モ
獨立資格ヲ真備スルハ勿論「ジャワ」ニニテ爾餘ノ地域ハ父スシモ直
独立ニ次第各々有スルトハ認メ得サルモノアリ、從テ此ノ際矣、「ジャワ」ノ
ニニ独立ヲ許容シ爾他ノ地域、更ニ某ノ實質ノ完備ヲ俟ケテ独立セシムヘ
キトノ論モアリ得ヘキ處、從東印度ノ獨立ヲ首唱シ東ヒル所謂独立道
動者ハ當ニ蘭嶺東印度ヲ一体トシテ考居リ之ヲ一體トシテ独立セシルコトハ彼等
望シラアルモニ矣、此際「ジャワ」ノミヲ切離シテ独立セシルコトハ彼等ヲ
失望セシメ折角ノ效果ヲ半減スルミナラス或ハ帝國、カ爾餘ノ地域行何等カ
野ハアルニ非スヤトノ疑念ヲ生セシルノ惧ナシトセス、依テ此ノ際独立セシムヘキ
地域ハ舊蘭嶺全部ナル旨ヲ明ニスルヲ可トスル次第ナリ、又本項ハ独立セシ
ムヘキ地域ハ舊蘭嶺ニシテ英領「マライ」及北「木ルネオ」ヲ含ロニサルコトヲ竟
味スルモキル處、之等地域ハ地理的ニハ舊蘭嶺ト近接スルモ從東、歴史的傳統於
テ全然別個存存タリシモノニシテニ舊蘭嶺ト一括シテ独立セシルコトハ不適當
且必要ナリト思考シテ之ヲ除外セル次第ナリ。

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要領二、二付

第一項ハ主要地域即チ「ジャワ」、「スマトラ」等、獨立準備完了セル際ハ獨立セラムヘキ地域トシテ定メラレタル舊蘭印全地域ニ亘リ、新國名、獨立ヲ宣言セラヘルコトヲ意味スルモナリ。或ハ準備完了セル地域ヨリ先ツ獨立セシメ、爾他地域ニ付テハ其ノ準備完了スルヲ俟テ逐次之ヲ新國名ニ參加セシムル方法ニ考ヘ得ヘキモ、右一如キ方法ハ前述「日蘭印全部」件トシテ考フル所謂「インドネシヤ」独立運動者、誤解ヲ招ク虞アルミナラス、爾他地域ヲ準備完了次第新國名ニ編入スル際、法理的説明ニ困難アリ。

寧口ニ重要地域、準備完了次第全地域ニ亘ツテ一齊而シテ未タ準備完了セル地域ニ付テハ一處之ヲ新國名、領域トスルモ、依然我方軍政ヲ繼續シ、準備完了ヲ俟テ逐次之ヲ新國名ニ移管セントスル次第ナリ(第二項)。

第三項ニ就キ、謂独立準備委員会ハ全地域ニ亘ル独立準備、タメノ委員会ナルモ新國名、中心ハ結局「ジャワ」ニシテ、又現在準備進捗狀況モ「ジャワ」カ最モ進ミ居ルヲ以テ、便宜上独立準備委員會ハ之ヲ「ジャワ」ニ設ケントスルモナリ。勿論「ジャワ」以外、地域ニ於テ右独立準備委員会、準備進捗狀況ニ呼応シテ独立準備ヲ促進スヘキコトハ當然也。

又、ジャワニ設立セラルヘキ独立準備委員会ハ全地域、
独立ヲ準備スルモノナルヲ以テ当然各地区ヨリ1、代表
者、参加ヲ豫想スルモノナル處、或ハ現下、交通狀

況ヨリシテ東印度各地ヨリ代表者ヲジャワニ派遣
スルコトハ困難ナリトモ思考セラル處、右、如キ場合、
於テハ、ジャワニハ東印度各地、代表的人物居住スル
ヲ以テ之等ヲシテ代理セシムルコトヲ考慮シ得ヘシ。

(三)要領三、二付

新國別獨立、時期ハ方針ニ元の示シアル通り可及的
之ヲ速カナラシメ、安キ、該處ニシテ観地、於ケル準備、
都合ハアルヘキモ戰局、狀況並ニ國際情勢ニ鑑ミ、遲
々を今年秋ニ、実現セシムル必要アリト認メ居テリ。
而レトモ急速ホニ展開スル國際政局ニ計入ル爲、
独立、豫定時期ヲ速ニ概空シ、新國別、領域タルヘキ
地域ト共ニ之ヲ發展スルコト適當ニシテ、尚、本件、發展
ヲ我方ニ於テ之ヲ爲サス、独立準備委員会ヲシテ
爲サシムルコトセル趣旨ハ、本件、新國別、独立カ
我方、指導、乃彭手埃ニ基クモトノ形ヲ執ラス、飽ク
近モ東印支民族、自發的發意ニ基クモトナリト、
自然發生的形ヲ取ラシムルヲ適當トスルニ出ツルモ、
ナリ。

(四)要領四、二付

本項モ前項ト同ジク新國別、独立ヲ東印度民族、

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自發的発意ニ基テエースル趣旨ニ出ケルモノニシテ
「民意ニ依リ之ヲ宣ムトハ具備的ニ、獨立準備委
員会ヲシテ之ヲ決定セシムルコトニシテ、達セラルモノ
ト考へ居レリ

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余、林聲、余が下記、資格ニ於テ即4外務省文書課長トシテ、日本政府ト公的關係ニ在ルモナルコト、並ニ該官吏トシテ余が茲ニ添附セラレタルハ莫ヨリ成ル、千九百四五年、昭和二十一年七月十七日附、下記題名、即4東印度独立措置ニ關す件「外務大臣説明資料」を保管ニ仕ジ居マトヲ茲ニ證明ス。

余ハ更ニ添附、記錄及文書が日本政府、公文書ナリコト、並ニ右亦下記名稱、省文部局、公式書類及之經一部ナルコトヲ證明ス。〔若シアラバ、該省另又引用其ノ他公式書類又經於ケル該文書、正規所在、公式名稱ヲモ特記スベシ〕

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