

**TODAY and TOMORROW**  
**NIMITZ VAGUE**

**A**merican casualties so far in the Okinawa campaign and during the recent attacks against Nippon total 7,895, according to a recent statement by Admiral Nimitz. While Admiral Nimitz vaguely admits 7,895 casualties, computations based on Nippon Imperial Headquarters communiques reveal that since their landing in southern Okinawa the Americans have suffered on the land front alone more than 8,600 casualties, Admiral Nimitz thinks that because he has admitted a figure close to the Nippon claim of 8,600, the American people will take his announcements as true and correct and complete.

But the American people cannot but be aware of the fact that the casualty figure of 8,600 as claimed by the Nipponese, and which Admiral Nimitz almost admits is only for the land fighting in Okinawa. In less than a month now since the beginning of the Ryukyu campaign the Americans have lost 393 ships—at the average rate of 16 ships per day. In these sinkings and in their landing attempts, the Americans have suffered enormous personnel losses compared to which the casualty figure for the land fighting in Okinawa is a mere trifle.

These terrific losses are going to have the most serious effect on the American war effort in the Pacific. In fact the American home front has been greatly disheartened. Only to minimize the disaster in the home front, Nimitz completely hides his colossal shipping and manpower losses.

If Nimitz will not admit the truth, even a bigger authority indirectly admits the effect of these crippling losses. The Commander-in-Chief of the American Fleet, Admiral King, has declared that the war in the Central Pacific is taxing the entire strength of the American Navy. Because their Pacific fleets and task forces under Vice Admiral Mark Mitchell, Richmond Turner and Admiral Spruance have been crippled, Admiral King is now forced to muster the entire strength of the American Navy—and the Americans will go on staking all their strength—so long as there is any considerable strength to collect.

The land fighting on Okinawa has practically just commenced and the land-fighting loss of over 8,600 men shows that if the Americans are now forced to muster all their naval strength, they will not now nor later be able to muster ground forces for land fighting sufficient to beat Nippon. On the other hand every day the total defeat of the American naval and land forces is coming nearer and nearer.

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**ENEMY WAR PLANS FAIL IN OKINAWA**

*Staggering Losses In Men And Material Totally Upset Foe Strategy*

With the terrific blow and setback suffered on the sea, the American Fleet is now diverting its attention to the land fighting and is getting very jittery. On the Okinawa mainland on account of jitteriness and over-anxiety to finish the war soon, the Americans are suffering large losses in personnel and because of this their strategy is not working according to plan.

Thus declared Lt.-Col. Shozo Nakajima, Chief Spokesman of the Imperial Nippon Forces in the Southern Regions, at the weekly press conference here yesterday reviewing the war situation in the Pacific.

The operations in the area of Okinawa are progressing very favourably for us, stated the Chief Spokesman. Already on the sea over 400 enemy warcraft have either been sunk or damaged. The enemy had been doing propaganda to the effect that he had massed 1,400 war vessels but this does not mean that all of them are large size warcraft. I believe that out of this number a large majority are small landing barges.

Assuming that the number of large size vessels which the Americans have massed is 500 odd the number of warcraft already crippled and put out of commission which numbers 400 must be a staggering blow to the enemy. If the operations continue at this rate the American Fleet will be practically annihilated in a short while, pointed out Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

Now that they have called in the British Pacific Fleet and

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**Sadao Iguchi Denounces American Propagandists**

Tokyo, April 20 (Domei)—That the enemy is at last coming round to admitting the devastating effect of Nippon's special attack corps was pointed out by Sadao Iguchi, Spokesman of the Board of Information, at his foreign press conference today.

Quoting casualty figures released by Nimitz's Headquarters on April 18 he drew attention to the enemy admission that the majority of over 7,900 American casualties on Okinawa were naval losses. Referring to the campaign carried on by Washington propagandists on alleged Nippon atrocities, he said the Americans are alleging false charges in order to cover up their own wanton sinking of the Awa Maru so as to evade responsibility for their crimes and violation.

**Br. Government Indifferent To Indian Welfare**

*Amery Not Prepared To Take Action In South African Muddle*

British Government's callousness and indifference towards the welfare of Indians were strikingly revealed during Thursday's session of the British House of Commons. According to a news despatch from London, Leopold Amery rejected a suggestion by Labour Member, Sloan, that in view of the refusal of the Union of South Africa in regard to racial discrimination, he will now consider instructing the Government of New Delhi to recall the Indian High Commissioner from the Union. In reply, Amery said that he is not prepared to do anything of the kind as the matter is entirely one for the Government of India.

Meanwhile, Amery again made it clear that the British Government do not propose to do anything in the matter of releasing those Congress leaders who are still under detention.

Meanwhile, other reports received here today contain further evidence of British anxiety to appease the Indian nationalist forces and thus avert the crisis confronting the British Raj in India. According to Reuter's Political correspondent in London, Fraser Wighton, an early full-dress debate on the political situation in India has been promised by the British Government. The seriousness of the Indian situation was also admitted by Opposition leader, Arthur Greenwood in the House of Commons Thursday. Greenwood is reported to have stated that the Indian issue is sufficiently important to be treated in a proper way.

**Nippon Navy & Air Arm Conduct Fierce Attacks On Kita & Naka Airbases**

A Nippon Base in South-Western Islands, April 18 (Domei)—Slipping through the enemy's naval defences, a part of our surface units, co-operating with land operations, on April 16 conducted a fierce surprise shelling of the Kita and Naka enemy-held airfields on Okinawa Main Island, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

Following up the naval assault, Nippon bombers on the same night roared through a barrage of enemy anti-aircraft fire, causing heavy devastation at both of the airfields. The fact that only one enemy plane flew up from the enemy airbases today appeared to confirm that heavy losses were caused as the result of the naval and air poundings.

**BIG SCALE FOE OFFENSIVE IN S. OKINAWA SMASHED IN SUCCESSFUL COUNTER-PUSH**

*Suzuki To Attend Dai Honyei War Deliberations*

Tokyo, April 19 (Domei)—Premier Admiral Baron Kantaro Suzuki has been commanded by TENNO HEIKA to join the staff of Imperial Headquarters, according to a communique released by the Board of Information this afternoon.

The communique revealed that Premier Suzuki, by virtue of special Imperial wishes, will henceforth be with Imperial Headquarters to be fully acquainted with details of military operation and will participate, side by side with army and navy chiefs of staff of Imperial Headquarters and the War and Navy Ministers, in deliberations on the general conduct of the war.

This special status granted to Premier Suzuki is the same as that accorded former Premier General Kuniaki Koiso, who received a similar Imperial command on Mar. 16 qualifying him as Prime Minister of the Cabinet to join Imperial Headquarters, it will be recalled.

Premier Suzuki proceeded to the Imperial Palace at 2 o'clock this afternoon when he received TENNO HEIKA'S gracious words specially according him the status of a component member of Imperial Headquarters. The Premier's direct participation in Imperial Headquarters deliberations is expected to bring about closer co-ordination between the Supreme Command and Government in relation to the general conduct of the war.

**Nippon Air Units Sink More Ships In Waters Around Okinawa Group**

Nippon Central Pacific Base, April 20 (Domei)—It is now ascertained that Nippon air units sank two enemy cruisers and one medium-size transport in assaults against enemy warships and vessels in waters around the Okinawa Group on the evening and night of April 16.

Meantime, Nippon airmen are also reported to have attacked and heavily damaged another enemy cruiser off the western coast of the southern part of Okinawa Main Island on the following evening and during the same night to have blasted numerous points of the enemy-held Kita airfield in a surprise raid.

*War Intensifies As Nippon Forces Lash Out At Foe With Added Ferocity*

Tokyo, April 20 (Domei)—Nippon forces in the southern sector of Main Okinawa Island completely smashed a large-scale enemy offensive launched early yesterday, Thursday, morning. Under cover of intense heavy artillery and trench-mortar fire, some 10,000 enemy troops supported by scores of tanks launched a most determined offensive against our positions in the southern sector of the island.

Our forces promptly counter-attacking the enemy through the closest co-operation between our infantrymen and artillery units, engaged the American invasion troops in the fiercest battle that raged throughout yesterday. By evening of April 19 our forces succeeded in completely smashing the enemy offensive and repulsed enemy troops with heavy casualties inflicted on them.

The great struggle for the possession of the Okinawas is increasing in intensity with both Nippon land and air forces lashing out with added ferocity against the enemy invaders.

The enemy apparently has realized that he cannot afford to abandon his ambition to occupy the islands after losing so heavily, while the Nippon forces have equally become increasingly determined that the enemy should not attain his objective. Exemplifying their resolve to crush the enemy Nippon Special Attack Corps are keeping up a running attack against enemy warcraft.

Besides the 13 aircraft-carriers definitely sunk, two carriers heavily damaged or probably sunk, and six carriers heavily damaged, Nippon air and surface craft have sunk or

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**Anglo-U.S. Ambassadors Arrive For Discussions**

Lisbon, April 20 (Domei)—Sir Archibald Clark Kerr and W. Averill Harriman, British and United States Ambassadors to Moscow, arrived in Washington yesterday, according to reports from Washington. They were members of the Anglo-American-Soviet Commission seeking Polish agreement. It is said the third member Molotov is expected to arrive in Washington in a few days.

They arrived soon after Stettinius announced he had received a new note from the Russian Government on the Polish Government but refused to disclose the contents. Stettinius said he, Molotov and Eden are expected to spend most of their time on the Polish question.

### Azad Hind Day Mass Rally This Evening

Today is the Provisional Government of Azad Hind Day. The Indian National Flag is flown along with the Hinomaru from all Indian business premises and residential quarters throughout Syonan, to mark the Day.

As notified in the Azad Hind publications yesterday, there will be a mass meeting of Indians at the local Chapter of the I.L.L. this evening at 6 o'clock when His Excellency Col. S. C. Alagappan will address the gathering on the significance of the Day.

All Indians are requested to attend the meeting.

### Donations Pour In For "Awa Maru" Relief Fund

Syonan, April 20 (Domei)—Three leading Chinese relief organizations in this city have donated \$15,000 to the Awa Maru Relief Fund opened but two days ago by the Nippon edition of the Syonan Shimbun. Donors include the Black Cross Workers, Blue Cross Association and the Nanyang Sacred Union who each contributed \$5,000 which will be used by the bereaved families of those who lost their lives in the sinking of this mercy ship.

At the mass rally held at the Dai Toa Gekijo Wednesday evening which placed on record the burning indignation and resentment of East Asians at this latest American atrocity, it is revealed a sum of \$19,000 was collected, including a donation of \$5,000 from the Chinese community in Syonan. Voluntary donations handed in during the course of the mass rally were made up of various currencies of the Southern Regions and included dollars, bhats, rupees, guilders, pesoes and even yen notes.

### Frank Views Exchanged On Nippon China Policy

Nanking, April 19 (Domei)—General Yasuji Okamura, Commander-in-Chief of the Nippon Army in China, Admiral Nobutake Kondo, Commander-in-Chief of the Nippon Fleet in China waters and Masayuki Tani, Nippon Ambassador to China, met in conference on April 17 in Nanking, it was announced today by the Spokesman of the Nippon Embassy in China.

In the above conference, the Spokesman said, representatives of the Nippon army and navy and Greater East Asiatic Ministry in China exchanged frank views regarding smooth realization of Nippon's China policy and furtherance of Sino-Nippon collaboration and measures to meet the current war situation.

### Memorial Service Held For 23 Nippon Newsmen

Syonan, April 19 (Domei)—A solemn, impressive memorial service for 23 Nippon correspondents who have lost their lives in line with duty in Sumatra, Malai and Djawa since the outbreak of the war was held at the local Hongwanji Temple this evening under the auspices of the Hodoibu.

The function was attended by high-ranking Nippon Army Officers, the Gunsei-Sokan and all Nippon-jin associated with journalistic activities.

### Sri K.S.S. Nathan Treats Relief Camp Inmates

The 200 odd destitutes of the Relief Camp of the Indian Independence League, Syonan Branch, were given a sumptuous repast on the 18th instant, the host being Sri K. S. S. Nathan of 131 Arab Street, Syonan.

### Warm Messages Of Gratitude Sent To Fighting Forces

Tokyo, Apr. 19 (Domei)—General Jiro Minami, President of the Dai Nippon Seijikai, today sent telegrams of gratitude and encouragement to our army and navy forces and to the populace of Okinawa for the death-defying battle they are putting up.

In his telegram addressed to Admiral Soemu Toyoda, Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Nippon Fleet, and to the Supreme Commander of the Nippon army forces in Okinawa, General Minami highly praised the officers and men of both the navy and army for their gallant fighting. With the enemy being thrown into utter confusion as a result of relentless attacks carried out by our naval and army forces, he said, a God-sent opportunity has been afforded us for certain victory.

The people on the homefront, deeply inspired by news of the good results scored by our forces, are putting forth every effort to further increase production. General Minami said, adding, "We herewith pledge to strive resolutely for victory hand-in-hand with the officers and men of both our armed forces, and we offer our deep gratitude for the gallant fight being put up and pray for the destruction of the enemy."

In another message to the Governor of Okinawa Prefecture, General Minami said the whole nation is deeply touched by the heroic fight being put up by each and every resident of the prefecture since the enemy invasion. He added: "It is hoped that you will continue heroic fighting with unstinting perseverance for the defence of the Empire and, at the same time, pray for the successful conclusion of the battle."

### Chungking Attempt To Retake Laohokow Foiled

Laohokow, April 19 (Domei)—Nippon units, which were encircled by 2,000 enemy troops after Chungking forces had fled across the Han-shui following the Nippon reduction of Laohokow, on the night of April 13, successfully hurled back the enemy in a fierce two-day battle and completely frustrated his hopes for recapturing this strategic bastion.

Following the capture of Laohokow by Nippon forces, remnant enemy troops under the command of Liu Chih, Commander-in-Chief of Chungking's Fifth War Zone, were ordered to retake Laohokow, while Chiang Kai-shek personally instructed Liu Juming to make preparations also for the recapture of the town with the 55th and 68th Armies. However, Nippon forces in a counter-thrust not only checked the enemy attack but also severed the enemy highway running north to Laohokow.

### Enemy Submarine Sunk In Western Pacific

A Nippon Base in the Western Pacific, April 18 (Domei)—A Nippon patrol boat attacked and sank one enemy submarine in the Western Pacific yesterday, April 17.

### Soviet Push Fails In 3rd-Day War For Reich Capital

Berlin, April 19 (Domei)—German forces on the third day of the great defensive battle of Berlin withstood the Soviet mass attack and prevented all breakthrough attempts, the German High Command announced. It said south of Frankfurt Reich troops held their positions against Soviet forces far superior in numbers.

South of Wrietzen, German tanks fought the enemy to a standstill. Soviet forces despite heavy fighting and the loss of numerous tanks have been able to bring forward narrow attacking wedges north of Gerlitz and northwest of Weisswasser down to the area east of Bautzen and to the Spree River on either side of Spremberg.

Strong German fighter and battleplane units, giving support to ground troops, have additionally destroyed 95 tanks and assault guns, crippled 20 tanks and shot down 109 aircraft.

South of the Eastern Front the focal point of fighting has shifted to either side of Mistelbach, south of Bruenn, and northward.

Centres of fighting in the west were in the Luneburg Heath, in the area of Nuremberg and in the area of Leipzig in the past 24 hours. Enemy troops pressing toward the north entered Ulzen and Luneburg. Nineteen British tanks were knocked out at Soltau. No essential changes took place in the Wittenberge-Stendal area.

Along the Elbe and Mulde Reich forces prevented fresh enemy successes. On the northern and southern flanks of the Western Front, the situation is less dangerous than in Central Germany, although hard fighting waged in the Netherlands in the Ijssel-Waal sector bend as well as on the Lower Rhine.

### Battle For Okinawa Now Intensifies In Ferocity

(Continued from previous page) damaged 372 enemy warcraft and vessels of other categories, of which some could not be identified. Among those listed in the unidentified category, most were probably aircraft-carriers. Thus, taking this into account, the actual number of enemy aircraft-carriers sunk or damaged is conservatively estimated to total 30.

Enemy personnel losses resulting from this heavy setback since Mar. 23 are estimated to reach 800,000 calculated at 2,000 men for every warcraft or vessel sunk. There is no doubt that this heavy toll has been a serious blow to the enemy. However, it is highly probable that he will mobilize his remnant naval forces and launch a counter-attack in order to retrieve the fortunes of war.

### Concern Over Nippon Campaign In Honan

Peking, April 18 (Domei)—Expressing deep concern over the new Nippon threat in the Honan sector, the Sinkingpao, Chungking military journal published in Sian, in a recent editorial urged the recall of Chungking expeditionary forces in India to prepare against the new Nippon offensive.

### Staggering Losses Upset Foe Strategy In Okinawa

(Continued from previous page) also the remaining defeated French Fleet, added to the complete annihilation of their present Fleet, the Americans would have no more to replace it. So long the war vessels were annihilated we do not mind how many merchant vessels the enemy may have, remarked the Chief Spokesman, adding the more merchant vessels they have the better for us.

"I am confident of the day when captured American merchant vessels will be bringing in loads of rice to the people of Syonan from Burma and Thailand," remarked the Chief Spokesman good humouredly.

Today in their agony due to terrible setbacks on sea and land, the Americans had started new landing operations on the small islands of Ie and Menna in the vicinity of Okinawa. This provides clear evidence that they are in a state of frenzy.

But on the Okinawa mainland our forces have not yet started their full or joint offensive but once it is undertaken we will inflict extensive losses on the enemy, added Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

Referring to the operations in the Luzon Island in the Philippines sector Lt.-Col. Nakajima said that the enemy on the Baguio Sector was approaching timidly and in a roundabout way and, as soon as the Nippon general offensive starts, he will get the taste of it. As the fighting on the land or sea is not going according to plan the enemy is losing his head and is resorting to all kinds of atrocities, pointed out the Chief Spokesman.

An example of the inhuman acts perpetrated by the enemy is provided in the sinking of the mercy ship Awa Maru in violation of International Law. The Awa Maru was on her return voyage after carrying relief supplies to American prisoners and civilians in the areas controlled by Nippon. Whatever the American excuses might be, "this unlawful act is being impeached and denounced by peoples of all nations," added Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

Although Nippon people are furious with indignation and are demanding that the supplies be confiscated, the Nippon military authorities, however, propose to distribute these relief supplies to the prisoners and internees, concluded Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

#### NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that my wife, AMARAVATHI AMMAL alias HATIJA BEE, has left my protection from 11.4.2605 on her own accord.

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### ENGO SAIKEN DRAW RESULTS

The numbers of the principal prize-winning Engo Saiken tickets, drawn at the Syonan Kokaido yesterday, are given below:

- FIRST PRIZE: (\$50,000): 008995.
- CONSOLATION PRIZES: \$1,000 each, two tickets): 008994 and 008,996.
- SECOND PRIZE (\$20,000): 094247.
- THIRD PRIZE (\$10,000 each, three tickets): 014270, 005501, 056357.
- FOURTH PRIZE (\$5,000 each, three tickets): 018495, 072439, 007399.
- FIFTH PRIZE (\$1,000 each, four tickets): 054214, 507038, 017333, 088856.
- SIXTH PRIZE (\$700 each, 20 tickets): 027892, 075760, 007880, 039061, 068663, 014706, 058942, 064927, 081236, 037103, 045615, 083101, 097452, 043750 068978, 025618, 084937, 073489, 089707, 066097.

(Further numbers will follow).

### Collection Of Funds For I.L.L. Welfare Work Urged

A sum of \$76,000 was allotted by Lt.-Col. Gilani, Secretary of the Health and Social Welfare Department of the I.L.L. Rear Headquarters, for the use of the various Welfare Centres in Malai, to be spent by the respective League Branches during the National Liberation Week.

Lt.-Col. Gilani who made a tour of the various Welfare Centres recently also took the opportunity to impress upon the League Branches the need for raising more funds towards this humanitarian cause from wealthy Indians in the country.

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