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TOMORROW

A Retrograde Step

NETAJI Subhas Chandra Bose has repeatedly warned compromise-minded Indian leaders that the acceptance of Wavell's proposals will not help but will retard the achievement of independence and further that it is an illusion to think that the sufferings of the Indian people can be relieved to any extent through compromise and co-operation with the British Government. The first condition laid down by the British is that the proposed Indian Executive Council should give it full co-operation in the British war effort.

India has lost the flower of its youth—many hundreds of them on Britain's battlefields. Vast millions of India's population have perished from hunger, starvation and disease caused by British exploitation and British military occupation. After more than two years of unprecedented tragic famine and epidemics, is India to be exploited more ruthlessly? Is that the way to prepare India for independence?

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has asked the compromise-minded Indian leaders whether they have given up all opposition to India's forced contribution to the U.N.R.R.A., to Britain's unilateral method of writing off India's sterling balances, whether they have accepted as right and legal the retention in prison of tens of thousands of Congressmen and Nationalists.

Truly this compromise with the British will be a terrible plague and curse to India. By agitation and demonstrations and all other possible activities, the Indian people must prevent their leaders from entering into this miserable compromise and unholy alliance with the British imperialists.

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Fierce Fighting Rages In Balik Papan Theatre

Nippon Forces Repeatedly Launch Death-Defying Charges Against Foe

A Nippon Base on the Southern Front, July 12 (Domei)—An intense battle has been in progress since last Sunday between Nippon garrison forces and enemy invaders along a 30-kilometre front extending from a section of Balik Papan City to the First Airfield in the outskirts of the city.

Especially heavy fighting is taking place in the sector of the First Airfield with Nippon forces repeatedly launching death-defying charges against the enemy who is keeping up furious attacks under cover of incessant artillery fire and powerful tank units.

Meanwhile, Nippon artillery is carrying out intensive bombardment of enemy forces massed at a narrow spot on the shoreline. While fighting is steadily mounting in intensity, Nippon forces are firmly holding their lines of defence and exacting a heavy toll of enemy lives.

SIMLA STALEMATE CAUSES BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT AMONG BRITISH DIEHARDS

Striking evidence of British anxiety to enlist the co-operation of India's leaders in their war efforts by persuading them to accept Lord Wavell's proposals is contained in the latest reports received here today.

A despatch from London states that the news that Mr. Jinnah, the President of the Muslim League, has decided not to submit the panel of names for the proposed Executive Council has caused sharp disappointment in British political circles. This disappointment is only natural because the British know very well that without the support of India's leaders, they can never hope to raise a huge army of Indians which they very badly need for prosecuting the war against Nippon.

Lord Wavell induced his masters in Whitehall to make a new offer to India because he felt that it would not be possible to obtain the necessary military aid from India without the sympathy and support of the Indian public.

The despatch says that British anxiety over the progress of the negotiations being carried on at Simla is understandable because in the view of Britain and the United States more hangs on

the present negotiations than upon any previous attempts to solve the Indian deadlock.

Competent Indian circles here declare that the British will never be able to deceive the masses in India who are convinced that the latest British offer is only a diabolical plan to enable the British Viceroy to intensify the exploitation of India's manpower and material resources to carry on their war of aggression.

While some of the Indian leaders are ready to compromise with the British Raj, the British-made famine and disease continue to take an ever-increasing toll of Indian lives throughout the country. According to a New Delhi report, Dr. B. C. Roy, President of the Indian Medical Council and also a prominent Congressman of Bengal, has issued a warning that an epidemic of Malaria is imminent in Bengal. He has urged that the Government must release vast quantities of quinine to the public. It will be recalled that millions of Indians have died of malaria and other diseases for lack of medicine and proper medical aid. The lack of medicine was solely due to the fact that the British

Long And Bitter War Lies Ahead In Pacific Area

Br. Army Commander Issues Severe Warning In Guildhall Speech

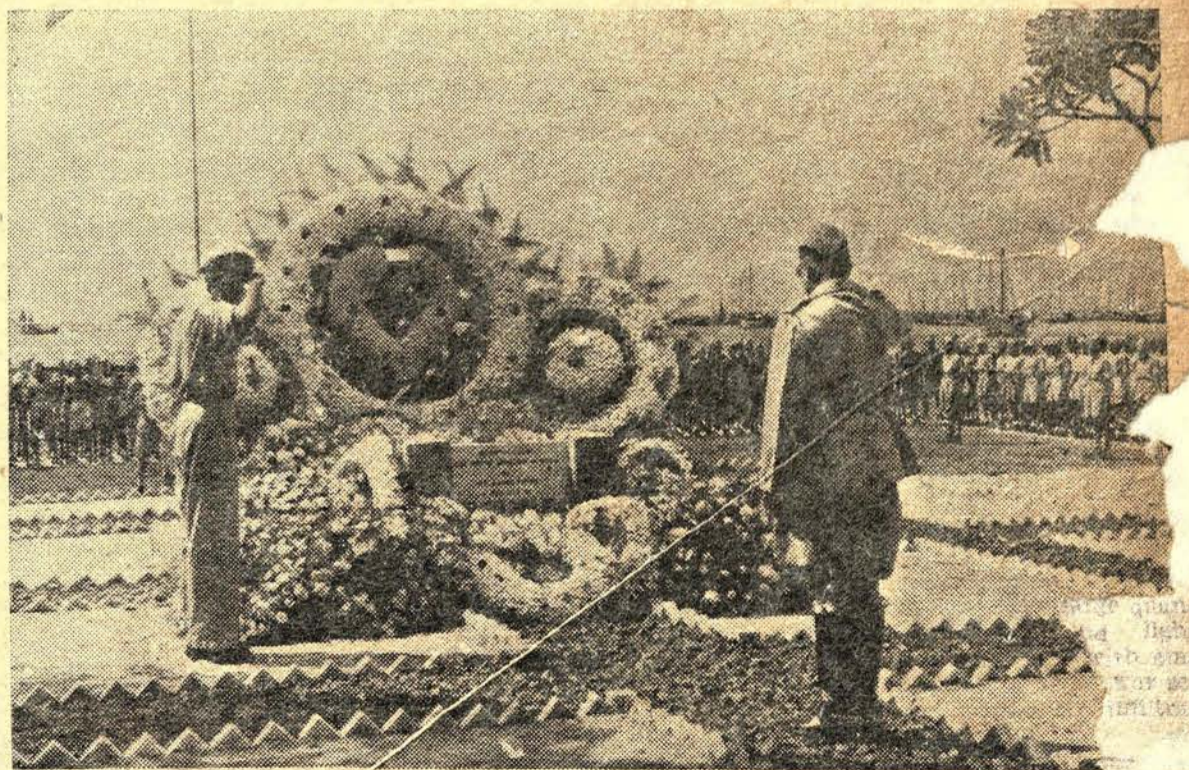
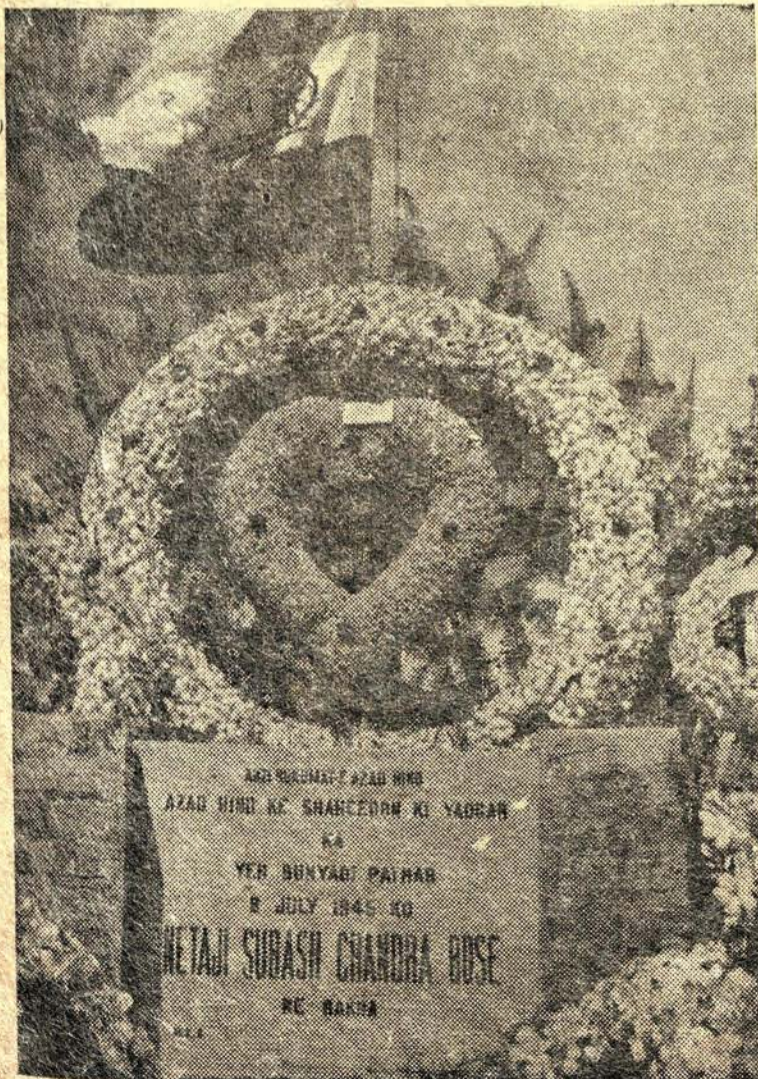
Lisbon, July 11 (Domei)—Lieut.-General Sir William Slim, Commander of the British 14th Army in Burma, speaking at the Guildhall in London today, warned the British people that "a war of a size and bitterness comparable to that against Germany" still confronts the Anglo-American powers in the Pacific, according to a London dispatch.

Reiterating his view about the resistance offered by the Nipponese soldier, Slim said, "All armies talk about fighting to the last man and to the last cartridge, but the Nipponese are the only ones who always put this into practice."

The British Commander urged the British people to buckle down to greater war efforts, declaring, "The war is not over."

authorities commandeered all available stocks for the use of the Army leaving practically nothing for the public.

MEMORIAL FOR UNKNOWN AZADHIND WARRIOR



At a most impressive and solemn ceremony held at Connaught Drive, Syonan, on Sunday, July 8, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind and Supreme Commander of the Azad Hind Fauj, laid the foundation stone of a memorial for the martyrs of the Azad Hind Fauj who laid down their lives in the cause of India's independence.

The photograph on the left shows the marble plaque with the large wreath placed by Netaji and the tri-colour national flag in the background flying at half-mast.

The photograph above shows Netaji paying the final salute before his departure at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Syonan L. java Assured Of Every Help

Every help is assured to Syonan evacuees proceeding to Java at the Syonan Representative's Office to be established at No. 17, Jalan Sadamu Bagoes, Djakarta City, says the Kosei-ka Cho in a communique issued to the Press yesterday.

The Nipponese Officer in charge who will be Mr. Seki, formerly Syonan Tokubetu-si Syokuhin-ka Cho (Food and Meat Control Department Chief), will be glad to welcome all Syonan evacuees, and their interests will be well looked after by this Officer.

All evacuees can call at this office and receive advice. The office will be known as the Advisory and Consultation Office for Syonan evacuees.

P. O. Savings Bank Facilities To Evacuees

As it is inadvisable to carry large sums of money while travelling upcountry, all intending evacuees who have Post Office Savings Bank deposits are advised to deposit their money in the Bank, say the Postal Authorities.

When evacuee depositors are in need of money they can withdraw at their places of destination, it is pointed out.

To facilitate withdrawals, depositors having large sums of money standing to their credit are specially requested to have their accounts verified by the General Post Office, Syonan. The Pass Books should be presented at the Head Office Savings Bank counter.

Turkey Seeks Br. Views On Russian Demands

Lisbon, July 11 (Domei)—Hassan Haka, Turkish Foreign Minister, has arrived in London to sound out official British views on the demands which the Soviet Union has made on Turkey as pre-requisites to the conclusion of a new treaty between the two countries, according to a London dispatch.

The Turkish diplomat, who is on his way back from San Francisco, may see Eden tomorrow.

In this connection, it is known that the British Government is particularly anxious to obtain detailed information regarding the Soviet demand on Turkey for the revision of the Montreux Convention.

German Prisoners-of-war Bloodedly Murdered

Lisbon, July 11 (Domei)—Eight German prisoners-of-war were cold-bloodedly killed and 20 others were wounded in a prisoner-of-war camp at a few days ago, when an American guard soldier suddenly machinegunned on the sleeping prisoners sleeping in the camp, according to an American

American soldier, Clarence Pertucci, was taken into custody, and the incident is now under investigation. Pertucci sent on duty at midnight, and half an hour later, aroused the camp with his shooting.

When the camp commandant ordered Pertucci to cease firing, Pertucci, on the contrary, was said to have sent two more bursts of machinegun fire into the tents of the German prisoners.

Chungking Mission To Yen-an Miserably Fails

Peking, July 11 (Domei)—The conspicuous absence of the Yen-an regime representatives at the current fourth session of the Chungking National People's Assembly meant miserable failure on the part of Chiang Kai-shek in his effort by sending a special mission to Yen-an to persuade Chinese Communist leaders to send a delegation to the present session, according to information reaching here today.

The National People's Assembly opened for the fourth session at Chungking last Saturday without a single Yen-an representative participating. Huang Yen-pej and five other leaders of the so-called Third Party political faction recently visited Yen-an at the specific request of Chiang Kai-shek to persuade Yen-an leaders to send their representatives to Chungking to attend the assembly session.

According to Yen-an's New China dispatch this mission from Chungking was accorded a warm welcome by Mao Tse-tung, Chou En-lai and other Chinese Communist leaders. It appears however that the mission proved a complete failure since the Yen-an regime boycotted the National People's Assembly when it opened.

An Associated Press dispatch from Chungking last week reported Huang Yen-pej's mission returned to Chungking empty-handed, its only achievement having been to reconfirm Yen-an's decision not to attend the assembly session. A Tass report from Chungking last Monday also said only one representative of the so-called Third Party political faction was present at the first day session of the Assembly at which Yen-an representatives were conspicuous by their absence. The dispatch broadly hinted at a tense atmosphere which appeared prevailing in the session from the very outset.

Malacca Authorities Busy To Receive Syonan Evacuees

Malacca, July 11 (Domei)—With reference to evacuees expected from Syonan into Malacca, competent authorities are busily engaged in drafting concrete measures basing their decision on reports received from the delegates who attended the evacuation conference in Syonan lately. Ample accommodation is expected to be made available particularly in view of the majority of evacuees being relatives of local residents and would-be farmers.

Meanwhile, at Tampin station which is the gateway to Malacca temporary quarters are now being constructed to receive evacuees and also plans are being drafted to provide them with transportation facilities from thence to their final destinations. An employment office will be opened in Tampin to assist evacuees who may desire gainful engagement.

Meanwhile, competent quarters reveal that food stocks are plentiful and evacuees desiring shelter within Malacca need have no anxiety whatsoever.

and then to have asked for more ammunition.

The other prison guards pounced on Pertucci before he could cause further casualties.

British Reverses In Burma Admitted

Lisbon, July 11 (Domei)—British 14th Army troops in Burma have made slight withdrawals from outposts along the lower Sittang River bend under the pressure of artillery-supported Nipponese troops, according to a New Delhi dispatch.

Heavy mud and rain were reported to be greatly hampering the fighting in the Sittang area.

Tokyo reports so far, however, have failed to mention the launching of thrusts in the lower Sittang River sector.

Big Toll Exacted From Enemy In Balik Papan

A Nippon Base at the Southern Front, July 11 (Domei)—In the fierce battle of Balik Papan which for over one week has been raging unabated, Nippon garrison forces are fighting gallantly and exacting mounting toll of American casualties.

Since July 4 Nippon special attack units on the ground have been particularly active, striking and repulsing the enemy at a number of points. Commanded by Sub-Lieutenant Fujimoto, one of our units assaulted an enemy tank unit attempting to infiltrate near No. 1 airfield, and with deadly accurate artillery fire destroyed three enemy tanks and completely repulsed the remainder of the enemy force.

Another unit commanded by Sub-Lieutenant Toya, meanwhile, blasted the enemy's mobile observation post with "bull's-eye" hits and silenced the enemy guns. Lieutenant Wakabayashi who was stationed at a strategic position after leaving the hospital only recently, led his unit in attacking several hundred enemy troops, valiantly combating for 14 hours. A heavy blow was dealt the enemy who was forced to retreat after sustaining heavy casualties. Wakabayashi's unit suffered only a few casualties.

Meantime, our air defence units have been exacting heavy losses from the enemy air force which has been bombing and strafing our positions ceaselessly with more than ten fighters and bombers daily. War results achieved up to July 4 by a unit commanded by Sub-Lieutenant Tsutsumi alone included three B-24's, four P-38's and one B-25 shot down, three B-24's, three P-38's and one observation plane heavily crippled, or a total of 15 enemy planes shot down or heavily damaged.

Army Surgeon's Grim Warning To Americans

Lisbon, July 10 (Domei)—An Associated Press dispatch from Seattle today quoted an American Army surgeon who returned to Seattle yesterday from the Okinawa front aboard a hospital plane as saying that the severity of American combat casualties can be expected to increase as the American forces draw nearer to Nippon Mainland.

Although casualties in the past mostly were confined to bone fractures, recently there has been an increase in cases necessitating the amputation of the leg or arm, while the number of soldiers being blinded has increased sharply, he said.

The American Army surgeon said that such a casualty trend is growing evidence that Nipponese resistance is becoming increasingly furious.

Technicians Task Force To Be Formed In Nippon

Tokyo, July 11 (Domei)—In order to insure production, repair of damaged production facilities, reconstruct devastated workshops, and carry out other measures essential to maintain military production, the Welfare Ministry has decided to organize a "technicians task force" headed by industrial control associations and other affiliated groups. This "task force" will undertake emergency mobilization of technicians and will dispatch them whenever and wherever occasion arises for their expert help.

The initial phase of forming the task force will be carried out by the Chemical Industry Control Association. Stipulations as regards organization were notified yesterday to regional superintendents-general, prefectural governors, and directors of regional munitions inspectorates by the Director of Labour Bureau of the Welfare Ministry.

The task force will comprise two groups—fulltime task force and supplementary task force. The former will work as a body charged with repair of damaged facilities and other handy work while the supplementary task force will be made up of individual technicians employed at various workshops who will be deployed in emergency cases.

Slav Nations To Conclude Mutual Assistance Pact

Lisbon, July 10 (Domei)—A regional pact of mutual assistance and friendship between all Slav nations will be the outcome of the Slav Congress, just concluded in Bratislava, Jon Kimche, Reuter correspondent in London, reported today.

The countries which would subscribe to such a regional pact, he said, would be the Western Slavs—East Czechoslovakia and Poland with a population of 21,000,000; and the Eastern Slavs—Russia in Europe, Ukraine and White Russia with a population of 146,000,000.

Iran Dangerous "Powder Keg" In Middle East

Lisbon, July 10 (Domei)—The strong attack by the influential Soviet journal "Pravda" on the Iranian Government, calling for drastic reforms, strengthens the fears that Iran today is a dangerous powder keg in the Middle East, according to a "New York Times" dispatch from London.

Reviewing the Iranian domestic situation, the dispatch pointed out that there have been three government changes in Iran since last Autumn, when Iranian Premier Mohammed Saed resigned under Soviet pressure in connection with Iran's refusal to grant oil concessions to the "Big Three" powers during the war.

The "New York Times" message said that although foreign troops are stipulated to withdraw from Iran six months after the end of the war under the Anglo-Soviet Treaty of Alliance with Iran, "with its oil and the port of Basra, is one of the tenderest spots in the world today."

Another interesting item concerning Iranian domestic affairs, the dispatch said, is a Teheran report today which states that 52 former railway employees who were arrested by the British and Russian authorities in 1942 for pro-German activities and sabotage, have been engaged by the Iranian Premier.

First Group Of Evacuees Ready To Leave Syonan

Syonan, July 11 (Domei)—The first group of 300 evacuees will leave Syonan on the evening of July 16 to settle in different districts in Perak. Comprising mainly Chinese, the party will be headed by the Kosei-ka Cho, Mr. M. Shinozaki.

One hundred and one evacuees will travel to Taiping, 147 to Ipoh and 53 to Kampar, making a total of 301 persons in all. The group includes families as well as children and following their departure, other larger groups will leave Syonan at scheduled dates.

The military authorities have made arrangements to give packets of candy and comfort kits to all departing evacuees of this first group, especially the children who are going up.

Meanwhile, an announcement from the Kosei-ka this morning, states that in order to encourage more Catholics to evacuate to Fuji-go (Bahau), the authorities will issue one mosquito net free of charge to each family travelling up to Bahau.

Journalists Association To Enlarge Scope Of Activities

Syonan, July 12 (Domei)—At a special committee meeting of the Nanko Kisha Kai (local journalists' club) held at the clubhouse yesterday evening, it was decided that the activities of the members be enlarged.

Under the standing committee, three sub-committees have now been created to deal with the following:—general affairs and planning, publicity and propaganda, and lastly welfare and treasury. All members of the N.K.K. will be enlisted to serve on one committee or the other, under this new scheme.

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