

TODAY and TOMORROW

A British-Created Evil

THE anonymous writer who goes by the pen-name of "Candidus," writing in the London Daily Sketch, says why India is not yet independent is that Indians in a mass are not homogeneous but consist of various conflicting factions each seeking its own independence. We would have completely ignored this monstrous libel on the unity of India as beneath contempt, if it had originated with a mere anonymous writer; but the fact, however, is, he is only repeating what the big officials who shape Britain's policy to India have said over and over again. When they speak of disunity in India as a bar to self-government, let us see what amount of unity originally existed or at present exists in some of the anti-Axis countries which are supposed to be self-governing.

The one hundred and eighty or ninety million people of Soviet Russia are far less homogeneous than the 400 millions of India's population. Soviet Russia embraces within her European and Asiatic frontiers about a hundred distinct communities, separated from each other by race, religion, language and cultural background. And yet British politicians do not question the right of the people in Soviet Russia to govern themselves. In their own Empire, Canada with only a population of less than 10 millions has two markedly different groups—the Protestant British and the Catholic French with nothing in common between them except their government. They were always at feud as long as they were governed by Britain as mere subjects of a Crown Colony.

Again, the United States started only as a hotch-potch of immigrants who had flocked to America from various countries and from different levels of civilisation and culture. It was independence that paved the way for the fusion of these conflicting elements into one nation.

Compared to what the Yankees or the Canadians were before they became self-governing, the unity prevailing among us Indians is infinitely greater. The Indian National Congress which stands for unconditional independence of India represents at least 80 to 90 per cent. of the people of India of all classes and all creeds. It has on its rolls more Hindus, more Moslems, more Christians and more Sikhs than any sectarian organisation can boast of. In any case, as Edward Thompson has said, the Congress represents a far higher percentage of the people of India than the British Parliament represents the people of Britain.

The disunity that the British enemies of Indian freedom allege against us is largely a British-created evil in our society. It will disappear with the destruction of British Imperialism in India. In a free India, the various communities will get gloriously absorbed in the work of uplifting their common motherland, and this will cement their bonds of brotherhood as nothing else can do.

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Vicious Schemes To Perpetuate India Slavery

Transport System To Be Developed For Benefit Of Anglo-Americans

The development of the transport system in India for the exclusive benefit of the British and American capitalists is envisaged in the new policy which the British authorities have formulated and which they intend to enforce hereafter. This is revealed in the latest reports received here yesterday.

According to a New Delhi report, the new transport policy of the British authorities in India was explained by Sir Edward Benthal, the so-called Member for War Transport in the Viceroy's Executive Council, at a meeting of the Transport Policy Committee on Sunday in New Delhi. Though the Indian masses would have preferred an improvement and extension of the existing railway transport system which is decidedly cheaper compared to the motor vehicle transport, Sir Edward Benthal who is obviously more interested in the welfare of the British and American capitalists, said that the further development of railway transport was unnecessary.

He added, the Central Government and many of the Provincial Governments have decided to concentrate on the development of the motor transport instead. Though originally the authorities wanted to build railways to within 15 miles of every village, Sir Edward Benthal said, under the present altered circumstances, the authorities have decided not to build new main and branch railway lines. The development of the road transport will receive the active encouragement and support of the British authorities, said Sir Edward Benthal.

Viswanath Das Freed From British Prison

It is reported from New Delhi that the British authorities have released yet another prominent Congress leader, Mr. Viswanath Das, former Congress Premier of Orissa. He was released on Saturday evening from the Bishnupore jail. No reasons have been given for his release but it is believed that his release has been ordered on medical grounds. As regards Dr. P. C. Ghosh, member of the Congress Working Committee, who was released a few days ago from the Ahmednagar jail, it is now known that Dr. Ghosh is suffering from stomach and other internal complaints. Obviously his condition having become critical, the British authorities have released him on the point of death.

PREMIER EXHORTS NATION TO REDOUBLE EFFORTS TO MEET P.I. WAR SITUATION



PREMIER GEN. KOISO

Adipadi Encourages In Message Filipino Freedom Fighters

Rangoon, Jan. 15 (Dome)—The battle now being fought in the Philippines not only holds the key to whether Filipinos will be able to maintain the freedom of an independent nation but will decide whether other nations in East Asia will be able to acquire the right to freedom, Dr. Ba Maw, Head of the Burmese State, declared in a fiery message sent yesterday to Filipinos who are now fighting against American invaders.

Dr. Ba Maw strongly emphasized that fighting hard as they are now doing against the Anglo-American invaders, the Burmese people are viewing the battle of the Philippines as part of their own war, and that the blood of the Burmese people is beating high with the feeling that Filipinos are also fighting for the maintenance of freedom and liberty common to all nations in East Asia. He added

Tokyo, Jan. 15 (Dome)—The redoubling of efforts by the entire nation toward boosting war production in order to cope with the critical situation in the Philippines was urged today by Premier General Kuniaki Koiso in an address before the monthly meeting of chairmen of prefectural governors and regional councils gathering for the first time this year at the Premier's official residence. The Premier told the gathering that Government aims at the swift enforcement of five emergency measures adopted recently, and asked for the wholehearted cooperation of chairmen of regional councils in placing them into effect as soon as concrete details are released. Following the Premier's address Tetsubo Ueba, chief of the Composite Planning Bureau, explained the nature of the five emergency measures. Shigeru Yoshida, Munitions Minister, asked for the cooperation of regional chairmen in boosting war production in accordance with actual circumstances prevailing in each administrative district. The respective chairmen then reported on conditions in their district and expressed their views regarding anti-airraid defence measures for industrial plants, strengthening of the regional council, solution of the transportation problem, boosting of production of pine resin, improvement of substitute fuel, welfare of students and workers, depopulation of major cities, and other pertinent problems.

that he feels confident all Filipinos, led by President Jose P. Laurel, will fight to the last whatever may come, and the Burmese people pledge to fight to the last with the unshakable belief that justice will win ultimately.

Enormous Enemy Loss In Shipping In Luzon Invasion Operations

Shanghai, Jan. 15 (Dome)—It is unconfirmedly but reliably understood that the following enemy ships were either sunk or damaged shortly before and after the enemy's landing operation against Luzon Island.

Sunk: aircraft-carriers of the converted type Montana (1), another type (1), converted 18,000-ton type (1). Battleships: 38,000-ton type (1). Cruisers: Indianapolis type (1), St. Louis type (1), 18,000-ton new type (1). Seriously damaged: aircraft-carriers: Enterprise type (1), 14,000-ton converted type (2). Cruisers: 9,500-ton (1).

War Secretary Stimson Reveals Colossal U.S. Casualties On W. Front

Lisbon, Jan. 15 (Dome)—United States War Secretary Colonel Henry L. Stimson revealed today that American troops on the Western Front, including the First, Third, Seventh and Ninth Armies, suffered a total of 52,594 casualties during the period from December 15 to January 7, according to a Washington dispatch.

The casualties included 4,083 killed, 27,645 wounded and 20,866 missing, Stimson said, adding that American losses in the Ardennes sector amounted close to 40,000, including 18,000 missing or prisoners.

Nippon Air Force Strikes Hard On Enemy In Akyab

Warcraft And Landing Points Blasted In Ruthless Raids

Tokyo, Jan. 16 (Dome)—With the withdrawal of Nippon ground forces from the Akyab sector toward the end of last year to the left bank of the Kaladan River, enemy forces in the Mayu Peninsula gradually penetrated into the Akyab area and have been reinforcing their troops in that sector, Dai Hon-yei revealed in a communique issued at 3 p.m. today. The communique added that the Nippon air force since January 9 has been subjecting enemy transports and landing points to daily attacks and up to Jan. 13 sank three transports and heavily damaged and set ablaze six others, and also sank two cruisers.

The communique follows: "Firstly, with the withdrawal of our units from near Akyab to the left bank of the Kaladan River toward the end of last year, enemy forces in the Mayu Peninsula gradually invaded the Akyab sector and since have been supplying and reinforcing their troops from the sea.

"Secondly, our air force since January 9 has been subjecting enemy convoys and landing points to daily attacks, and up to January 13 achieved the following war results which have been confirmed: Instantaneously sank two transports, sank one transport, heavily damaged and set ablaze six transports, and also sank two cruisers. They also caused fire to start at seven points in the enemy landing points and an explosion at one point.

"Thirdly, our losses were six planes which either crashed against enemy objectives or failed to return to their base."

Commemoration Day Fixed For February 4

A Burma Base, Jan. 15 (Dome)—It is learned that the Provisional Government of Free India at its Cabinet meeting held on Jan. 13, set aside Feb. 4 as Commemoration Day for its strife for Indian independence. It may be recalled on that day last year the Indian National Army commenced advance operations into Indian territory in efforts to obtain the Indian people's independence. The Cabinet meeting was the first since the return from Nippon of its head, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Netaji submitted a detailed report on his visit to Nippon other East Asiatic regions. It also reported on the establishment of diplomatic relations with Nippon and on the understanding reached with Nippon concerning economic and military matters.

Political Unrest Still Prevails In Greece

Lisbon, Jan. 15 (Domei)—Indicating that political unrest still prevails over a large part of Greece despite the truce between British and "ELAS" authorities, unofficial dispatches reaching London report that heavy fighting, has broken out in Palepennesses Island, which forms the southern part of Greece, according to a Reuter's message.

Dispatches yesterday, it is recalled, said that skirmishes between British and "ELAS" troops were still continuing in the hills of Attica Peninsula while the situation at Salonika, in north-eastern Greece, remained tense.

Robert Bigio, Reuter's special correspondent, in a dispatch from Athens, today indicated that the "ELAS" still dominate the major part of Greece despite British military operations.

Twenty-one of the 37 administrative areas which make up Greece, he said, after all, will remain under the control of the "ELAS" after they have withdrawn beyond the line stipulated in the latest truce. On the other hand, the British-sponsored Plastiras regime will control all of the principal ports and towns, he added.

20 Foe Warcraft Sunk In Mindoro Waters

Tokyo, January 15 (Domei)—At least 20 enemy warcraft and transports were definitely sunk by the Philippines-based Nippon air force in its devastating one-day attack on an enemy transport and escort fleet off San Jose, Mindoro Island, from the early morning of Dec. 14 last year, according to the latest official checkup.

It may be recalled this attack was carried out the day previous to the enemy landing operations. A furious assault led by the "Kikusui" Unit of our Special Attack Corps on the enemy invasion fleet, resulted in the above brilliant results. However, the achievement was not immediately ascertained due to the fact that our escorting planes of the bodycrashing attack unit also failed to return from the sortie. The gallant action has now been brought to light by investigations conducted by the Nippon military authorities on the spot.

6 Foe Planes Downed, Damaged Over Taiwan

Taihoku, January 15 (Domei)—A communique released by the Taiwan army this afternoon states:

"From about 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, Jan. 15, an aggregate total of some 200 enemy carrier-borne planes raided various parts of Taiwan, and besides bombing mainly airfields and communication facilities, also made bombing and strafing attacks on Tai-chu, Shoka, Takao, and several other villages.

"Some damage was caused to our airfields and communication facilities, while 30 casualties were caused among citizens, and small fires started at several points in Takao.

"War results so far known are as follows: shot down five enemy planes. Heavily damaged one".

Soviet Government Refutes Baseless Report

Lisbon, January 15 (Domei)—A Tass News Agency message received here today emphatically denied reports that the Soviet Union has asked in and the United States to General Charles de Gaulle, head the French Provisional Government, for the forthcoming "Big Three" missions.

Strong American Offensives Fail On West Front

Berlin, Jan. 15 (Domei)—German formations fighting fiercely prevented American break-through attempts carried out with strongest ground and air forces at focal points in the Western Front battle in the region south of Malmedy, between the Vielsalm and the Ourthe as well as on both sides of Bastogne, the German High Command announced. Only at a few points did the enemy manage to make local headway, the communique added. Twenty-four enemy tanks were shot up.

In the lower Vosges and in the Maginot Line strong enemy attacks were also frustrated. In Rittershofen a number of enemy nests of resistance were destroyed, the German High Command stated. On either side of Strasbourg, German bridgehead positions were enlarged and fortified. Twenty-three enemy aircraft were shot down in air combat over the Western Front yesterday, the German communique said.

Since the beginning of the German winter offensive on the Western Front on Dec. 16, to Jan. 5, 1,200 Anglo-American planes were destroyed, competent German military quarters stated today.

In Budapest, German and Hungarian garrisons which since Dec. 24 had been exposed to strong Soviet attacks, yesterday continued to stand the test of heavy street fighting. The Soviets attacking in the eastern part of the city with the help of numerous tanks and battle-planes, however succeeded only in capturing a few blocks of houses, the German High Command announced. In the mountainous Hungarian-Slovak frontier region, German formations engaged in heavy fighting with the Soviets attacking at Blauenstein, Losonez, Pelsoec and Nagyiada, the communique added.

As expected the Soviets opened an offensive also at their Vistula bridgeheads of Pulawy and Warka, at the Vistula-Bug triangle (north of Warsaw) and at the Narew bridgeheads on either side of Oseburg. In the penetration area between the Vistula and the southern slopes of Lysa Gora, grim fighting against Soviet forces which advanced westward across Nida continues, the German communique said. Between Pulkalen and Stalluponen in East Prussia, renewed Soviet attempts at a break-through foundered before stiff German resistance.

German air defence downed 64 Anglo-American aircraft, including 46 four-engined bombers, out of formations which attacked western, north-western and central Germany yesterday. Retaliatory fire against London continued, the German communique said.

Nippon Planes Shoot Down B-24 Over Miri

Api, North Borneo, Jan. 15 (Domei)—One B-24 bomber was brought down by Nippon interceptors when enemy planes appeared over the Miri area on January 13.

Meanwhile, a total of some 42 enemy B-24's raided Api today, however causing only slight damage.

Bitter Warfare Begins To Flare Up On Luzon Is.

Tokyo, Jan. 16 (Domei)—One week after the enemy landing on the Lingayen coast, the battle for Luzon Island has assumed full-dress warfare. Following his landing on the Lingayen coast on Jan. 9, the enemy, despite considerable bleeding at the hands of our air units and ground forces, continued to make frantic efforts to strengthen his beachheads in the Lingayen coastal region connecting San Fabian, Dagupan and Lingayen.

Meanwhile, skirmishes continued between advance units of the two opposing forces. The enemy then began mobile warfare and approached our positions in the mountain regions on the two sides of the Pangasinan plain which forms the basin of the Agno River.

Then, the enemy on Jan. 11 landed in the vicinity of Damortis, farther north of Labon, where the enemy is now being harassed by our units.

In effecting a landing about noon on Jan. 11, the enemy, aboard the first group of three landing barges, approached the shore. Our units immediately sank one landing barge and stranded two other barges on which our units carried out close-range assaults and literally annihilated hundreds of enemy troops. The enemy continued to approach the shore with landing barges. Our units set ablaze and destroyed more than 11 barges.

During the two days, Jan. 11 and 12, our forces inflicted on the enemy casualties of more than 1,000 or one-third of the regiment which took part in landing operations.

Meanwhile, our air units are dealing blow after blow to enemy warcraft and other vessels. On Jan. 12 our Special Attack Corps and other air units assaulted enemy convoys in waters off Iba, western coast of Luzon Island, and achieved confirmed war results, including 11 enemy transports sunk and one destroyer damaged. In this battle two of our escorting planes were lost, in addition to 17 aircraft of the Special Attack Corps. Meantime, our submarine on Jan. 12 sank one enemy battleship out of a group of enemy warcraft and other vessels, including auxiliary aircraft-carriers, in waters west of Luzon Island.

New U.S. Ambassador To Turkey Nominated

Lisbon, January 15 (Domei)—President Roosevelt has nominated Edwin C. Wilson, Director of the State Department Office of Special Political Affairs, as United States Ambassador to Turkey in succession to Laurence Steinhardt, according to a London dispatch. Steinhardt is now American Ambassador to the Czech Regime in London.

Germans Throw 'Monkey Wrench' In Enemy Plans

Lisbon, Jan. 15 (Domei)—By springing a highly successful surprise counter-offensive against the Anglo-American armies on the Western Front, the German High Command literally threw a "monkey wrench" into the anti-Axis "squeeze" offensive against Germany from the east and west, which was mapped out at Teheran, John Kimche, Reuter's Military commentator, reported today in a London dispatch.

Although it may be going a little too far to say that the German reconquest of lost areas has shifted conditions back to what they were, the commentator admitted that the Germans appear to have been successful in their plan of delaying synchronized Anglo-American and Soviet action against Germany.

The Germans, Kimche said, intended to delay Anglo-American action on the Western Front by more than 10 weeks. "That would enable the Germans to concentrate on the Russians during the next critical period, and then when the thaw compels a pause in the East, the Germans would again be ready in the West".

The commentator declared that the Soviet High Command has about 10 weeks of winter ahead of it, but it is now wrong to anticipate a repetition of the offensive momentum which carried the Russians from Vitebsk to the Vistula.

The conditions which now confront the Russians are now far different from those in White Russia and the advance necessarily will be slowed down. The essential thing for the anti-Axis powers to do is to restore the situation on the Western Front in such a way that the Western Front offensive is not delayed until the Russians are forced to curtail their operations owing to weather conditions, Kimche said.

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Pres. Wang's Funeral Film At Kyo-Ei & Syowa

At the Kyo-Ei & Syowa Gekizyo from to-morrow, the Nippon newsreel preceding the main feature will be of particular interest to the Chinese community, as it depicts the scenes at the State Funeral of President Wang Ching-wei at Nanking.

Among the distinguished mourners following immediately behind the members of the late President's family, are to be seen the acting President of the Republic (Mr. Chen Kung-poh), the Nippon and German Ambassadors and other members of the Diplomatic Corps, the Commanders-in-Chief of the Nippon Army and Navy in China and State dignitaries.

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