

TODAY and  
TOMORROW

The Great Push

IN the Western European Front Field Marshal Von Runstedt's offensive continues its spectacular advance into Belgium and Luxembourg, steadily and speedily hurling back the Anglo-American forces with disastrous losses. Sydney Rogers, speaking of the German offensive as the most formidable counter-offensive ever launched, says the Germans have scored great advances at several places, driving back the American armies 20 and 30 miles away from the German border, along the greater part of a 60-mile front. Latest reports speak of large-scale withdrawals by the American forces.

All along, the Anglo-Americans have been depending on their material strength alone and their soldiers have been very careful about their own lives. In this way the British and American armies have been wasting very large quantities of arms and ammunition, planes and ships, simply because their soldiers would never risk their lives. Some weeks ago General Eisenhower declared that his armies had used up ammunition stocks reserved for the next year, and that the supply situation of the Anglo-American armies was very critical.

With the new German offensive making fast and steady progress, the Americans dare no longer follow the policy of recklessly wasting their war materials. The American authorities seem to have decided that their soldiers must risk their lives more readily and make better use of their arms and ammunition. Indicating this change in the American official outlook, Eric Johnston, President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, says that the American Home Front must be prepared for colossal casualty reports in future.

Well it is one thing for the American authorities to decide that their soldiers should fight regardless of death, but it is quite another thing for their soldiers to do so. The German or the Nippon soldier—and soldiers of the Azad Hind Fauj and other armies of East Asia—fight to the death not because they are ordered to do so, but because every soldier in these armies is convinced that he is fighting a sacred war, a war of justice and righteousness, a war to liberate the weak and oppressed nations from the fell clutches of Anglo-American imperialistic tyranny and despotism. On the contrary, no American or British soldier sees any purpose in the war into which Roosevelt and Churchill have dragged America and Britain. It is therefore no wonder that the Anglo-American resistance to the new German offensive is proving absolutely futile. Indeed, the ultimate collapse of the enemy is a foregone conclusion.

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## FOE CONVOY CRUSHED OFF SAN JOSE IS.

Three Large Transports Either Sunk Or Damaged In Fierce Assault

A Nippon Base at the Philippine Front, Dec. 19 (Domei)—Following on the heels of our repeated air assaults against enemy war vessels in the Sulu Sea, the "Seika" Special Attack Corps of our army air force, headed by two fighter planes, wrought havoc on an enemy convoy in waters off San Jose, Mindoro Island, yesterday. Sweeping aside enemy fighter opposition our airmen fiercely struck at the convoy of enemy transports, sinking one large transport, and setting ablaze one transport, besides rendering another immobile.

In hot air duels with enemy P-38's, P-47's and Grumman fighter planes, totalling approximately 40, protecting the transports, the "Seika" unit shot down one P-47 and one P-38 and heavily damaged one P-47 and one P-38.

Besides one of our planes which bodycrashed into an enemy vessel and another which selfblasted, four of our planes have not yet returned.

Meanwhile, several planes of the "Tesshin" Special Attack Unit of our army air force, including an aircraft piloted by Warrant Officer Kumao Nagao, fiercely attacked the group which

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## U.S. President's Press Statement Causes Sensation

Roosevelt Totally Denies Existence Of Historic Atlantic Charter

Lisbon, Dec. 19 (Domei)—American President Roosevelt today told a press conference that nobody had ever signed the Atlantic Charter and there was no such official document, ending a minor Washington controversy as to the existence of this historic document and its absence from the National Museum, according to a Reuter's dispatch from Washington.

He said, however, that there had been a document scribbled with corrections by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, himself and Sir Alexander Cadogan and that their aides have been instructed to send this off to the governments and to release it to the press.

Referring further to the Charter, the President said all of the anti-Axis nations had merely put their signature to the obligations outlined in the Charter in the anti-Axis Declaration of Washington.

He indicated that a rather embarrassing situation arose when the Mexican ambassador and other representatives gathered at the White House to sign the Declaration and found they had neither the document nor pen and ink.

## SAROJINI DEVI VEHEMENTLY DENOUNCES EDUCATIONAL POLICY OF INDIAN GOVT.

Indiawide Strikes Seriously Affect War Productions

The revolutionary forces in India armed with their twin weapons of sabotage and strike, continue to play havoc with the British war effort, reveals the latest news received here yesterday.

The widespread and continued strikes in the British war factories, workshops and mines in India have already had the most adverse effects on the British war effort. Production of essential war materials is reported to have gone down considerably. The coal and iron industries of Bihar, the jute industry of Bengal, the textile industry of Bombay, Ahmedabad, Madras and Coimbatore, the munition and such other essential industries of the other provinces and centres, are reported to have been affected seriously. As a result of the anti-British spirit, which is spreading fast among Indian labour, the production in the various essential industries has considerably decreased.

Accordingly to a New Delhi report yesterday, Sir H. P. Mody who was re-elected President of the Employers' Association of India for the coming year, speaking at the annual meeting

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Britain Held Responsible For Appalling Illiteracy Among India's Millions

Addressing the All-India Women's Educational Conference in New Delhi on Monday, Shreemathi Sarojini Naidu, the well-known poetess and Congress leader, denounced the British educational policy in India. In the course of her opening address, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu referred to the appalling state of illiteracy in India after 200 years of British occupation and declared that compulsory education alone will solve the problem.

It was revealed at the conference that at present the school-going children numbered only 15 per cent. of the total number of students admissible. It was also revealed that the British authorities' 25 year plan to spread literacy in India at the cost of three hundred crores of rupees is a mere paper plan devised to fool the Indian people.

In an interview with the New York Post on Tuesday, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pundit, who is now in America, declared that India's desire for independence is not the result of the work of any political party, or any superimposed propaganda. It is the natural result of the world conditions.

## Netaji Addressing The Mammoth Mass Meeting



In spite of the torrential rain just before the Mass Rally, over 25,000 people assembled on the Rani of Jhansi Camp Padang on Sunday last, 17th December, to have a "darshan" of their beloved leader and to hear his inspiring speech after an absence of over a year. The crowd gave him a rousing ovation and solemnly pledged to follow him in life and death and to sacrifice all for the freedom fight of India.



## Enemy Military Timetable Upset, Declares Times

Tokyo, Dec. 19 (Domei)—The statement on Dec. 11 by American Congressman Parnell Thomas who recently returned to Washington after an inspection tour of the European front, that the actual war situation in Western Europe is entirely different from the highly coloured stories appearing in American newspapers, must have come as a rude jolt to the American people, the Nippon Times editorially declared today. It said it was another admission that the anti-Axis military timetable has been upset, for as Congressman Thomas disclosed, a surprising change has taken place in the entire situation on the Western Front.

The Times declared, "It is undeniable that American forces have come up against unexpectedly formidable German opposition all along the present battleline in Western Europe. The grim, bloody and protracted struggle around Aachen which is representative of the character of the fighting in all sectors of the Western Front is providing new crowning proof of the immense power of the German nation."

## Indiawide Strikes Affect British War Productions

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of the Association in Bombay on Tuesday, drew the attention of the employers to the seriousness of the labour crisis that is rapidly overtaking the essential British war industries in India. One of the speakers at the meeting frankly admitted the lack of efficiency on the part of the present labour working in the various industries, and urged that greater efficiency must be shown if the situation is to improve.

Continuing, the speaker regretted that the various attractive terms and amenities offered by the authorities have not succeeded in bringing in more labour to the war industries.

## Results Of Draw For 2nd Fixed Deposit With Bonus

The drawing of the lottery for the Second Fixed Deposit With Bonus, held at the Kokaido here yesterday in connection with the savings campaign organised by the Savings Encouragement Department of the Malai Banking Association, resulted as follows:—

Special Prize—(\$10,000.00)—  
No. 017354 (Group G.)  
First Prize—(\$1,000.00) No. 015373.  
Second Prize—(\$500.00 each)—  
Nos. 010142 and 014717.  
Third Prize (\$100.00 each)—  
Nos. 017718, 018138, 010030, 013458 and 012995.  
Fourth Prize—(\$50.00 each):  
Nos. 012207 010884 018121 019620  
018240 015708 011200 018831  
012679 017537 011205 014730  
012323 015485 011596 015974  
013348 018917 011949 013554  
011646 010223 017892 013472  
019843 010626 013355 019342  
019270 012563.

Consolation Prize—(\$100.00)—  
No. 017354 (For the other groups).  
The above numbers are common to all groups with the exception of the Special Prize.

## American First Army Thrown Back In Violent German Push; Greatest Battle On Western Front Underway

Lisbon, Dec. 19 (Domei)—United Press dispatches from Paris said that German armoured columns plunged recklessly through a storm of anti-Axis bombs more than 20 miles into Belgium, and forced the United States First Army back to or behind the German border at many points on the 70-mile front extending into southern Luxembourg. The reports added that German tank destroyers were in the area of Stavelot, 20 miles inside Belgium, and the same distance south-east of Liege.

Meanwhile, the German High Command and Eisenhower's headquarters continued to black-out developments of the new giant German offensive which started last Saturday. However, London Radio said tonight that the German counter-offensive is further increasing in impetus. London Radio said that German tanks are penetrating the forests and hills east of Belgium, and described the resistance as "comparatively weak".

Field dispatches to Paris said that probably the greatest land and air battle on the Western Front is underway and growing hourly in fury. The German High Command said that squadrons of German fighters

and battleplanes protecting the movements of German troops, shot down 24 enemy planes in combat. The German Military Spokesman, according to a Berlin dispatch, said at noon today that the German offensive in the west is taking the expected favourable course. He added that in other sectors of the Western Front fighting continued without the situation undergoing any essential change.

Brussels dispatches said that alarm is spreading through Belgium as the German tide rolls westward, provoking clamour in some quarters for remobilization of disarmed resistance forces. German long-range weapons yesterday continued to shell London, Antwerp and Liege, the German High Command announced.

Operations in south Hungary and in particular the struggle for Budapest are for the time being of minor importance, frontline dispatches to Berlin said.

In Central Italy the British could not carry on their major attacks on both sides of Faenza, the German High Command said. German air defence units downed 13 enemy four-engined bombers out of formations attacking south-west and southern Germany yesterday, the Berlin communique said.

## Kanchow, Suichwan Bases Raided, Blasted

China Front, December 19 (Domei)—Nippon bomber units on the night of December 17 raided Kanchow airfield, Kiangsi Province, and blasted the runways rendering them completely useless.

On the following night our bomber units again carried out simultaneous attacks on both Suichwan and Kanchow airfields, inflicting heavy damage. War results could not be ascertained due to poor visibility.

All our planes returned to base safely.

## 258,124 U.S. Casualties In Invasion Operations

Lisbon, Dec. 19 (Domei)—The American War Department today revealed that American Army ground casualties incurred in invasion operations in France, the Lowlands and the German border regions since "D" day up to December 1, total 258,124, according to a Washington dispatch.

The total includes 44,143 killed, 189,118 wounded and 24,863 missing.

## Fierce Fighting Continuing In Ormoc Theatre

A Nippon Base in the Philippines, December 20 (Domei)—Intercepted by Nippon garrison forces, the enemy force which landed in the San Jose area, on Mindoro Island, is at present frantically engaged in building an air strip on selected level ground in the vicinity, showing no signs to attempt to advance deeper inland. However, due to fierce attacks by the Nippon air force and Special Attack Corps, the situation is such that the enemy is now sorely troubled with the threat of his supplies from the sea being cut off by the Nippon forces.

On the other hand, in the Ormoc area, Leyte Island, the Nippon garrison forces, together with the Takachiho paratroops unit, are continuing fierce attacks against the enemy, who attempted to penetrate into the district north of Ormoc after making a detour from the hilly area.

On the other fronts in the Leyte sector, no significant changes have taken place.

## Closer Unity Between Govt. & People Foreseen

Tokyo, Dec. 20 (Domei)—Commenting on the appointment of Admiral Seizo Kobayashi, President of the Yokusan Political Association, as Minister of State without portfolio, Sadao Iguchi, Spokesman of the Board of Information, in the course of a foreign press conference today said this appointment will result in the reinforcement of unity and co-operation between government and the people, as the Yokusan Political Association is representative of the Nippon people. He added that the appointment of Adm. Kobayashi will strengthen the efforts for the prosecution of the war.

## U.S. Staff Officer Wounded In Mindoro

Lisbon, Dec. 17 (Domei)—According to an American frontline dispatch, General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters has revealed that William Dunkel, staff officer assigned to MacArthur's Headquarters, was wounded in the arm while commanding American invasion troops on Mindoro Island.

## Army Aeroplane Fund Collections In Syonan

The 'Night of Music and Drama' organised by the Syonan Engeki Kyokai (Syonan Dramatic Association) on the 11th inst., when shows were staged at the Kyo-Ei, Syowa and Yamato Gekizyo and at the New World Amusement Park, in aid of the Army Aeroplane Fund, resulted in a net collection of \$62,410.

On Wednesday, Mr. Ito, the President of the Association, who is also Manager of Shadan Hozin Eiga Haikyuu Sya, Malai Sisy, and Mr. Run Run Shaw, member of the Association's Committee, visited the Hodo-bu Cho and handed over a cheque for the amount.

## Churchill Reticent On Greek Political Crisis

Lisbon, Dec. 19 (Domei)—Reluctant to discuss the Greek crisis which has already aroused widespread criticism against the Government, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill today refused to make a further statement regarding Greece in the House of Commons when he was asked to give more details by Labour leader Arthur Greenwood, according to a London dispatch.

Greenwood said he felt there was a need for further explanation, because the House would go into Christmas recess and there was public anxiety over the Greek developments.

Churchill maintained that a statement would lead to a debate for which there was not time and inferred that Greenwood could move a vote of censure against the Government if he desired it.

The Labour leader angrily retorted it was not a question of a vote of censure but a "legitimate demand for an elucidation of a deteriorating situation." Greenwood's utterance was greeted with cheers.

Churchill then said he did not believe the situation was deteriorating and "would rather wait a more suitable occasion than have another debate so soon."

## Nippon Assault Unit Attacks Dalva Airbase

Pacific Front, Dec. 19 (Domei)—In a daring attack carried out for 11 days from December 7 against the enemy airfield at Dalva, on Morotai Island, a Nippon assault unit accounted for some 220 casualties inflicted on the enemy and also blasted four enemy bivouacs.

With the exception of one killed in action and two missing, all members of our attack unit returned safely to their base to report their successful charging attacks.

## Foe Convoy Crushed Off San Jose Island

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had already suffered heavily as a result of our previous assaults. Sergeant Nagao, employing death-defying bodycrashing tactics, rammed into and sank one enemy transport.

Including Nagao's war result enemy vessels definitely sunk, heavily damaged and set afire since December 13 by our army air units in waters off Mindanao and in the Sulu Sea, total 12. They are as follows: December 13 one enemy transport and one cruiser or large destroyer set ablaze; December 14 one cruiser or large destroyer sunk and two battleships set afire; December 15 one cruiser sunk; December 16 one medium-sized transport set ablaze; December 18 one large transport sunk, one large transport set afire, one transport sunk, and one transport set ablaze.

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Come & Hear Him Again On Sunday  
(Dec. 24th)

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