

TODAY and TOMORROW

What The Enemy Deserves

In an article in the "Colliers Weekly," United States Under-secretary for War Robert Patterson has reviewed the war against Nippon. Of necessity, Patterson has had to gloss over the disastrous defeats of the American naval and land forces in the Taiwan and Philippine waters, on the Chinese mainland and on Leyte Island. But Patterson clearly admits the serious consequences of Nippon's great successes. To quote his actual words, "The Nippon Navy is more than ever a great menace, her air fleet continues to grow in strength and her army is more powerful than ever"—such is the conviction of the American Under-secretary for War.

Major-General Wedemeyer, successor to Stilwell as Commander-in-Chief of the United States Expeditionary Forces in China also declares that the American forces have been emphasising naval and air operations too much, thus wasting vast quantities of war material and large numbers of men in futile naval and air offensives. Nippon, says Wedemeyer, had wisely shifted from oceanic to continental strategy. While the Americans were struggling on from one small island to another the Nippon forces had gained great land victories in China and are now controlling practically all communications from Tyosen down to Syonan.

Before the Taiwan and Philippine naval actions, the Americans were indulging in extravagant dreams of simultaneous defeat of both Nippon and Germany even before the end of 1944, not because they were convinced of their own strength, but because they were extremely war-weary and wanted the war to end soon. It is the same war-weariness that has driven the Anglo-Americans, even their highest leaders, to utter despair. It is war-weariness that makes Patterson and Wedemeyer talk of the unconquerable strength of Nippon.

The war-weariness of the Anglo-Americans shows itself in many ways such as strikes in vital war industries and the incessant clamour of the soldiers for home leave and release from service. The British soldiers in particular, totally "fed-up" with the war, are characterising "B.L.A." which stands for British Liberation Army, as "Burma Looms Ahead" meaning thereby that years of fighting in the dreary jungles of Burma is in store for them. And they are shuddering at the very thought of it!

Obviously, defeat is the only thing that the war-weary Anglo-American forces deserve. Victory is for those who fight with unconquerable determination and spirit. Nippon and her East Asiatic allies are showing their mettle and spirit on Leyte, in China, in Burma—wherever they come in contact with the enemy forces. By their determination and victorious fighting, Nippon and her allies are assured of final victory.

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Growing Might Of Nippon Held Menace To U.S.

Patterson Warns Americans Against Undue Optimism Of Pacific War Result

Lisbon, Nov. 16 (Domei)—"Nippon is producing aircraft at a rate greater than the anti-Axis destruction of her planes", declares American Under-Secretary of War Robert Patterson in the latest issue of the popular American magazine "Colliers Weekly", in which he strongly warns the American people against unwarranted optimism as to the outcome of the battle against Nippon, according to a New York report.

Nipponese monthly aircraft production, Patterson declares, is believed to have increased 25 per cent. over that attained at the end of 1943.

The Nipponese Navy is still a menace, her air fleet continues to grow in strength and her army is more powerful than ever, the Navy Under-Secretary stresses, adding, "I have found nothing to support the notion that we can dispose of Nippon in short order".

Patterson strongly cautions the American people against undue optimism toward the Pacific conflict, pointing out that the Nippon fleet has a large number of aircraft carriers and battleships ready for action as well as a powerful army which can further be bolstered by the mobilization of reserves and young men between the ages of 17 and 18.

Tokyo, Nov. 16 (Domei)—Almost one month has elapsed since General Douglas MacArthur and his "greatest invasion armada in history" landed on Leyte Island, but the Americans have shown little in the way of progress in their Philippines invasion. The Nippon nation and our forces believe that the real battle for Leyte Island is yet to begin, for our forces are being steadily reinforced, in readiness for dealing the coup de grace to the enemy in the Philippines. How tough the going is for the American invaders was disclosed by Lieut.-General Walter Krueger, Commander of the United States

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2,700,000 Tons Of Foe Shipping Sunk

According to competent German quarters, approximately 2,700,000 tons of anti-Axis merchant shipping have been sunk by German submarines during the past 19 months. The anti-Axis have also lost 180 destroyers and escort vessels. This has compelled the anti-Axis to maintain extensive defence and protective measures.

Nation Builders Meet Again



Tokyo, Nov. 16 (Domei)—Two great leaders of Greater East Asia met again here this afternoon when Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind called on Adipadi Ba Maw, Head of the Burmese State, at the guest hall where the latter is now staying. The two leaders held a cordial one-hour discussion in which they recalled their former meeting in Tokyo about a year ago at the time of the Assembly of Greater East Asiatic Nations.

Later in the afternoon the Adipadi made a courtesy call on War Minister Field-Marshal Gen Sugiyama at the latter's official residence where he was the guest of honour at a dinner party given by the War Minister.

Adipadi Dr. Ba Maw To Give Public Address At Hibiya Hall Today

Tokyo, Nov. 18 (Domei)—Adipadi Ba Maw, Prime Minister and Chief of State of Burma, will speak this afternoon at the Hibiya Public Auditorium under the sponsorship of the New Asia General Headquarters of the Taisei Yokusan Association and Yokusan Youths Organization, supported by the Burma Society.

Ba Maw on his first public appearance on his current visit here will give a graphic picture of the accomplishments made by Burma during its first year of independence and also touch on the joint efforts on the part of Burma and Nippon to crush the Anglo-Americans.

Leopold Amery Remains Mum On Infamous Natal Anti-Indian Ordinance

Lisbon, Nov. 16 (Domei)—British Secretary of State for India Leopold S. Amery side-stepped the latest controversy arising from the South African Government's imposition of new restrictive measures regarding the entry of Indians into South Africa today when he was questioned by Reginald Sorensen, Labourite, in the House of Commons, according to a London dispatch.

"I am fully alive to this difficult situation, but I am quite sure I should not assist the solution by making a public statement at present", he said.

Nippon Forces Occupy Ishan City Enemy Retreating Forces Routed

(By A War Correspondent)

Ishan, Nov. 16 (Domei)—Nippon units completely occupied the walled city of Ishan, 70 kilometres west of Liuchow in Kwangsi Province, on the evening of Nov. 14. Our units also captured Ishan airfield.

Our troops began surging into the walled city by 9.35 p.m. on Nov. 14 after inflicting smashing blows to retreating enemy columns in the winding, mountainous regions north-west of Ishan. Following mopping-up operations against enemy remnants our forces completely oc-

cupied the city at 10.30 that night.

A Nippon Base in Kwangsi Province, Nov. 15 (Domei)—A Nippon flying column, streaking out of Liuchow to cut off the retreat of Chungking troops fleeing towards the Kweichow border, has intercepted the enemy forces in the vicinity of Ishan, according to field dispatches received here today.

Fierce fighting is now said to be taking place in the mountainous area around Ishan, approximately 70 kilometres west of Liuchow, which fell into Nippon hands on November 10.

Bengal & Assam Hard Hit By Acute Famine Situation

Nationwide Concern Over Health Of Jayaprakash Narain & Dr. Lohia

The famine situation particularly in the provinces of Bengal and Assam and the epidemics situation in the province of Bihar, have of late considerably worsened, reveals the latest news received here from India.

According to a New Delhi report on Thursday, Sir Jeremy Raisman, Finance Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, replying to numerous questions in the Council of State admitted that Bengal and Assam are experiencing acute shortage of foodstuffs, especially salt. When questioned as to what relief measures are contemplated by the Central Government, the Finance Member gave an evasive reply.

The gravity of the epidemics situation was also admitted by Sir Joginder Singh, the Member for Education, Health and Lands. As regards relief measures, he merely stated that the Central Government was willing to help the Provincial Government concerned, but did not mention the nature or extent of such help.

A volley of questions was also asked in the Central Assembly about the condition of the Congress prisoners, especially as regards Mr. Jayaprakash Narain, the well-known Congressman of Bihar and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, formerly member in charge of the Foreign Department of the Indian National Congress.

Replying, Sir Francis Moody, Home Member, said that they are detained under Ordinance No. 3 of 1944. No satisfactory reply was given by the Home Member regarding the present state of health of the prisoners, but he said that they are not kept in solitary confinement or in underground cells. So far Dr. Lohia has not been permitted to see his father, said the Home Member, and added he could not give any assurance as regards the matter.

Meanwhile, prominent Muslim leaders continue to voice their

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Over 200,000 U.S. Army Casualties In Europe

Lisbon, Nov. 16 (Domei)—American ground force casualties in Western Europe up to November 1 have already exceeded 200,000, a Washington dispatch revealed.

The War Department announced that the casualties not including the air force, totalled 200,349, including killed 35,834, wounded 145,788 and missing 18,677.

Memorial Service For Late President Wang

Syonan, Nov. 18 (Domei)—A Memorial service for the late President Wang Ching-wei of the National Government of China will be held here tomorrow commencing at 2.30 p.m. in the premises of the Syonan Oversea-Chinese Association.

The President of the Association, Dr. Lim Boon-keng, an associate of the great Chinese nationalist, will preside at the ceremony which will be attended by all officials of the various departments of the organization. Hundreds of other members of the Association are also expected to turn up for the services, at which the local Chinese community's respects for the deceased President will be paid.

Americans Warned Against Optimism

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Sixth Army now operating on Leyte Island.

On November 13 he told American correspondents that American troops are "fighting under hellish conditions over hemmed in ridges through thick jungles, and in swamps". Declaring that Nippon troops are fighting furiously and demonstrating their determination to hold the island at any cost, he added, "The going is tough and there is no room for complacency as one considers the fight ahead".

Krueger's words which give a picture of the character of the war in the Philippines surely has dragged the American people into the depths of mental depression. The Philippines area is not a Europe and, as Krueger points out, the fighting must be done over hemmed in ridges, through thick jungles, and in swamps. As he also admits, the American forces must buck up against furiously fighting Nippon troops "demonstrating their determination to hold the island at any cost".

A sad witness to the fact that the Nippon forces are unrivalled in regard to jungle fighting of the type that the Americans must face in the Philippines is Lieut.-General A. E. Percival, Commander-in-Chief of British forces in Malaya, who met disaster at Singapore at the outset of the war. Led by General Tomoyuki Yamashita, conqueror of Singapore, the Nippon forces are determined to drive the alleged 250,000 American troops landed on Leyte Island to a man to the bottom of Leyte Gulf.

The thinning replenishment line of the American forces is now in jeopardy, for devastating attacks by Nippon "human torpedoes" against enemy vessels are merely cur'ain raisers to the main assault which is about to be launched by our forces. In the near future American forces on Leyte Island will be unable to obtain even the trickle of supplies which they are now getting.

The mere loss of a few transports in the course of our operations cannot deter Nippon's determination to crush the enemy at Leyte Island. The American forces, whether they realize it or not, have gone beyond their offensive termination point and they are going to find that out soon.

American Forces Thrown Back At Metz War Sector

Lisbon, Nov. 16 (Domei)—In south-east Holland and in the border districts of Lorraine, German forces yesterday continued stubborn defensive fighting against Anglo-American attempts to thrust forward, according to frontline dispatches received here. Lieut.-General George Patton's American Third Army troops were compelled to give ground south-east of Metz in the face of fierce German counter-attacks, but north of Metz near the Luxembourg border, the Americans are said to have pushed forward another mile, reaching a point approximately 6½ kilometres from the German border.

After the fiercest fighting the Americans were able to enter Morschingen, north-east of Chateau Salines, the German High Command announced. South of Dieuze, the Germans recaptured important heights in a counter-attack and destroyed a large number of enemy tanks, the Berlin communique said. North-east and east of Thionville the battle flared up again after a short pause. Only after severe fluctuating fighting did freshly brought up American tank forces succeed in expanding the bridgehead on the eastern bank of the Moselle, the German communique said.

In eastern Holland, between the Canal Du Nord at Weert and the Belgian border, heavy fighting has developed from attacks by strong English tank formations. To the north, the American Ninth Army under the command of Lieut.-General William H. Simpson, has gone into action, attacking in the direction of the Dutch border city of Venlo, Paris dispatches said.

V-1 and V-2 retaliation fire continued yesterday against London and Antwerp, the German communique said.

Moscow dispatches said that Red Army troops driving toward Budapest from the east, captured the key communications centre of Jasz Bereny, 20 miles from the Hungarian capital, after three days' hard fighting. The German High Command said that in the area east of Budapest, renewed large-scale Soviet attacks were frustrated after slight ini-

Australia Facing "National Disaster"

Lisbon, Nov. 16 (Domei)—William Scully, Australian Minister of Commerce and Agriculture, stated in the Federal House of Representatives today that the drought in Australia this year was a "national disaster ranking with those of 1902 and 1914", according to a Reuter's message from Sydney.

The effects of the drought would be felt throughout 1945, he said. Scully explained that the drought could not be described as just a poor season affecting a limited area, but a disaster hitting the chief cereal producing states—New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

'United Nations' At Loggerheads On Iran Oil Issue

Lisbon, Nov. 16 (Domei)—Former American Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles, speaking over the radio last night, sharply criticized the Soviet Union for its recent strong demands upon Iran regarding oil concessions which ultimately led to the collapse of the Saed Ministry, according to a New York dispatch.

Welles outspokenly declared that Russia was wholly unjustified in demanding the resignation of the Iranian Premier and went so far as to assert that Moscow's high-handed attitude "raises the vital question of the part the Soviet Union is going to play in the international organization itself".

Assailing Moscow's "pressure politics", Welles charged the Soviet Union with presenting much "stiffer" demands than those proposed by British and American oil interests, adding he understood that the Russians even failed to stipulate the manner or amount of payments for the concessions involved.

The former Under-Secretary of State sardonically stated, "The right of Russia to ask a neighbouring Government to be friendly and co-operative should not be construed to mean they must acquiesce in every advantage which the Russians seek".

The Saed Ministry, it is recalled, resigned on November 10, culminating a two-month oil dispute with the Soviet Union, Britain and the United States. Premier Mohammed Saed had strongly maintained in the face of external pressure that the Iranians themselves should be allowed to exploit their oil resources.

tial successes. There was again little fighting on the rest of the Eastern Front.

In Central Italy, British attacks were suspended. Neither in Bologna nor in the mountains between Forli and Modigliana did the British launch a new attack, the German communique said. Anglo-American terror bombers dropped scattered bombs on western and southern Reich in daylight raids yesterday, while at night British planes made nuisance raids on Berlin and places in western Germany, the communique added.

Acute Famine In Bengal And Assam

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bitter opposition to the Muslim League's demand for Pakistan. According to a despatch from London, four members of the National Muslim Committee, in a letter to the "New Statesman and the Nation", have expressed the opinion that the partitioning of India on a religious basis would not be in the best interests of the country. They state that the majority of Muslims in the country are therefore unanimously opposed to Pakistan.

According to another despatch from London, Syed Amir Shah, Chairman of the Central Jamait-ul-Muslimin, says that "the overwhelming majority of Indian Muslims are against Pakistan and for Indian national independence."

Adipadi Ba Maw Reveals Purpose Of Tokyo Visit

Tokyo, Nov. 16 (Domei)—Adipadi Ba Maw, Head of State of Burma, who arrived here yesterday evening, in a statement today disclosed that he came to Nippon to discuss with Nippon Government leaders questions connected with the current war and at the same time to see for himself "how the people are dealing with the present phase of the war".

Ba Maw's statement follows: "At the Tokyo Assembly last year I mentioned the need for a yearly meeting of representatives of East Asiatic nations, especially at the present juncture. Well, there cannot be a full-sized meeting this year, and so I have come to get a small-sized one—that is a meeting between members of the Nippon Government and myself, with one or two others representing Burma. My first object, therefore, in coming now, is to discuss with East Asiatic leaders here questions of common interest to Nippon and Burma.

"Needless to say most of these questions will be connected with the war. I have also come to see for myself how the people are dealing with the present phase of the war. I have been told that all Nippon has become, in a literal sense, a nation in arms. I want to find this out for myself, to learn how it has been done, and particularly to learn something about the spirit which has done it, and among other things produced the Kamikaze. And, of course, I am looking forward very much to seeing again my old friends here and to making new ones, friends to whom Burma will owe so much and who will always be links between our two peoples".

Field Marshal Hata At Foremost Front

Nanking, Nov. 16 (Domei)—Field-Marshal Shunroku Hata, Commander-in-Chief of the Nippon Expeditionary Forces in China, is now at the foremost front directing military operations, it was officially announced here today.

The announcement revealed that Field-Marshal Hata, who had commanded his forces at his field headquarters, advanced to a certain point on the battle scene since the start of the current Nippon operations in Central and South China and proceeded to the foremost front on November 12 to join General Yasuji Okamura, Commander of Nippon forces operating in that sector, and to direct subsequent operations.

Scotland Coal Strike Hampers Production

Lisbon, Nov. 16 (Domei)—Coal production in Scotland struck a snag again when miners of the Scotch Miners Union walked out due to a difference arising between the Union and mineowners over the question of wages, according to a London report received here.

Miners have been advised by the Union not to return to the pits until the dispute has been submitted to the Arbitration Board for settlement, the report said.

Banks' Saving Drive Nets \$19,000,000

Syonan, November 17 (Domei)—Representing almost double the goal set for the campaign, a sum of over \$19,000,000 was saved by the Malayan populace during the recent one-month Malai-wide "Fixed Deposits With Bonus" drive launched by all banking institutions affiliated to the Malayan Banking Association, which concluded at the end of last month, final figures issued by an official of the Association reveal.

The goal set for the October campaign was \$10-million, but the excellent response by the people of this country, which saw a sharp rise in the savings' chart in every succeeding day of the drive, made the scheme—the second to be launched by the Banking Association—a record-breaking success. The final figure for the whole of Malai is \$19,247,000 saved during the month, or almost \$11,000,000 more than the \$8,500,000 netted during the first campaign in February this year.

Of the \$19,247,000 saved, Syonan's share was \$8,580,000—representing the largest amount for any city or State. The states of Selangor and Penang, as well as Perak, led in the amounts saved in the other Malayan provinces, with savings totalling \$2,840,000, \$2,594,000 and \$2,141,000 respectively.

Figures for the other states are as follows:

Johore, \$683,000, Malacca, \$697,000; Negri Sembilan, \$445,000, Pahang, \$676,000; Kelantan, \$285,000; Kedah, \$94,000; Trengganu, \$106,000 (up to October 20), and Bintan Island, \$112,000.

Visit To Jhansi Camp On Chidambaram Day

In commemoration of the death anniversary of Mr. V. O. Chidambaram Pillay, the prominent South Indian nationalist, a party of local Indian civilians will visit the Rani of Jhansi Regiment Camp tomorrow evening at 5.30. The party will assemble at the premises of the I.I.L. in Waterloo Street before they proceed to the Camp.

There will be a rally of the Balak Sena and the Balika Sena at 5 o'clock.

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