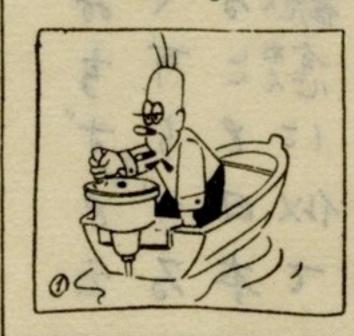
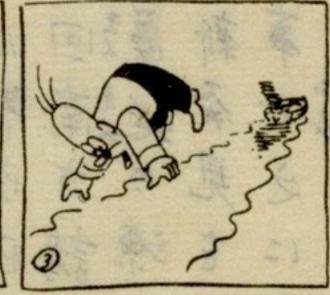
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## TOKYO - DIET SESSION CONCLUDED

The 81st session of the Japanese Parliament has just ended. Although the Government intended to have a session of only three

weeks, proceedings were drawn out to more than six weeks.

Although he tried to muzzle the Diet as the forum of the majority of the common people of Japan by increasing the powers of the National Service Association (Yokusankai), Prime Minister Tojo, as spokesman of the military government, had to face many candid questions. These interpellations reveal the awakened uneasiness and suspicion of the militarists in the minds of sensible and truly patrictic Japanese. The matters which gave rise to interpellations were (a) the dangerous shipping shortage due to enemy action and insufficiency of replacements, (b) the questioned truthfulness of Japanese war information, (c) the serious food situation due to lack of reserves, and (d) the decline in physical standards of the growing generation, especially the farming population. The Prime Minister gave many evasive replies.

TOKYO: Fearing lest the public should forget the hardships and sacrifices of the fighting forces, the Servicemen Backing Up Association has inaugurated a nation-wide lecture campaign, for raising contributions to enable the Association to attain its aims. The Association hopes to arouse those sections of the population who are prospering on the profits and loot of war to a sense of their duty towards the soldiers, sailors, and airmen who are fighting to procure these benefits for them, and many of whom find their graves in foreign soil.

It is now admitted in Tokyo that THE AMERICAN VICTORY ON GUADALCANAL. the Japanese evacuation of Guadalcanal, far from being the orderly and strategic withdrawal announced at first, was forced by the complete rout of the large Japanese forces concentrated at one time on the island. Several Japanese spokesmon have made mention of the terrible plight in which the marconed Japanese garrison was left as a result of the navy's failure to supply food and ammunition. Many Japanese circles are disturbed about this defeat, doubting the ability of the General Staff comparing it with its superb activities at the time of the Russo-Japanese War.

ZAISU ZAKKI: ECONOMIC NOTES:

TOKYO - SAVINGS CAMPAIGN: Finance Minister Kaya announced that during the financial year which began on April 1st, the Japanese people, apart from greatly increased taxes and higher cost of all goods, will have to provide more money by savings, largely compulsory. The total amount to be thus extracted will be twenty seven billion yen, or an increase of 4,000,000,000 yen over last year. This means that every family must save at least 200 yen during the coming twelve months.

CASABLANCA: Fighting continues to develop favourably for the Allies on all fronts. In the north the allied forces have advanced further towards the port of Bizerta. The Americans have advanced over thirty two k.m. on the Central front and increased artillery activity by the British 8th Army in the South presages an offensive against Rommel's latest defence line in his unending retreat.

STOCKHOLM: The British and U.S.A. all-out air offensive against Germany and occupied Europe continues unabated. Essen has received a record battering, the Renault works near Paris have been smashed, and Kiel, the German Naval base, has again been raided. There is hardly a moment when

Allied aircraft are not over some target or other in Europe.

The thaw is holding up operations on the Russian front but the Red Army has advanced further in the Kuban area, near the Black Sea. Soviet troops continue to hold all German attacks on the Central front. MELBOURNE: The Japanese naval concentration at Kavieng (New Ireland) has been completely destroyed or dispersed by the Allied air raids last In the attacks on three successive days, 7 warships and 5 merchantweek. ships aggregating 36,000 tons were sunk or badly damaged. In addition,

3 destroyers and an 8,000 ton merchant ship are believed to have been damaged. The technique of these raids was to bomb the aerodrome at Kavieng at the same time as the shipping, to prevent aerial interception.

## PEEP BEHIND THE GUNS:

SHANGHAI: CHANCE AND BELIEF: Among Chinese, especially the Funanese is a belief that Changsha never falls, akin to the Japanese belief in the divine wind. Be that as it may, the Japanese Army has again not occupied Changsha this time.

DISELSE IN THE SOUTHERN REGIONS: It is learnt from Singapore that a member of the Singapore Medical Research Institute for Epidemic Prevention in the Southern Regions has propounded a new theory on the spread of plague. Everyone now in the south will appreciate the vital importance of the work of this Institute since the Japanese occupation of these regions. Before the outbreak of the G.E.A., war, as you all know, health records kept by British and Dutch authorities in Singapore and Batavia showed that the danger of epidemics of plague and other deadly diseases had been overcome.

KOREAN ACTIVITIES: A high Korean official last week disclosed that units of the Korean National Restoration Army are now fighting against Japan in northern and central China and that formation of fully equipped divisions is under way.

BATAVIA - WANG CHING WEI'S SPEECH: Batavia reports that Wang Ching Wei's speech is causing widespread comment because of the frank statements made. This former member of the Executive Yuan who deserted General Chiang Kai Shek, admitted that he is considered a traitor by many. He also disclosed that there is friction or even enmity between the Nanking authorities and Japan.

## DROP FROM THE BRUSH:

At Koriyama there is the castle . Amidst an expanse of rape flowers.

of spring appears before one's eyes and one would like to try and write a beautiful poem oneself even though circumstances are not exactly favourable for poetical efforts. The human mind can be kept wide open even in a world full of struggle.

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