

南太平洋週報

東京通信

議會と國民、第八拾
壹議會も終つたが三週
間の豫定が六週間と
なり、與論抑圧の機關
たる翼賛會の權限拡張
大も空しく軍部政治
の代表者としての東條
首相は随分無遠慮な
質問に悩まされた。一
二の例をあげれば近
頃大本營発表の不確
実さ、國內豫備食料欠
乏より來る國民一般
の不安、青少年ことに

農村小供の貧育
及び營養不良に
關する問題等々
であつたが東條首相は
例の通り瓢箪の難答
辯でお茶をにごし
關を切りぬけた。
戦争成金と銃後軍
人家族後援會では國
民一般が出征家族出
征將兵の勞苦も忘れ
勝ちに浮薄輕兆の風漸
く盛んと成つて來たの
で特に此戦争のおか
げで繁昌してゐる大
小成金層に呼びかけ
彼等の高率貸銀及び
會社工場の高率貸銀
なる

戰時利得もつまる
ころは出征將兵が異
郷に屍を晒せばこそ
であるのであると云
ふ臭を強調全國的に
行脚して説法以て軍
人援護會に應分の寄
附をなさしめざる可
うと意氣込んでお
る。
米軍がダルキナルに大勝
軍部も近頃ではガ
ダルキナル撤退が決
して始め大本營諸全
表として云つたやうな
整然たる戰略的行動
でなく相當の大軍を
同島に進めたもので

あ、たが海軍空軍が不
甲斐なく爲に皇軍は
糧道を断たれたる形
となり木の根をかみ
草葉を喰ふの状とな
り困苦其極に達した
るものであったと政
府側もちうほう真相
を公表そのため日本
野では参謀本部に對
する信頼の念とみに
うすうさぎ出し曰露
争當時の善謀善断を
想起不安を感じはし
めた。

財政雜記

賀屋大藏

大臣は昭和十八年度
貯蓄目標額二百七十

億は理が非でも達成
せざる可らずとなし
既に増税と物價高に
苦んでゐる國民にと
りそれが仲々の負擔
である事に氣付かれ
ぬやうなが前年度に
比し四拾億円の増加
で一戸当り二百円と
なりちよとやそとの
段で資金出来る額で
はない。

カサブランカ特電

ニシア方面戦況は依
然聯合軍側に良好で
ビゼルト軍洪進攻も
着々進捗米軍は中央
部にありて廿二キロ

ストックホルム特電

更に前進英第八軍も
其軍砲兵の追接逃足
はやき口メルの最近
の抵抗戦線に對する
攻撃まじかに迫てゐ
る事を物語てゐる。
連續空襲 英米空軍
のナチドイツ及びナ
チ軍占領下ヨロバ
に對する攻勢作戦は
引續き敢行エセンも
二回目目の猛襲を受け
パリ近郊のレノ一軍
需工場も大損害を受
け十千海軍根據地キ
ルも猛爆にあえぎあ
り四六時中十千ヨロ

口ハの何れかの部分
に英米空軍の跳躍を
見ざるなしと云ふ状
態である。雪どけ
口シア方面、作戦行動
は、始りかちであるが
黒海に近いクーバン
地方ではロシア軍は
更に前進、中央部戦線
でも相變らず十千軍
の進撃を阻止、多大の
損害を蒙り、めてお
る。

メルボルン通信
ニアイルランド島カ
ウエアイルランド島カ
ビエンにおける日本
側海軍集結は聯合側

空襲のため全く挫折
三日間の猛攻で艦七
船五を失ひ三万六千
トン、或は大破別に驅逐艦
或は大破別に驅逐艦
三隻、八千トン級商船
一隻が損傷を受け、お
る。しき有様で今回の
これら艦船の空襲で
は聯合空軍はいつも
必ずカビエ飛行場を
由同時に爆撃、日本側
空軍の反攻を先手を
打て之を押しやるの戦
法にいたつた。

上海通信
長沙と信仰、中国人
こと、に湖南人の間に

は、長沙はおちずと云
ふ、牢固ぬく可うざる
信仰のあること、日本
人の神風觀念に似て
ある。それかあうぬか
日本軍は今度も亦長
沙を攻略してゐない。
南方地域と風土病、
シンガポール、醫學研
究會では、今回南方諸
地域、風土病蔓延の源
因にかんし、新発見を
したと云ふ事、で之に
より大に學界並に實
際にも寄與する所あ
うんとするは大によ
り、が大東亞戦開始以
前、と、ガポール、

タビアは世界でも有
 数な健康都市であつた
 事は周知の事実であ
 る。大韓國民運動朝鮮
 獨立運動の某領袖は
 目下北支中支中華民
 國軍に多數の大韓國
 國民が戈をとつて日本
 軍と闘ひつゝある事
 を言明且つ近々一師
 團の大韓國軍が編制
 され大に祖國獨立の
 ために闘ふの準備で
 ある旨の聲明をした。
 バタビア便り 汪精
 衛氏が今回南京でや
 た演説が如何にも大

膽卒直に自己の立場
 をのべておるの大場
 に世人の注意を喚起
 した。もと行政院長汪
 精衛氏は曰く自分が
 蔣介石氏と袂を別つて
 以來自分多數の同
 胞から賣國奴などとお
 呼ばれ考へられてお
 る。どのべ且南京政府
 と日本との關係に言及
 しては兩者の間た
 に色々な摩擦いざこ
 ざがある計でなく敵
 意すらあると結んだ
 筆のしづく
 菜の花の
 中々味あり
 郡山

ふの花のな
 かには城あり
 こほりやま
 ふんと云
 ふのどけさ
 自分でも駄
 句て見たく
 なるやうな
 けしきが目
 のまへにう
 りて英雄開
 胃を氣取る
 かけではな
 いが世界は
 せばまても
 心は廣くも
 てるものだ



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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 patriotic 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.

THE AMERICAN VICTORY ON GUADALCANAL. It is now admitted in Tokyo that 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 spokesmen have made mention of the terrible plight in which the marooned 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 week. In the attacks on three successive days, 7 warships and 5 merchant-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.

DISEASE 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.

If one reads this poem the castle amidst the golden 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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