

# 南太平洋週報

## 東京通信

大東亞旅客と

豪華ホテル建設

大東亞諸地域からの日

本訪問のお客様用と

して今回福岡国際飛

行場に五百万円を投

し一大ホテルの建築

に着手する事になった

内閣改造 東條内

閣は今回左の如く其

閣員の更迭を行つた重

光氏が谷氏に更けて外

務大臣に任ぜられ大

政翼賛會の安藤氏が

内務に湯澤氏の  
後を襲ひ同じく

翼賛會の山崎氏

が農林大臣に任ぜら

れ天羽氏が内閣情報

部長に据えられ且つ

是亦大政翼賛會の小

浅氏が無任所大臣に

なつた一國が其國運を

賭しての戦争中此等

内閣の更迭は政府の

弱體暴露と見られて

居る

## カサブランカ特報

北アフリカチュニシア

の一角に背水の陣を

餘儀なくされおる樞

軸軍は海に追落され

全滅となるのを免が

れんと必死になつて防

戦して居るが聯合諸

軍は歩武堂々全面的

に之に迫つて居る即ち

英軍はチュニス市に四

十八キロの地奥にま

で進出米佛軍亦之に

呼應前進地形は防者

にとり極めて有利で

あるが樞軸側アフリ

カ方面軍の運命はも

ほきまつたむべなる哉

であるドイツ新聞の

記事論説はドイツ民

衆にアフリカ方面軍

敗亡の報道を成可く

影響すくなに受けら



れる様に色々書立て  
居る。  
**ローマ放送讃歌を**  
**英第八軍に呈す** 曰は  
く英第八軍は今日世  
界の軍隊中最も優秀  
なる者で世界戦局諸  
方面を切つての最有力  
なる且最新式の部隊  
で其砲兵の火力編制  
ともに間然するとこ  
ろなく其機甲部隊も  
亦他に比するも遜色  
なく其統帥部員亦其  
人選において云ふ所  
なくよく其眞價を戦  
場に發揮した。實に英  
軍の空陸呼應作戦は

満員で世界に其御手  
本を示して居る云々  
といひ「ナチ側では退  
却に当りしつゝもささ  
と其機甲部隊を引きあ  
げイタリヤ兵をして  
英第八軍が追撃の矢  
面に立たしめたから  
イタリヤ軍こそ眞に  
英第八軍を知る機会  
を與へられただのも  
である云つて居る。  
**マルボルン通信** 太  
平洋方面聯合軍側空  
中制圧は益顯著にな  
て來た。即ちビスマ  
ル海大勝に引続きガ  
ダルチャナルカビエ

オカ湾における戦果  
に加ふるに日本側が  
ホートモレスビ空襲  
に於いて受けたる大  
打撃。又ミルネにお  
いて蒙れる大損害つ  
いてウェワク海面に  
ける日本側海上力が  
聯合側空軍より受け  
たあの痛棒毎日  
太平洋上の諸島々に  
おいて日本側が受け  
て居る諸損害を別に  
してもなほ此様な状  
態である。  
**ストグホルム特電**  
四月廿五日。ストック  
ホルム。バキア首相  
ベネシ博



士はロンドンから其同胞に呼びかけて曰く諸君は近々ヨロツバに来るべき決定的軍事上の新事態に對し私に心中に覺悟する所あれと。

## サイゴン特電

米國空軍佛印を米空軍は中華民國某々基地より出動翼をつらね佛印日本軍北部基地に對し猛爆を敢行甚大なる損害を與へ全機悠々其基地に帰還した。

## 海運界

統計の示すところによれば去年

年八月から今年三月までに東北西北南太平洋方面海域で沈没又は損傷を蒙った日本側船舶は二百五十餘隻七十五万四千二百八十トンで以上の數字には至近彈等により損傷したふねははい、て居ない。

## 銃後見透し

米價問題と民衆九一八價格制定以來始めて今回大はいの引上げをみた米價は一舉に石当り四十九円五十匁から六十二円五十匁になたが大

勢の子供をかいへやりくりしに苦心して居る家庭の主婦はサイゴンやシロンに米が山づみにされ腐りかかて居ながら船腹不足で持てくる事ができぬと聞かされおるてまへ皆心中に不満を抱いて居る。

## 東條氏の当惑

某方面たしかに筋から聞込んだ話だがガダルカナル其他南方最前線戦況の不振に加ふるにひんくとして起る船舶の喪失に氣を腐らした東條御大が



運勢学の泰斗兒玉香象翁のところで或夜こゝそり行つて伺ひをたてたところそれは東條の名の英機と云ふのがどほしても英國に機會を與へると云ふ意味になる。それで其對策としては名を亞機(つぐき)と改めよさすれば亞細亞に機會を與へ且、東條の東と合せて東亞となるかうと論ぜられ大にも、もと點頭いたがさて改名となると戸籍法上とても厄みな問題か起つてどほにもなら

ずそれかと云つて丸腰の平民の様に戸籍面と違つた名をつかふわけにも行かず大東亞戰を殆んど獨断で始めた当の責任者だけに此の名前問題は政情軍狀さては増産問題のあれこれよりも強く東條君の肺腑に喰入り今更の如く大に氣病して居ると云ふ噂を聞くがまゝに。經濟問題あれこれ戦局の不振につれ段々かさまてくる戦費と生産拡充資金、それを賄ふための貯金と

國債の應募其諸問題行詰打開策として曰本金融統制會が肝煎て今回いよく官公筋に貯蓄債券及び戰時公債の強制買を建言之を實行する事になつたが既に強制的諸貯蓄が行はれてる今日其効果は疑問である。

### 統制や

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SOUTH PACIFIC NEWS WEEKLY, NO. 10TOKYO NEWS - Luxury Hotel for GEA Travellers.

A big luxurious hotel for officials coming to Nippon from East Asia will be constructed near the International airport at Fukuoka, at a cost of 5 million yen.

Cabinet Changes.

The following changes have taken place in the composition of the Cabinet. Mr. Shigemitsu displaces Mr. Tani as Minister for Foreign Affairs; Mr. Ando becomes Home Minister in place of Mr. Yuzawa; Mr. Yamazaki becomes Minister for Agriculture; Mr. Amau becomes President of the Board of Information, and Mr. Owasa has been appointed State Minister. These changes are interpreted as a sign of weakness, taking place as they do at the height of a war.

CASABLANCA:

In the Tunisian tip of North Africa where the cornered Axis armies are making a last and desperate attempt to prevent themselves being pushed into the sea, the Allied armies are steadily advancing on all fronts. The British are now within 48 kilometres of Tunis. The American and French troops are also advancing. The difficult ground gives the Axis troops advantages in defence, but everything points to the likelihood that their days in Africa are numbered. The German press is preparing its public for bad news.

ROME RADIO'S TRIBUTE TO EIGHTH ARMY.

"Britian's 8th Army", said Rome, "is the finest fighting force in the world today. The British 8th Army represents the most modern and powerful force on the different chessboards of this world war. The British artillery is well provided with guns. It is splendidly organised. The British armoured units are amongst the world's best. This army's leaders and staff have been carefully chosen. They have proved their worth on the battlefield. The co-operation of the R.A.F. and the British land forces can serve as an example to anyone".

The Italians claim to be in a position to judge the 8th Army. They say that the German armoured units withdrew, leaving the Italians to put up a desperate resistance which alone delayed the enemy.

MELBOURNE

Allied air superiority in the Pacific continues to be maintained in the most striking way. The Allied air victory in the Bismarck Sea was followed by further victories at Kavieng, Guadalcanal, and over Oro Bay. Then came the raid on Port Moresby, so disastrous to the raiders, and since then the equally disastrous raid on Milne Bay, followed by a most destructive attack on Wewak by Allied aircraft, where much damage was done to Japanese shipping. These successes were apart from others scored almost daily by the Allies in the air over the Pacific Islands and seas.

STOCKHOLM

"You must expect decisive military events soon", declared the Czech Prime Minister, Doctor Benes, from London on April 25.

SAIGON-AMERICANS RAID F.I.C.

It is reported that American planes successfully raided a certain Japanese base in northern French Indo-China.



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TOKYO - THE SHIPPING WORLD Statistics reveal that 754,280 tons of Japanese ships, representing over 250 ships, were sunk or damaged in the North-eastern and North-western sectors of the South Pacific front from August to March. Ships which must have been damaged by near misses are not included.

PEEPS BEHIND THE GUNS - Tokyo - Increase in Price of Rice. The price of rice has been officially raised for the first time since 1939. The increase is from ¥49.50 to ¥62.50 per 5 bushels. Hearing about rice, Japanese mothers of growing children are remembering sadly a recent Tokyo broadcast, reporting that the markets of Saigon and Cholon were being flooded with mountains of rice, although there were no ships to carry it to places where it was needed.

TOJO'S DILEMMA. It is reported on reliable authority that some time ago Premier Hideki Tojo, who is depressed because of the reverses of warfare on Guadalcanal and of the frequent sinkings of Japanese ships, arranged a secret consultation at night with the well-known astrologer, Professor Donsho Kokama. It has been divulged that on this occasion the Professor tried to convince the Prime Minister of the necessity in the interests of the state of changing his christian name for a more propitious one. His present name cannot but be regarded as an ill omen for Japan's future success in war, as the characters with which it is written prophesy an excellent opportunity for England. Premier Tojo, deeply impressed with the learned professor's pronouncement, showed himself quite willing and even eager to decide upon a suitable new name with the astrologer's assistance. The name in view, Tsuguki, would imply that the opportunity is favourable for Asia. If the character for Tsugu (also A for Asia) is used for the first name, this would especially assure splendid opportunity for East Asia in view of the fact that the first character of "Tojo" (To = Higashi = East) stands for East. As a person of high social standing could ill afford to use a name which had not been officially registered, investigation has been made as to the possibility of a change of registration. To his great concern, Premier Tojo, who was able to start the G.E.A. war almost on his own, has found it impossible to effect this change as it is against the rules and usage of civic registration in Japan. A solution of this difficulty, which seems to be worrying the Premier even more than weightier cares of state, has still to be found. This story is the foremost gossip item of this week.

SAVINGS AND NATIONAL SERVICE BONDS. A plan is announced for the official compulsory purchase of savings and national service bonds. Compulsory purchase of savings and national service bonds will be enforced by the All-Japan Finance Control Association. This scheme has been introduced to overcome difficulties resulting from increased military expenses and from the difficulty of acquiring sufficient means out of savings or loans. Its success is considered doubtful as compulsory saving is already being practised to a great extent.

SKETCH SHOWING BEAN CURD VENDOR blowing his horn in a street of a Japanese city and a servant girl passing by. The comic epigram heading the illustration means:- "The visit of the bean curd vendor is becoming rare nowadays, because of the rationing system." The Japanese word used for "to become", when written in the phonetic syllabary as it is, also stands for "to sound" (the horn). Another possible translation, therefore, is:- "Because of the rationing system the horn of the beancurd vendor sounds only seldom nowadays".