

南洋週報

上海通信

中支戦局と邦人

京上海の居留日本人間には今回の中支作戦が其期待を裏切り長沙を取るでもなく重慶方向へ進出するでもなく湖南福建方面米空軍根拠地壊滅に資するでもなく例に依て例の如く有るや無耶に了たので勢ひ人心沈滞で其日本側死傷三千百八十九は是迄の諸作戦に比し甚だ高率で優に参加兵力の一割を超へあり米國からの武器彈藥貸與其他の

助力を立證するものとして各人とも中日戦局が

むしろ今迄よりも悪く成て来たのでは無いかと云ふ感を抱き來りおるのみならず今回の中支作戦で日本軍に協力するの目的を以て北上した南京政府軍が其これまでの戦友たる重慶軍と馴合^{なれあひ}居^{いは}をやつたと云ふ噂^{うわさ}がたかまり皇軍が作戦途上俄に廻^{はが}れ右をし^して作戦起^{おこ}るに逆戻りしたの^のは其爲^{ため}だと云はれ又五月廿日の山東保安隊三万の反乱も此噂に拍車をかけた形となり且南京政府と重慶政府

の國旗が全く同一の青天白日紅滿地旗である事等が軍人と云はず普通人と云はず一般在支日本人間に一種云ふ可うざる不安の念をかもし來りおりしかも北方國防線ではアツを失ひ地中海方面ではチュニニア喪失について伊太利亞三島嶼の降服口^{くち}ニアにおけるナチ軍の停頓^{とくどん}ドイツ軍需工業地帯不斷の爆轟等由手傳^{てづ}て在支日本人軍民間の焦慮^{しやうりょ}は掩ふ可うざるものがある。

山本元帥國葬と

ミドウェイ記念日

すしくも故山本元帥の

國葬がミドウェイ會戰の一週年紀念日たる六月五日に行はれた中途會戰は人も知る如く日本海軍が山本元帥劃策の下にミドウェイ攻略を其作戰目標とし特別陸戰隊までを用意帶同大船団を從へて出掛けたものであったがミドウェイ島の陸上根據地及航空母艦よりする米國空軍のためには航空母四隻を失ひ戦艦三隻大破甲巡二隻沈没三隻大破乙巡一駆逐三航空機二百七十五を喪失と云ふ大損害を受け其爲作戰目的放棄今迄勝に乘していた日本側にけちがつきたした始

東京通信
であつた。

軍のアッツと參謀本部 米
禦基地を又一つもぎと
られたが此爲に遠隔の
地に攻略に堪るには餘
りにも微弱な部隊を進
駐せしむるの可否且潛
水艦活動圈内の海を超
へての之等諸地真に對
する補給増援問題に關
し參謀本部と軍令部と
の間には又々意見の格
執議論の蒸返しが始ら
んとし、ており今迄馬鹿
しきつておつたアメリカ
當局にアッツに圧倒的大
軍を上陸された戰略的
敗亡にかんし參謀本部

ナチドイツ人間諜
事件愈々公判となる

ナチ新聞通信員リチャード・ソルゲ他數名にかゝるスパイ事件は一年餘秘密裡に調査取調べ中であつたが愈々五月廿日東京地方裁判所に於て公判が始つた。

三菱コンツェルン
の大飛躍報せらる

戰時産業界の大飛躍に呼應三菱合資では其資本を倍にし三菱製鋼全化学工業全建築鉄材全日本アルミ全朝鮮重工等子會社の資本金をも倍加三菱工作器械關東

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マグネシウム及び三菱倉庫直屬のドック會社等々を新設且又三菱製油の資本をも増加した形勢は此とて居るやうだ。

經濟界

大東亞戰の表と裏

東京通信で報せられてる三菱の大増資、他にも之に似た事が行はれて居るが、船不足、原料不足の今日、鳴物入りで大に報せられた三菱の事業擴張も結局は岩崎家其家の子郎黨がたふり、政府の補助金をふところ、に捻込む以外大した實際的効果を軍需産業の上に見る事は出来まい。

と觀察されてゐる。

財閥や

つはもの共が夢のあと

リスボン特電 聯合國

空軍の絶對優勢にシシリ海峡の鎖鑰パンテラリア要塞島及ラムペツサ並にリノサの相續いたの降服、一戦も交へざる俘虜一万八千を出せる事、それをよそに何れにか逃避の自國海軍、空軍の不甲斐なさ、之等に伊國上下は意氣全くあらう、二年まへ參戰當時の倂は見るよしもな

べき潜水艦の威力は長距離水中響音聴取器の改良により、今や全く除かるゝ事となり、潜水艦は高射砲等を備へて自己防衛に汲々たる有様となり、其結果は五月中旬及六月上半月のナチドイツ潜水艦の戦果は、今迄になきまでに低下し、艦の沈めらるゝ數の方

はふえた。

ナチドイツの爆轟又始る。

天候の加減で此ところ

半月程息をついてたナ

チドイツ工業都市も又

々一度に千を以て數へ

らる如く大編隊の連續

爆轟を受くる事となり

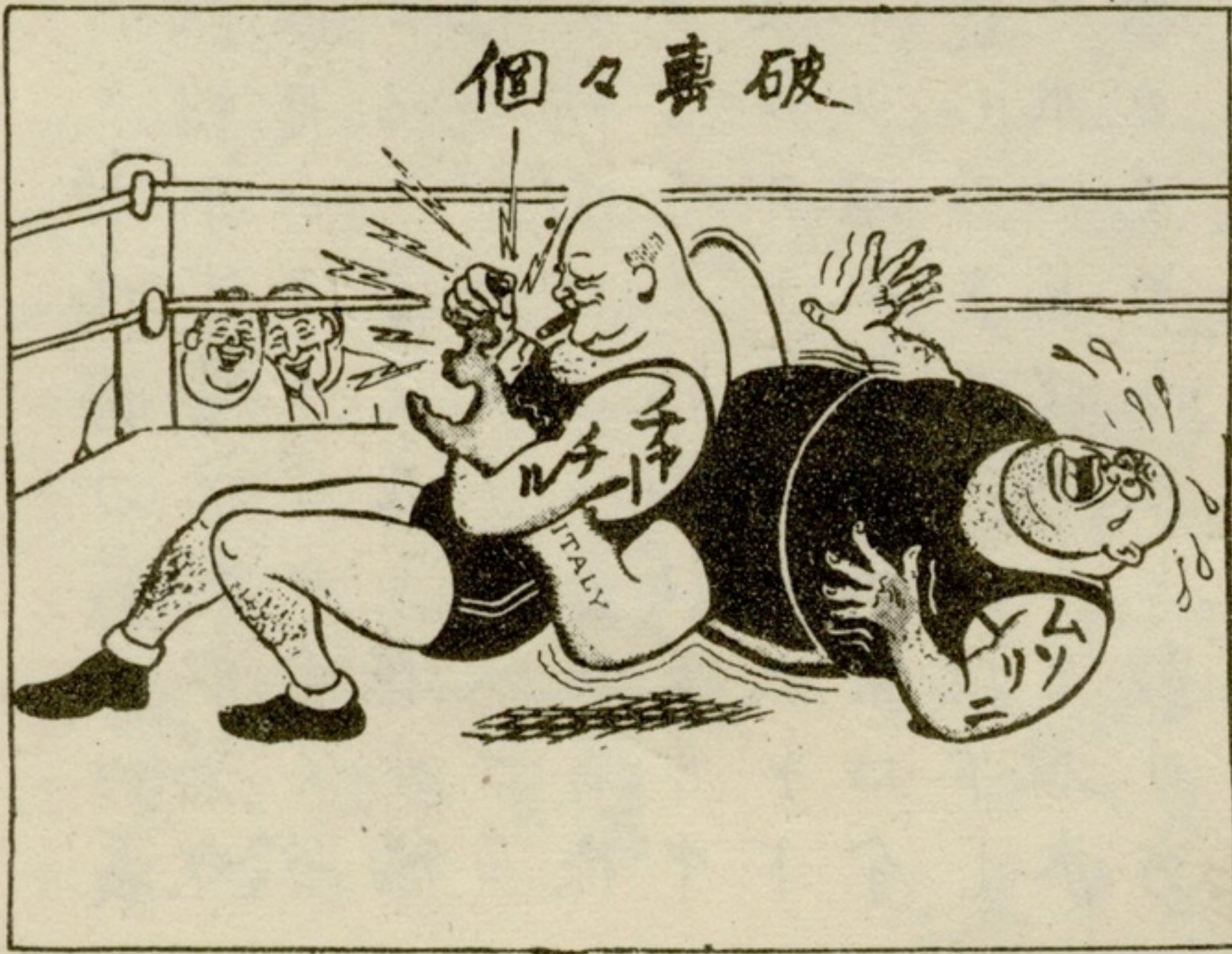
毎回二千餘トンの爆弾が一時間たらずの間にドカン落さるゝ猛襲に悩まされる事となつたが既にまへの連續爆撃の結果で潜水艦建造量も大に低下し居り其武器彈藥軍需生産額の低下はロシア方面十々軍の消極的態度が之を反映してゐる。

第八十二臨時議會 東京からリスボン某筋にきた報によると六億五千万の追加豫算と豫算外國庫員概五十六億承諾の爲と首相の國策を中外に聲明する爲臨時議會を六月十五日から三日間開くが時恰アツ

の喪失地中海方面戰況の不振大西洋方面潜水艦戰果の低下ロシア方面獨軍の不活潑の折柄とて此議會召集は如何にもあはてた様に見え支那人を始め東亞民族から日本の鼎の輕重を問はるべき拙策なりとして軍部内政治家の間に反對が相當にあると傳へられて居る。

街の噂 アツ敗戰の卒直な発表はガダルカナルにギニア方面言譯的報道が醸た大本營発表に對する一般不信の念を一掃したが高瀬海軍中佐のアツに關する氣休めの言辭はアツの陸軍を

見殺にし之に犬死をさせた海軍側から出ただけに一般民衆に不快の念を興へた内閣情報部内卒直派と婉曲鷲鳥派との格執は日を追て甚しく成て來てゐる。



昭和十八年六月十七日

SHANGHAI. CHINESE VICTORY IN YANGTSE VALLEY. The Japanese community of Shanghai is cast into a gloom as it finds that the central China operations are fizzling out as usual, without achieving an advance towards Chungking or Changsha, or doing anything towards eliminating American air bases in Hunan and Fukien. The casualties reported, 3,189 killed and wounded, are exceptionally high compared with previous operations, being well over 10% of the troops engaged. This shows that U.S. aid is now beginning to tell. Besides a vague apprehension that the China War situation is worsening, there is talk among the Japanese in Shanghai about the suspected collusion of Nanking forces, sent up north to co-operate with the Japanese in these operations, with the Chungking forces. It is said that their defection material contributed towards the sudden suspension of operations and the withdrawal of Japanese forces to their starting point. Colour is given to this suspicion by the revolt on May 30 of 30,000 members of the Shangtung Peace and Order Forces. The fact that the flag of Nanking and Chungking is the same one, and the attitude of the Nanking forces in operations, are the source of grave, lingering misgivings among Japanese civilians and troops, especially in view of the recent U.S. offensive in the Aleutians, the debacle of the Axis in Africa, the loss of the three Italian islands, the Nazi Army's stagnation in Russia, and the Allied air offensive over Europe.

YAMAMOTO'S STATE FUNERAL ON ANNIVERSARY OF MIDWAY BATTLE

Admiral Yamamoto's State funeral was held on the anniversary of the battle of Midway Island, planned by him. It is recalled that at Midway Japan, as a result of attacks by American carrier-borne and land-based planes, lost 4 aircraft carriers sunk, 3 battleships badly damaged, 2 heavy cruisers sunk, 3 heavy cruisers damaged, 1 light cruiser destroyed, 3 destroyers, others damaged. 275 Japanese planes were shot down or lost at sea. The Japanese task force was broken. It had to abandon the attack on Midway, and the spell of initial Japanese victories came to an end.

TOKYO. ATTU AND THE GENERAL STAFF. The American capture of Attu in the Aleutians deprives Japan of one of her offensive defence bases. It is feared that this will cause sharp altercation between The General Staff and the Naval General Staff as to the wisdom of a disposition too small to withstand attack, and too distant to be maintained and reinforced through submarine - infested seas. Confusion and chagrin among their opponents is part of the strategic gain of the hitherto under-rated U.S. defence forces, which suddenly landed a superior force to make short work of Attu.

NAZIS TRIED FOR ESPIONAGE. CASE BEFORE COURT AT LAST. It has been officially announced that the trial of the German newspaper correspondent Richard Sorge, and others, accused of espionage activities, began in Tokyo on May 31st. The case has been dragging on under police investigation for over a year.

MITSUBISHI EXPANSION. To cope with increasing activities everywhere the Mitsubishi Goshi Kaisha (holding Trust Co. for Mitsubishi interests) has approved a huge expansion programme. The capital of the following concerns has been doubled:- Mitsubishi Steel Manufacturing Co., Mitsubishi Chemical Industries Co., Japanese Building Iron Co., Japanese Aluminium Works, Chosen Heavy Industries. Three new companies have been established, the Mitsubishi Machine Tools Co., Kwanto Magnesium Co., and a dockyard company as subsidiary to the Mitsubishi Warehouse Co. The capital of the Mitsubishi Oil Co., has also been increased. It looks as if times are booming for the financial cliques.

ECONOMIC WORLD. Fact and fiction of G.E.A. War. Things seem to be going well for the zaibatsu as evidenced by Mitsubishi's capital expansion reported in the economic news. We fear, however, that these expansions will merely benefit the industrial tycoons of the Iwasaki clan who obtain large monetary subsidies and loans from Government and

public by promising all this expanded industrial activity. It is obvious from the course of the war that Japan lacks the shipping and labour necessary to transform these paper dreams into reality.

Slogan. "The profits of the zaibatsu are all that remain of the dreams of warriors".

LISBON REPORTS.

Italian Demoralisation. Impotent in face of Allied air supremacy, the Italian Navy and Air Force had to resign itself to watch the islands of Pantellaria, Lampedusa, and Linosa surrender and 18,000 Italians become prisoners-of-war. There is no comparison between the present plight of Italy and the situation two years ago.

Decline in strength of Axis U-Boat Warfare. Nazi Germany and Japan's hope of destroying Allied shipping is being frustrated. The Allies have perfected long range sea sound detectors, enabling them to send planes to attack U-boats. The U-boats are trying to counter with anti-aircraft guns, but their sinkings of Allied shipping for May and the first half of June show much reduced figures. On the other hand the number of U-boats sunk has been greatly increased.

Bombing of Germany. Germany is being bombed with great vigour. Several hundred planes are sent on a single attack, dropping over 2,000 tons of bombs in the course of one hour. Due to these attacks U-boat building and production of munitions have fallen off materially, while the negative attitude of the Nazi army in Russia has become pronounced.

News from Tokyo. The Cabinet has summoned the 82nd Special Session of the Diet to give approval to ¥650,000,000 additional budget expenditure, in addition to ¥5,600,000,000 extra budgetary expenditure. Following on as it does the Attu debacle, the Axis defeats in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic, not to speak of the lull in Russia, the convening of this special session is being criticised by various military and governmental groups. They feel that it betrays weakness on the side of Japan to the Chinese and other peoples of East Asia.

TALK OF THE TOWN. The frank statement on the Attu debacle partly restored the people's confidence which had been badly shaken by the Government's disingenuous attempts to explain away the Guadalcanal and New Guinea defeats. The effect of this announcement, however, was to some extent spoiled by Commander Takase's offhand speech. Coming from the spokesman of the Navy which had set up in some corner and allowed the Attu garrison to die like dogs, it made a bad impression.

CARTOON Under the heading "One by One They are Blown to Pieces", the cartoon shows Churchill holding Mussolini's Italy down and gripping Italy's toe. The names Churchill and Mussolini are given in Japanese.