

南太平洋週報

東京通信

葬儀樂譜成る。有名作曲家山田耕作氏は今回山本元帥の死に於て戦死乃至は俘と成た人々を悼む曲を作したが哀者切々人をして坐に堪へざらしむる程のものである。

臨時議會 六月十五日から三日間召集されたる第八十二臨時議會に於ては劈頭東條總理大臣の施政方針演説を試み日本が直面してゐる戦局の重大を指摘英米の益盛上り來る戦力に

拮抗國民の奮起努力を促し緊急對策案數件を可決散會した。

議會召集と評論 今回東條首相が第八十一本議會終了後間もなく此臨時議會を集召したる事は如何に戦局が日本にとり重大化して居るかを示し窮極の敗戦に到達前に内閣が其責任を他にゆかたしめん腹と見られおり且又開戦後僅に老年半で又重水て産業法案等を議會に出すのは当初計画の杜撰を曝露スリッピンに對する獨立許容の宣言の如き日本がそほせぬ

ば到底スリッピン人の不平不満を宥めかね居るものなる事を立証してゐる。然し國民は無論スリッピンに獨立を許すと云た處で軍事内政經濟等の樞機は滿洲國同様日本人が握るものなる事は之を承知してゐる。

南太平洋方面

ガダルカナル航空戦 六月十六日日本側空軍は聯合國側艦船の襲撃を企て反て迎撃を受け合計七十四機喪失の大敗北を喫したが内廿二機は爆轟機で残り四十二機は零型戦闘機であった。之に對する聯合國側損害は戦闘機六台だけで

軍事専門家の見解では
今回の此損害は当方面
日本側空軍にとつては今
迄にない大打撃である
と見てゐる。

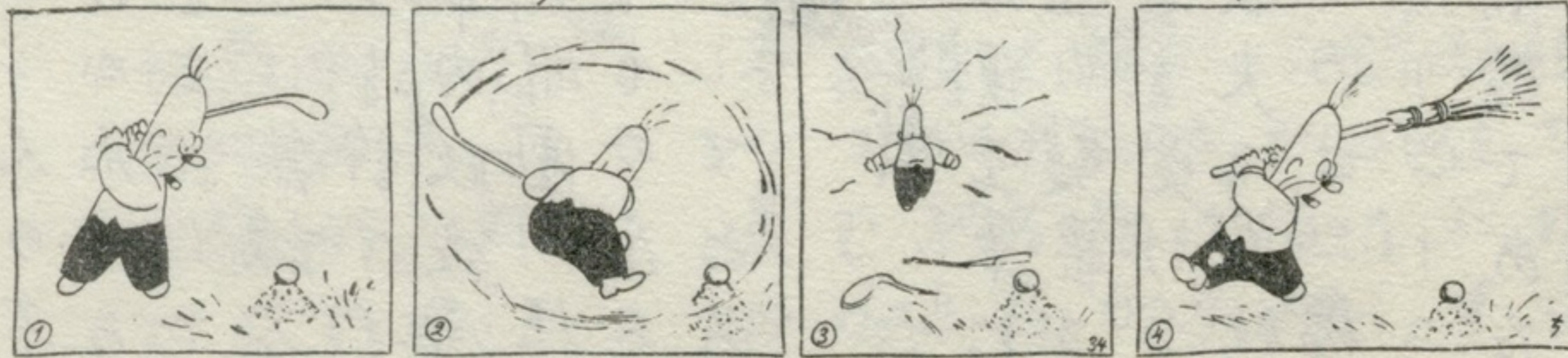
リスボン通信

パンテラリアと其教訓 今
回のイタリヤ領地中海
の要衝パンテラリア要
塞が聯合國空軍の數百
機編隊連續反復爆撃に
降服、俘虜一万五千を聯
合國上陸軍未だ一兵を
もあげざるに之に差出
し要塞が空軍に降服の
戦例を出したるに關し
専門家の云ふところは
此七年の日子と莫大な
金をかけ地中海のシブ
ラルタルと迄呼ばれた

イタリヤ本國の要害が
前記の様な事になつたの
は近代戦の一新現象と
見る可く、空中制圧周囲
の制海權把握が之を可
能ならしめたもので、日
本本土より遠く太平洋
方面諸島嶼進駐日本軍
諸部隊は無氣味な豫感
を如何ともし得ぬもの
だ。且此今回陥落したパ
ンテラリアが地中海中
央に位する關係上重要
なる戰略地矣、此島が
聯合側の手に入つた事は
チュニシア獲得により再
開した東亞への補給の
近路が即ちスエズ運河
航行が更に確實に成た
わけである。

北海道の危険 東京よ
りリスボンに達した報

道によると今
回の議會に於
て永井柳太郎
氏は某決議案
に關連、聯合國
が進んで北海
道攻略をも策
して居ると國
民に警告を發
した。
英京通信
伊太利亞情勢
シ、リ、イ、サ、ル
ヂニアに對す
る本格的航空
作戦、既に始
たるう、く、降
ンテラリア



服をもたらしした爆轟作
戦より遙かに大規模な者
が始りシシリイサルヂ
ニア両島の決、鉄道、飛行
場等を何れもこびどく
爆轟、ローマ公表も直接
戦闘軍需生産に關係な
き老若男女の南部イタ
リア、シシリイ島よりの
退去を聲明してある有
様である。
十々潜水艦狩立うる
英國側公表は最近大
西洋に於て又々十々潜
水艦二隻を轟沈他に三
隻恐らくは沈没の戦果
を報いてあるが船団護
衛用の航母が大に活躍
して居る結果で此二月
間の戦果は轟沈十々側

潜水艦五十一隻である。
兵法一家言
世界全体戦 ニューギ
ニア及び其他の島々に
孤立無援の日本軍進駐
部隊はイタリアが其地
中海での敗北、ナチドイ
ツ軍需工場の爆轟、潜水
艦による輸送破壊の失
敗等が決して自らにと
り無關係で無い事を痛
感して居らる者であ
るうが日本国内でも今
更の如く此事に目ざめ
て来ており、東京におる
伊國通信員も曰伊は一
連托生、ヨーロッパも太平
洋も一連の同一戦線で
一方に起る出来事は直
に他方に響く者だと唱

へ始めた。
對岸の火事
我が家へは勝口の
ストックホルム特電
ゲーベル博士愚痴る
十
チ宣傳大臣ゲーベルは
ルール地方被爆地帯は
住民の状態につき泣言
をならべ、爆轟を蒙らな
い地方の住民が之に對
し冷淡だと言ひ其為同
住民は他のドイツ地方
の同胞から見放された
もの、と考へ、益、悲觀の度
を高めて居ると云て居
る。
ロシア方面戦況 此方
面ではまだ本戦は始て
おないがオレルの東北
地区では露軍が戦勝を

獲得、十千側は戦死二千
を出し、戦車十八輛、航空
機十五を失った。又ロシア
空軍は十千戦線後方の
諸飛行場を連続襲撃つづ
しに爆轟してゐる。

ニューヨーク通信

生産戦に凱歌揚る

五月中に米國は其第拾
万台めの軍用航空機を
造つた。次の拾万台も今盛
んに製作中で、海軍は廿
六時間に一隻の割合で
艦艇を建造してゐる。而
して既に高射砲十萬機関
銃六百廿二萬五千が製
作済みである。

マニラ通信

威赫政

策に失敗した軍政幹部
は比島迄、刺軍に對し懷

柔策をとる事に決し、
と遊撃戦で散々日本軍
を悩ました六人の人間を
たのみ之に各地を廻ら
せて猶多數遊撃戦を續
けてゐる人達に幾分
も効果があればと歸順
を説いてあるかされてる。

雜報欄

人口不足と對策 戦

時出産の減少延いては
將來人口の漸減を心配
して政府は結婚奨励に
腐心してゐるが、東京市
結婚助成局では月下氷
人の役を買って出で、芝の
増上寺で若い女工務員
事務員さではオールド
ミス迄狩集めて大會を
催ふし、近々ハイキング

其他の方法で見合をや
うせ、結婚費用までも無
利子で貸す仕組である。
夏子始る 田植がす
んで一息つく 問もなく
夏期養蠶が始るが、梅雨
あけの青水空にさっぱり
した浴衣赤い襪に紺の
香のほんのりとする新
しい手拭で姉様かぶりの
のて女たちが桑つむの
ゆ懐かしい日本の農村
風景である。

ちよいと待てとは
桑の葉のかけでか
うちのおかひこがひもじがる
と意味を知てか知らず
か澄んだよい声で歌ふ
のが聞けるのも此頃で
ある。

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TOKYO - MUSIC COMPOSED. Mr. Kosaku Yamada, the well-known Japanese composer, has completed a funeral march commemorating the death of Fleet Admiral Yamamoto and the sad fate of the Japanese garrison which died or surrendered at Attu.

THE EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION. At the outset of the special session which lasted for 3 days from June 15, Prime Minister Tojo gave a policy speech in which he repeatedly stressed the gravity of the war situation confronting Japan. He exhorted the people to their utmost effort in view of the increasing strength and persistence of the Anglo-Americans. The session closed after passing emergency legislation.

COMMENT ON ABOVE. The Premier's action in calling the 82nd extraordinary Diet session only a few months after the regular meeting reveals growing apprehension, now that the war situation has become so grave for Japan. The Government wishes to implicate the whole nation in the dangerous policy of its military leaders so that, when the end comes, Prime Minister Tojo and the government can shift responsibility on to other shoulders. The passing of several economic bills only now, 18 months after the outbreak of war, reveals faulty planning. The government also promised independence to the Philippines during this year, which is taken as a sign that Japan can pacify the islands in no other way. The people know, of course, that Philippine independence, like Manchuria's, will be on paper only as Japan will control all military, civil and economic power.

SOUTH PACIFIC AREA - AIR BATTLE OVER GUADALCANAL. 74 Japanese planes were destroyed on June 16 when they attempted to attack Allied ships. Of the machines shot down, 32 were bombers and 42 were fighters. 6 Allied planes were lost. Experts consider this battle as a major blow to Japanese air strength in this area.

LISBON - LESSONS OF PANTELLARIA. An expert commentator describes the surrender of the Italian sea fortress of Pantellaria and its implication as follows:- "After continuous terrific air bombardments by hundreds of Allied planes, combined with naval shelling, the Italian garrison of 15,000 men hoisted the white flag of surrender on June 11th. The whole garrison was captured by Allied landing troops and the Italians are now prisoners-of-war. The capture of Pantellaria, sometimes called the Gibraltar of Italy, marks a cornerstone in the history of modern warfare. This island had been strongly fortified during the last 7 years but had to cease resistance before a single Allied soldier had landed there. Overwhelming air power and command of the surrounding seas alone forced the surrender of this island fortress which was part of Italy proper. The lessons of this campaign, the commentator points out, bodes ill for Japanese island garrisons in the Pacific, far away from Japan."

Pantellaria, situated in the central Mediterranean, is one of the world's strategical key positions. Allied possession of it further secures the shortened supply line to the Far East via Suez which was opened by the fall of Tunisia.

HOKKAIDO'S PRECARIOUS POSITION. The following news is received from Tokyo via Lisbon. In conjunction with a policy resolution, Mr. Tyutaro Nagai, speaking for the members, warned that the Allies were planning (eventually) to invade Hokkaido.

LONDON. The last decisive air battle for Sicily and Sardinia seems to have begun, for a greater force of Allied bombers and fighters than even that which smashed Pantellaria into submission has opened up a bombardment of the islands. The raids form the most devastating series of attacks yet made against ports, docks, air fields and railways on the islands. Rome Radio has just announced that civilians, except those needed in essential occupations, are being evacuated from Southern Italy and Sicily.

DEFEAT OF U-BOAT PACKS. An official communique announces that 2 U-boats were destroyed and three probably sunk in a recent engagement in the Atlantic. One of the British Navy's new anti-submarine weapons, an escort aircraft carrier, took part in this German defeat. It is estimated that about 51 U-boats have been destroyed in the last 2 months.

GOSSIP ON STRATEGY - GLOBAL WAR. Japanese soldiers cut off in isolated garrisons on the islands and in New Guinea must realise that the loss of Italian islands, the devastation of German war factories, and the destruction of U-boats will have great effect on their situation. In Tokyo people begin to understand. An Italian spokesman there recently declared that the fate of Italy and of Japan were inextricably bound together. He said that the Pacific and European theatres of war were in fact one front, since events in one area had a direct bearing on the war situation in the other.

Slogan:- "It is not a fire on the other side of the river".

STOCKHOLM - GOEBBELS PRATTLING. Dr. Goebbels has been wailing about the sufferings of the Germans in the Ruhr. He said that because sections of the German people did not realise the hardships other Germans were suffering from air attacks, the population of the stricken war industry areas thought the remainder of Germany had abandoned them.

RUSSIAN FRONT. Although there are no major clashes on the Russian front, the Russians have scored a success north-east of Orel, in which the Germans lost 2,000 men, 18 tanks and 15 planes. Russian long range planes raided German aerodromes.

NEW YORK-PRODUCTION BATTLE. The United States built its 100,000th warplane in May. The second 100,000 is well under way. The U.S. is completing one warship every 36 hours. America is also producing 100,000 anti-aircraft cannons, 6,225,000 machine guns and submachine guns have been made.

MANILA. - THE PHILIPPINES FIGHTING. Sterner measures having failed, the Military Administration in the Philippines announces that it is sending six former Filipino guerrillas on a propaganda tour through several provinces, in the hope that they will induce some of the many guerillas who continue fighting to surrender.

MISCELLANEOUS. - NEW MATCH-MAKING TECHNIQUE. Various schemes to promote war-time marriages were discussed at a meeting of eligible daughters held at the Zojoji temple under the auspices of the newly formed Tokyo Prefectural Marriage Encouragement Association. These schemes feature meetings between prospective bridegrooms and brides at informal theatres or musical parties, hiking excursions and sports meetings. After the young people have learned to know one another, the go-between who introduces them will report to the principals within a few days. The city affords facilities by granting loans for marriage expenses without charge of interest. The first such "Miai" meeting is to be held shortly at Tamagawa Park.

START OF THE SILKWORM SEASON. Silkworm raising for this season has begun in Japan. Everywhere girls dressed in colourful costumes can be seen picking mulberry leaves to feed the worms.

"You ask me to stay but I must go because my silkworms are hungry".