

南太平洋週報

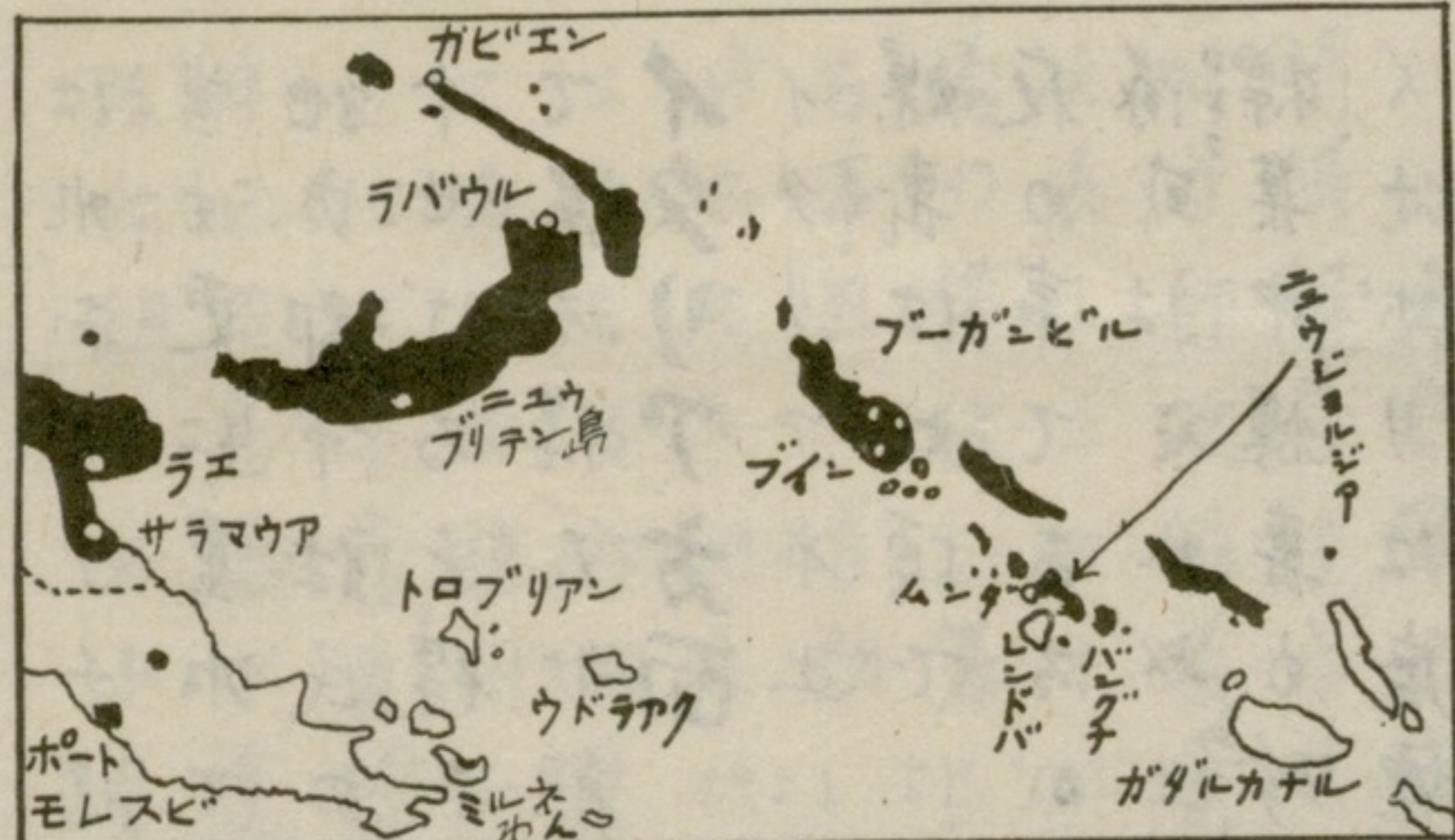
南及西南太平洋方面

某前線基地特報

海陸

空三位一体的緊密なる
 呼應並に強力なる濠軍
 支援により開始された
 米國軍の攻勢七月四日
 までの戦果は左の通り
 である。

ソロモン方面 六月廿
 日黎明米國軍諸部隊は
 ガダルカナル西北レン
 ドバ島に上陸日軍陣地
 を制圧又ニュージョル
 ジア東南部ビル湾上陸
 にも成功同方面では目
 下掃蕩戦績行中此島の東
 南に近接するバングナ



本側進駐部隊三百の將
 兵も全滅した。此今回の
 攻勢はニュージョルジアの
 日本側根拠地ムンダに
 大脅威を興ふるもので
 此地は今やレンドバ
 ンからもたえず砲撃さ
 るし事となり其附近
 一帯の日本側陣地及

陣地及地

真は米國側空軍の制圧
 の下におかれる事にな
 り日本空軍も躍起には
 ならず居るが反つて此方面
 米軍航空部隊の爲に六
 月廿三日機を打落さる
 と云ふ憂目を見ており
 且日本側海軍もレンド
 バを砲撃せんとして砲
 退された今回の此作戦
 が奇襲的に行はれ日本
 側が不意を打たれた関
 係上当方は海陸空軍と
 もに甚だ僅少なる損害
 を以て運ばれた事も諸
 公表により明白である

ニウギニア方面
 ミル
 ネ湾東方海上のトロブ
 リアン及ウードラック島

も亦米軍によつて占領六月廿四日にはサラウア南方上陸ムボ方面より前進のオーストラリア軍と連絡此方面日軍陣地は聯合空軍による不斷の爆轟機銃機砲掃射に晒されてゐる。
ニューブリテン方面
ハウルも是又今や毎日毎夜一度は一度より激しく爆轟を受くる地となつた。
リスボン特電
西歐戦局大観一ニ
ドイツ方面 ナチド
イツ及びナチ占領下西部ヨーロッパ工業地帯に對する爆轟は引續き行

はれありナチ總統大本營由更に重ねてルイル地方都市住民の立退を令せざるを得ざるに至つて居る様な状態である。
イタリア方面 シシリイ
イタリヤ本土に對する爆轟は此頃では毎日毎夜の事であるが百機編隊或はそれ以上の一目標集中爆轟も珍しくなくナポリは廢墟と化しシシリイ島諸港は其機能を失し、伊軍は聯合國側進攻を恐れ、反て自ら諸港諸地真諸設備の破壊作業をやる迄に立至つたが俄然七月九日夜よりの作戦に始り海軍及び空軍の強力なる掩

護支援の下に翌未明より聯合國軍はシシリイ島南方沿岸數所に上陸サイラキュラパチオ等を占領、獨伊軍の抵抗を排除、歩々其作戦を進捗せしめてゐる。
大西洋戦 本年五月に入つてから又六月は更に甚しくナチ側戦法の生命線とも云ふべき潜水艦の戦果が、夕落ちに低下、且つ轟沈された潜水艦の数が五十隻に上り、他に大破損傷多數と云ふ惨さ、六月の如き聯合國側船舶の沈められた数が戦争開始以來の最少とまで下り、此情況に驚いたナチ当局は

何んとか対策を工夫せねばと大に憂慮して居る。

海運界

バタビア通信

四五月

まへ同盟通信がジャバでゴム船ゴミ舟に非ず建造の計画ある事を報じ今回愈々小さなものが出来上った由報じておるが此舟は日本へ曳舟ひきぶねして行てからほぐして其ゴムを使ふのが目的である。如何に船腹不足とは云へ五月もかけ且多大の労力と費用をつひやしてかゝる物を造るの利害得失が疑問となつて来たが又一方かゝる事までせねば南方其他の前

線將兵諸部隊の支持補に事欠くまでに船腹問題が緊迫しておるものなることを示しておる。とせう此ゴム船建造をめぐつて色々な事が取り汰汰されておる。

東京通信

地方行政の改変

内閣情報局は六月廿八日

地方行政協議會制度を矣表したが之が緊急閣議の議決に基くものなる事且つ首相により任命さるゝ地方代表數名よりなる行政連絡機關である由説明があつたが之により愈々東條首相が自己の意思下達に便する仕組で云ふまでもあ

く所謂内政強化の爲に設けたものである。

地方行政制度

改変と其うけ

軍

部が信を民の腹中におき得ず又々前記屋上屋きを架する式のを設けたるにつき一般は頗る不快の念を禁じ得ず東條首相が日本國民をイタリア人扱ひにするものとして反感を買つておるがことに此協議會なるものが欽定憲法の本旨にもとるものなる事が一般重視の的となつておる。

百年戦争と

学童動員計劃

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部者は戦時学童訓練動

員計劃なるものを発表
 童女の區別なく国防計
 劃に基き、学童を訓練す
 る旨布達、今や戦線も銃
 後由其區別がなく、た
 よし説明した。之をまか
 された父兄一般は学童
 まてが国防の片棒をか
 つかせられる様では愈
 百年戦争が宣傳の爲の
 標語でなく、事實的實際
 となってきたり、つゝある
 ものであると云ふ感をも
 ふかくしてゐる。

商業界片々

戦争が

片景氣をもちたりし財閥
 を太らすものなる事は
 今に始つた事ではないが
 盛んなる哉三井で最近
 同系統の発展ぶりの一

端は左の一事を以て由
 知られる、即ち其株主總
 會で、無論國民儀禮、英靈
 に對する默禱、皇軍將兵
 に對する感謝決議等、兵
 の通り、恭しく行つた後で
 左の通り、三菱に後れじ
 と、三井物産支店開設を
 決議した。曰く佛印のペ
 ング及びハイホン、馬來
 ではイボ及びパダン、そ
 れからボルネオではク
 ナン、バリック、パイン、並び
 にバンダ、マシンの三、
 所合計七、所をえらんで
 支店を設ける事になつた。

筆の乃とつづく

ほんくとして、もけふあす
 ばかりと昔の村人が唱
 た、ほんもすぎ、今年も既

に半を過ぎ、後半の十分
 の一も是又過去のもの
 となつた、永遠に歸らざる
 過去である。今年、は舊曆
 が近いので、新曆のおぼ
 んでも、月が相当に圓く
 なつてゐる。蕪村の
 四五人に月
 おちかゝる踊り哉の實
 感あり得ぬでもなかつた
 であるうが、何んと云つて
 も、お盆の句には、臆をち
 ぎられる様なのが多い。
 季吟の
 まぎくといいますが、如し魂まつり
 はまたよい、左の三句の
 如き泣て、由泣きれぬ。
 母一人、子一人、盆のあはれなり
 魂、柩や手のとどく子のうれしがり
 教入の悲し子一人、母一人
 漱石
 千代女
 鳴雪

昭和十八年七月十一日編輯

"SOUTH PACIFIC NEWS BULLETIN, No. 15".

SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA. CERTAIN BASE. In a series of co-ordinated moves, U.S. forces, with naval and air support from Australians, have attained the following results up to Jul 4.

Solomons: Early on Jun 30 U.S. forces with fleet and air force protection landed on Rendova island, 150 miles northwest of Guadalcanal and soon overwhelmed defending Japanese positions. Landings were also made at Viru Bay on the Southeast coast of New Georgia, where mopping up operations are now proceeding. The island of Vanguna, to the southeast of New Georgia, was successfully attacked and 300 of the Japanese garrison at Vura village were annihilated.

These moves seriously endanger the Japanese air base at Munda on New Georgia which is now under direct artillery fire from American positions on Rendova island. All major Japanese positions in the vicinity are under constant Allied air attacks.

Japanese air units which attempted to interfere with American operations were seriously mauled and 123 Japanese planes were shot down on June 30 and July 1 in the vicinity. A Japanese naval unit was driven off after attempts at shelling Rendova island.

American losses in men, ships and planes so far are officially described as light, mainly due to the fact that some of the operations took the Japanese defenders by surprise.

New Guinea: The Trobriand and Woodlark groups of islands, to the north of Milne Bay, where occupied by American forces in strength.

American forces on June 30 landed at Nassau Bay, 15 miles south of Salamaua and have since linked up with Australian forces advancing from the Mubo area. Japanese positions in this region are continuously being bombed and strafed by Allied aircraft.

New Britain: The Rabaul area is being bombed almost daily in increasing strength.

MAP OF Solomons, New Guinea, New Britain Area.

LISBON. EUROPEAN WAR NEWS ROUND-UP:

Germany: Large-scale bombing of industrial centres inside Germany and in German-occupied Western Europe continues. The evacuation of more towns in the Ruhr district has been ordered by the German High Command.

Italy: Aerodromes, ports and other military installations on Sicily, Sardinia, and the Italian mainland are being bombed daily. A hundred or more planes often make up a raiding force on a single target. The town of Naples is reported to be in shambles and the ports on the island of Sicily are said to be unusable. In one place, the Italians, revealing their fear of an Allied invasion, have begun to blow up port installations. Finally at daybreak on 10 Jul the Allies landed in force at several points on Sicily, after severe naval and aerial bombardments over night, and are now pressing on despite German and Italian resistance.

Successes against U-Boats: Hitler's war life-line U-boats had their worst months in May and June this year, during which period no less than 50 of them were definitely sunk and many more probably sunk or heavily damaged. Consequently, damage done by them to Allied shipping has lessened considerably and sinkings in June were the lowest since War began. Nazi circles, disturbed about this development, are urging that new measures should be adopted to increase U-boat efficiency.

THE SHIPPING WORLD.

Batavia: Rubber Ship Launched. Domei Tsushin reported several months ago that efforts at rubber ship (not rubbish ship) construction were being made in Java. A small vessel has just been completed and will operate soon. The vessel is a seagoing lighter constructed largely of rubber and the idea is that she will be dismantled after being towed to Japan and the rubber used for manufacturing purposes. This lighter took five months to build and experts are wondering whether it is worth while to put so much labour and time into the building of a small ship which will only make one or two voyages before being broken up. On the other hand, Japan's shipping position is so very critical that every makeshift must be resorted to in order to maintain supplies of food and war materials to forces far from home.

TOKYO .

Prefectural Administration Reform: The Cabinet Information Board announced on Jun 28 that the creation of Prefectural Administration Councils has been decided upon at an extraordinary Cabinet meeting. The new liaison councils will consist of a president, nominated by the Prime Minister, and of several councillors representing prefectural agencies. Prime Minister Tojo as head of councillors can now transmit his wishes directly to prefectural authorities. This step was taken to strengthen further the Government's hold on all domestic matters.

Comment on above item: The militaristic Government seems not to trust the people, and to feel the necessity of even stricter domestic control as evidenced by the above news. Prime Minister Tojo in effect is desperately trying to treat the Japanese as if they were Italians, to convert the country into a second Italy with himself and his fellow-militarists as dictators. This development is causing wide spread resentment among the people as contrary to the spirit of the Emperor-given Constitution, and is regarded as grave.

A Hundred Years' War and School Children's Mobilisation Scheme:

The Education Ministry has promulgated a new Wartime Children's (Training) Mobilisation Scheme. Its object is to train children for national defence. Explaining the scheme the Education Ministry declared that without regard to sex, the battlefields have been transferred to the school grounds of the Country.

Thoughtful people are seriously perturbed at the implications of the School Children's Mobilisation Scheme, promulgated by the Government. They point out that if the Government feels the necessity of mobilising children in the present critical stage of the war, they must in truth be preparing for a Hundred Years' War. The phrase becomes something more sinister than mere propagandist rhetoric.

DROPS OF THE BRUSH:

"Bon festival, Bon festival
We waited for so long, yet
It's only to-day and to-morrow -
(Work-day soon comes)"

sang the villagers of the by-gone days. Indeed, half of this year has already gone and ten per cent of the latter half as well - to the eternal past never to return!

This year Lunar is near Solar and the moon is fairly waxed when Bon is observed even in the Solar Calendar. Hence it is not impossible probably to have the scene by Buson:

"A few still dancing, over them fall the bon yondermoon!"

But most verses re Bon are sad. Kigin's "All Souls' Week" as if they
were still here is not so bad. The following three wrench one's soul:

"All Souls Feast
Solitary Mother
And his son!"

by Sosiki

"All Souls' Altar
Rejoiced is the tot
Able to reach out"

by Madame Chiyo

"Back from master
All souls' week leave
Sad and silent
Mother and the son"

by Meisetsu
