

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

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Jap Failure to Overwhelm Australia Brings Revision of Pacific Timetable; Anti-War Feeling Grows in Bulgaria As Government Meets Nazi Demands

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TIMETABLE: Revised

There had been much talk about the Japanese timetable being awry, but to the man in the street this was hard to believe, since the Japs had swept the East Indies, including Singapore, but excluding Bataan and Manila Bay fortresses in the unbelievably short period since December 7.

However, it had become apparent that the Japanese plans to enter the Australian mainland had suffered a severe setback in the arrival of thousands of American troops on the continent, in the all-out plane attack on Jap concentrations in islands to the north of Australia, and in the reported reinforcements being received by the Aussies of their own blooded troops back from northern Africa.

These were signs all could read. The attacks on New Guinea had been going on far too long in comparison with those on other islands in the Indies without the Japs moving in for the Australian "kill."

It was inconceivable that the Japanese wanted to wait until the Americans and North African troops had landed, had become organized. They had not wanted MacArthur, and President Quezon to escape to the mainland.

Nor did they want their enemy to be holding onto Port Moresby at this late date, with its airfields and garrisons awaiting a Jap push over the almost impassable mountainsides to the southern part of the island.

Here, it was evident, the Japs had met serious delay. Many believed the attack on Australia was to be abandoned, thus setting the stage for a real Allied counter-offensive.

The Australians, however, particularly General Blamey, who had been placed in command of the Aussies under General MacArthur, believe that "We must arrange our strategy on the basis that the Japs are going to try an invasion."

BULGARS: Reported on Move

The Bulgarian army had been reported on the move to the German eastern front, the government having acceded to the Nazi demands that it furnish troops for the offensive against Russia.

But the move, highly disturbing to Turkey as well as to the bulk of the Bulgar people, was not without sharp criticism from within, almost amounting to revolution.

An anti-war movement had been gaining in popularity, and when two divisions were withdrawn from the Turkish frontier, reportedly to move against Russia, one radio station kept broadcasting an appeal to the



KING BORIS
Only a German pawn?

people to "rise and emulate brave Jugoslavia." It called for the throwing out of King Boris, who was described as "only a German pawn," and "in Berlin with Von Papen."

Cause of all this antagonism toward active entrance into the war on Germany's side was the blood kinship felt by Bulgars, as well as Jugoslavs, in the man, for Russians.

It was not considered unlikely that the government might be overthrown, and that the army itself might rebel against orders sending them into action against the Reds. A possibility was seen that they might only make a "token" of fighting, and surrender rather than meet the fate which mutiny would bring.

INDIA: At Crossroads

While there had been no immediate indication that the Japs were to make India the supreme objective, and abandon any idea of an immediate invasion of Australia, the situation in Burma was serious enough to give poignancy to the visit of Sir Stafford Cripps and his offer of dominion status to India—after the war.

The sharp division of opinion in India placed three men and their followers in the forefront of the picture, Gandhi, Nehru and Jinnah. Gandhi, the Mahatma, leader of more Hindus than any other man, had been the first to confer with Cripps, and a two-hour conference had found the two men willing to admit that the basis of negotiations was "satisfactory."

But the handling of Nehru and Jinnah was a horse of another color. Despite the fact that Gandhi had been more than any other man the leader of resistance to British rule,



Jawaharlal Nehru **Mohandas K. Gandhi**

he was regarded as more reasonable, more desirous of defending India than the other leaders.

Nehru, the congress chieftain, prior to talking with Cripps had said that anything less than a promise of complete independence would be inadequate.

"Japan is offering us that," he said boldly. While he professed no "love for the aggressor," he said that British failure to offer independence would leave India no recourse other than to adopt a passive resistance to the Japs, which he admitted would be no practical resistance at all.

Nehru frankly did not believe the British could achieve Indian unity, blaming Jinnah, the Moslem head. He said that Jinnah was insisting on a divided freedom for India, and that while he, Nehru, was willing to "go along" with any type of freedom, he doubted that England was going to accede to Jinnah's demands.

Relations were worse at the time of Cripps' arrival than at any time in history, Nehru said, talking darkly of civil war being "just around the corner," an eventuality which most observers believed would be suicidal with Japan knocking at the nation's eastern borders.

COMMANDOS: Hit Daring Blow

Britain's commandos, after a lull of several weeks during which they doubtless had been "cooking" another raid, had descended in full power on the German-held port of St. Nazaire, important submarine and naval base, with dire results.

Chief objective, outside of general demolition work around the port, had been the destruction of a huge dock, the only one on the European Atlantic coast capable of handling the 35,000-ton German battleship Von Tirpitz.

The commandos had attacked St. Nazaire under cover of an aerial bombing raid, using paratroops, destroyers, and motor torpedo boats. The Nazis denied all efficacy of the raid, but the British just as positively declared it to have been a huge success.

Chief item and most daring in the raid was the use of an overage U. S. destroyer as a swiftly moving bomb to ram the dock. The destroyer had been loaded with five tons of high explosive in its bow, fixed with a time fuse to permit the crew to get ashore and fight while the ship blew up.

British sources had reported that this was just what happened. The vessel rammed the dock and stuck there, later to blow up and put the structure out of commission.

The Germans said, however, that their coastal defense batteries struck the destroyer and caused her to blow up before reaching her objective.

Mose Knew Not What Lucy Talked Of, but How!

Before the court on wife-brought charges of desertion and non-support, Mose Brown meekly admitted his guilt and offered nothing in extenuation except that the lady talked too much.

"That's no excuse for desertion, Mose," said the judge. "The law gives a woman the right to talk all she wants to."

"Yassuh, Jedge. I knows it do. Only Lucy she never stop talkin'. She keep it up stiddy, mo'nin', noon and night, till I cain't stan' it no mo'."

"She does? What does she talk about?" inquired the court.

"Jedge, suh," Moses said, "she don't say."

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The Questions

1. How much water can a thirsty camel drink at one time?
2. What is the origin of the abbreviation "lb." for pound?
3. The Constitution requires congress to assemble how often?
4. What bird uses its beak as a pantry?
5. Who was the first man on record to have his ship entangled in the weeds of the Sargasso sea?
6. What is the chief quality of an opaque substance?
7. What is a peccadillo?
8. "Man doth not live by bread

only" is a quotation from—Shakespeare, Pilgrim's Progress or the Old Testament?

The Answers

1. From 15 to 20 gallons.
2. From the Latin word libra, a pound.
3. At least once every year.
4. The pelican. Food is stored in the lower part of its bill.
5. Columbus.
6. It will not permit light to pass through.
7. A petty fault.
8. The Old Testament, Deut. 8:3.

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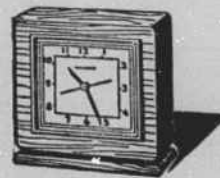


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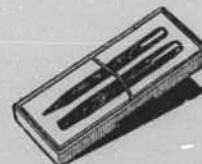
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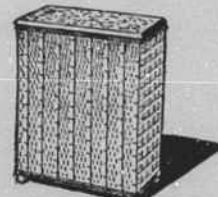
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