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# King, Queen To Tour **Dominions**

WELLINGTON, Nov. 2 WELLINGTON, Nov. 2's Zealand's Great Britain, said in a speech here today that the Queen had told him the King and herself hoped to make post-war visits to all the Doninions as soon as arrangements could be made.—Reuter.

### Maj.-Gen. Mansergh To Take Over Mallaby's Command

BATAVIA, Nov. 2.—Major-General C. Mansergh, Commander of the 5th Indian Division, who arrived in Batavia today from Singapore to confer with General Sir Philip Christison, Allied Commander in the Netherlands East Indies, will take over the late Brigadier A. W. S. Mallaby's command at Sourabaya tomorrow, reports the Netherlands News Agency.

Agency.

Further Allied reinforcements are due to arrive at Sourabaya this week-end.—Reuter.

### U.S.-Soviet Agreement On Far East Likely

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Russia and the United States are gradually approaching agreement on the Far East, according to a State Department spokesman.

Russia would now accept a control council for Japan on the model of those operating in the Balkan countries, but had insisted on establishment of such a council before the Far East Advisory Council met.

The spokesman said indications were that agreement would eventually be worked out for the Big Four to maintain control, while allowing participation of all interested nations.—Reuter.

# MALAYA'S AIR

LONDON, Nov. 2.

FORTY-SIX-YEAR-OLD.
Air Vice-Marshal J.
D. Breakey has been appointed Air Officer Commanding, Air Headquarters, Malaya, it was answered tomight

nounced tonight.
A ir Vice-Marshal
Breakey, who joined the
R.A.F. 27 years ago, was
posted to the Directorate
of Intelligence at the Air
Ministry in 1937.—Reuter.

# Jap Court Sentences To Be Quashed

### 'We Want Food' Cry In Tokyo

TOKYO, Nov. 2.—Shouting "We want food, 20,000,000 are starving," a crowd of 1,000 today gathered outside the headquarters of the Japanese Cabinet and tried to enter the Premier's official residence. Finding the gates locked and under heavy guard, they tried to climb the walls.

The disturbance was such that the Cabinet ministers meeting with departmental chiefs had to be adjourned.—Reuter.

Yamashita Trial (5th Day)

# Chinese Woman Creates Uproar In Court

THE court room in which General Tomoyuki Yamashita is being tried for war crimes committed by his troop! was thrown into an uproar today—fifth day of the trial—when a Chinese woman witness rushed towards Yamashita shouting: "He has got to be killed to pay for all the Japanese have done."

back, she pointed a finger at Yamashita, crying in Chinese, "I would like to kill that Japanese. I can't stand the sight of him."

300 MACHINE-GUNNED Another witness, Jose Barta, said that he was at b, party of 300 people when the Japanese broke into the house and machine-gunned the gathering, leaving 250 dead before looting

Another witness, Francisco Lopez, describing the massacre at and separated men from women, a German club, said that 1,500 selecting the prettiest girls. civilians were sheltering from a

Yamashita remained impassive as court officials intercepted her half-way between the witness stand and the defence table.

She was Mrs. Ang Ang, and had just finished testifying that Japanese soldiers had killed nine

raid in the club when Japanese poured petrol round the entrances to the shelters.

As women carrying babies rushed out to plead for mercy, Japanese bayoneted babies and then poured petrol on women and set fire trol on women and set fire to the club.

Women screamed for help to American planes flying overhead. Finally, the burning building collapsed.

was estimated that nearly It was estimated that nearly 1,500 people were killed there.
The Chief Prosecutor stated today that evidence on Manila atrocities would end on Monday when testimony on provincial atrocities would be presented.
Witnesses told the court that Japanese soldiers entered homes and separated men from women.

# Air Com. Cracroft Relinquishes Post Of Military Governor

# Farewell Message And *Impressions*

RELINQUISHING the post of Military Governor, Penang, Air Commodore P. D. Cracroft, A.F.C., expresses the hope, in a farewell message to people of Penang, to see this island return to normal peacetime routine. He will shortly leave Penang to report back to the Air Command, South East Asia.

In his message Air Commodore Cracroft said:—
"It has already been announced that a Sub-area has been formed to control Province Wellesley and Penang. This has resulted in the abolition of the post of Military Governor.

abolition of the post of Military Governor.

"I have been in this island for the past six weeks and during that time have learnt to love it. Therefore it is with the utmost regret that I have, through course of circumstances outside my control, to leave at short notice.

"During my term of office as Military Governor, I have been impressed by the keenness of all people who wish to see their island return to a normal peacetime routine. Many have co-operated with loyalty since the re-occupation of the Island by British forces

REGRETTABLE INCIDENTS

"Recently there have been a number of armed robberies which have resulted in clashes between those responsible for maintaining law and order and the bandits, with a consequent loss of life. These regrettable incidents are to be deplored. The Military authorities have been instructed to deal with all such cases with the utmost severity.

"During the last six weeks, I have been watching with interest the rapid development of the Island. There have been many difficulties concerning the distribution and prices of food supplies. The situation has considerably improved and I am convinced that all difficulties will be surmounted.

"Owing to the short notice at which I have to love the Island. REGRETTABLE INCIDENTS

surmounted.

"Owing to the short notice at which I have to leave the Island, it is impossible for me to say farewell to the many friends that I have made. One day I look forward to returning here and hope to see this beautiful island under conditions of peace and prosperity. prosperity. "Good-bye, Penang, and good

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—A bill providing a further \$550,000,000 for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration funds with an amendment stipulating that none of this money which does not give the United States reporters free access to news of UNRRA activities, was passed by the House of Representatives by 339 votes to 17 tonight.

Former Jap Depute Citation WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—A bill providing a further \$550,000,000 for make include reorganisation of command, scaling down of troops, establishment of training centres, and even a new style of Chinese uniform.

The Chinese Army today is a big unwieldy mixture of provincial and Central Government troops. There is little standardisation or conformity of divisional strength.

One division may have 11,000 men and another 300.—Reuter.

Proposal To Out!

MARRIAGE

LONDON, Nov. 2.—An unusual marriage ceremony took young Hindu doctor, Narayana Rekha, Ali, who had assumed her Hindu name.

She is now employed in the Bengali section of the British Broadcasting Corporation. Dr. Menon is musical adviser to the Indian sector.

It is believed the last Hindu narriage in Indian sector.

Proposal To Out!

# Former Jap Deputy Chief



COMMODORE CRACROFT

IN THE REPORT AREA FORMED," IT WAS WRONGLY STATED THAT "THE MILITARY GOV-ERNMENT OF PEN-ANG NOW CEASES."

THIS SHOULD HAVE READ "THE APPOINT-MENT OF MILITARY GO-VERNOR, PENANG IS-LAND, CEASED TO EXIST WITH EFFECT FROM THE FORMATION OF PENANG SUB-AREA"

THE ERROR IS RE-GRETTED.

### 220 DROWNED

CHUNGKING, Nov. 2.—More than 220 passengers were drowned and \$100,000,000 of cargo lost when two ships the "Shiang" and "Cheng Hsiang", sailing from Swatow to Hongkong, caught fire.

There were only 10 survivors from the "Shiang", which was completely destroyed. The "Cheng Hsiang" caught fire when one of its boilers exploded, but a couple of fishing boats reached the scene of the disaster and rescued 100 people.—Reuter.

# CHINA TO MODEL ARMY ON AMERICAN LINES

Great Changes Planned

THE creation of a Chinese Air Force independent of Army organisation is believed to be under consideration here as part of an overall plan to re-organise China's armed forces.

A military mission of 1,500 to 2,200 men will help to put this plan into effect, shaping China's standard military equipment and Chinese military tactics along American lines. CHUNGKING, Nov.

The term of the mission was originally put at five years, but Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is to make a further announcement on this subject.

# Bomb As War Weapon

Of Staff Arrested

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—The former Deputy Chief of Staff of the Japanese Army and two other officers have been arrested in connection with the execution near Shanghai of three airmen of Lieut.—Gen. James H. Doolittle's Superfort Force in the Pacific.—Reuter.

Bonnib As War Weapon

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—A proposal that the atom bomb be war by common consent of the nations of the world as a condition of the United States sharing its secret, was made in the Senate today by Kenneth McKellar (Democrat, Tennessee), Prefort Force in the Pacific.—Reuter.

# HINDU-MUSLIM

# Johore Sultan's Son Holds Big Job

NEW DELHI, Nov. 2.—The son of the Sultan of Johore, a British Army major. is in charge of the job of rehabilitating Kuala Lumpur. Already 1,200 men are at work cleaning up the squalor left by the Japanese.—All-India Radio.

# EDITORIAL

#### WITH REGRET

With the formation of Area responsible for the Military Administration of Penang and Province Wellesley, the appointment of Military Governor for this is-land has new ceased. In a farewell message to local residents, Air Commodore Cracroft who has been filling this office with great tact and understanding, expresses regret at having to leave, at such short notice, an island which he has, in six weeks, learnt to love. Knowing our Penang as we do, we are hardly surprised at this sentiment but we appreciate it all the same, coming as it does from a Military Governor who, from the sentiment but we appreciate it all the same, coming as it does from a Military Governor who, from the very outset, believed in keeping personal contact with the people and has invariably shown himself keenly interested in the progress of the town. Air Commodore Cracroft took office (originally as Area Commander) only towards the end of September but within that short intervening space of time, he has certainly carried cut his pledge to do all in his power to improve conditions in this country. improve conditions in this country. The responsibilities of his office have been heavy but with typical British love of sport, he has do-nated the Cracroft Cup for the last Penang race meeting and a Cracroft Shield for local League

Air Commodore Cracroft takes leave of us with regret; we, for our part, are equally sorry that he

#### BRAVE NEW WORLD?

Deserts and other arid regions of the world can blossom, aeroplanes, ships, trains and cars travel indefinitely; and man may become superman. This is the promise, according to the scientists, held out by atomic energy which made its grim debut in the field of human activity over Hiroshima. That is one side of the picture. The other calls up visions of destructive powers which are capable of bringing about the end of the world.

Faced with this twin prospect, all peoples of all countries await eagerly the talks which are to be held in Washington shortly between the British Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, the American President, Mr. Truman, and the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King. Convened with the express purpose of determining the control and use of atomic energy, the forthcoming conference has given birth to a flood of speculation in all quarters. Latest, and incidentally most reassuring, news on the subject comes from Washington, reporting a proposal by the President of the American Senate, Mr. McKellar, that the atomic bomb be outlawed as an instrument of war by all nations as a condition of the United States sharing the most fantastic prophetics.

see a number and come overseas!

Three and a half years in explicit this latest reduction, we can do nothing else but rely on the secret.

Outstripping the most fantastic prophecies of Jules Verne and all his fellow scientific crystal-gazers, the potential realities of the atomic age have placed humanity at the cross-roads. It remains to be seen whether this war-winer will be harnessed to peaceful development, and mankind's eyes opened to wide route and will be like after an abains doubtful benefits. G.B.S. for instance, in order to show to what an alarming periodic troops in Malaya is now down to that has yone up, when the B.M.A. As hardly settled down for two months! The charges for other is the coverage of the coverage of the coverage of the state of the atomic age have placed humanity at the cross-roads. It remains to be seen whether this war-winer will be harnessed to peaceful development, and mankind's eyes opened to wide route of period of NAAFI dis-organisation. We can do nothing else but rely on the generosity of our good friends in the 'Overseas League', the potential realities of the atomic age have placed humanity at the cross-roads. It remains to be seen whether this war-winer will be harnessed to peaceful development, and mankind's eyes opened to wide route of period of NAAFI dis-organisation. We can do nothing else but rely of the coverage of the covera

# Unemployed Are Forgotten **Hundreds Absorbed Into** Government Offices

"INEMPLOYED persons who have registered their names are not forgotten by us. We are doing everything we can to help them," says cordial Capt. W. H. Aspden of the Civil Labour Control Team 'D,' in an interview with an "Echo-Gazette" reporter.

During the two months the BMA has been functioning in Penang, it has absorbed hundreds of persons into Government departments. Stenographers, clerks, typists, book-keepers, store-keepers and others have been found employment. In addition, 4,000 labourers are now engaged in Government rehabilitation work.

to find vacancies to take in so many more unemployed.

"They can come and have a chat with me, if they want to," suggests Capt. Aspder. It would help them to get their worries off their chest by talking.

When a man has a family who looks to him for support, two months of unemployment and without great hopes of finding work presses down his diaphragm to be degree that is suffocating to his morale. A heart-to-heart chelt is a tonic.

One group of twenty persons was being interviewed for the post of a clerk in a BMA department on Friday morning. Neatly dressed (some still had

"We do not wish to mislead, every one who comes to register his name with us. The peak of absorption by BMA has been reached and unless mercantile firms open up, we cannot hope to find vacancies to take in so many more unemployed.

"They can come and have a cheat with me if they want.

nothing.

The problem of unemployment in Malayla is the same as the world over and the only solution is the resettlement of all countries to former constitution. When more money is in circulation, more business will be created as goods arrive and people will be able to find employment.

Capt. Aspden wishes to remind all registered unemployed that complete files are being kept regarding their qualifications and that they are not forgotten. When vacancies occur, they will be called to fill them.

# It's That Mallam Again

In which FREELANCE talks of men and mice, looks at Blighty from other eyes, and gives "fags" and figures on the tail-end of lease-lend.

A NUMBER of big manufacturing firms back home are making every possible effort to stop their key workers under the age of thirty being called up for the Services.

They claim that post-war manufacturing programmes will be seriously hampered if key workers among the under-thirties are 'mobilised without discretion.

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party" is a typewriting exercise well known to stenographers, but it should also be brought to the notice of these other individuals in the guise of—"Now is the time for all good factory workers to come to the aid of the Services." In that form, it seems more applicable and well suited to this case. A comb-out of these young men in so-called reserved occupations produces no visible result.

Flame throwers should be employed to oost these low fox-like

men in so-called reserved occupations produces no visible result. Flame throwers should be employed to oost these low fox-like creatures from their holes and the shelter of their factories—let them have a 'taste' of life in an overseas command. What are they, men or mice? The majority seem to enjoy a crust of bread—and cheese.

So; you 'Smart Alees' of the under-thirties, cream of Britain's citizens (and the cream certain-ly needs whipping!) the RAF in Malaya is ordering you to join, get a number and come overseas! Three and a half years in exile is no lovely week-end. 'I You still think that we are on a holiday out East? Then, have a go Joe, have a go; and you might mention the fact to your mother, as you march off—for she would never dream you were on your way, at last—a fighting man!!

NAAFI announces with a blare of the proverbial trumpets, that canteen supplies of cigarettes will have to be further reduced because of production difficulties and end of Lease-Lend shipments. It is hoped that this bold step on the part of NAAFI, who always consider the needs of the Services, will prove to be effective in alleviating the present 'smokes' situation in Britain.

Official NAAFI cigarette ration

# By The Way

Lights-on: Surpise: surprise: Passing down Macalister Road on Friday night, this column was agreeably taken aback by the very cheery atmosphere exuding from the row of gaily lit Osira lamps stretching from Anson Road junction right down to Magazine Circus. Counted about twenty lamps functioning but what a transformation! A little further off, another lamp, at Penang Road-Burmah Road corner, attracted a goodly gathering of sight-seers.

This 'lights on' may be only temporary but it certainly takes us one step back to the good old days.

The damily system no matter how efficient he may be, has a ghost's chance of getting in."

Not even a ghost, this column thinks, would like to get into such a circle.

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Dear Sirs: I read, from a recent issue of the London "Times," that the Jap address to his conquerors: "Dear Sirs, I have the honour to surrender....."

His Nips, it seems, was highly satisfied not only by his avoidance of "a shadow of impoliteness" but with his mastery of the English idiom!

Back Door: A Butter-worth reader who signs himself "British Fair Thinker" writes suggesting that the B.M.A. should inquire into the ever prevalent practice of getting employment by what he calls the "back door." "At present," he asserts, "various offices are filled with undesirables occupying the wrong posts. How they—and the authorities—were taken in, is quite simple. They are, you see, the sons, brothers, uncles, nephews, all friends and relatives of the "krani besar." Anyone outside this

days.

The B.M.A., it seems hats, shoes—all in astonishing designs and colours—are fast putting France back into her former proud position as the world's greatest provider of luxuries.

Relief:

The B.M.A., it seems to this column, is dispensing relief very liberally. The poor and needy apparently will not be the only ones to get it; what a sish must have been heaved when the "small fry" read the other day that a policy of leniency would be adopted towards the must and the Lady"—In "Tale-end." A self-important actress, on her

# POSTBA

Small Things Tell Big Stories'

Big Stories'
(To The Editor)
Sir—It goes without saying that with the exception of the rich, the unscrupulous businessman and the profiteer, we all view the ever mounting cost of living with the gravest concern.
The cost of a cocoanut today is 25 cents at the Chowrasta Market and its vicinity. One has either to pay for this ridiculous price or has got to go without the nut. A few days after the reoccupation of Penang one cocoanut was valued at 5 cents. I am quoting only one instance, in order to show to what an alarming percentage the price of this nut has gone up, when the B.M.A. has hardly settled down for two

Along The Five Foot Ways

Sir—Along Penang Road life flows by nightly for a multitude of pleasure-seekers, in cars, in jeeps, on foot, on bicycles and in trishas, while along its pavements and footwalks life drags on for many poor wretches over whose houseless heads and unfed sides November winds and rain will mercilessly blow. and unfed sides November winds and rain will mercilessly blow. In "looped and windowed" rags, these pitiful bundles of humanity, their lean bodies covered with sores. drag out long, cold, miserable nights along the five-foot-ways of big business houses. Their wretched condition deserves the primary athouses. Their wretched condition deserves the primary attention of the Regional Executive Committee, and it is to be hoped that after being fed and clothed, they will be provided with a lodging. "They must not be forgotten."

Yours, etc.,

ASHAMED.

Penang Nov. 3.

# School For The

Poor

(To The Editor)
Sir—In order to ensure that children of poor parents who cannot afford to send them to school are given every chance of receiving elementary education, may I suggest that the wealthly classes take the initiative to establish a School for the Poor. for the Poor.

Penang, November 1.

# PUBLIC NOTIC

CHOLERA
At present, an outbreak
Cholera is suspected in NIBs
TEBAL. The cases have
imported from KEDAH. Until
situation is clarified, Nibong T
area will be quarantined.
person will be allowed to lear
enter this area unless inocu
since these cases were notified
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are to be inoculated—this is
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will be closed until inspecte
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By Johnny Microphone

Trying to achieve a balance between "highbrow" and "lowbrow" isn't an easy task, and a lot of hard work goes into the making of the programme that's put on nightly "for you the people of Malaya" as the announcer says when as the announcer says when he's introducing the English Hour. We've got our ideas on the subject and we try to make the programmes varied we hope of a quality to appeal to every taste. You may not know this but the programme is modelled closely on the B.B.C. in London. There are regular weekly programmes like "Nights at the Opera" or "Name Bands;" there are talks and stories; and of opera" or "Name Bands;" there are talks and stories: and of course the mere fact of having the Time Signal and News at nine o'clock is enough to make those of us from England a trifle nostalgic. When we hear it!

#### Ideas Wanted

But this is what I'm driving at. We have our ideas: but we would very much like to have yours. If you like a programme, please write and tell us so it yours. If you like a programme, please write and tell us so it will give us an excuse to have an extra drink before closing time, and if you hate a programme, we'd like to know that too! Very few people write into us, you know; and the chairman of the English Hour thinks something ought to be done about it, that's why I'm putting in a spot of binding exhortation this week. Better than writing, of course, would be to come along any evening and see us, if you've ideas for radio you'd like to see put over. We don't keep alcohol at the studio, but if a glass of iced water will do—!

And now a word or two about the programmes in the coming week. Thinght's "Quiet Corner" with Lilli Busse, Leslie Chanter and Cyril Hott as guest artist, should be worth listening to

And now a word or two about the programmes in the coming week. Thight's "Quiet Corner" with Lilli Busse, Leslie Chanter and Cyril flott as guest artist, should be worth listening to; this quiet Sunday evening service seems to be popular with you listeners—and I think rightly so. Monday's recital by Firth and Doggett should be good: Victor Doggett is a pianist of high quality, and in the past we haven't heard enough of him at the piano. On

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 9.15: Recital by Jack Firth (baritone) and Vic-Firth (baritone) and Vic-tor Doggett (piano). Wednesday 9.15: Dvorak's 5th

Wednesday 9.15: Dvorak's 5th
Symphony in E Minor
from the "New World"
Friday 9.30: "Before Trafalgar," a play in one act by
J. L. Hodson.
Saturday 9.30: Excerpts from
revue "Blue Berets" presented by R.A.F. Regi-

Wednesday Dvorak's 5th Symphony in E muor from the "New World," written while he was head of the National Conservatoire of Music, in New York, will make most music lovers cancel their engagements for the evening.

lovers cancel their engagements for the evening.
Friday night Theatre has something special in the way of plays this coming week: the Dramatic Department are putting on "Before Trafalgar" by J. L. Hodson with a really sound cast; they should put over a very good show.

#### Excerpts From "Blue Berets"

On Saturday, sport lovers can again hear that great sportsman Wally Reynolds talking about sport in Penang and sport in general. His rich West Country brogue comes over the mike extremely well (being a Devonian myself, I like it!) and he certainly has a very pleasant fireside manner. Saturday evening's broadcast concludes with excerpts from "Blue Berets"

# ALLEGED USE OF GAS IN NORTH CHINA FIGHTING

(By Doon Campbell, Reuter's Special Correspondent)

CHUNGKING, Nov. 2.—The charge that poison gas was used against Communist troops was made today in a special disreceived here from Communist headquarters.

Entitled "Factual Account of Misdeeds of Yen Hsi-shan," the dispatch accused General Yen, Governor of Shansi Province, of using gas against the Communist 8th Route Army besieging Changte in North Honan on August 13.

military barrier between China a mintary partier between China and Manchuria, according to Central Government sources. About 50,000 Communist troops are now concentrated in Kiangsu north of Yangtze River.

#### "BAD BEATING" IN SHANSI

—The government spokesman admitted that Central Government forces had suffered a "very bad beating" in Shansi where casualties among four divisions of pro-vincial troops were "quite con-

Latest reports state that Communists forces are now laying siege to Kweisui, capital of the province of Suiyuan, and threatening Tatung in Northern Shansi.

All main elements of the Communist New 4th Army are on the north bank of Yangtze River in line with the strategic plan to concentrate on the north and build a military barrier between China day.

Reuter's correspondent in Shan-ghai said today that responsible American Army officials emphasise in Shanghai that transporting Chinese troops to the north was only intended to assist in the sur-render of Japanese troops. While render of Japanese troops. While many of them are sympathetic towards the Chinese Central Government and dislike Communist tactics, the position of American forces can only be clarified after the return from the United States of their commander, General Albert Wedemeyer.—Reuter,

A POLOGIES are due for the error in last Sunday's column concerning Soliano's broadcast. In a burst of enthusiasm the show was announced a week ahead of its time. Anyway, I hope you all enjoyed "Sussex Hayride" last night.

Army In Retreat

There are very few of us left in Butterworth town now as owner of the house in which the officers' mess was situated unexpectedly turned up a couple

unexpectedly turned up a couple of days ago, causing a further exodus to the Jap barracks.

Owner is Mr. B. J. Cramer who has spent 31 years in Malaya, 13 of them in Butterworth as General Manager of the Straits Trading Co., Ltd. His friends in Penang will be interested to know that after escaping from Singapore he has been for the past three years in South Africa as Controller of non-ferrous Metals.

Now working for the Ministry of Supply, he is to go to Britain to report on the general situation in regard to the works

situation in regard to the works and return once more to Ma-

#### Ordeal In Restaurant

Thought I'd have lunch at real Chinese restaurant, just for the novelty, and found there is a great deal of difference between those that cater for English tastes and the authen-

I was served with an exotic concoction in which some of the lesser known parts of chicken and fish could be dimly

recognised.

Then the band struck up and a boy and girl started in sing-ing—a duet that lasted rully half an hour. The accmpaniing—a duet that lasted fully half an hour. The accmpaniment sounded like someone dashing stones against a corrugated iron shed on a wet Thursday, afternoon in February. The combined noise was terrific, but the patrons didn't seem to notice it very much and all seemed to be enjoying themselves immensely.

I came to the conclusion that the best part about Chinese music is that it's so nice when it stops. With the bill they presented me with a hot wet towel, I gratefully mopped my fevered brow and departed.

Swing Time

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The unit leave centre at Kedah House continues to flourish and the chaps enjoy a very fair seven days' leave. So far we have held two dances—last Sunday and the Sunday before

last Sunday and the Sunday sefore.

I don't know, if in the opinion
of the locals, the men of Sussex are considered shy, but we
seem to have a lot of difficulty
in persuading them to bring
along partners.

However, a contingent of
very charming nurses from the
hospital did us the honour of
attending the dances, so things

went with a swing.

A very special rum punch, brewed behind locked doors by the staff, helped to increase the festive feeling (the recipe is covered by the Official Secrets Act).

We intend to hold another of these dances this coming Sunday evening. Incide Itally, while the topic is dancing, Headquarters Company are holding a dance in Butterworth on Tuesday, Nov. 6, commencing 8 p.m. The rendezvous is the NAAFI in Pantai Road.

Boating Season

This coming Thursday, Lieut. Prevost opens the boating season with a regatta for which each company in the battalion has entered a team. Speculation is rife and the P R A. is reputed to be making a book.

A good time should be had by all with the possible exception of the actual competitors who, no doubt, will come in

# Radio Around Fighting In Central Java Ceases SOURABAYA SITUATION

BATAVIA, Nov. 2.—Fighting between Indian troops and Indonesian extremists at Magelang in mid-Java ceased this afternoon,
Early this morning it was reported that Gurkha troops, who had there been fighting heavily against strong nationalist forces, had the situation "under control."

This was soon followed by an announcement that a truco had been concluded after some initial delay.

In the naval base of Sourabaya, "proof that for us the wishes of the situation was quieter today. One thousand five hundred women and children internees have boarded British ships which made port yesterday, and another group of about the same number are expected to embark tomorrow. This evacuation follows on prolonged negotiations between Colonel Hugo Pugh, British Commander, and Indonesian leaders. Ten Dakota aircraft today dropped 50,000 pounds of medical stores and supplies at Sourabaya.

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pounds of medical stores and supplies at Sourabaya.

The Agency also quotes the official British spokesman as declaring today that the situation was now quiet at Batavia. Semarang, Magelang and other trouble centres.—Reuter.

#### INDONESIANS PLAN ELECTIONS

BATAVIA, Nov. 2.—Soekarno's "Indonesian Republican Government" in a statement issued here today announced their intention of holding a general election "in a few days."

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A political flare-up is expected in Indonesia in the next few days. It is said that Dutch Lieutenant-Governor van Mook made secret proposals to the Republican leaders in a lengthy document which may shortly be published.

Elections would be held as

Meanwhile, Soekarno, whose pro-blem it is to control extremists, has been given a chance to test his leadership.—Reuter.

DUTCH GOVERNMENT

# BARS SOEKARNO

THE HAGUE, Nov. 2.—The Netherlands Government has issued the following statement on the meeting in Betavia of Dr. Hubertus van Mook, Lieutenant-Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies, and Dr. I. R. Soekarno, Indonesian leader.

"If it is true that Dr. van Mook has had discussions with Dr. Soekarno, it is only possible to declare that this happened against the direct instructions of the Netherlands Government, Government's guiding principle remains

netherlands Government. Governments authorized between Government and Dr. Soekarno, and discussions were thus not in order. Government act accordingly."

as Reuter.

# Dockers To Return Un Monday

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The National Strike Committee—an organisation representing some 44,000 striking British dockers—today resolved that "we resume work on Monday in an organised fashion to allow negotiations to proceed on behalf of all port workers."—Reuter. -Reuter.

# Lord Gort Resigns

LONDON, Nov. 2.-Lord Gort,

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Lord Gort, High Commissioner for Palestine, has resigned on account of his health. The resignation has been accepted by the British Government. This was officially announced in Parliament today. George Hall, Coloniai Secretary, who announced Lord Gort's resignation, said J. V. W. Shaw, Chief Secretary, would administer the Government of Palestine in the meantime until the successor to Lord Gort was appointed.

appointed. Government Government accepted Lord Gort's resignation with very great regret. "I know well," added Mr. Hall, "that it is a grievous blow to Lord Gort to be compelled to leave at this difficult moment a post he has filled with outstanding ability and distinction." He wished him a speedy recovery on behalf of the House.—Reuter.

for a good deal of banter. "The Diamond Revue" p duced, written, directed and otherwise organised by Pte. A. Glover was attended last Friday evening by a large and representative audience at the Malayan Opera House. The entertainment was excellent and the cast were given a big hand by all present duced,

by all present.

Highlight of the show was Soliano's superb clarinet playing and a song and dance number by two tiny tots who went into their routine like real cld Radio.

### Ceylon Accepts New Constitution

COLOMBO, Nov. 2.—The Ceylorl Board of Ministers at a meeting today decided to recommend the State Council to accept the constitutional preposals contained in the British Government's White Paper as the country had been promised Dominion status.

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With the full concurrence of all ministers, D. S. Sananayake, the leader, will move in the Inter-State Council the motion that "this House expresses its disappointment that His Majesty's Government have deferred admission of Ceylon to full Dominion status, but in view of the assurance contained in the White Paper of October 31, 1945, that His Majesty's Government will co-operate with the people of Ceylon so that such status may be attained by this country in a comparatively short time, this House resolves that the Constitution offered in the Said White Paper be accepted during the interim period."

Reforms recommended in the White Paper included universal suffrage on the present basis of two legislative chambers, and reform in the present number of electoral districts. The present Executive Board should be abolished and a Cabinet of Ministers responsible to the Legislature should take its place. A Public Service Commission and a Ministry of Justice snould be set up.—Reuter.

#### FRENCH DELEGATE IN HANOI

CHUNGKING, Oct. 31.—The French representative in Northern Indo-China yesterday paid a courtesy call on General Lou Han, Commander of the 1st Area Army, at his headquarters in Hanoi.

He said the French Government had sent him and his adviser to Indo-China for the specific purpose of helping the Chinese military authorities in solving various problems, and that his mission was exactly the same as that which he carried out in Saigon. He had made no plans to meet any Vietnam leaders, but if they desired to meet him, they could do so at any time.—Chungking Radio.

# EX-DETECTIVE SHOT DEAD IN **CHINATOWN**

ASSAILANT GETS AWAY

The sound of three shots in Kimberley Street, Penang's Chinatown, where a large crowd had gathered for their supper at about 9.15 on Friday night, sent people in the vicinity running helter-skelter. Death had claimed another victim.

Every one, stallholders and their customers, scattered. One among the crowd was found sprawled on the road, near the junction of Kimberley Street and Sungei Ujong Road, bleeding profusely from two gunshot profusely from two gunshot profusely three shots had been fired at the mar by an unknown assallant at close range.

The dead man, who was on a bicycle travelling along Kimberley Street, was later identified by the police, who were called to the scene, as an ex-detective Every one, st

the scene, as an ex-detective named Ah Guan. He was employed during the Jap regime and stationed at Bukit Mertajan. The Riot Squad of the RAF Regiment was also called and they later had the hely re-

RAF Regiment was also called, and they later had the body removed to the mortuary. Ah Guan died when he received the first shot at the temple.

This is the second shooting incident in the town of Penang recently. In the previous case, a Chinese detective, Lee Yap was shoot dead at Gladstone Road near the junction of Tek Soon Street.

No arrests have yet been

#### RUGGER

# Asiatics Win Return Match

In the return Asiatic-European rugger match, the former surprisingly scored a well-earned victory on the Victoria Green yesterday. The score was 11 points to 6.

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The Asiatics combined well, scoring all their points in the first half. Kah Chong scored the first penalty goal for the Asiatics and two minutes later, Keng Hock touched down for a try which was converted by Bakar Awang. D'Orville added three more points with an unconverted try before the interval.

val.
On resumption, the Europeans exerted pressure and finally Reynolds touched down for their first try which was unconverted. The game did not slacken with subsequently the Europeans managing to score a penalty goal through Reynolds.

Capt. J. N. Davies refereed the match.

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# British Naval Force Reaches Sourabaya

BATAVIA, Nov. 1.—The appearance off Sourabaya of a British naval force led by the cruiser "Sussex" and supported by destroyers provided the climax today of dramatic events in Indonesia.

in Indonesia.

The RAF has been strongly reinforced and Thunderbolts had their first strike today when they strafed Indonesian extremists who surrounded a batta-lion of Gurkhas at Magelang.

Gurkhas had radioed this morning that the position was grave and supplies of ammunition and food would only hold out until noon. The prompt air strike followed by dropping of supplies came in time to save

the situation, which is now completely under control.

Dekotas which dropped supplies at Magelang returned riditled with bullets.—Reuter.

# Jap Deserters

Arrested TAIPING, Nov. 2.—Two
Japanese army deserters
were arrested by the British in Kedah. They have
been handed over to the
Japanese Headquarters in
accordance with Japanese
Military Orders for punishment.

#### League Soccer

#### Staging Post Annex Fifth Win

Staging Post registered their

Staging Post registered their fifth win yesterday when they narrowly beat 2854 Squadron by 3—2 in the league soccer encounter on the Glugon ground.

After a series of attacks the Post scored the first goal through Priestley. The equaliser followed immediately when Jenkinson, the Squadron's inside-left broke through and netted with a marvellous shot. Priestley gave the Post the lead before the "lemons" with a swift shot that beat Gormley soundly. Forced on the defensive,

Forced on the defensive, Gormley, goal-keeper of 2854 Sqdr., was given a restless half hour in which he brought off several spectacular saves. But Quigley who had possession of the ball following a good clearance by Cooper, evaded the opposing defence to increase the lead for the Post, with the first-time shot

the Post with a first-time shot.

A speedy retaliatory attack on
the Post's goal subsequently the Post's goal subsequently gave an opportunity for 2854 Sqdr. to reduce the deficit. Rowe claimed the goal.

Sgt. Cleaver refereed the

### League Table

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4. 2964 Sqdr.	6	3	3	0	13	12	
5. 2854 Sqdr.	6	3	3	0	12	14	
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7. Malays		2	3	1	16	15	
8. Chinese						6	
9. 2759 Sqdr.	5	1	2	2	8	11	-
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Wing at Victoria Green. Chinese vs. Indians at Dato Kramat.
Tues. Nov. 6—2854 Sqdr. vs.
2759 Sqdr at Dato Kramat.
Wed. Nov. 7—Eurasians vs.
2960 Sqdr. at Victoria Green.
Thurs. Nov. 8—Malays vs. 2802
Sqdr. at Dato Kramat.
Fri. Nov. 9—Chinese vs. Staging Post at Victoria Green.
Sat. Nov. 10—185 Wing vs.
2854 Sqdr. at Glugor
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### PLANE DROPS GOVT. NOTICES

TAIPING, Nov. 2.

As the sure and quickest means of bringing the official statement recently issued by the British Military Administration dealing with the problems of rice unemployment. of rice, unemployment, relief for the distressed, water and electric light bills to the public, a plane was used yesterday to drop the handbills printed in

drop the handbills printed in several languages

The method was both novel and attractive, as large crowds stood in the streets to watch the plane making low dips over the district, at the same time heaps of handbills, which were eagerly seized by the happy onlookers.

# Riot Squad Rush To Kelawai Road

#### Robbery Attempt Foiled

An attempt by some unknown Chinese to commit robbery on Alan Loke's seaside bungalow at Kelawei Road on Friday night was foiled by the presence of mind of one of the innertes. inmates.

inmates.

Late at night some men came to the house and sought entry into the premises, knocking at the door. One of the inmates, before opening the door, asked the members of a neighbouring house to summon the police by

house to summon the police by telephone.

The 'phone message was put through, and the Riot Squad of the RAF Regiment was also summoned. The members of the Riot Squad and the police came immediately and had the house surrounded, but the intruders, meantime, sensing trouble, decamped. camped.

#### WELFARE BODY FOR IPOH To Deal With Cases For Relief

For Relief

Ipoh, Nov. 3.

The hope to establish in Ipoh in the near future a relief centre for destitutes, orphans and sick, was expressed by Lieut.-Col. G. S. Rawlins, Civil Affairs Officer, Kinfa, presiding at a meeting of community representatives held last night to formulate and inaugurate a Central Relief Organisation for Kinta district.

Readily supporting the formation of the new welfare body under the auspices of the B.M.A., to deal with all cases of relief for the poor, community representatives elected separate sub-committees to investigate into cases of deserving poor and to make recommendations for relief to the Central Organisation.

The meeting also approved the inauguration of a relief fund and help swell the B.M.A. fund set aside for the relief work.

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Lieut.-Col. Rawlins was elected chairman of the relief organisation; Major Drake as Hon. Secretary and the Rev. Bennit as Hon. Treasurer.

#### -:0:-Posters Reflect Discontent

(From Our Own Correspondent)
ALOR STAR, Nov. 3.—The
discontent of Malays over equal citizenship proposed to be given to all Malayans is reflected in to all Malayans is reflected in a number of posters displayed conspicuously in the town.
"Support Malayan Union, oppose equal citizenship"; "Preserve the privileges of Malays and the divine rights of Sultans"; "China for Chinese, India for Indians, Malaya for the Malays"; "Equal citizenship is the death knell of Malays"; "Pro-British but Malaya for the Malays."

#### Tribute To Lawyers Who Passed Away

Who Passed Away

Ipoh, Nov. 3.
Glowing tribute was paid in the Superior Court before Major J. G. Adams yesterday to the memory of three leading members of the Malayan Bar, who had died during the war years. They were the late Mr. A. N. Kenion who died in Singapore in Sept. 1945, Mr. C. G. Howell, former Legal Adviser F.M.S. and Attorney-General S.S. and Mr. R. Williamson, a leading lawyer of Singapore.

Mr. M. S. Mahendran, on behalf of the Perak Bar, made an eloquent address, praising at length all the three deceased. The court adjourned for about

The court adjourned for about five minutes as a mark of respect.

#### REX THEATRE

Opens Today with 4 Shows 12 noon, 3.00, 6.00 & 9.00 p.m. Tomorrow 3 Shows—3, 6 & 9 p.m.
RKO-Radio's Love & Laugh
Panic of the Screen
"Mr. & Mrs. Smith"

with Robert Montgomery—Carole Lom-bard and Gene Raymond.

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An Entertaining Tamil Talkie with C. V. V. Panthulu—R. B. Lakshmi Devi N. S. Krishnan—T. A. Mathuram.

### SUN CINEMA

Last 3 Shows Today—3 6 & 9 p.m. Here's A Superb Double-Feature Attraction!

"Dodge City Trail" A Thrilling Western Drama "Little Miss Roughneck"

Tomorrow—3, 6 & 9 p.m.
Universal's Thrilling Production
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Nan Grey — Ian Hunter.

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"Two Brothers"

with Miss Butterfly Wu.

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Opens Today: 4 Shows
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Tomorrow: 3, 6 & 9 p.m.
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