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No Hope Of Jap Atom Research

TOKYO, Nov. 23.—Practically all equipment with which Japan could conduct atom research was destroyed today when U.S. Army engineers raided three Japanese universities.

Armed with sledge-hammers, cutting torches and crowbars, they smashed all such apparatus ranging from small home-made units to the giant 200-ton American-made cyclotron in Nishina laboratory of the Tokyo Institute of Physical and Chemical Research.

Far East Body To Visit Japan

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The Far Eastern Advisory Commission announced today that it is planning to go to Japan "in the near future" to consult with General MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander.

"The Commission has decided that it would be wise to visit Japan in the near future for the purpose of consulting with the Supreme Allied Commander and to familiarise itself with conditions on the spot. The Supreme Allied Commander has concurred in this thought."—Reuter.

Battle Of Samarang And Ambarawa Now On GURKHAS STRONGLY ENGAGED

BATAVIA, NOV. 23.—THE STRUGGLE ON JAVA HAS SHIFTED WEST FROM SHELL-TORN SOURABAYA, AND INDIAN AND BRITISH TROOPS WERE TONIGHT FIGHTING THE BATTLE OF SAMARANG AND AMBARAWA IN THE NORTH CENTRAL PART OF THE ISLAND.

Men of the 13th Gurkhas are strongly engaged at Ambarawa where they have not yet been relieved by a specially summoned column of reinforcements and tanks, which, after leaving Samarang 18 miles to the north yesterday, was today still battering its way southwards into the central hills against persistent Indonesian resistance at one road block after another.

Gurkhas, who marched to Ambarawa on foot to protect the internment camp there, have already fought out a sharp clash with Indonesian attackers of whom 200 were killed.

At Samarang, Allied guns are reported to be pounding Indonesian troop concentrations, estimated at about 1,000, attempting to reach Samarang from the east for an attack planned for tonight. Other Indonesian units are heading for Samarang from the west, and are coming under British mortar fire.

Reinforcements of the 23rd Indian Division were flown to Samarang today to strengthen troops widely dispersed there in their task of protecting internees. A British destroyer has arrived in Samarang harbour.

JAPS CLEAR WAY

According to the Netherlands News Agency, Brigadier Richard Bethnell, commanding the artillery brigade of the 23rd Indian Division, is making use of Japanese troops to clear Indonesian extremists from villages as his own light forces are stretched out thinly over mid-Java.

From Sourabaya, the Dutch News Agency reported that there were no Indian casualties in the fighting there early today, but a large number of Indonesians were killed. Indian troops cleared an area in south-east Sourabaya against considerable opposition from small arms fire and mortars.

According to today's Allied Headquarters communique, troops of 1/3 Madras made a 2,000-yard advance in Sourabaya just before dawn with the support of Sherman and Stuart tanks.

Aircraft were used in every offensive operation, but anti-aircraft fire was still fairly heavy from machine-guns.

A British transport Dakota with about 20 Indian other ranks aboard

HIGH HONOUR FOR MRS. AMERY

LONDON, Nov. 23.—The King at Buckingham Palace today invested Mrs. Amery, wife of the former Secretary for India, with the Order of the Crown of India.

This high honour has rarely, if ever, been conferred on a woman other than the Queen Consort or the wife of the Viceroy.—Reuter.

Former Hungarian Premier To Hang

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Moscow Radio reports that former Hungarian Prime Minister Bela Imredy has been sentenced to death by hanging. His appeal against the sentence will be heard by the Supreme Court but no date has yet been fixed.—Reuter.

U.S. Meat Rationing Ends

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—All rationing of meat, butter, fats and oils will end at midnight tonight, the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture announced. Only sugar will now be rationed.—Reuter.

Bevin's Stirring Call For International Frankness Disclaims Britain's Responsibility For Civil Strife In Indonesia

LONDON, Nov. 23.

BRITISH Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin made a stirring address for international frankness when he spoke in the foreign affairs debate in Commons today.

"If any large or small nation in the world," he said, "is suspicious of Great Britain, I invite them to tell me frankly what their suspicions are and I will frankly face them."

MR. BEVIN, WHOSE SPEECH RANGED OVER THE WHOLE FIELD OF WORLD POLITICS, EXTENDED FRIENDSHIP TO FRANCE AND POLAND, AND DISCLAIMED FOR BRITAIN ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR CIVIL STRIFE IN INDONESIA.

"The quicker the Indonesians stop fighting and begin talking with the Dutch Government aided by us, the better it will be for the country," declared Mr. Bevin.

Great Britain, Mr. Bevin said, would not be afraid to have anything that it does or wants discussed in open assembly. He placed his hopes for permanent world peace in the United Nations Organisation which must create a world law, with a world judiciary to interpret it and a world police to enforce it irrespective of race or creed.

He thought it best that the Washington statement on the atomic bomb should not be discussed before the United Nations General Assembly met early in January.

The constitution of the United Nations Organisation, he said, created an instrument for world peace which has been accepted by the overwhelming majority of nations and they must develop that instrument.

Deploping the "marked deterioration in the economic and financial situation in Greece," Mr. Bevin urged that reconstruction be put in hand there with British aid. He had urged the Regent to defer elections until March 1948 and he hoped the King of Greece would use his influence to help Greece back to health and prosperity.—Reuter.

Dr. Van Mook Defends Dutch Troops

BATAVIA, Nov. 23.—Dr. Hubertus van Mook, Lieut.-Governor of N.E.I., strongly defended the attitude of Dutch and Ambonese troops at a press conference here last night at which he said: "You can hardly realise how terrific the tension is for people like my countrymen and the Ambonese."

"They have been accused of lacking restraint, but in my opinion, they have shown restraint almost beyond human power. Many of them have families and relatives in Sourabaya, Samarang and Central Java."

"The disturbances in Samarang and Central Java have absolutely nothing to do with the presence of Dutch or Ambonese troops."

Dr. van Mook said he did not think withdrawal of Ambonese troops from Batavia was a major point.

He said the invitation to the Indonesians to meet the Dutch involved no concession on the part of Indonesians. "We have only asked to be able to discuss the situation and possible solutions for the situation," he said.

Asked what he thought the solution for the present situation would be if the Indonesians persisted in their refusal to meet the Dutch, Dr. van Mook



ERNEST BEVIN

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Koiso Says He Sent Peace Feelers To Chiang

TOKYO, Nov. 23.—General Kuniaki Koiso, who succeeded General Hideki Tojo as Japanese Prime Minister in July 1944, gave himself up at the War Ministry today and is held at Sugamo prison in the outskirts of Tokyo. He was driven into captivity by a Japanese liaison officer.

Dressed in a dapper Western-style suit and carrying a cane, Koiso protested his innocence and claimed that he had made peace efforts through Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Central Chinese Government but failed. "I believe I am innocent and I can answer any questions on any point to prove it," he said.—Reuter.

Confidence Vote For De Gaulle

PARIS, Nov. 23.—A vote of confidence in General de Gaulle's new Government was passed by acclamation by the French constituent assembly today after his speech outlining Government's programme.—Reuter.

replied: "I don't think this is the time to answer that question."

Asked how he thought order could be restored if negotiation failed, he said: "I am still not committing myself." He added that they still had their people to protect, but if the Allies used force it would only be in reply to force.—Reuter.

ALADDIN'S CAVES FOR CARS

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Aladdin's Caves—huge underground car parks—are to be built in cities and big towns to keep cars off the roads, said Lord Walkden when in the House of Lords he outlined a new £250,000 road safety campaign. Government is prepared to make loans to local authorities who provide these Aladdin's Caves, said Lord Walkden.

Among safety measures to eliminate road deaths and accidents, he announced:

Police mobile patrols; driving tests to be revised, probably early in the new year; traffic laws to be more strictly enforced; more roundabouts, crossings and road studs and more parks, some of which will be provided by the London Passenger Transport Board at a cost of £40,000,000 at their terminals so that car owners can go to London by tube.

He thought that seven cars should come into towns, and the L.P.T.B. plan was one move to help country dwellers to cooperate. But the £250,000 road safety campaign, he explained, would not cure everything, though it would help to reduce accidents and make people accident-conscious.—Reuter.

Ex-Jap Premiers Questioned

NEW DELHI, Nov. 23.—Allied officers in Japan have interrogated several prominent Japanese, including four former premiers, Prince Konoye, Baron Hiranuma, Koki Hirota and Admiral Yonai.

Members of the Japanese imperial family who recently expressed their desire to renounce their titles of nobility and become commoners will be permitted to do so, says the newspaper "Mainichi" quoting the Minister of the Imperial Household. Prince Higashi-kuni, the Emperor's cousin, and Prince Konoye are among those who have decided to give up their titles and privileges.—All-India Radio.

To Make Statement On India

LONDON, Nov. 23.—A statement on India is to be made by Lord Pethick-Lawrence, Secretary of State for India, in the House of Lords in the near future.—Reuter.

