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Japan Now On Defence In Far East

Sequel To ABCD Bloc Actions; Warplanes For Pacific Isles

(Reuter Wireless)
London, December 4th.
Singapore: There are indications that Japan has begun to put herself on the defensive in the Far East. For example, it is learned that she recently transferred a considerable portion of her fighter aircraft and long-distance reconnaissance planes to the mandated islands in the Pacific. Similarly, she has begun to hurry the defence of her bases in Indo-China with fixed anti-aircraft guns. This necessarily demands Japan's part of the material she had hitherto kept in reserve for striking out at a moment's notice.

The earmarking of some of this material for overseas defensive purposes now does not, of course, necessarily mean that Japan is abandoning her aggressive designs. It may be only a logical precautionary measure. It does show, however, that Japan is taking the possibility of active opposition from the A.B.C.D. powers seriously.

(E. B. O. Radio)
London, December 5th.
Authoritative circles in Singapore take the view that Japan, as a result of the arrival in Singapore of the British Fleet headed by H.M.S. Prince of Wales, is unlikely to take military action against Thailand at the moment, but will use diplomatic means backed up by threats, to draw Thailand into her sphere of influence.

The news of the arrival of this powerful British Fleet in Singapore was withheld from the Japanese people for 24 hours while the Tokyo propagandists considered what line to take. The news has now been issued, but commentaries are given tending to minimize the effectiveness of the Fleet, though the warning is given that the movements of the British Navy in the Far East must be closely watched.

The arrival of the British Fleet in Singapore and reports that President Roosevelt has raised the question of Thai integrity with the Japanese negotiators, have roused great interest in Bangkok. Full note is taken of the change in the strategic situation caused by the arrival of the fleet, and of the important place given to Thailand in the Washington negotiations.

REICH DIPLOMATS GATHER FOR SHANGHAI CONFERENCE TO DRAG JAPAN INTO WAR?

Consultations With Generals In China Follow Efforts In Tokyo, Report Claims

London, December 5th.
There are signs of increasing German interference in the Far Eastern crisis. A meeting is being held at Shanghai between important German diplomats and Nazi agents in the Far East.

One reason for the meeting is believed to be that the Germans have found the Tokyo Government insufficiently susceptible to their attempts to drag Japan into war, and they are therefore approaching the Japanese generals in China in the hope that they will bring pressure to bear on Tokyo.

Included in the delegates present at this meeting are Captain Wiedemann, formerly A.D.C. to Hitler, and Herr Wendler, the new German Minister to Thailand.

—E. B. O. Radio.

Considerable interest centres on the Nazi diplomatic conference at Shanghai.

Commenting on the visit of Wiedemann, the former German Consul General in San Francisco, the "Washington Post" declares that Wiedemann is probably trying to do what he has failed to do in the United States. —Reuter.

FURTHER POWERS FOR GOVERNMENT TO COPE WITH FUTURE EMERGENCY NEW BILL ACCEPTED BY ASSEMBLY

A Bill empowering the Government to issue Royal Decrees during times of emergency, in order to cope with any development which may be detrimental to the interests of the nation, was accepted in principle by the National Assembly yesterday afternoon.

Yesterday's meeting was brief, terminating at 3.30 p.m., because of the cremation ceremony of the remains of the late Dr. Tos Labanukrom, Cabinet Member and Director-General of the Science Department.

There were one hundred and five members attending the meeting, with Major-General Phra Praschon Pajjant, the Vice-President, in the chair.

No announcements were made by the Vice-President and after Question time, the meeting proceeded to consider the urgent Government Bill seeking the power to issue Decrees during times of national emergency.

The Bill was introduced by Capt. Thavalaya Dhamrongnavasvasti, R.N. (Capt. Luang Dhamrong Navasvasti, R.N.) Minister of Justice.

Although H.M. the King under the Constitution had the power to issue Royal Emergency Decrees which had to be approved by the Assembly after their enforcement, the Government deemed it expedient to be vested with greater power to effectively cope with the situation, he said.

The Royal Decrees need no approval by the Assembly; however, the Government assured the meeting that the measure was only temporary, expiring within one year.

The Decree to be issued under the Bill, the Minister explained, would be for purposes read to the maintenance of national unity, of friendly relations with foreign powers and of public morale and safety.

Also such Decrees may be issued for ensuring adequate supplies for the country and the security of communications, as well as for the prevention or suppression of fifth-column activities.

Decrees may also be issued for purposes contributing to the nation's war effort in the event of Thailand being involved in hostilities, the Minister added.

The penalties for violation of the provisions of the decrees were fine not exceeding Ten, 10,000 and imprisonment not exceeding five years. The Premier or other Ministers deputed by him would be charged with the carrying out of the stipulations of the Bill.

The Minister in urging the acceptance of the Bill thanked the Assembly for the cooperation in approving a number of Bills of the same nature recently.

"Although the Government is not in a position to explain the situation clearly", he said, "it is thought that an emergency may arise".

Nai Chamlong Doerung, a first category member, opposed the principles of the Bill, pointing out that the Administration had already sufficient power to cope with any emergency situation by the issuance of Royal Emergency Decrees.

The Government gave an appropriate reply to the criticism and, at the motion of another private member, the Bill was put to vote and accepted in principle unanimously.

It was entrusted to a special commission of nine for consideration, comprising Police Major-General Adul Aduldejcharas, Nai Vichit Vichitvadsakarn, Dr. Duan Bunnag.

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UNPRECEDENTED CRISIS FACING EAST ASIA NOW

Foreign Minister Togo Says Powers Refuse To Understand Japan

(Domei Agency)
Domei, December 4th.
Tokyo: "As a result of the recent developments which are becoming increasingly serious, East Asia is now confronted with an unprecedented crisis," declared Mr. Togo, the Foreign Minister, in a brief speech opening the three-day East Asia economic conference.

"Britain, America and other countries still refuse to understand Japan's ideals in the Far East and are hampering Japan's attempts to create a new order in East Asia which aims at attaining permanent peace and prosperity for all," Togo said, adding:

"As a kind like this it is more significant that the representatives of Japan, Manchukuo and China should get together to discuss and decide measures of strengthening their economic ties in the interests of bringing economic self-sufficiency within their common prosperity sphere."

THAILAND CALM STAYS NEUTRAL AWAITS EVENTS

(Reuter Wireless)
London, December 4th.
Bangkok: Bangkok is on tiptoes waiting for the latest news of the fate of the Washington talks and at the same time following with the keenest interest the military preparations in Malaya, Burma and other Far Eastern countries.

Watchful waiting characterises the official attitude in the present critical situation; authoritative quarters realise that most of Thailand's neighbours in East Asia might at any moment be plunged into a war which would undoubtedly have serious repercussions on Thailand as well. Even in the event of a Pacific war Thailand would strive to maintain neutrality and if she is invaded she would put up the stiffest resistance.

If Thailand has to fight for her democratic independence she knows that she will not have to fight alone, it is stated, as other democracies would come to her aid.

Bangkok. The Japanese Bank in Bangkok has received another ten million baht (one million pounds), this time from the Thai bank syndicate, in exchange for the gold sold to the syndicate and the gold is at present on route to Bangkok.

"Reuter" learns in banking circles.

Thus for the last four months Japan has obtained Thai currency totalling forty-five million baht (four and a half million sterling) against Japanese assets.

Thailand Will Fight And Fight To The Very End, If Forced To, Premier Says

Country Safe If Great Neighbours Don't Consider Pacts As Scraps Of Paper

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH CHRONICLE

Thailand's determination and preparedness to resist any aggression was again emphasized by H. E. the Premier, Field Marshal Plaek Pibulsonggram, in an exclusive interview with the Chronicle today. The Premier also declared that Thailand had concluded no secret pact with any foreign country.

In view of the current international situation and the way the name of this country is dragged into the controversy, these statements by H. E. the Premier should set at rest some aspects of the war of nerves now being waged around Thailand.

His Excellency received the Chronicle representative at his office at the Sun Kularb Palace and obligingly stated that he was prepared to give his personal opinion on any question which was of public interest. "It appears, from foreign rumours and speculations that Thailand is certain to be invaded", suggested the interviewer, for a start.

The Premier gave an exhaustive review of the situation, expressing his opinion that he did not see any reason why Thailand should be invaded by any foreign Power.

"With the British on one side, we have a Treaty of Non-Aggression, while on the other side, we have a Treaty of Amity with Japan, which is tantamount to a non-aggression pact. If these Great Powers, who are our friends do not consider such sacred treaties as scraps of paper, Thailand must be considered as safe from invasion. Moreover, the statements and actions by these Great Powers have so far indicated that they respect the treaties in question and besides, we, on our part, observe our declared policy of strict neutrality and have not violated our treaty obligations in any way.

"Honour is our life and soul", declared the Premier.

Questioned regarding the preparedness campaign carried out on a nationwide basis at present and its significance, the Premier pointed out that preparations for defence are now the order of the day in every country.

"We must remain prepared all the time, for the simple reason that we should not be taken by surprise, though we have no fear as to who would be our enemy."

The Premier went on:

"Judging from the actual position, we have never thought of any country as our enemy or potential enemy. Thus we have no thought of being involved in war against anybody, unless of course, we are compelled to fight; that is to say, if we cannot escape war we have to fight and fight well and to the end. And let the Lord be our judge; let him decide the fate of Thailand."

The interviewer finally asked one more question, this time concerning the rumours that Thailand had concluded a secret military pact. The Premier was prompt in his comment:

"When we have no enemy and have only friends, as I have just stated, why should we make secret military pacts with anybody? If we do good, no one will do us evil; if we do evil, who will do us good? This is Lord Buddha's precept. Therefore, I can say with all emphasis that Thailand has made no secret pact with any nation."

The Premier then discussed the general situation in the country and, in answer to his enquiries, the interviewer was glad to be able to assure him that the Government's policy was wholeheartedly endorsed by the press and the public and that, in any decision that the Government might take during these difficult days all Thailand would follow them, ready to serve the nation and to undergo any sacrifice.

Goering & Petain In Vital Parleys

(Trans-Ocean News)

Berlin, December 2nd.
Viobly: An official French communique issued by State Secretary Benoit Mechin and the German Embassy at Paris, on the occasion of the Goering-Petain meeting points out that Petain for sometime had voiced a wish to again meet Reich Marshal Goering, whom he had met at the funeral of the King of Yugoslavia and Pilsudski. On the latter occasion Petain had a long conversation with Goering in Grewco.

On Monday morning Petain accompanied by Darlan arrived by special train in Conlanges Sur Yonne, north of Clamecy, where he was awaited at the station by Goering's representative, General Hansse. Petain and Darlan then drove by car to St. Florentine Vergigny, cheered all along the way by the population.

At one p.m. Petain arrived at St. Florentine Vergigny, where they were welcomed by Goering in front of the railway station. The two statesmen greeted each other cordially. Petain, Darlan and Goering then went to the Reich Marshal's pullman.

The first discussion took place between Goering and Petain alone in the presence of two interpreters. While the first discussion lasted only for fifteen minutes, the second conference, with Darlan participating, lasted two hours. The statesmen then took luncheon in the dining car of Goering's special train. The luncheon was attended by a number of high German officers including the German flying ace, Colonel Galland and French Colonel Bonhomme as well as De Brinnon himself. Cordial conversation took place all through the luncheon.

Petain's departure was postponed from 4.00 to 5.30 p.m. Meanwhile Goering as a special courtesy had ordered the Marshal's train to St. Florentine. Petain's train stopped immediately opposite Goering's spe-

cial train, so that Petain had only to cross the tracks in order to reach his own car. Goering and Petain parted at 5.30 p.m.

Brinnon declared that Petain on departing had told him that he would always be happy to remember the meeting with Goering, while Goering expressed to Brinnon the hope that the meeting would prove useful to both countries.

Brinnon emphasized that the meeting was not arranged for the purpose of negotiations. The conversation had been of a general character and as candid as was natural between two soldiers esteeming each other highly.

Brinnon closed the statement by pointing out the certainty that the meeting was of a beneficial nature.

The French official communique then outlined the statement made by the German Embassy at Paris by States Secretary Benoit Mechin.

Rome: The meeting between Marshal Petain and Reich Marshal Goering which was announced by Italian papers this morning did not come as a surprise to well-informed circles here, although it was entirely unexpected by the general public.

Particular importance is attached in the Italian political circles to the meeting but no authoritative utterance on the subject has so far been forthcoming on this subject here.

From Office Boy To Cabinet Minister Is F.J. Leathers' Record

London.

The career of Mr. F.J. Leathers, who has just been promoted to the peerage and appointed to the office of Britain's first joint Minister of Shipping and Transport, has been one of its remarkable success.

He was born in an East End of London back street, and after attending the local council school until he was fourteen, started as an office boy in William Cory's the big shipping firm, of which he later became

Managing Director and Deputy Chairman.

For forty-three years Mr. Leathers was with this shipping firm, working his way upwards through the various departments, starting at 7s. 6d. a week and finishing with the salary of Managing Director. Since then he has become one of the leading business directors in Britain.

His appointment to the Cabinet means, of course, that he must resign all his directorships, for no one holding office under the Crown can hold, at the same time, any other remunerative posts.

The appointment of Mr. Leathers is typical of the way in which men who have never held any political aspirations have come forward in war-time to take control of the various national activities, in which their expert knowledge and experience will be so valuable.

Sir Andrew Duncan is another business man who had never held a political post before he joined Mr. Churchill's Cabinet as President of the Board of Trade.

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Russo-Reich War Raging Moscow & Berlin Reports

(B. B. C. Radio)
London, December 4th.
The Russian advance on the Southern front continues. Marshal Timoshenko's forces have now pushed the Germans back as far as the town of Taganrog, thirty-five miles to the West of Rostov. The Germans appear to realize that the retreat must continue, for they are busy blowing up bridges and blocking the roads with broken-down tanks in order to prevent pursuit.

Fire fighting has been renewed all around Moscow. German pressure in the Mojaisk area has been intensified and an attack by big tank columns has been made. In this and other areas the Germans have undoubtedly made some progress, but Russian counter-attacks are continuing, particularly at Klin, and very heavy casualties are being inflicted on the enemy.

There has been great air activity, and the latest Russian communique reports the destruction of 58 German aircraft for the loss of fourteen Soviet machines.

(Br. Off. Wireless)
Rugby, December 3rd.
The Moscow radio reports the arrival to Moscow yesterday of the Polish Commander-in-Chief, General Sikorski accompanied by the Commander of the Polish troops in Russia, General Udors and Polish Ambassador. They were met by the Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov.

(Reuter Wireless)
London, December 3rd.
Moscow: The Pravda's correspondent reports that the Germans have brought up their second echelon concerning their infantry and tank divisions along the main directions leading to Moscow.

The Germans have become active along the entire Moscow front using infantry tanks, artillery and automatic rifle units, thus creating a new tension in the sectors where a lull had been observed the day before the correspondent says.

Thrusting against the Russians in the Mojaisk and Malo Yaroslavetz directions, the Nazi tank columns, followed by infantry, attempted to catch the Soviet forces in a pincer movement. In the Mojaisk sector the Soviets recaptured three villages occupied by the Nazis the previous day and surrounded and killed about two infantry battalions, according to the correspondent.

After one day's fighting the Germans occupied one village situated near a highway in the sector along the Moscow river. Our infantry blew up and burned thirty-five German tanks, captured four mine-throwers, four machine-guns and destroyed one battalion of the infantry. One important point along the route of the German advance was captured, but after a day's intense fighting the Soviet troops regained this position. In the battles for this day place our troops destroyed twelve tanks, seven artillery pieces, seven lorries, four air-

(Trans-Ocean News)
Berlin, December 3rd.
The Fuehrer's Headquarters: The High Command of the German Armed Forces announced early this afternoon:—

At the Moscow front the attacks of our infantry and the Panzer formations which were supported by strong formations of bomber and five-bomber planes gained further ground against the strong resistance and local counter-attacks of the enemy.

In the Finnish front a large Soviet transport steamer hit a German-Finnish mine barrier and sank.

Berlin: Major formations of the Luftwaffe on Monday attacked the Bolshevik positions, columns and troop concentrations in the Moscow area, it was announced here on Monday night.

The Bolsheviks suffered heavy losses in men and material. At the upper Volga, German aircraft bombed the Soviet aircraft producing plant near Rybinsk, causing conflagrations and heavy explosions by direct hits.

In the northern sector of the eastern front the German planes successfully bombed Soviet railway trains and stations.

Berlin: The smashing of a pair of planes, two mine-throwers, batteries and annihilated about 1,300 German troops.

In another area our forces made a successful counter-attack forcing the Germans to retreat to the south under the pressure of Russian tanks and cavalry mounted Russian guards have occupied twelve villages.

of the Soviet defence system outside Moscow, by the German troops constituted an exemplary feat of all German formations which participated.

The German troops succeeded in the course of an ambivalent fighting to smash their way through the deep fortification works of the Bolsheviks which had been reinforced by numerous bunkers, machine-gun nests and other resistance spots built out of stone and heavy wooden beams. In addition the Soviets had transformed several small villages into veritable fortresses.

Thus the Germans were faced with this strong defence system on Monday when they began the attack following an artillery preparation by the German gunners. Despite the great cold, high snow and ice-coating on the fields, the German gnat close to the Soviet positions when stubborn and tenacious single-handed fights developed about each of the numerous Soviet isolated strongholds and villages.

The German infantry and sappers

again proved their superiority over the Bolsheviks and they succeeded in routing them, while one Soviet nest after another was smoked out by the Germans. At some points the Germans also had to overcome minefields which were built by the Soviets with all the cunning experience of the mine specialists. The troops of one German division took the enemy positions after having overcome the violent defence of the Bolsheviks and a number of ineffective counter-attacks. Several small localities were taken in the rear of the Soviets by the daring thrust of the men of this German division. This daring thrust means a considerable relief for other German troops making frontal attacks.

The sanguinary losses sustained by the Bolsheviks were extremely high. The seriousness of the Bolshevik losses in this single sector may be seen from the fact that a single German Army corps counted more than three thousand dead on the battlefield besides numerous prisoners during this fighting from November 27th to 29th.

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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
A meeting of the National Assembly was held this afternoon, commencing at 2.00.

ANANDA PIBULOGHOSAM
Nai Ananda Pibuloghosam (Kittasang), the Premier's son, is entering West Point soon, according to the Singapore Radio.

PARKER'S GIFT
H.E. the Premier has kindly distributed 212 school uniforms valued at Ten 946 odd among pupils of the Thai Niyom Bangkok local school at Amphur Bangkok.

SEIZURE IN GREAT LAKE
Frequent appearances of about three or four French armed boats in the Great Lake during the past few nights are reported by the "Pravasi" and the "Thai Mail" today.

AIR SERVICES
Messrs. J. W. S. Bracker and Dell arrived here by the B. O. A. flying boat southeast yesterday.

FOOTBALL MATCH
The football match for the King's Cup between the Chulalongkorn University and University of Moral and Political Sciences teams, will take place tomorrow at the National Stadium commencing at 4.30 p.m.

RESIGNATION
Phra Prayudh Joldhi, Captain of the "Phang Hoang Nawa" of the Thai Maritime Navigation Co. Ltd. has submitted his resignation to the company's board of directors, according to local reports.

PRISONERS
H.E. the Premier is reported by some local papers to have issued orders for a survey of the prisoners in the penitentiaries throughout the country in regard to their behaviour.

SOME COLLECTOR!
One Nai Mul, a bill collector, who misappropriated a sum of money entrusted to him and pretended to have been robbed and beaten by a policeman last Wednesday night, was arrested by the police for investigations.

CHERAMATION
The remains of the late Dr. Ton Labhannakorn, Minister of State and Director-General of the Science Department, were ceremoniously cremated at the Debsirindr Monastery yesterday afternoon at 5.00.

ANNUAL SPORTS
The annual athletic sports are now in full swing at the National Stadium.

MEETING
The meeting which began on the 1st. inst. was formally declared open by the President of the Council of Regency and was presided by a report read by H.E. the Minister of Education.

RECORDS
So far several new records have been set up and general standard has improved.



By Man-About-Town
Tomorrow, the Chulalongkorn University will meet the U.M.P.S. in a football match at the National Stadium.

OH. KRUNG: "Escape to Glory" (Columbia) may be described as a vivid foot-note to the "Battle of the Atlantic." It is a psychological study of as diverse a group of passengers as may be met with on any freighter now crossing the Atlantic, passengers who are aware that, at any point in their journey, they might become the victims of a lurking U-boat.

It shows you, with all the compelling power of pictorial narrative, how the cumulative suspense of the journey finally shatters the defensive armour which every normal person builds round himself, and portrays the passengers as they really are, shorn of artifice. The competent cast is headed by Pat O'Brien, Constance Bennett and Melville Cooper.

ODEON: Well, here he is again the good old Wally Beery with the pig-fodder bill and his fetching ways in "Barnacle Bill" (M-G-M). Marjorie Main, the capable character actress, is again Wally's foil in this story of an old waterfront character, perpetually in difficulties until Wally's daughter, Virginia Weidler, transforms her dad into something fairly respectable. Naturally Miss Main lends a large and willing hand in the process.

Donald Meek and Leo Carrillo are mixed up in the amusing and, at times, very funny proceedings.

CAPITOL: Robert Livingston in a lone outdoor adventure drama, "The Lone Ranger Rides Again."

OH. NAKORN: Basil Rathbone and Ellen Drew in "A Date With Destiny."

OH. VIENG: Hugh Sinclair in a comedy-thriller "The Four Just Men."

OH. BURI: A picture in Thai version.

Debsirindr Old Boys Retain Title

Sanoh and Muang Roeng had a partial revenge over Swadi yesterday when representing the Dhebsirindr Old Boys' Association, they retain the Inter-Club title after being unexpectedly extended to an advantage second set by a less experienced pair.

The fact that the final result was only to be expected apparently affected the attendance, and there was only a handful of spectators to witness the Teachers' downfall to the tune of 8/4, 8/6.

Chon put up a very creditable performance in support of his more seasoned partner, who however was guilty of more mistakes than usual. Both Muang Roeng and Sanoh improved considerably on the form shown on the preceding day, though admittedly they were given more opportunities to display their normal arrays of strokes. The first match kept his drives fast and low right through the match. However, compared with Swadi at his best, the two Dhebsirindr players certainly seem slow and ineffective this season. It is difficult to show reason for this sudden change, especially as the three of them are all over thirty. One likely cause is that Muang Roeng has lately been interested in sports other than his first love, and it is a well known fact that tennis is a very jealous game and demands exclusive attention from players who expect to do well in tournaments.

During the last two days, Swadi has earned for himself a very high reputation and must now be regarded, irrespective of whether he wins his Singles final with Kasorn or not, as the premier player of Thailand. His stroke equipment is as complete as any Thai player at the present time, with perhaps the possible exception of his service which however is not exactly weak but not of the same calibre of his other weapons. Unlike Muang Roeng and Kasorn, he is equally effective in both the Singles and Doubles, though his stamina has not been tested.

The second match of the day resulted in an easy win for Nang Kud over Nang Ruwabbandhu. The winner thus regained the title she lost to Sangwan by losing only two games in the whole Championship. A record indeed, and one which is destined to remain unbroken anywhere, by anyone at any time.

Tennis Champions Turn Professionals

News comes from America, one of the few places in the world today where it is still peaceful enough to play tennis, that Bobby Riggs, the present Wimbledon and American title holder, and Frankie Kovacs, American indoor champion, have decided to relinquish their amateur status.

They are joining forces with the former world champions, Fred Perry and Donald Budge in whose company they have contracted to play in eight matches. Their first engagement will take place at Madison Square Gardens on Boxing Day.

It is said that a guarantee of \$25,000 has been promised to the four players.

Burma Premier Returning

(Reuter Wireless)
London, December 4th.
Washington: Burma's Prime Minister, U. Saw, was due to leave Los Angeles on November 27th but bad weather delayed the trans-Pacific Clipper.
He will fly from San Francisco on Thursday to Honolulu, but it is doubtful whether he will go to New Zealand; probably he will go to Singapore on route for Burma.

Premier Receives Champasakdi Ruler Ishih & Reich Envoy

Mr. Koh Ichii, ex-Spokesman of the Japanese Government and Counselor to the Japanese Embassy in Bangkok, who arrived here last Tuesday evening called on H.E. the Premier, Field-Marshal Plaek Pibulsonggram at the Ruan Klairab Palace this morning at 11.30 and conversed most cordially with the National Leader for over half an hour.

Meanwhile it is officially announced that H.E. the Premier received H.E. the German Minister, Dr. Wilhelm Thomas, yesterday morning at 10 and that the cordial conversation lasted till about 11 a.m.

The former Nagorn Champasakdi ruler and present Honorary Commissioner of that province, Chao Rajatani of Champasakdi, who arrived in Bangkok with his family last Wednesday, also called on the Premier yesterday morning at 11.20.

He was accompanied by the Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Interior, Phra Sandom Phiphit, and remained in most cordial conversation with the Premier till noon.

In the afternoon he visited H.E. the Field-Statesman, Liang General Phra Bhabol Bolahayucha Sena, at the Parusakwan Palace and also the residence of many Ministers of State in order to leave his carls of visit.

The distinguished visitors from Champasakdi are staying at the Amphawan Garden.

Question Time In National Assembly

Answering a question by Khun Anukul Prajakorn at the National Assembly meeting yesterday afternoon concerning the training of Thai in their proper duties during wartime, the Defence Minister, Liang-General Mangkorn Promvadi (Lt.-Gen. Luang Prom Yodhi) said:

"The Government has a definite policy of training the people in their proper duties during wartime and the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Interior are sharing the responsibility of carrying out this policy.

"Preparations have already been made and those persons not accustomed to the use of arms will be given sufficient training. In this connection the Government may also state that sufficient supplies of arms have been provided.

"The Government assures the Assembly that no effort is being spared in its conduct of this policy."

Khun Anukul Prajakorn, expressing his satisfaction with the Government's reply, revealed that the question was filed during September this year.

Replying to a question by Nai Pruk Keoplang, Nai Pora Samahan (Khun Samahan Hitagadi) the Deputy Minister of Interior said that at present a survey was being carried out in Surindit with a view to establishing a self-help settlement there.

Questioned by Lient. Utt Nitayendhi regarding the Government's irrigation policy, Air Vice-Marshal Mani M. Vejayanturangsiat, (Air Vice-Marshal Phra Vejayant Rangsanit) Agriculture Minister, said the Government had in mind an "irrigation programme" similar to the highway construction programme.

Owing to the lack of funds, however, the programme had not been launched. The realisation of such a programme, he said, would mean another burden on the country's budget which was already burdened with many long-term programmes.

Cabinet Ministers Relinquish Titles And Adopt New Names

It was officially announced over the Radio last night that H.E. the Premier, Field-Marshal Luang Pibul Songgram, will henceforth be known as Field-Marshal Plaek Pibulsonggram, his petition to the Council of Regency to relinquish his official title "Luang" having been sanctioned.

"Plaek" is his personal name since childhood while he is retaining "Pibulsonggram", the official name awarded to him together with the title, as his family name.

Royal sanction has been given to a number of similar petitions by members of the Cabinet.

H.E. the Finance Minister, Luang Pradit Manudharm, is now Nai Fridi Panomyong while H.E. the Minister acting for the Premier Police Major-General Luang Adul Dejcharas, is Police Major-General Adul Aduldejcharas.

The new names of the Ministers of Justice, Education, Interior, Communications, Agriculture, Economic and Defence are:

Captain Thavalaya Dharmrongvasavasi, R.N. (Captain Luang Dhamrong Navasavasi, R.N.)

Vice-Admiral Sindhur Kamolavain, R.N. (Vice-Admiral Luang Sindhur Songgramjai, R.N.)

Major Chuang Chavengsakdi Songram (Major Luang Chaveng Sakdi Songram)

Major Kuang Abhaiwong (Major Luang Kovid Abha wong)

Air Vice-Marshal Muni Mahasathana Vejayantarangsrit (Air Vice-Marshal Phra Vejayant Rangsanit)

Colonel Phao Phienient (Colonel Phra Boribhandh Yudhakit)

Lieutenant-General Mangkorn Promyodhi (Lieut.-General Luang Prom Yodhi)

The other interesting changes include:

The Deputy Interior Minister Khun Samahan Hitagadi to be Nai Pora Samahan

The Deputy Foreign Minister Luang Vichit Vadakarn, to be Nai Vichit Vichitvadvakarn.

Luang Chaman Nitikshetr, to be Nai Uthai Sangmanan.

Merit-Making Programme For New Year Fete Here

As in previous years, the Thai people will observe the traditional merit making on New-Year's day at the Royal Phrasueng Ground.

Several thousands of priests from far and near monasteries will be invited by the authorities and conducted to the Royal Phrasueng Ground where people are waiting to present them with food.

The presentation will start at 7 a.m. and is expected to last about 40 minutes; 500 monks will also partake of food at Wat Para Kasow. Those who wish to render assistance in the form of bus or boat fares or by giving lifts to the priests and novices are requested to notify the Department of Religious Affairs in the Ministry of Education.

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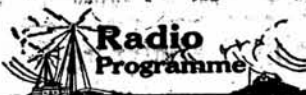
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(Owing to the present international situation some of these programmes are subject to alteration.)

Tonight's Programme

Thai Stations

H.R. 7 P.J. (868 m. & 40 m.)
 6.00 p.m. Opening announcements—Weather report.
 6.10 p.m. News.
 6.30 p.m. Folk Songs.
 7.00 p.m. A talk.
 7.25 p.m. Topical talks.
 7.45 p.m. News of tenders—Market Quotations.
 8.00 p.m. Timesignal—Market report.
 8.05 p.m. News.
 8.30 p.m. Musical Play.
 9.30 p.m. News—Market report.
 10.00 p.m. Close down.

SHORT WAVE

HRP6: 25.6 m. 11.715 m.
 8.30 p.m. National Song—Opening Announcements.
 8.35 p.m. Thai Folk Songs From HR7 P.J.
 9.00 p.m. Weather Report—News in English—Market Quotations.
 9.15 p.m. Mozart Programme in remembrance of the 150th anniversary of Mozart's death.
 9.35 p.m. News in Thai.
 9.45 p.m. Instrumental Thai Music "Seri".
 8.00 p.m. Bangkok Calling! (Programme Announcements.)
 8.05 p.m. Hawaiian Melodies (Recorded Music).
 8.20 p.m. Late Wireless News.
 8.30 p.m. Mozart Programme.
 9.00 p.m. Closing Announcements—National Anthem.

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 4.30 p.m. Chinese Opera.
 5.15 p.m. News in Cantonese.
 5.30 p.m. Hokkien Nanyuan Selections.
 5.45 p.m. News in Hokkien.
 5.58 p.m. Singapore Calling—Warning to Mariners.
 6.00 p.m. News in English (London).
 6.15 p.m. War Commentary (London).
 6.25 p.m. Listening Post (London).
 6.30 p.m. Children's Programme—Story— and Serial Story.
 7.00 p.m. Half Hour Variety with Purple Corner.
 7.30 p.m. "Gramophone Album"—on records.
 8.00 p.m. News and News Commentary in English (London).
 8.15 p.m. "By Clipper"—A Talk.
 8.25 p.m. Recital from the Studio.
 8.45 p.m. Talk—World Affairs (London).
 9.00 p.m. Dance Music by Leading English Bands on records.
 9.30 p.m. Headline News.
 9.35 p.m. News Talks.
 9.45 p.m. Classical Memories on records.
 10.15 p.m. Close down.
 On ZHP3
 5.00 p.m. News in Tamil.
 5.10 p.m. Tandu Waktu—Religious Talk from Studio.
 5.55 p.m. Hindustani Screen Favourites (recorded).
 6.15 p.m. News in Hindustani.
 6.30 p.m. Announcements in Dutch.
 European Music on records.
 6.45 p.m. News in Dutch (London).
 7.00 p.m. Gramophone Record Interlude.
 7.05 p.m. News Commentary in Thai.
 7.15 p.m. Arabic Music by An-nujum—Gambor

7.45 p.m. Warning to Mariners.
 News in Malay.
 8.00 p.m. News and News Commentary in English (London).
 8.15 p.m. News in Arabic.
 8.35 p.m. News in French.
 8.50 p.m. Punjabi Songs from gramophone records.
 9.00 p.m. Hindustani Programme including news commentary (London).
 9.30 p.m. German Programme.
 10.00 p.m. News in Mandarin.
 10.15 p.m. Close down.

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Eastern Transmission
 On GSV, GSD, GSP
 5.57 p.m. London Calling
 6.00 p.m. News.
 6.15 p.m. War Commentary.—'Propaganda War' by Lindley Fraser.
 6.25 p.m. Listening Post—An analysis of Axis propaganda.
 6.30 p.m. Service Parlor Games.
 7.00 p.m. 'Women's Newsletter'.
 7.15 p.m. J. B. Priestley's Note Book.
 7.45 p.m. To be Announced.
 8.00 p.m. News and News Com-

mentary by Major Alan Murray.
 8.15 p.m. 'Starlight': Texas Deane (soprano).
 8.30 p.m. London Calling.
 8.40 p.m. Religious Service.
 8.45 p.m. 'World Affairs' A Talk by Wickham Steed.
 9.00 p.m. 'Front Line Family'.
 9.15 p.m. 'Civilians' War No. 80 'Women on the Land'.
 9.30 p.m. 'We Speak to India'—'Melody and Harmony'—A Discussion on European and Indian Music.
 10.00 p.m. 'Through Eastern Eyes'—'Man in the Street'.
 10.12 p.m. Closing Announcements.
 10.15 p.m. Close down.

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 4.45 p.m. The Brandaris; relay from London.
 5.00 p.m. Tea concert.
 5.45 p.m. Santa Claus party for the children.
 6.30 p.m. The news and news commentary.
 6.45 p.m. George Boulanger and his Orchestra.
 7.15 p.m. Talk on religion.
 7.30 p.m. The Nirom Orchestra conducted by Phil Hinz.
 8.15 p.m. The Bouwers family in Santa Claus mood.
 8.45 p.m. Piano solo by Lili Kraus.
 9.30 p.m. Time signal. The news and quotations.
 9.40 p.m. Variety.
 10.15 p.m. For the mariners.
 10.30 p.m. Close down.

Tokyo

JEZ 25.42 m.
 JYWS 25.59 m.
 6.30 p.m. Report in Standard Chinese.
 6.40 p.m. Music.

6.45 p.m. News in Cantonese Dialect.
 7.00 p.m. Music.
 7.05 p.m. Report in Cantonese Dialect.
 7.13 p.m. Music.
 7.15 p.m. News in Fokienese Dialect.
 7.25 p.m. Music.
 7.30 p.m. News in Japanese.
 7.45 p.m. Report in Japanese.
 7.55 p.m. Talk in Japanese.
 8.05 p.m. Music.
 8.25 p.m. News in French.
 8.40 p.m. Report (every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday), Talk (Friday) in French or Music.
 8.50 p.m. Music.
 9.00 p.m. News in Thai.
 9.20 p.m. Report (every day except Monday) or Talk (every Monday) in Thai.
 9.30 p.m. Music.
 9.38 p.m. Concluding Announcement—KIMIGAYO.
 9.40 p.m. Close down.

NEWS IN ENGLISH AROUND THE DIAL

1.00 a.m. B.B.C. 31.53 m. 19.82 m.
 1.00 a.m. Tokyo 19.79 & 25.42 m.
 4.30 a.m. Tokyo 25.42 m.
 5.30 a.m. Manila (zxmx) 31.35 m.
 5.45 a.m. B.B.C. 25.58 m.
 5.00 a.m. Ankara 31.7 m.
 7.00 a.m. B.B.C. 31.29 & 25.58 m.
 7.00 a.m. Singapore (relay B.B.C.) 48.58, 41.38, 30.96 m. 41.38, 30.96 m.
 8.00 a.m. Singapore (relay B.B.C.) 48.58.
 8.05 a.m. Tokyo 16.86 & 19.86 m.
 9.07 a.m. Rangoon 49.94 m.
 9.20 a.m. Melbourne 25.25 m. (except Sunday)
 9.45 a.m. Delhi 31.80 m.
 11.45 a.m. Chungking 25.2 m.

11.50 a.m. Manila (zxmx) 31.35 m.
 12.30 p.m. Hongkong 31.49 m.
 1.11 p.m. Singapore 30.96 m. & 41.38 m.
 1.15 p.m. B.B.C. 16.86 m.
 1.35 p.m. Tokyo 16.86 m.
 1.40 p.m. Rangoon 49.94 m.
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 3.00 p.m. Delhi 19.80 m.
 3.45 p.m. Melbourne 31.32 m. (only Sunday)
 4.00 p.m. B.B.C. 16.86 m.
 4.20 p.m. Melbourne 31.32 m.
 4.30 p.m. B.B.C. radio news relay 16.86 m.
 5.35 p.m. Manila (zxmx) 31.35 m.
 6.00 p.m. B.B.C. 16.86 m.
 6.00 p.m. Singapore (relay B.B.C.) 48.58 & 30.96 m. 49.80 m.
 6.00 p.m. Penang & Saigon (relay B.B.C.) 25.46 & 49.05 m.
 6.15 p.m. Saigon 25.46 & 49.05 m.
 7.30 p.m. Melbourne 31.32 m.
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 XYO 6.01 mc/s (49.94 m.)
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Pessimism In Japan Over Outcome Of Pacific Parley

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to President Roosevelt's enquiries had any major bearing on whether the talks would continue.

San Francisco: William Randolph Hearst, owner of the Hearst newspaper chain, in an editorial, says that peace will smile on the Far East if the United States does not interfere with the relations between Japan and China and takes an active part to restore the normal trade relations between the two countries.

Commenting on the current strained Japanese-American relations, Hearst declares that Japan could not be blamed should a war break out in the Far East. Rather the United States will be guilty for any conflict in the Orient, because the question of peace or war depends solely upon the U. S. Far Eastern policy, he says.

(Trans-Ocean News)

Berlin, December 4th. Hoping: Japan had sufficient time to prepare for the British Navy in the Far East so that there was no necessity for changing tactics of the Japanese Navy, the Japanese Naval Attaché to the Marchion Government, Rear Admiral Matsushige, told the press today on the occasion of the report that the British battleship, "Prince of Wales," arrived in Singapore.

The Admiral pointed out the importance of the sinking of the Australian cruiser, the "Raven" by a German auxiliary cruiser. This achievement, he said, was without parallel in naval history and showed the German courage and fighting spirit.

The sinking of the cruiser revealed the vulnerability of the British Navy by daring spirit and strength of the Axis Navy.

Madrid: It was regrettable to allow the Japanese negotiators to come to the United States without having first asked Japan to sever all connections with the Axis, declared the "New York Post," according to a New York message to "Trans-Ocean."

On the other hand, the "New York Sun" asserted that Japan was making use of the time of the negotiations for preparing new military actions.

The "Baltimore Sun" declared that the United States had taken up a definite and irrevocable position, and that the military preparations in the Pacific of the A. B. C. D. powers showed an attitude which could not be ignored by Japan.

The "Chicago Tribune" stated that in reality something was at stake in the Pacific for Great Britain and the Dutch East Indies only; nevertheless, the negotiations were left by those states to the United States Government. This was a fact which was likely to involve the United States into war.

While England assured the United States that she would immediately declare war against Japan if the United States and Japan should be involved in such, England had so far not accepted the

Assembly Report

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Capt. Thavalaya Dhamrongnavasri, B. N., Nai Thong-inde Bhuribhatana, Nai Fuen Saphansarn, Nai Lieng Jaikak, Nai Chalo Tachanonda and Nai Luon Pongsobon.

The amendments were to be handed in before noon today.

Five Government Bills were introduced and accepted in principle by the Assembly before the meeting terminated. There was no debate, however, concerning any of the Bills, which were:

Bill for the appropriation of land for the construction of the portion of the Pradjaditp highway between Saraburi and Lopburi and between Lopburi and Singhaburi, in Amphur Muang, Lopburi, B. E. 2484, introduced by Capt. Thavalaya Dhamrongnavasri, B. N.

The Bill transferring Amphur Chomkrasan in Phul Songgram province to be under the jurisdiction of Champasak province, and amphur Ritsophon and Rindhongsongramjai in Phra Tabong province to the Phul Songgram province, was introduced by Nai Fuen Saphansarn, (Khan Samahan Hingad) Deputy Minister of Interior.

The Deputy Minister also introduced the next three Bills, namely, Bill for the transfer of Tambol Lamuka in Pathumthani to be under the jurisdiction of Obangwat Bangkok, for the sake of public convenience in communications and because Lamuka is a military area connected with Bangkok in Bangkok.

Bill for the appropriation of some plots of land in Amphur Muang, Smud Prakarn, by the Ministry of Defence and Bill for the appropriation of land for the construction of a road connecting the Wang Noi Ayudhya highway and the Ayudhya railway station.

All these Bills were entrusted to the 1st ordinary commission for consideration, with the day fixed for handing in amendments.

Before the meeting terminated, the Assembly adopted, without comment, a Government motion that meetings be held everyday as from today, commencing at 2 p. m. until the end of the present extraordinary session.

Earth Tremors In Rangoon

(Trans-Ocean News)

Berlin, December 4th. Shanghai: Two earth tremors of considerable strength were noticed at Rangoon on Wednesday evening, it was reported from there today. Details regarding the extent of the earthquake are not available.

United States since in the Pacific, which President Roosevelt and Mr. Hull had presented Japan. Therefore, the paper explained, the British Government could always agree to a settlement which was depriving the Washington declaration of its value.

Berlin Reports Of Air Activity

(Trans-Ocean News)

Berlin, December 3rd. Berlin: In the waters around England, a cargo ship of considerable size was heavily damaged. The Luftwaffe bombed harbour installations at the English south-western coast.

In a naval encounter with British torpedo boats in the Channel, German minesweepers obtained several artilillery hits on enemy units, whereupon the enemy broke off the encounter.

A naval battle took place off the Australian coast between the German auxiliary cruiser Cormoran and the Australian cruiser Sydney. The German auxiliary cruiser which was commanded by Captain Demers, had succeeded in fighting down the opponent which was far superior in respect to armament and speed.

The 6,880 ton Australian cruiser Sydney was thus sunk with its entire complement of forty-two officers and six hundred and three men. The German ship thereupon had to be given up by its complement due to the damages suffered during the serious naval battle. A large part of the complement was rescued and reached the shore. The auxiliary cruiser Cormoran had sunk a large number of enemy ships under his brave commander in the course of raiding activity in overseas waters.

In Northern Africa the main body of the British troops consisting of the largest part of a New Zealand division which was encircled south-east of Tobruk was partly annihilated and partly taken prisoner.

Berlin: A naval encounter in the Channel took place on Tuesday between German minesweepers and British motor torpedo boats as already reported.

The German minesweepers immediately attacked the British craft upon having sighted them and covered them with heavy artilillery

British Women & Children Advised To Leave; Report

(Reuter Wireless)

London, December 4th. Bangkok: It is understood that the British Legation in Bangkok has drawn the attention of the British women, children and male British subjects whose continued residence is not essential, to consider the advisability of leaving Thailand for the present in view of the uncertain international situation in the Far East.

The British motor torpedo boats could not withstand the violent attack of the German craft.

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Poland & Russia Sign Mutual Aid And Amity Pact

(Trans-Ocean News)

Berlin, December 4th. Ankara: The conclusion of a Friendship and Assistance Pact between the Soviet Union and the Polish emigrant government is reported from Moscow tonight (Thursday).

The Pact was signed by M. Stalin and the Premier of the Polish emigrant government, General Sikorski, who arrived at the Soviet Union a few days ago.

The Pact obliges the two governments to continue the war against Germany until final victory.

(B. B. C. Radio)

London, December 5th. General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister and Commander in Chief, arrived in Moscow a few days ago and yesterday signed with M. Stalin a pact of mutual assistance between Poland and Russia.

Both countries promise to wage war against Germany until complete victory is secured and the invaders are thrust back into their own country. The treaty envisages a state of Europe in which an international force maintains order and preserves peace.

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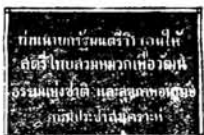
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