

CHINESE OPEN THAI INVASION

Japs Still Advance Upon Burma Road; Tighten Pincers on Indies.

(Continued from Page One) unofficially described at Rangoon as "serious," but not yet broken. It was admitted the enemy had crossed the Bilin River.

The problem of Indian defense still was of paramount importance as the Japanese forces, estimated in some reports at 70,000 troops, pushed across Burma toward the gateway to India, but it may be solved at least partly by a meeting of Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Mahatma Gandhi at Calcutta this week.

In the Japanese pincers invasion drove closer to Java the Japanese took Macassar, but the Dutch were still fighting on Celebes Island. Enemy planes raided Timor Island again.

Australia Fears Attack

Expecting an invasion attempt at any time, the Australian government intensified its total mobilization. Lieut. Gov. H. J. Van Mook of the Netherlands East Indies, conferring with Australian government, said the United States is rushing all possible reinforcements to the southwest Pacific.

The British reported scoring air and submarine hits on two or three Axis cruisers and a destroyer in the Mediterranean, in a three-day battle to save an allied convoy. Two British merchant ships were lost.

R. A. F. Bombs Benghaz

The R. A. F. bombed Benghaz in Libya and Tripoli as British patrols covered a wide area of the Libyan desert without meeting the enemy.

In Russia, the Red Army smashed through the German defensive line, apparently on the central front, and was battling to break through the enemy defenders in the Vyazma sector, on the road to Smolensk.

In London, the ministry of economic warfare received warnings of an imminent German invasion, asserting that the Nazis were concentrating on production of gliders and other materials for an over-water offensive.

TOLL IN SINGAPORE 2170 BEFORE FEB. 3

LONDON, Feb. 18 (U. P.)—Air raids on Singapore up to Feb. 3, killed 2170 persons and injured 3955, it was announced officially today.

Other European civilian casualties to Feb. 14 were 15 killed or died of wounds, 17 wounded and 73 missing, of whom 35 are known to have been taken prisoner.

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Today's War Moves

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If Australian fears of a Japanese invasion are realized, and if Japan tries to attack India and push across the Indian Ocean to Madagascar, a suggested possibility, the ambitious Japanese may be sowing the seeds of their future undoing.

There is a limit to Japan's ability to stretch out her resources over about one-third of the globe.

Japan already is spread rather thin, in an attempt to do everything at once before the might of the United States and Britain make themselves felt. If this extension is continued too far, Japan will have exposed an Achilles heel to the united nations.

Operate Over 6000 Miles

To sum up the present Japanese position:

They are operating over about 6000 miles from Burma to their own mandated islands.

They are heavily committed in China, which they have not been able to subdue in four and a half years.

They are engaged in a major operation in Burma.

They are trying to overwhelm Sumatra, Borneo, Celebes and Java.

A large part of their forces are involved in Manila.

Whittle Neck Out?

Under the circumstances, an attempted invasion of Australia and India might be equivalent to sticking her neck out. H. J. Van Mook, lieutenant governor of the Dutch Indies, observed in Sydney today that a large scale invasion of Australia would mean such a drain on Japanese forces and shipping that he does not think they will try it.

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