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LEAGUE OF NATION CONDEMNNS JAPANESE AGGRESSION

In its most recent resolutions, the League of Nations has responded to an initiative of the United States and Britain, condemning the violent Japanese policy of changing rulership in Asia.

"War is not the method of a civilized nation", said Antonio Valdez, spokesmen of the League of Nations. "We cannot tolerate the continued transgression of our established humanitarian and political principles by some barbarous powermongers. Too many and too tragic conflicts shook the world in her most recent history. We condemn the use of force in any such situation", Valdez continued.

The bid by British foreign minister Anthony Eden before the general council was supported by president Roosevelt. The president expressed his disapproval of Japanese politics in an open letter to the members of the League of Nations. He writes:

"I write to you today to respond to the proposterous statements and requests that the Japanese Government has made regarding China. Recently, some of you were invited to go to Singapore and China by Japan. It was Japan's intent to get the League to recognize its Occupational Government led by Wang Ching-Wie in Nanking. The United States, backed by a majority of this League of Nations, reminded the League and Japan of Resolution

"127 in which the League recognizes only the exiled Government in Chungking as the only official government in China.

"This attempt by Japan is littered with fraud and is a continuing attempt to justify their military occupation of China. I have personally received a number of official correspondence from the Prime Minister of Japan. In those correspondence, the Prime Minister indicates that Japan wishes all westerners to leave the far east and let the people of Asia rule themselves. Furthermore, I have recently received an official letter from the Prime Minister telling me that a peace treaty has been signed between China

and Japan. My fellow members, when will we all stop listening to these lies?

"From the one side of his mouth the Prime Minister of Japan talks of letting Asians rule themselves, yet the other side of his mouth orders Japanese troops to commit terrible acts of slaughter against those very same people that he asks the League of Nations to abandon. Further, the United States of America receives word that a peace treaty has been signed and yet, it seems that only Japan knows of this treaty as the only recognized government in China continues against great odds to protect its territorial sovereignty against the invading forces of Japan.

"I remind the League of Nations that Japan is not engaged in a minor action with China. Japan has Division after Division of troops, armor, marines, aircraft and a good portion of the Japanese navy and aircraft carrier forces supporting its campaign against China. This is not an action of a Government trying to secure a greater Asia for Asians, rather it is an invasion force bringing death, torture and destruction to every village it encounters in its conquest of China. I say now to the League that if we do not act now, we share in the responsibility of this disaster. It must be known here and now, that conquest, torture, brutality, and slavery is not to be tolerated no matter how pretty the package a nation wants to put around it.

"Therefore, the United States of America calls for the League of Nations to immediately take the following steps:

1. Stand behind Resolution 127 that the Chinese Government is the official Government in China; and
2. Demand that Japan withdraw all troops to the borders of territorial China before Japan's military intervention in 1937; and

3. Immediately place an embargo on all war-based materials to Japan until Japan meets condition 2 listed above; and

4. Immediately provide basic assistance necessary to China to allow Chinese Defensive forces to defend themselves until Japan meets condition 2 listed above.

"The time to act is now. Japan has launched a war against China, declared war against Great Britain and is systematically seeking to take over all territories in its reach. If we sit back and do nothing, we are equally responsible. There is an unwritten rule of humanity that applies to all nations and leaders, if this law of humanity is allowed to be broken civilization itself shall cease as we know it. Therefore, the United States of America stands forward to defend this law of humanity and says Japan, enough is enough. We ask that you take that step as well."

Despite protests of the Japanese government, the League of Nations passed the following resolutions against Japan in her general assembly.

League of Nations

Resolution #219

The League of Nations

Reaffirming

the LoN resolution #127,

Recognizing

that a state of war existed between the Empire of Japan and the Republic of China,

Convinced

that an escalation of the conflict is detrimental to international security, peaceful trade and welfare of the people,

1. Condemns

the recent Japanese attacks upon China, Hongkong and Singapore.

2. Demands

the immediate retreat of Japanese forces from occupied territories.

13th plenary meeting

28 September 1940

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Recalling

the stipulations made under LON Resolutions #127 and 218,

Requests

all nations to install an embargo on war materials against the Japan.

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SIAM INVADES BURMA

The pro-Japanese government of Thailand (Siam) has unleashed an attack on the neighboring state of Burma, which the British Empire has a treaty of friendship and protection with. Siamese troops occupied oil fields south of Mandalay and attacked the capital city of Rangoon, where British and Burmese forces valiantly defended the perimeter.

Siamese troops, equipped by the Japanese Em-



pire, move a cannon in the jungle near Mandalay

JAPAN DECLARES WAR ON NETHERLANDS

After the incident in the Java Sea last month, Japan's prime minister Konoye made his intentions clear to the world public by declaring war on the Netherlands.

Declaration of War

I, Prince Fumimako, Prime Minister of Japan, declare war on the Netherlands in order to defend my nation's interests, and minimize the loss of life in Asia.

Japan will remain at war with the Netherlands until the following conditions are met:

1. The Netherlands formally recognizes Japan's right to use the Suez Canal
2. The Netherlands formally allows free rule for the nations under its rule in Asia.

3. The Netherlands recognizes that South East Asia is not under her sphere of influence & Control.

I wish to restate that in no way are our actions directed or intended towards any other countries other than the Netherlands. We hope that other nations, notably France, will understand our actions and support us.

Signed,

Prime Minister Prince Konoye Fumimako'

JAPANESE AIRCRAFT BOMBARD CHUNGKING

In what appears to be another shameful atrocity, Japanese aircraft attacked the formal Chinese capital of Chungking in several waves. The unprovoked terror attack inflicted severe damage on the city's infrastructure, housing and also the populace.

PACIFIC US NAVY BASES ON FULL ALERT

The department of the Navy reacted to the escalating crisis in Asia by putting US naval forces and facilities in the Pacific and on the US West Coast on "a heightened alert status". Bases in Hawaii and the Philippines were put on full alert. Journalists asked the State Department whether the government expects a Japanese attack on the United States, its

bases or its allies. Secretary of State Cordell Hull refused to comment on this and pointed out that such a delicate question should not be discussed in public before the presidential elections in November.

JEWES RETURN TO PROMISED LAND

30000 visas for Palestine were issued by British authorities for Jews wishing to leave Germany. 30,000 Jewish immigrants left Germany and entered Palestine. The Arab populace demonstrated against the new settlers. In many villages where Jewish camps were erected, Palestinians incited by Saudi-trained insurgents revolted against the authorities of the British mandate police. After the resistance was quelled, life normalized in Jaffa, Jerusalem and Gaza. A "Palestinian Liberty Army" has moved to the gates of Amman.

MUSLIM REACTION

The Saudi-Arabian king Abd al-Aziz ibn al-Saud overtly supports Arab insurgent movements in Egypt, Trans-Jordan and Yemen. Moving his troops to the border of nearby Iraq, it is still unclear whether he will go for the British or the new Iraqi government that competes with Saudi for the rightful inheritance of the Pan-Arab Movement idea.

Meanwhile, Rashid Ali el-Gailani of the Iraqi National Revolution Government held a speech before the masses in Baghdad via the Prophet Muhammad Moshe:

"Allah has never needed our sacrifices more than now. We are on the verge of expelling the British from our sacred homeland. We have had many great victories against the British by defeating them in Baghdad, Mosul and the oil wells. If we are to drive away the infidel British once and for all, I need every able bodied man among you to join in the Holy Jihad. Anyone who has a sword or their grandfathers rifle must volunteer it for the war effort. Gather any weapons you can find. Old muskets, sabers, or anything left behind by the British. We shall defeat the British Imperialists!"

Some Iraqi troops defected to Turkey last month. The Turkish position is uncertain, troubling many political minds in the area. Prime minister Ismet İnönü has ordered partial mobilization this week.

ITALY ATTACKS YUGOSLAVIA

Greece and Bulgaria join in, Hungary mobilized

Three Italian armies crossed the border to the Yugoslavian province of Croatia and attacked the border garrisons with plenty of air and shore bombardment support in the first week of September. The Yugoslavian army retreated under grave losses to Zagreb. The masses of Italian troops moved slowly through the forest region of western Dalmatia to head for their main objective, Zagreb. Assembled again with all three armies and a flanking corps, the Italians launched their assault on Zagreb on September 25 preceded by an air strike conducted by Regia Aeronautica. The Yugoslavian air force, however, did not sleep and gave the Italian pilots a rough welcome. Yugoslavia committed her entire air force and successfully dodged the Italian air raid. As of today, Italian troops have advanced to the perimeter of Zagreb where the outnumbered



Yugoslavians still desperately hold out.

Italian CV-35 infantry tank

In the southern province of Macedonia, Greek and Bulgarian troops crossed the border to occupy areas vacated by the Yugoslavian army that retreated to a leveled defense line running from the Albanian to the Romanian border. A Bulgarian attack was defeated early in September in the mountain region near Nizh. Hungary also shifted their mobilized army towards Yugoslavia, probably aiming for the Banate province. The Balkan territories are since centuries claimed by the various kingdoms and nations in this hostile south-eastern European region. The Italian "Duce" made a clever move into the power vacuum left by the defeated France and a British Empire whose influence in the Mediterranean and continental Europe is diminishing rapidly. In a recent speech in Rome he frankly informed the stunned world public of his ideas:

"The Coup on may 10th 1940 in Belgrade was an intolerable act led by thieves and murders, who

dream of a Serb only Yugoslavia. Since coming to power General Dusan Simovic has begun ethnic cleansing of the non-Serbs and instituted forced labour camps. Churchill and his stooges have once again shown their insufferable morality and imperialist intentions by giving support to these murderers in Belgrade. All the nations of the Balkans are agreed justice must reign in Yugoslavia. Italy hereby declares support for Croat independence and support of Prince Paul as the rightful ruler of the Serbs. The Hungarians, Greeks, and Bulgars all march with us in defiance against the British Imperialists and General Simovic's tyranny. The sun has set on the British Empire. All Italians should celebrate the victories of last month, we won two great victories; our sinking of the British Battleship Rodney and the capture of Alexandria. The British fleet in the Indian Ocean now rests on the bottom of the Red Sea after our Japanese friends struck them a deadly blow. Victory and justice shall be ours!"

SPAIN DECLARES NEUTRALITY

Gibraltar closed for warships

General Francesco Franco stunned the world public by unilaterally declaring the end of his warring status with both Britain and France and returning to neutrality. Franco said 'with the return of the old Spanish province of Gascoñe and the ever-Spanish Gibraltar to the motherland, I see no reason why we should prolong a war that is of no benefit to any of our nations'. Spain closed the Straits of Gibraltar for all warships and ships carrying contraband.

WEYGAND PROMISES FIGHT UNTIL FRANCE IS FREE AGAIN

General Maxime Weygand, loyal follower of De Gaulle and commanding General of the Free French forces, confirmed his vigor and eagerness to continue the fight against the axis nation.

"A Frenchman has never been defeated", said Weygand in a radio speech to the occupied and mainland independent France, promising a rapid return to liberate French soil: "We the French Armee now stand on the shores of North Africa organizing and planning for our return."

President Roosevelt has expressed his admiration of the courage and élan of this dashing Frenchman, who concluded with "Long Live Freedom", a true American virtue. The US have recently decreed that they will only recognize a free French government.