



## The Rising Sun

For the Emperor's glory!

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# Imperial Army Drives On

**In the second month of the “Double Dragon” offensive in central China, the Imperial Japanese Army continues to push back the battered KMT forces**

“Again, our progress has met and, in places, even exceeded our high expectations” commented General Hideki Tojo, Supreme Commander of the Army. The enemy troops, most of which were already breaking under the initial attack in July, have now also given up their advantageous defensive positions in the Loyang mountains, meaning that the entire Chinese army group in the region is in full retreat. Another 50,000 prisoners of war were taken during the month of August, but those were the lucky ones – along the entire front, our men advanced over scores of dead Chinese bodies. In the last eight weeks, the Imperial Army has covered more ground than in the entire previous year, even though 1940 already saw a highly successful campaign in the south. Now, it seems, our soldiers are determined to finish the job once and for all.

Reports that the KMT had succeeded in extricating a large part of their forces from the Japanese encirclement were dismissed by General Tojo. “Claiming that they have ‘escaped’ is merely another way of saying that they are fleeing as fast as they can, isn’t it? That, breaking the enemy forces, is the purpose of our offensive, and there are several ways of doing it without driving around in circles. Besides, those units that we actually tried to encircle were destroyed for the most part – nine divisions worth in the last four weeks alone. Those that did manage to escape at the last minute only did so by launching suicidal counter-attacks and sacrificing half of their men – the KMT commanders truly showing a total disregard for the lives of their soldiers. What remains of the Chinese army group in the area is broken, badly organized and retreating before our rapid advance. No, we are entirely on schedule, and so far, pretty much everything has gone exactly as planned. Most importantly, the Chinese have already committed most of their reserves to the battle, since they realize that this is their last gasp. Meanwhile, on our side, there is still plenty to come.”

September will be another busy month for our troops, as the world watches the fate of East Asia play out. Will it be more civil war and disorder in China, under weak and corrupt warlords, sponsored by Western imperialists? Or, with the aid of the Empire of Japan, will we see the rise of a new government that finally brings stability to the region and leads it forward into a brighter future? Only time will tell. But if the last two months are any indication, Chiang's options are growing fainter by the day.

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# British Exaggerate Claims of Shipping Losses

## British Newspapers, Desperate for Good News, Report Wildly High British Claims of Japanese Merchant Shipping Victories.

It is obvious the British Empire has been forced to really dig deep to find good news to give its citizens. Nowhere in their papers are stories of battles against the Imperial Japanese Navy. It's greatest "victory" of late in our theater has been the safe arrival of British Troops from Hong Kong to Rangoon. Since when was a retreat of thousands of kilometers a victory? You can believe that the Imperial Japanese Army will have them retreating more. The British "democracy" in Siam is a sham; the true ruler is in exile in Singapore, and we will liberate his homeland for him in the coming months.

Back closer to their home, the British have finally sunk the German Admiral Scheer. The true question is why it took so long for the "worlds' greatest navy" to sink a single ship, with no support, and which had voyaged literally around the world. The ship was sighted months ago, and took several British vessels to the bottom with it. What a great victory the British have achieved!

Another astounding success the British managed was the heroic liberation of the Danish colony of Iceland. They were somehow able to subdue all German forces in the area to the unequivocal gratitude of the local population there. Perhaps they asked Germany to invade Denmark so that they could walk into Iceland for their next "victory". Next stop: Greenland! We're sure the polar bears will be forever grateful to the brave soldiers of the United Kingdom as they storm the beaches there, as well, ridding them of the "threat" of Nazism.

Here in the Pacific, yet another claim the British have made is proven untrue. They have claimed that British submarines have sunk hundreds of thousands of tons of Japanese Merchant shipping over the past several months, they said "as much as 300,000 tons" last month. The truth is that they haven't sunk 300,000 tons in total. Perhaps the British count every torpedo their submarines fire, hit or miss, as hitting and sinking a Japanese vessel? Perhaps, more disturbingly, they are counting the Battleship Hiei, which they may have sabotaged while undergoing repairs in our port city of Nagoya? Perhaps they are counting the American ships they may have sunk in the Pacific before trying to frame us for the crime? Many mysteries can be solved, it seems, by delving into British accounting methods.

Another false claim the British have made, once again, is playing the same old tune that we our soldiers are barbarically raping and killing, on a wild rampage wherever they go. When will they stop holding on to their racist and obviously false propaganda? We have proven the fallacy of this argument on numerous occasions. More to the point, where are reports of British brutality in places like India, South Africa, and dozens of other places around the world over the last few centuries. Indeed, if the British have a colony somewhere, anywhere, in the world, a cursory examination of its history will, without exception, reveal a pattern and history of deceit, brutality, repression, and exploitation of the local "subjects". A quote by Jesus, their god in human form, is quoted in their Bible as saying "let he who is without blame cast the first stone". Their newfound piety is fooling no one.

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# Victory in Haiphong



**Japanese Battleship gives fire support against enemy positions in Indochina.**

British forces attacked the Japanese position in Indochina this month, throwing wave after wave at the Japanese defenses. Each time they were thrown back with heavy losses. Losses on our side were reported as very light, and morale is high at the front there. They know that they can hold out against these weak attacks for as long as it takes; soon the Chinese front will be beaten, and Imperial forces will flood south. At that point, European rule of East Asia will be over once and for all!

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## **Japanese and Soviets to finalize treaty in Japan next month!**

**Prince Fumimako has finally achieved a formal non-aggression pact with the Soviet Union; Comrade Beria to come to Japan to sign documents.**

The Japanese and Soviet governments have finally ironed out all the details in the creation of a document to re-affirm Russo-Japanese peace, despite events in Europe. Comrade Beria has been invited to Japan next month for a ceremony to commemorate the event with an official signing. There is even a rumor going around that the Emperor himself has decided to grant comrade Beria a personal audience, an event which is extremely rare. It is a sure sign that His Majesty deeply values his nation's relationship with the Soviet Union, and understands the global implications of such a relationship.

This will be the culmination of work that the Fumimako government has been pursuing for the entirety of its existence. He has pressed repeatedly for the signing of this pact, only to be foiled numerous times by odd circumstances. It seems his toils will finally meet with fruition.



**Prince Fumimako**

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## **European Front News: Soviets Stabilize Lines**



**German Pzkw IV tanks in the Ukraine**

On the Eastern European front, the Soviets counter-attacked to attempt to shore up their cracking defenses. The action was successful in halting the German advance, at least for the time being, but at the cost of huge casualties on both sides. It remains to be seen if the Soviets have bought themselves enough time to fully regroup from the vicious blows they have taken lately. Still, Kiev, Leningrad, and Moscow are all firmly under Red Army control.

A new front was opened in Europe once again this month, this time the German war machine has poured troops into Yugoslavia and Turkey, although the incursion into Turkey seems to be rather limited at this time. The action in Yugoslavia, however, is not remotely limited, and in fact the Germans seem to have gotten support from some of the various ethnic factions in the diverse nation. The remaining Yugoslav government in the port city of Split is putting up a fight as best it can, but once again the modern German Wehrmacht is overwhelming a technically inferior force. It is only a matter of time before the entire Balkan Peninsula is overrun, although why the Germans have made this move is as yet unclear.

The Western European front, where combat continues on the Iberian Peninsula, continues to see little action of a decisive nature, as both sides trade blows without either able to make significant gains

against the other; the British and Portuguese armies on one side, the Spanish and German on the other. It is hoped that the Germans and Spanish can take or neutralize the British fortress of Gibraltar; such a move would be a severe blow to the British Empire.

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## **Japanese Morale at all time high!**

As a result of Japanese military and economic triumphs on an unprecedented scale, morale back home has reached an almost feverishly high peak. Every home has a bright new Japanese flag hanging outside, and many have pictures of loved ones in the military near their doors. The government has even reported instances of voluntary taxation. Some elderly citizens have left their inheritances to the Japanese Government, or the Emperor, and others have just sent money to Tokyo to help further the war effort.

Additionally, factory output and efficiency are at all time highs, another beneficial side-effect of the high morale. The people working in the factories know that they are playing an important role in the realization of the Emperors bold vision for the future of Japan, and they redouble their efforts. Many are volunteering to work additional hours. Productivity, quality, and attention to detail are the end result.

The latest census data demonstrates these facts with unprecedented numbers. Over 92% of the public approve of the current Japanese government, 94% are in favor of Japanese foreign policy, 93% are in favor of the war in China. It is clear that Japan is moving quickly in the right direction to its rightful place amongst the great powers of the world. Banzai!

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## **Emperor Meiji Soon to Make Landfall in Asia**

The moment has finally come for the spirit of Emperor Meiji to come to China. As you know, Emperor Meiji led an enlightened reign which was characterized by a rapid industrialization period. The Emperor rightly saw that the only way to prevent his lands from falling under the boot of the European Imperialists was to face their strength with strength of his own. The only way to defeat a modern, industrialized conqueror was with a modern, industrialized defense.

It was this vision which led to Japan's emergence as the only non-European world power before the Great War of 1914-1918. It was this vision which made Japan what it is today. The only failure of the Meiji Restoration was that it was too late to save the rest of Asia from colonial domination. India, China, and Indochina all fell under foreign control, putting some of the greatest ancient cultures under suppression.

Did the European conquerors create a Meiji-like atmosphere of growth and modernization in these areas? It is clear they did not, or else why would their puppets in China be falling under us now? The British particularly wanted to keep Asia down because that was the only way they could maintain control. If China or India had been as modern and industrialized as Great Britain, how long do you think the British would have been allowed to stay there? Once China and India were able to stand on their own, they would have.

Japan comes not as colonial conquerors, but as liberators. With our guidance and the pattern set forth by Emperor Meiji, we will be able to bring true freedom and prosperity to all of Asia. Your time is at hand!



**Emperor Meiji**