



# The Rising Sun

For the Emperor's glory!

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## AMERICAN TREACHERY!!

### Imperial Japanese Operatives Uncover Massive Espionage Network Operating in Japan, Responsible for Sinking of Battleship Hiei!!

It seems that the mystery surrounding the explosion of the Battleship Hiei in Nagoya Harbor this May. Unlike some less scrupulous nations around the world, Japan refused to point the finger of blame without carefully researching the facts. After a very thorough investigation, links were found to some shady individuals in the Imperial Navy with American ties. These traitors had been giving classified information of a very sensitive nature to the Americans, and apparently these men were responsible for the destruction of the Hiei in Nagoya Harbor. Arrests have been made as we continue to unravel this spy network, and more arrests are expected soon.

The lie of American Neutrality has finally been shattered once and for all. It remains to be seen how the American public will react to this very aggressive and overt military act by their warmongering President Roosevelt, who has promised repeatedly to work for peace. Actions, however, speak far louder than words, and it is obvious that this madman wishes to bring about a global war for his own unscrupulous ends. This is certainly a valid *casus belli* for Japan against the United States; however Prince Fumimako has thus far not substantiated these rumors with any word from the Emperor's government. Perhaps he waits for the American people, as represented by their Congress to begin impeachment proceedings against this President for blatantly overstepping his Constitutional authority.

Remember the Hiei! Prince Fumimako visited the memorial to the Hiei in Nagoya Harbor last week, and when pressed for comment, would only say that "this fine vessel, and that portion of her valiant crew that went down with her, will not have been lost for nothing!" He then refused to answer any further questions regarding the matter.



“Remember the Hiei!” Artists rendering from 1938.

# Merchant Lines Secured!

**Imperial Navy Reports No Further Sign of Enemy Submarine Activity**



**Artist's Rendition of Modern *Kagero* Class Destroyer**

For the first time in several months, our Merchant shipping lanes were quiet, with no losses reported to enemy submarines. It is believed that the combination of our fine destroyers with Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) equipment, naval air spotters, and effective radio communication and coordination have been successful in eliminating all Royal Navy submarines from the area in the last few months. However, we will of course remain vigilant in protecting these vital shipping lanes, and keeping the lines of peaceful and profitable trade open throughout the far reaches of our Empire.

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## **Chinese Cities Revolting**

**In events which have been overblown in foreign news sources, some Chinese cities under Imperial control reported an upsurge in violence.**

Foreign sources report a major "General Uprising" in China, with "great loss of life" and highly violent atrocities committed by both sides. Once again, this is western racism rearing its very ugly head in the worst way. We have, time and time again, been very open with our dealings in China, and every time we are put to the test, Japanese forces are shown to behave with the dignity and compassion of the modern samurai model they are meant to uphold as an ideal. Somehow it is inconceivable to those in Europe that Imperial Forces not behave barbarically. These notions come from a culture in which the European white man is held to be morally and culturally superior to all others.

The truth of the matter is that scattered elements in several cities, operating with support from KMT and American operatives, have begun sporadic revolts. These are clearly in the minority of the population in each of these cities, but due to the fact that they can appear, attack, and then disappear back into the populations that they are derived from, Japanese forces have been at a disadvantage in coming to grips with these guerilla fighters. Nonetheless, we have managed to keep order in the two most populated Chinese cities, Peking and Shanghai. The other cities will soon fall back in line, and this "Massive Uprising" will be seen for what it really is: yet another desperation move by the failing KMT regime.

# Rabaul Falls to Lightning Marine Assault



**The mighty Battleship IJN Yamato, in action off Rabaul.**

The major Royal Navy base of Rabaul, defended by troops from Australia, was taken by Imperial Japanese Marines this month in yet another masterfully executed amphibious assault. Clearly we have the best trained, most experienced Marine Assault force in the world. After a coordinated and combined bombardment by unopposed Imperial Naval and Air forces, these ultra-elite troops once again showed their mettle, landing under fire on the beaches of the island of New Britain, a name which belies its importance to the British Empire. The battle tested 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Marine divisions were the first ashore, and quickly pushed the Australian defenders out of the base and into the jungle to the south.

Admiral Nagumo presented the Australian troops on the island with very reasonable surrender terms, but these were ignored. Now, of course, as we pursue these units into the jungle, we can make no guarantees of their survival. The government of Japan has again reiterated that we hold no ill will towards Australia, and we truly wish they would give up this pointless conflict, which only furthers the megalomaniacal goals of London at the expense of Australian blood.

In a strange twist, unlike at Singapore, the British chose not to destroy their own base as they left, apparently since there is not a high population there to suffer, Churchill didn't feel the need. Rabaul is the last major naval base the Royal Navy owns in the Pacific Ocean, and will serve Japan as a vital air and naval base. The expansion of the Japanese defensive perimeter against British aggression continues to grow.



**In memory of Admiral Yamamoto.**

# Royal Navy Suffers Major Defeat in Med Sea

The much-maligned Italian Navy scored its most brilliant successes of the war this month, sinking no less than 5 capital ships, as well as “numerous cruisers and destroyers” in action in the Mediterranean Sea. The Hood, Ark Royal, Duke of York, Eagle, and Barham were all reported lost. If confirmed, this would constitute the bulk of the remaining Royal Navy’s Mediterranean Sea Fleet.

These losses cannot be absorbed, even by such a major navy as the Royal Navy, without being felt around the world. They will either be forced to forgo the Med Sea entirely, which would make their recent victories in Northern Africa a moot point.



Italian Battleship Vittorio Veneto

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## European Front News: Soviets Continue to Disintegrate

On the Eastern European front, masses of Soviet troops continue to lay down their arms, apparently unwilling to continue the defense of their motherland, and the communist regime in Moscow. Winter has come to Russia, bringing a possible respite for the Red Army, but has it come in time?

Elsewhere, as noted previously in this edition, Italian resistance in the French colony of Tunisia officially ended, bringing about their total defeat in the Northern African theater. It seems Mussolini’s dream of a new Roman Empire may have to wait, at least for now. However, this could work to Italy’s benefit, as her navy is now free to chase the British without having to worry about defending her own supply convoys to Africa. We will continue to watch this with great attention, and hope that Italy continues to apply serious pressure to the Royal Navy.

The British were also able to report a moderate victory on the hotly contested Iberian peninsula. After suffering through a recent civil war, Spain has now become the primary battleground between the British and Germans. One wonders how much more fighting will be seen in this region.

In other news, Turkey has initiated what appears (for now at least) to be a limited invasion of her long time arch-nemesis, Greece. Turkey accuses Greece of initiating the conflict with commando raids into Turkish territory. Also on the Balkan Peninsula, Yugoslavia officially fell to Axis forces.

In addition to their great defeat in the Mediterranean Sea, the British Royal Navy continued to take unsustainable losses in its Merchant Fleet this month, German U-Boats accounted for an estimated 150,000 tons of British Merchant shipping this month. The Luftwaffe also raided the Scottish capital city of Edinburgh in a huge night raid, damage reported as extremely heavy.

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