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WAR WITHOUT PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

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"Kill and Rob!" Says the Enemy Burning with Hatred for Japan

The first voice of oppression against Japan by Roosevelt was his Chicago speech made on 5 October 1937, the year in which the China Incident broke out. The gist of the speech was that anarchism is spreading today throughout the world. The internal affairs of other countries are being interfered with by force, as in the civil war with Spain by Germany and Italy. The territories of neighboring states are being invaded by armed forces. Today 90% of the population of the world desire peace and friendly intercourse, but the minority of 10% is engaged in violent strifes. Invasion is a kind of epidemic. Patients stricken with infectious diseases are isolated from the society of man. In the society of nations epidemic patients called aggressive nations must likewise be isolated. For the sake of world peace and the development of mankind, we must cooperate with other nations which are stamping out this epidemic.

At that time the directorate of the League of Nations, responding to an appeal from China, was trying to condemn Japan. The speech was made to influence the decision on the issue and produced the immediate result that the directorate voted on "extending friendly cooperation to China, as a moral obligation, to enable her to strengthen her resistance against Japan". Roosevelt wanted then to display physical power and plunge into war, but England was reluctant to go that far. Moreover, public opinion was strongly entrenched in isolationism and would not do as Roosevelt wished. However, since the Chicago speech in 1937 insisted on placing Germany and Japan in a hospital of infectious diseases, it agreed in principle with Roosevelt's Christmas speech made last year, in which the final extermination of the Japanese Empire was preached. The former chief of the British Intelligence Service Bureau wrote that, since the Anglo-American policy is to bind Japan by the Washington Treaty so that Japan cannot expand, it was natural that Japan, Germany, and Italy were brought together.

A New Order to Be Built by Real Power

Since America and England intend to render Japan impotent, it will be equivalent to choking up the present day racial and national life of Japan. Generally speaking, the countries under the Anglo-Saxon leadership desiring to maintain the status quo attempted to oppress newly rising countries such as Germany and Japan, in order to preserve the existing system and their world domination. But Germany and Japan kicked back. Therefore, Germany and Japan have no other alternative than to be exterminated or to establish a new order by themselves.

In short, we are going to establish a new order. This is a world revolution. Especially in the case of Japan, she aims at putting various countries of Greater East Asia on their own feet under a Greater East Asia organization, and release them from the Anglo-American domination. In other words, this is the so-called emancipation of Greater East Asia. To establish a new order is to

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The Lawless Cairo Conference

At Cairo, Roosevelt was very anxious to take back some plums in consideration of the coming fall election, and he debated freely on what should be done with Japan after the war. This was the main topic discussed at the recent Cairo conference. The Conference decided finally on reducing Japan to a third-rate power. But the public at large wondered what was meant by a third-rate power. A third-rate power is a state which can be crushed at will by a stronger power or powers. England and America wished to reduce Japan to a state so weak that they could crush her whenever they willed.

I must say here something that had happened previous to the Cairo Conference. The Pearl Harbor raid gave a great shock to all classes of people in America. The first voice raised as a reper-cussion was an article signed by the notorious Hearst and appeared in all the Hearst newspapers throughout America. It said, "We must reduce Japan to a microscopic island state." As the war situation gradually changed, this idea began to crystallize in the American mind. This expression took on a very concise and concrete form in the President's message to Congress last year on 16 September. It read in part, "When Japan surrenders, we shall deprive her of the mandated territories granted by the League of Nations. Not only that, we shall deprive her of all her colonial possessions acquired in her past wars." In other words, this means that Japan will be deprived of the Japanese territories which were acquired in the Sino-Japanese War, the Russo-Japanese War, and the Germano-Japanese War. (T.N. World War I). This is similar to what Hearst said.

Such was the Cairo conference. The then Foreign Minister SHIGEMITSU, in his commemorative broadcast on the Italo-Germano-Japanese military alliance, said, "Our enemies, England and America, have said that they are going to turn back the hands of the clock and reduce our Empire to what Japan was at the time of the Meiji Restoration. The decision of the Cairo Conference was similar to that." Further, the broadcast by the Japanese Cabinet Board of Information said that Japan was to be reduced to a third-rate power, and AMAU, Chief of the Cabinet Board of Information, spoke at the meeting of the Youth Association of Greater East Asia on December 23, saying that the authoritative New York Times had written advising the reduction of Japan to what she was at the time of the coming of Perry. The President's message on 16 September said to take the mandate of the South Pacific islands away from Japan, and, in addition, deprive Japan of all the territories ceded to her from other countries with which she has been at war. Therefore, this means that Japan will be reduced in size to Japan at the time of the Meiji Restoration.

Our Enemies Shout for the Extermination of Our Race

The disposition of Japan has been clearly indicated. To the question "After reducing Japan to its original status as a small island empire, what will be done with her excess population which has increased enormously since then?", a ranking American military spokesman answered, "The number of the Japanese surviving the war will be so small that the original island empire will be too large for them." And when a similar question was asked in the British Parliament, the British government answered in similar words. In brief, the enemies are aiming to defeat Japan and make her submit to their will. Not only will they not be satisfied with the subjugation of Japan, but they will also slaughter 20 million Japanese wholesale as the Americans did to the American Indians. This is their intention. As pointed out in Mr. Tokutomi's reader, hatred of the Japanese will be increasingly intensified, and if Japan again rises in power, their hatred will flare up so much the more. This is the situation. Therefore, it can be clearly surmised what they will do to Japan after it has been reduced to a third-rate power.

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Surveying the political comments in America at the time of the Teheran Conference, they approved of the occupation of Germany, that is, divided occupation, by England, America, and Soviet Russia. And at the Cairo Conference the occupation of Japan was agreed on, to be effected mainly by the Chungking government. This opinion was publicized in fairly authoritative American newspapers. In other words, there is no shadow of doubt that the enemies' aim at the defeat of the Japanese nation. And to make it decisive, they intend to let the Chungking forces and in addition, Indian troops, occupy Japan. It is the same policy by which a part of the Rhineland was occupied by the Belgian troops when the Allied forces in the last World War took possession of the whole Rhine basin. Today, not only in America, but in India also, "On to Tokyo" is being voiced continuously.

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NO PEACE WITHOUT VICTORY.

The Imperial Capital a Front Line in Near Future

Decisively Destroy American Devils Seeking Extermination of Japan!

Wherever the enemy which reached with tooth and claw at the Mariana Islands may reach next -- whether the Philippines, Taiwan, the Ryukyus, or Bonin Islands -- and whatever its strategy, its aim in the last analysis is the extermination⁽²⁾ of our Japanese race. Consequently, in view of present aerial operations, we must resign ourselves to the certainty that Tokyo will become a front line in the near future, perhaps in one or two months, and must make all necessary preparations.

The time has come when we must strike again and again at the mighty enemy, who seeks to turn this capital city where our august Emperor resides into a front line and massacre all our irreplaceable families.

We are now faced with a food shortage and many other personal hardships engendered by the war. Furthermore, when our native land becomes an actual battlefield in the near future, the bitter days will soon come when repeated air raids will claim the lives of our loving parents and beloved husbands, wives, and children. After seeing, amid one's privations, the blood of one's own flesh and blood and after coming in contact with the corpses of compatriots, it would be natural for anyone to wish for a quick release from such agonies. However, once defeated in this war, we must, alas, entrust our lives to the mercy of American soldiers, the most brutal of all mankind, to do what they will with us. According to their boasts, the flower of our youth, urged on at the point of bayonets, will be sent as slaves to the interior of torrid Africa or to remote places in the far South Pacific to exploit New Guinea and Borneo. Our darling children will be torn from the arms of their parents and tortured to death, or castrated so that they will be unable to carry on our heritage. Our wives, daughters, and sweethearts, both young and old, will be ravished by American devils until finally they become forsaken wrecks infected with venereal diseases. The defeated in this war must expect to suffer a fate many times worse than death. We absolutely must be victorious. Compared to the undescribable miseries of defeat, such troubles as the shortage of food and clothing and the inconvenience of family evacuation can be considered trifling ordeals by the Japanese people.

The time may come when, in order to win the war, we must feed ourselves with grass, roots, and barks. Our capital city may be turned into a scorched wasteland. Beloved families gathered around the table this morning in peace and contentment may all be turned into unburied corpses by enemy bombs. If we are confronted with such an unprecedented calamity and fail to endure it with resolute spirit, there will never be peace, and our Empire will be

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completely crushed under the barbarous bayonets of the American devils. Why? It is clear if one stops to consider the war objectives of the enemy. "Exterminate the Japanese race" is not just enemy propaganda.

To begin with, the Jewish capitalists who control America and England are cursed with a ruthless and shameless savagery which allows them to sacrifice anything for the sake of profit. They prolonged the last World War by selling munitions to both friend and foe, and allowed millions of people to kill each other while they alone made enormous profits. They obtained the lion's share of the colonies reshuffled after World War I, and gradually sucked as much blood from the colonies as they could stand. By the time of the China Incident, they had begun to look for new spoils. In the China Incident they sold armaments and extended loans to Chiang Kai-Shek, making huge profits. Then, planning to obtain concessions on the Chinese continent by extending loans to Japan, they, at the time of the Nanking, Hankow, Wuchow, and Hsuchou invasions, approached Japan each time continental campaigns were conducted and proposed underwriting huge loans. The Japanese government, however, sensed their design, and repeatedly refused their proposals. At this point, when they realized that Japan could not be appeased, they suddenly took it into their heads to repeat the sweet dream of selling armaments as in World War I, at the same time to gain real power and supremacy over unexploited areas of Europe, Africa, and the Far East. First they provoked World War II in Europe by driving Germany to the wall; next they brought about the war in the Far East by suspending shipment of gasoline and other vital materials to Japan, thus forcing Japan into a position from which she had to break or die.

The utter wickedness and inhumanity of the Jewish vampires is evident from the above account. The Anglo-Saxons of America and England, following their lead, began to bare their fangs of avarice, urged on by the luxurious dream of conquering the Far East, enslaving billions of Oriental people, and opening up for themselves the treasure-house of the unexploited Orient. At this time they have succeeded in splitting China by buying up the Chungking government. One more blow would be sufficient to make China theirs. However, the greatest obstacle to this design is Japan. The American devils believe that if Japan can be subdued, the Orient will be theirs; it is no wonder, then, that they are attacking us with such ferocity. It is also easy to see why they continue to cry for the "utter annihilation of Japan" and the "extermination of the Japanese race". Surprised by Germany's remarkable recovery of power despite the fetters imposed upon her after the last war, they are now aiming at the "complete overthrow of Japan" in order to further their conquest of the Orient.

The enemy is now mobilizing every means at its disposal for the subjection of Japan. They may try to tempt us with peace offers after they have become tired of the unshakable resistance of Japan. However, we must in no way be deceived by them. No matter what happens, we must always remember that their aim is the extermination of the Japanese race.

At the time of the Mongol Invasions, when the Mongol armies sought to gain control of the Orient by subjugating Japan, young and old alike were slaughtered to the last man by the Mongolian troops. Women and young girls were ravished, then chained up by the hands to the sides of the ships to become victims of their savage lust. This clearly teaches us today that we must be victorious at all costs. Can we be perfectly satisfied with our efforts in this war, when we compare them with that time when our people, rising as one, dedicated themselves to resistance;

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when among the fighting men there were lads like KONO HACHIRO MICHITADA, a mere stripling of 14, and men like DAZAI SHONI DANYEI, an old man of 84, and when our people pressed forward against the enemy with a fighting spirit kindled with one desire and ultimately achieved victory?

When Tokyo becomes a front line, think of the last days of our compatriots on Saipan. If the people of Japan would stop to think of the brutality of American soldiers who played with the skulls of our soldiers and made paper knives and pen knives by scraping their bones, they would realize that we must discard all soft-heartedness and strike the attacking enemy again and again, until victory is ultimately ours. This is the only way to peace, and the only way to preserve morality in the world.

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EVACUATION AS A PHASE OF BATTLE

There is no need to dwell upon the urgent necessity of evacuation at this time, when it is obvious that from now on the air attacks of enemy planes against the Capital will be delivered with increasing frequency. We must lose no time in evacuating as many as possible of the aged, infants, infirm, and expectant mothers. Along with minimizing losses as much as possible, we must expedite the air defense activities of all military officials and personnel. It is hoped that this evacuation will be quickly accomplished, not only of these people, but also the evacuation of ordinary young men and women who, judged on the basis of their social activities, can leave the Capital. Evacuation, however, is not flight and escape. Granting that evacuation is a passive measure, still it is one phase of our air defense strategy and is part of the battle with our English and American enemies. Consequently, we must not lead a parasitic life, relying solely on relatives in the community, but in the evacuation we must aim at setting up new activities for the decisive battle. We must share in strengthening our fighting power, resolutely abandon our present urban, consumptive way of life, and shift to a productive life. In this way, evacuation, which was at first a method of passive air defense, will take on the character of active warfare.

At present, the majority of evacuees are in the so-called "relation evacuation" category, which stops simply at evacuation and does not go so far as to shift to production activities. This type of evacuation means living on relatives and depending on the food resources of country towns and villages and therefore offers evacuees no sure means of making a living. Rather, it frequently leads to such corrupt practices as black marketing and hoarding, and not infrequently leads to the creation of unpleasant feelings between evacuees and villagers. However, it would be senseless to hold evacuees solely responsible for such situations. Hope and fear go hand in hand with evacuation. Evacuees may have hope but without sympathetic helping hands in the villages which receive them and without the aid of the State, they would very likely have no alternative but to live an idle parasitic life. While at present there are plans for despatching evacuees, there are no plans for establishing new activities for them. Everything is being left to the discretion of the individual evacuees without directions or organizations being drawn up for them. Furthermore, only evacuation to relatives is being encouraged with no consideration at all being given to mass evacuation. Thus, the desires of the evacuees may be in vain and it is doubtful that all of the potentialities of the evacuees will be changed into fighting strength and that evacuation will be transformed into a phase of active warfare.

We would like to emphasize evacuation to reclaimed land as one method of carrying out systematic mass evacuation which would contribute to our fighting strength. According to investigations made by the Ministry of Agriculture and Trade, it is roughly estimated that in HOKKAIDO alone there are about 300,000 chobu (T.N. 1 chobu is equivalent to 2.45 acres) of what is known as arable land, that is, land which can be immediately used for farm land if reclaimed, and there are about 150,000 chobu of non-arable lands, which, if improved, could be made into good farmland. In the TOHOKU District there are about 280,000 chobu, and in the KANTO District about 210,000 chobu of land where arable land might possibly be increased in the same way. In addition to these, in HOKKAIDO there are 100,000 chobu of arable short crop land which have been left to lie waste because of labor shortages. This 100,000 chobu of short crop land in HOKKAIDO can not only be turned to immediate use as arable land, but can be transformed outright

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into excellent farmland with a little effort. Again, whether the whole of the 210,000 chobu in the KANTO District near the Capital can be reclaimed or not is a matter requiring still further detailed investigation, but probably at least half or 100,000 chobu can be considered as reclaimable. One could build simple houses in groups on this reclaimed land and form evacuation settlements, then carry on reclamation under the direction of agricultural experts. Or it is suggested that agricultural experience be gained while employed as farm-helpers on neighboring farms.

Mother Earth is the nursery for healthy subjects and strong soldiers. It is the soil which nurtures the traditionally pure and stable Japanese spirit, and is also the treasure-house of the nation's food supply.

By means of evacuation to reclaimed land, consumers in city life would be transformed into sturdy food producers, deeply rooted in the soil. Here the new life for decisive battle would unfold smoothly, and children would grow up healthy and pure at Nature's kindly breast. Our food supply, a military weapon, would then increase gradually, and both potatoes and pigs would grow round and fat. Thus, evacuation would become the source of fighting strength and would reveal true qualities of active warfare.