

SITUATION WELL IN HAND, INDIA GOVERNMENT SAYS

Viceroy may make an offer

From GORDON YOUNG
NEW DELHI, Monday.—While reports still flow in today of arrests, mass demonstrations, police charges, firing by police and the closing of shops, the authorities in Delhi still believe that there is not going to be more trouble than can be dealt with by normal means.

One official explained: "We are not taking a complacent view, because it is obvious that Congress elements are influential, and the rank and file may still create trouble, but we are confident that the situation generally is in hand."
Main problem is that passion is so easily inflamed in this sultry country. Every small incident tends to lead to another and larger one.

POLICE OUT

Here in the capital today, while the officials went about their normal duties in the echoing, isolated secretariat buildings, the main artery of the city, the streets of the Indian city from an early hour, and the local Congress newspaper, Hindustani Times, came out with a banner of protest. "Blitz repression starts."

Troops fire on rioters

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troops took possession in advance of the entire Chauthi area, where students proposed to hold a meeting. The military cleared the place and prevented the meeting.
Bombay Provincial Government announced in a communiqué this evening:—
"Three police posts were set on fire and two of them were gutted. Some telephone wires were cut and post boxes removed. One municipal lorry was overturned and set on fire and one tram upset.
"In some areas buses were immobilised through the air being let out of their tyres. This was mainly the work of students who caused a lot of trouble during the afternoon.
"They rushed away to meetings held near schools and colleges to stop trams and buses and force shops to close.
"In the fort area many small roads and lanes were blocked this morning by bricks, stones and rubble. As soon as these were cleared they were replaced by demonstrators, but eventually all such material was carted away and the streets were kept open.

"Victory in two months" —Congress

Express Special Correspondent
BOMBAY, Monday.—Instructions from the Congress Committee are being passed from hand to hand today on mimeographed sheets promising "victory for the non-violent struggle" within two months if orders are obeyed.

Main points of the instructions are:—
Close shops and factories peacefully. Resist bans on meetings.
Defy the laws prohibiting manufacture of salt.
Wideners must refuse all co-operation with the Administration and refuse to pay revenue.
Students must leave colleges and join the struggle.
Soldiers must follow the Congress instructions.
Every man and woman must carry a badge with the motto, "Do or die."

Detention to which Congress men are being subjected this time is real detention, not the privileged imprisonment which they sometimes previously enjoyed.
Gandhi was allowed to give Press interviews, to issue bulletins, and to keep in constant touch with his organisation during previous imprisonments.
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In the crowded rickety Chauthi Chowk, or Silver-street, one of the oldest shopping streets in the world, the main artery of the old city, little groups stood arguing outside the closed Congress offices, from which last night the procession moved off through the city.



ISLAND OF BOMBAY

4 colonels, 7 majors to try one U.S. private



HERE are the officers comprising the first U.S. court martial to be held in Britain.
They met yesterday in a court which is normally the courtroom of a Public Assistance Committee.
Such procedure has been legalised four days previously when the Royal Assent was given to the U.S.A. (Visiting Forces) Act, which permits the trial of American troops by their own courts.
Travis P. Hammond, 25, U.S. private, from Keitys, Texas, is accused of the murder of a girl said to be 16 years of age.
A conviction carries with it the maximum penalty of death or, alternatively, imprisonment for life.
Colonel Milton M. Tower, an officer of the U.S. Air Force, is president of the court and there are ten other members.
The case is expected to last several days, and at least 15 witnesses will be called for the prosecution.
Hammond, who is defended by two officers, pleads not guilty.
The court adjourned at 6 p.m. and will resume its hearing today.
By the group above, left to right: Major P. C. Davies, Lieut.-Colonel H. C. Short, Major E. C. Jones, Colonel Milton M. Tower (president), Major Sumner Carlisle, Lieut.-Colonel R. P. Whitelegg, Major H. G. O'Neil, Major Lester E. Clarke, Major S. P. Smith, Major J. M. Campbell.

Rommel throws in his fighters to counter R.A.F.

Express Staff Reporter
CAIRO, Monday.—German fighter reinforcements, which Rommel brought up ready for the next round in the battle of El Alamein, have been thrown in to counter the growing Allied air strength in Egypt, it is learned today.
While the land lull continues, British, American and South African armies have been attacking Axis ports, airfields and supply columns in a non-stop offensive during the past 48 hours.
Giant Liberator bombers made an all-American daylight attack on Benghazi Harbour yesterday and scored direct hits on two ships. All the planes returned.
R.A.F. medium bombers and naval planes have kept up a day and night blitz on the enemy's air bases during the week-end.
It is believed that many of Rommel's newly arrived planes were hit.
Light bombers of the R.A.F. made another successful attack on power-driven lighters on the Egyptian coast today.
One lighter was sunk and a second badly damaged.

RUSSIANS HOLD IN 'ELBOW'

Moscow's midnight communiqué said:—
"In the area of Kletskaia (Don elbow) our troops fought the German forces, one unit destroying three tanks and killing 200 Germans.
South of Kletskaia tank crews killed 500 of the enemy. Bomber and Stormovik aircraft destroyed enemy columns and motorised troops.
Soviet airmen destroyed 21 German tanks about 60 lorries, 100 transport trucks, 100 cars, 100 A.A. batteries and four fuel tank lorries.
Several enemy planes were brought down.
North-east of Kotelnikov our troops fought fierce engagements, and the battle has taken on a very tense character.
One railway station changed hands several times during the day and towards the evening was occupied by our troops.
A Soviet unit, repelling attacks, killed 300 Germans and wiped out a group of German tanks which infiltrated behind our lines.
At Krasnodar (north-west of Malok) heavy engagements took place with advancing enemy tanks and motorised infantry.
In one sector Soviet cavalry, in co-operation with the air force, destroyed German tanks and armoured cars, four armoured cars and two lorries destroyed.
Two squadrons of Rumanian cavalry, 100 lorries and 100 German infantry were routed.
In another sector, after a fierce

Germans claim: 150 miles from Grozny

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the valleys through which the enemy have to pass.
Guns are controlling almost every mountain road and pass, and it is now believed by the Russians that the German steamroller will be brought to a halt.
Grozny, centre of a much more important oil district than Malok, produces nearly 14,000,000 tons a year.
Whatever the outcome of the battle at Malok and in view of the enemy's overwhelming strength the result seems a foregone conclusion—the oil production, estimated at about 6,000,000 tons annually of high-grade fuel, is lost, for at least one year, thanks to the Russians' scorched policy.
The Russians poured hundreds of tons of cement into the wells and dynamited oil tanks and machinery as they retreated.
Now the Cossacks, entrenched in

CZECHS IN BATTLE SOON

WEARING British battle dress, a Czech Army unit will soon be in action on the Russian front, the first foreign infantry to fight with their Soviet Allies.
Lieut.-General Sergei Ingr, Commander-in-Chief of the Czechoslovak Army in Britain and Minister of National Defence in the Czech Government, revealed this in London yesterday. He has just returned from a three months' inspection of Czech units in the Middle East and Russia.
Chief of his impressions were:—
1. The quietness, discipline and order in all parts of Russia.
2. The tremendous part played by the services as run by them in most towns, and they work in factories, on railways and on farms, 12 hours a day at least.
3. The streets are empty during the day and night, and the only sound heard is the clatter of the Allies'—though every conversation seemed to lead to talk about a Second Front."

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Solomons are ideal springboard

FROM BRUCE NIVEN
MELBOURNE, Monday.—If the Japanese are smashable in the Solomons it will mean the blunting of the eastern prong of the trident aimed at Australia.
Japan's hold on the islands is a constant threat to the Pacific supply lines and to the safety of New Caledonia and New Zealand.
From Guadalcanar and other bases Japanese submarines beset our communications.
The Solomons would give the Allies an ideal springboard for cleaning up, one after another, the Japanese-held points north of Australia.
It has been made clear from American communications that the action is not merely a hit-and-run affair, and Mr. Curtin today affirmed that "the great battle" now going on.
The full significance of recent air blows by Flying Fortresses and medium bombers against the Japanese bases is clearer.
The objective of the 2,000-lb. bomb raids was to tear up the runways and put the landing-fields out of commission, and so prevent the Japanese from sending reinforcements to the islands.
The Allies in the Solomons are clearly in a position to take the offensive.
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R.A.F. FIRE OSNABRUCK

OSNABRUCK, busy industrial town in N.W. Germany, through which runs the main railway outlet from the Ruhr, was in flames after a strong force of R.A.F. bombers had attacked it on Sunday night.
Other places in N.W. Germany were attacked, too, as well as the docks at Le Havre and airfields in the Low Countries. Six of our bombers are missing, and from an offensive patrol during the day one of our fighters was lost.
Three of the heavy bombers which raided this country on Sunday night were shot down.

Pearl Harbour Isle has invasion test

PEARL HARBOR, Monday.—The invasion-ammunition invasion test to test the defences of Oahu, the island on which Pearl Harbour is situated, was carried out this morning.
The Army assumed enemy tanks had established beach bridges and blasted the area with shells, doing some damage to railway tracks and the telephone system, and setting a wooded spot on fire.
A high degree of realism was maintained and the manoeuvres were successful. Oahu is the key of America's Pacific offensive and its defence is of the highest importance. It must be held at all costs.
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Goebbels 'wants to see Yankees'

BERLIN, Monday.—Goebbels speaking near Cologne, after seeing the result of R.A.F. raids, said: "The people of Cologne must understand that the German effort is at present in the East. We in the West, therefore, must to some extent be at the ready. Our attention is being directed to the appearance of the Yankees."
Reuter.

Epsom trainers should win H.Q. prizes

By THE SCOUT
EPSOM trainers are not likely to return empty-handed from their first opportunity to compete against the locals in all given. First Edition will have a Middle Park preliminary tomorrow, and same little Canyonero (1.0) is my hope to give 4lbs to Gold Nib and also look after Springwell and Jeppers Croopers in the Cherry Hinton Stakes (1.0) today.
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