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"Your Excellency, Commander, our carrier-based aircraft and shore-based aircraft have begun to return. The four aircraft carriers of the 2nd Aircraft Carrier Squadron of the Island Navy's Combined Fleet have all been sunk. In addition, we have also sunk four of the Island's heavy cruisers, four light cruisers and quite a few destroyers. The entire United Fleet's 2nd Aircraft Carrier Squadron has already existed in name only!" Lieutenant General William Canaris reported.

Admiral Konrad Abbrecht had a smile on his face. Such a result still satisfied him. Although the loss of the aircraft carrier formation of the Indian Ocean Fleet is also very large, the two aircraft carriers that were severely damaged can be repaired soon. As for the island nation's combined fleet, there are now only four aircraft carriers left. Moreover, their carrier-based aircraft and carrier-based aircraft pilots have been lost. It can be said that the combined fleet of the island nation's navy has lost more than half of its combat effectiveness at this moment. In the next naval battle, the German navy will have a great advantage.

"Your Excellency, Commander, we have sunk four aircraft carriers, six battleships, and three battlecruisers of the island navy in this battle. In addition, we have also severely damaged one battleship and one battlecruiser. We have also sunk their six heavy cruisers, severely damaged two heavy cruisers and a large number of light cruisers and destroyers." Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Oscar Kumetz said.

"There are only four aircraft carriers and five battleships left in the island nation's combined navy fleet. However, their strength should not be underestimated. In the upcoming naval battle, we must find a way to eat up all the island nation's combined navy fleet. OK. In this case, they will have no way to attack Southeast Asia and Australia." Admiral Konrad Albrecht said.

"Yes, Your Excellency, Commander." A group of generals from Germany and the Pacific Fleet replied one after another.

"What is our loss?" Admiral Konrad Abbrecht then asked.

"Your Excellency, Commander, in this battle, two of our aircraft carriers were sunk and two were severely damaged. As for capital ships, one battleship was sunk, one battlecruiser was sunk, and two more Battleships were badly damaged. Heavy cruisers, light cruisers and destroyers suffered little," said Lieutenant General Oskar Kumetz.

"Compared to what we have achieved, this loss seems small. But, don't forget that we also lost hundreds of shore-based aircraft before. The entire Mariana Islands airport was destroyed. So It can be said that this time we did not actually achieve much victory. It can even be said that both sides suffered losses. However, our strength in the Pacific Ocean is far stronger than that of the island navy. Therefore, we will be able to gain an advantage after this battle. Otherwise, the odds of winning this naval battle are still very difficult to say." Admiral Konrad Abbrecht said.

The smiles on the faces of the other generals also disappeared, replaced by serious faces. As Admiral Konrad Albrecht said. The strength of the German navy in the Pacific Ocean is already stronger

than that of the island nation's navy. But in the end, this is the result. This is not a proud victory for the German Navy.

"Gentlemen, no matter what, the islanders have been severely injured by us. I believe that in the next battle, we will definitely make the islanders pay a greater price. The victory in the Pacific naval battle must eventually belong to us!" General Konrad Abbrecht said.

"Yes, Your Excellency Commander!" The generals of the German Navy never doubted the final victory of this war.

"Notify Lion City that the damaged aircraft carrier and battleship should be repaired as soon as possible. We will need them in the next war. In addition, the airport on the Mariana Islands will also start repairing immediately. Our battle with the islanders, it will start again soon. Next time, we will not give them another chance," said Admiral Konrad Albrecht.

Although he just won this naval battle, Admiral Konrad Abbrecht is already preparing for the next battle.

After arranging all this and signing his name on the telegram sent to the country, Admiral Konrad Abbrecht returned to his cabin to rest. He hadn't slept all night before.

When the good news from the Pacific Fleet was received, it was exactly 3 am in Berlin time. However, Marshal Manstein, Minister of War and Chief of the General Staff, and Marshal Raeder, Minister of the Navy, went to the palace together to report the victory to Emperor Qin Tian.

"Your Majesty, the Pacific Fleet and the Indian Ocean Fleet have jointly damaged the combined fleet of the island nation's navy. We have sunk the island nation's four aircraft carriers and nine capital ships. We have also severely damaged two capital ships. The island nation's navy's heavy cruisers and light cruisers and The destroyer also suffered heavy losses. We have already gained an advantage in the Pacific Ocean." Marshal Raeder said.

Qin Tian nodded, even though his sleep was disturbed. But being able to hear such good news also made him very satisfied.

"Is our loss big?" Qin Tian asked.

"Your Majesty, our losses are not small. In the Indian Ocean Fleet, two aircraft carriers were sunk and two other aircraft carriers were also severely damaged. In addition, two capital ships were sunk and two were severely damaged. As for cruisers and destroyers, The loss is not big. However, before the islanders attacked our airport on the Mariana Islands, six of our airports were destroyed, and a large number of shore-based aircraft were blown up on the airport." Marshal Raeder said.

The smile on Qin Tian's face disappeared: "It seems that this is a result of mutual losses! However, our strength is still stronger than the island people. This will give us an advantage in the Pacific Ocean."

"Yes, Your Majesty. There is no way for the navy of the islanders to defeat us. Then, they have no way to send troops to Nanyang and Australia. As long as they do not control the sea for a day, we will be safe in Nanyang and Australia. If we can continue like this If we go down, it will be very beneficial to us." Marshal Manstein said.

Once Germany wins the Russian battlefield, Germany's military strength will be liberated. At that time, they will have enough strength to deal with the islanders, and it is not impossible to even defeat the islanders in one fell swoop.

Qin Tian nodded, but he always believed that islanders would not admit defeat so easily. The Americans behind them will never allow the island country they have invested heavily in to support to exert this strength.

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"Your Excellency, the 2nd Aircraft Carrier Squadron is over. All four aircraft carriers were sunk, as were all heavy cruisers and light cruisers. Several destroyers were also lost!" Major General Takahashi Imo reported.

Admiral Yamamoto Fifty-six's face was as gloomy as water. He never thought that the United Fleet would pay such a big loss in this battle. After they successfully attacked the Mariana Islands, he once thought that they would win this naval battle. However, the final result gave him a slap in the face, making him realize the reality. That is, compared with the powerful German navy, the navy of the island country is still too weak!

"Four aircraft carriers were sunk, nine capital ships were sunk, and two were severely damaged. At the same time, there were also a large number of heavy cruisers, light cruisers, and destroyers sunk! The combined fleet lost more than half of its combat power in this battle!" General Yamamoto fifty-six sighed.

"The carrier-based aircraft and pilots are almost lost!" Lieutenant General Nagumo Chuichi added in his heart.

They all know that the United Fleet has undoubtedly suffered a fatal blow this time. In the next battle, it will be even more difficult to defeat the German navy. If they fail, they will be completely defeated in this naval battle.

At the same time, they also know that the entire island country pins its hopes on them, hoping that they can defeat the German navy in the war and open the way for the army to go south. However, in the end it was such a result. The navy cannot gain control of the sea, does the army dare to go south? The German navy can send the army going south to the sea to feed the fish at any time. Under such circumstances, it has become an unattainable dream for the army of the island country to go south to capture Nanyang and Australia.

If Southeast Asia and Australia cannot be occupied, the island countries will not have the resources to maintain the war. Although, the Americans are still providing large amounts of resources to the island countries. However, all fools know that once the United States officially enters the war, the consumption of war materials will increase explosively. At that time, Americans will definitely give priority to meeting their own needs. It will become very difficult for island countries to obtain resources. Therefore, going south to win Nanyang and Australia has become something that island countries must do. Otherwise, the island country will have nothing to do in this war. Even after Germany frees up, the island country can be destroyed at any time.

"Report this news to the country! The war has become like this. It is definitely impossible to hide it." General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said. Although he knew what impact the news of the combined fleet's failure would have when it was sent back home. But he has no choice, he can't really keep it a secret.

"Hi, Your Excellency Commander!" Major General Takahashi Iwang nodded.

"In addition, prepare a seaplane, and I will rush back to China immediately." General Yamamoto Fifty-Six said.

As one of the three chiefs of the island nation's navy, the island nation's navy has suffered such a heavy loss. He must rush back to China as soon as possible to discuss with the Minister of the Sea, Mitsumasa Minai, and the Minister of the Navy, Admiral Fushimi Miyahiro.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Commander, I will make arrangements immediately." Major General Takahashi Iwang said.

"Nagumo-kun, after I leave, you will be in charge of the fleet. You must take all the remaining battleships back to the mainland safely. The combined fleet that has suffered heavy losses can no longer suffer losses." Yamamoto Fifty-Six said the general.

"Hey, Your Excellency, Commander, I will definitely bring the fleet back!" Lieutenant Admiral Nagumo Chuichi replied.

Half an hour later, General Yamamoto Fifty-Six left the aircraft carrier 'Ibuki' in a seaplane and returned to the island country ahead of schedule.

It's just that the island country at this moment has also become turbulent because of the news of the combined fleet's fiasco.

The Ministry of the Navy of the island country, the Minister of the Navy, Mitsumasa Minai, and the Minister of Naval Command, Admiral Fushimi Gong Hiroshi, are waiting for the news of the combined fleet. They have been notified by the United Fleet before that from the night of February 3 to the morning of February 4, it will be a decisive battle between the United Fleet and the German Navy. They are also looking forward to this decisive battle, looking forward to a brilliant victory for the combined fleet.

"His Excellency, I believe Yamamoto-kun will be able to lead the joint fleet to defeat the Germans this time. Didn't they attack the German bases in the Mariana Islands before, and they did a very good job?" General Fushimi Gong Hiroshi With a smile on his face, he is obviously very confident in the United Fleet.

Admiral Minai Mitsumasa nodded, he also hoped that the United Fleet could win.

"If Yamamoto-kun and the others can win, then the imperial navy will be able to dominate the entire Pacific Ocean. At that time, the army will dispatch a large number of troops to attack Nanyang and Australia. The Germans only have hundreds of thousands of people in Nanyang and Australia. There are fewer colonial troops, but it must not be our opponent's. The final victory must be ours!" General Minai Mitsumasa also said.

"As long as the empire can occupy Southeast Asia and Australia, the empire's take-off will be just around the corner. If India can be brought down, the empire will become the world's top power." The eyes of

General Fushimi Gong Hiroshi shone with excitement , as if the island country has really become the world's top power.

The upper echelons of the island nation's navies seem to have great confidence in the combined fleet. It's just that I really don't know where their confidence comes from. Do they really think that the strength of the German navy is so vulnerable?

"Your Excellency, a telegram from the Combined Fleet!" A staff officer walked in, bowed and handed the telegram to General Minai Mitsumasa.

General Mitsumasa Yonei immediately opened the telegram and started to read it. General Fushimi Miyahiro Kyoko also ignored the etiquette and hurriedly brought his head closer.

However, the content of the telegram made the faces of the two of them change drastically, and even their minds went blank.

"Baga! How could this happen? How could we lose this naval battle?" General Fushimi Gong Hiroshi murmured, as if he couldn't believe it all.

Minai Mitsumasa's complexion also turned pale. The failure of the Combined Fleet to defeat the German Navy as expected would put the island nation's calculations in serious question for years. This is undoubtedly a heavy blow to the island country.

"The navy didn't defeat the Germans, and didn't gain control of the sea. How could the army be sent to Southeast Asia and Australia? How can this battle continue?" General Minai Mitsumasa said with a painful face.

Obviously, the result of this naval battle is unacceptable to the islanders.

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"Master Hai, how many casualties have we caused to the Germans?" General Fushimi Gong Hiroshi asked. The losses of the Combined Fleet were undoubtedly very staggering. However, if the losses they caused to the German navy were greater than their losses, then they did not seem to be considered a failure in this naval battle.

"We sank two German aircraft carriers and severely damaged two of them. We also sank two of their capital ships and severely damaged two of their capital ships." Admiral Minai Mitsumasa said.

Obviously, the losses of the German Navy are not greater than those of the United Fleet, or even much smaller.

"If you count the hundreds of planes we destroyed at the German airport on the Mariana Islands, our loss is not much greater than that of the Germans." General Fushimi Gong Hiroshi rolled his eyes and said.

General Minai Mitsumasa was stunned for a moment, then nodded, as if he thought that what General Fushimi Gong Hiroshi said was very reasonable.

After all, if the navy of the island country really suffered a crushing defeat in this war, they would not be able to account to the cabinet of the island country and the army of the island country. In the

past two decades, the island nation has tightened its belt to support the development of the island nation's navy. For this reason, the army's funds were even reduced, which made the equipment of the island country's army generally lag behind the world's first-class level.

There is only one reason why island countries support the development of the navy so much, and that is to hope that the navy of the island country can win in future naval battles. As an island country, without a strong navy, they simply cannot expand outward. It can be said that the navy of the island country carries the expectations of the entire island country. But now, the navy of the island country has not been able to win. This will undoubtedly disappoint the entire island nation. At that time, the three officers, who are the leaders of the island nation's navy, will undoubtedly have to stand up and take responsibility for this. The islanders have always been very cruel to losers. Therefore, Generals Fushimi Miyahiro Kyou and Minai Mitsumasa must find a way to excuse themselves for the navy and at the same time.

"His Excellency, the United Fleet suffered a great loss this time. However, we still have the strength to continue fighting the Germans. I remember that there are still many aircraft carriers under construction in the shipyard, and they will enter service soon. Even the construction of the 'Yamato-class' battleships has entered the final juncture. As long as these battleships are in service, the strength of the Imperial Navy can be greatly restored. At that time, we will still be able to compete with the Germans for the sea dominance of the Pacific Ocean!" General Fushimi Gong Hiroshi said excitedly.

Admiral Minai Mitsumasa nodded, he knew the construction period of the capital ships of the island navy. After the island nation decided to join the war, it accelerated the construction of those warships.

Four "Yamato-class" battleships, in the case of three shifts, will be able to serve at the beginning of next year. In terms of aircraft carriers, the "Xianghe" aircraft carrier and the "Ruihe" aircraft carrier will also enter service soon. These two aircraft carriers are large aircraft carriers with a displacement of more than 30,000 tons and can carry more than 80 carrier-based aircraft. In addition, there are quite a few modified aircraft carriers that are about to enter service. For example, the aircraft carrier 'Zuifeng', the aircraft carrier 'Shoho', the aircraft carrier 'Ryuhō', the aircraft carrier 'Chitose' and the aircraft carrier 'Chiyoda'. Although these aircraft carriers can only carry about 30 carrier-based aircraft, if all five are in service, it will also be an important supplement to the navy of the island country. In addition, the four aircraft carriers of the 1st aircraft carrier team are still intact. The navy of the island country can have 11 aircraft carriers. Stronger than before.

In addition, the construction of the mass-produced aircraft carrier "Yunlong-class" medium-sized aircraft carrier of the Japanese Navy has also started. The first batch of six ships started construction at the same time. In addition, the construction of a large aircraft carrier "Taifeng" has also been half completed. The mass-produced large aircraft carrier, the G14 large aircraft carrier, has also completed its design and is about to start construction. These are the strengths of the island nation's navies that continue to grow. Once these aircraft carriers are in service, the strength of the island nation's navy will become even stronger.

So, the temporary defeat of the United Fleet does not mean anything. As long as the various warships of the island navy can continue to serve, they can continue to challenge the German navy. Finally defeated the German Navy in one fell swoop.

Although the German navy is very powerful, it showed extremely powerful combat power in this battle. However, the German Navy also had many enemies. Their main force had to stay in the Atlantic and confront the United States. In this case, the power that the German Navy can devote to the Pacific Ocean is relatively limited. Therefore, it is not impossible for the island navy to win the final victory.

The only headache is probably the loss of carrier aircraft and pilots. The carrier-based aircraft is okay, and with the industrial strength of the island country, it can be replenished soon. However, it is very difficult to supplement the pilots. General Minai Mitsumasa has decided that the training of pilots must be increased in the future. It cannot be that there are both aircraft carriers and carrier-based aircraft, but there are not enough pilots to fly carrier-based aircraft. In that case, it will be a very big obstacle to the improvement of the strength of the island nation's navy.

"His Royal Highness, you are right. The United Fleet is only a temporary defeat. This war has just begun, and we still have a chance to defeat the Germans!" Admiral Minai Mitsumasa said.

"His Excellency, the Imperial Navy will definitely be able to defeat the Germans in this naval battle. The final victory must belong to us. However, we may face criticism from the prime minister and the army." Fushimi Palace General Bo Gongwang frowned and said.

You don't need to think about it, but the army will be very angry when they hear the news of the joint fleet's fiasco. After all, in order to support the development of the navy, they have been willing to give up resources to the navy over the years. The current performance of the Navy undoubtedly failed their efforts over the years.

The face of General Mitsumasa Minet also became serious: "His Royal Highness, Your Excellency the Prime Minister and the Army, I will try to persuade them. However, besides supporting us with all their strength, do they have any other way? If the Navy If they cannot gain control of the sea, then the army will never be able to land in Southeast Asia and Australia. Therefore, they have no choice but to continue to support us. I will ask the Prime Minister to give us more resources. Our strength will soon It will become even stronger. At that time, the Germans will definitely be defeated!"

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If the army of an island country wants to expand outward, it must rely on the navy of the island country. This is impossible. Who let them be located in an island country in the Pacific Ocean? Without a strong navy, outward expansion is impossible. Therefore, even if the navy of the island country failed to win as they expected in this naval battle. However, apart from continuing to support the navy and expecting the navy of the island country to win the next naval battle, does the army of the island country have other options?

Unless the army of the island country is willing to give up its outward expansion, otherwise, they have to grit their teeth and support the navy. Other than that, there is no other way.

Although such an approach is a bit rogue, General Minai Mitsumasa has no other options. Who prevented the navy of the island country from winning this naval battle? You know, he also very much hopes that the island navy will win the war. But unfortunately, the reality is that there is nothing he can do. In order to strengthen the development of the navy, he can only use this method.

Immediately, General Minai Mitsumasa made a phone call to the Prime Minister's Office in person, and then went to the Prime Minister's Office by car. This time he hopes to calm the anger of the prime minister and the army and persuade them to continue to support the navy. Otherwise, it will be very difficult for the island nation's navy to further develop and grow. The battleships and aircraft carriers of the navy are all piled up with money. Without sufficient funds, it is simply impossible to build a powerful navy. Although in the previous two decades, the navy of the island country has squeezed out most of the military expenditure. But now, in order to restore their strength as soon as possible and become stronger, they obviously need more support.

When General Mitsumasa Yonei arrived at the Prime Minister's Office, Prime Minister Fumimaro Konoe, Prime Minister Itagaki Seishiro, Foreign Minister Ugaki Kazushige, and Prime Minister Ikeda Narumi were already waiting here. Among them, Lu Xiang General Itagaki Seishiro looked at General Minai Mitsumasa very unkindly. Obviously, everyone has learned that the combined fleet has not been able to win the naval battle.

"Your Excellency, Prime Minister." General Minai Mitsumasa greeted everyone and sat down in his seat.

"Monei-kun, don't you want to explain it to everyone?" Before Prime Minister Konoe Fumimaro could speak, General Itagaki Seishiro couldn't wait to launch an attack. But Fumimaro Konoe turned a blind eye to such a faux pas.

Admiral Minai Mitsumasa sighed in his heart. He knew that other senior officials in the cabinet were already very dissatisfied with the failure of the United Fleet this time. However, he also felt very aggrieved. After all, they had done their best in this naval battle. It was not because their soldiers were greedy and afraid of death that they failed. On the contrary, the officers and soldiers of the Japanese navy are very brave. They even dared to fly planes into German battleships. This kind of attack is undoubtedly very admirable. The reason why this naval battle was lost was entirely because the German navy was too strong.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, Your Excellency Lu. In this naval battle, the United Fleet failed to win. This is indeed worthy of apology. However, Yamamoto-kun and the officers and soldiers of the United Fleet have already done a good job in this sea battle. We did our best. In order to win, our heroic pilots even did not hesitate to drive their planes to hit the German battleship. However, due to the disparity in strength between the two sides, we still failed to win. However, the main force of the United Fleet is still there, and we There are still a large number of battleships and aircraft carriers about to enter service. This will allow us to have enough strength to continue to compete with the Germans. I believe that the final victory must belong to us!" Admiral Minai Mitsumasa said.

Several cabinet ministers were also very moved when they heard that the carrier-based aircraft pilots of the German Navy bravely drove the plane to hit the capital ship of the German Navy. After all, in their view, this is already a very heroic act. Perhaps, the failure of the combined fleet this time was really because the German navy was too powerful.

But Lu Xiang, General Itagaki Seishiro, was very unwilling.

"Minai-jun, the navy has consumed most of the empire's funds over the years. The entire empire is full of expectations for the navy. I hope that the navy can win and create miracles. However, I did not expect



such a result. Navy What you have done, is it worthy of His Majesty the Emperor, and the people of the empire who have tightened their belts and supported the development of the navy?" Admiral Seishiro Itagaki accused.

"Your Excellency Lu, the Navy has done its best in this battle. If Your Excellency Lu thinks that the performance of the Navy is not satisfactory and I am sorry for His Majesty the Emperor and the people of the Empire, then the Imperial Navy can withdraw from the war, or even be disbanded. All military expenditures are spent on the army." General Mitsumasa Minai finally launched a strong counterattack under General Seishiro Itagaki's aggressive accusations.

General Seishiro Itagaki froze for a moment, he pointed at General Mitsumasa Minai angrily, but couldn't say anything.

Prime Minister Konoe Fumimaro and other cabinet ministers have almost the same expressions. They were all stunned by General Minai Mitsumasa's shameless answer.

After all, the importance of the navy is self-evident. If the navy gives up its pick, how can this battle go on? Just admit defeat.

General Seishiro Itagaki stared at General Mitsumasa Minai viciously. If eyes could kill, he would have already torn the body of General Mitsumasa Minai to pieces.

"Okay, Minai-kun, don't say such angry words. As the Minister of the Imperial Navy and the high-level empire, it is too irresponsible to say such a thing!" Prime Minister Fumimaro Konoe said.

"Hey, Your Excellency the Prime Minister taught you a lesson." General Minei Guangzheng also went downhill.

"Hmph!" General Itagaki Seishiro snorted coldly. But he couldn't say anything more. If the navy really doesn't cooperate, then the army of the island country probably won't do much in this battle. Therefore, he had no choice but to pinch his nose and admit it to General Minei Mitsumasa.

"Minai-jun, whether the navy can win the sea control is related to our advance to Southeast Asia and Australia. The failure of the joint fleet this time will have a great impact on our plan. Does the navy have any remedial plans?" Prime Minister Wei Wenmaro asked.

"Your Excellency, the Combined Fleet failed in this naval battle, but it was only a temporary defeat. The main force of the Combined Fleet still exists. As long as it is replenished again, we will be able to challenge the German Navy again. At that time, We will definitely defeat the Germans!" General Minai Mitsumasa assured.

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"Your Excellency Prime Minister, gentlemen. There are still 4 aircraft carriers and 5 capital ships left in the combined fleet. The carrier-based aircraft and carrier-based aircraft pilots have suffered heavy losses. However, we still have the power to counterattack. The combined fleet will return to China to rest for a while After regaining strength, we will continue to go south to fight the German navy! Of course, the strength of the German navy is far stronger than ours. But we believe that we will definitely defeat the Germans!" Said the commander of Minai Mitsumasa.

Prime Minister Fumimaro Konoe nodded: "Minei-kun, I am very satisfied that the Navy has such confidence. I also believe that the victory must belong to the Imperial Navy."

Admiral Seishiro Itagaki didn't say much. The navy of the island country is willing to go south and continue to fight the German navy, which is already very good. If the navy is angered and the navy directly drops the pick, the consequences will be really serious.

"However, Your Excellency Prime Minister. There are still many warships under construction in the navy. We hope that the construction progress of these warships can be further accelerated. After all, the strength of the combined fleet is weaker than that of the German navy. If we want to defeat the Germans, we need more We need more capital ships and aircraft carriers. In addition, the training of pilots for carrier-based aircraft must also be expanded. Otherwise, we will soon not have enough pilots to fly carrier-based aircraft to fight against the Germans." General Minai Mitsumasa said.

Prime Minister Fumimaro Konoe couldn't help but frowned. He knew what General Mitsumasa Minai meant, that is, the navy needed more resources.

General Itagaki Seishiro's face was even more ugly, and now the navy has accounted for most of the military expenditure. If the investment in repayment is further increased, the army of the island country may not even be able to pay the military salary.

"Monei-kun, the navy has received enough military expenditures! The army's share of military expenditures must not be squeezed out anymore." Admiral Seishiro Itagaki said very resolutely.

General Minai Mitsumasa did not say anything, but looked at Prime Minister Konoe Fumimaro.

"If the combined fleet wants to defeat the German navy, it really needs to further strengthen its strength. However, the existing military expenditure allocation plan should not be changed. Ikeda-san, can you think of a way to give the navy a special military expenditure?" Prime Minister Konoe Fumimaro asked road.

"Your Excellency, the Prime Minister, the budget has long been in deficit. We have no money at all now." Ikeda Chengbin said.

The island countries' finances have long been overwhelmed. If it weren't for the continuous assistance from the United States to them, they might have collapsed long ago. Of course, it is precisely because of this that the island countries pin their hopes on war. If the war can be won, they will get rich benefits. All debts will also be paid off and there will still be plenty of balance remaining. If it fails, the island country may not continue to exist. Those debts, of course, no longer have to be repaid.

"Your Excellency, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will contact the United States to find a way to get another aid or loan from the United States." Ugaki Kazushige said.

Prime Minister Konoe Fumimaro nodded: "Then let's do this!"

General Mitsumasa Minai has no objection to this either. He is already very satisfied to be able to get more support from the cabinet.

"Minet-kun, the cabinet will fully support the construction of the navy. However, I hope the navy will not live up to our expectations. In this war, the navy must defeat the Germans! Otherwise, the empire will be completely finished." Prime Minister Wei Wenmaro reminded.

"Hi, Your Excellency, Prime Minister! The Navy will fight desperately to defeat the Germans!" General Mitsumasa Minai replied.

This time the cabinet meeting ended like this, although the combined fleet of the island nation's navy was defeated. However, in their external publicity, they will not say that they have been defeated. Instead, it will be said that the Combined Fleet has achieved victory. During the naval battle, the United Fleet sank four German aircraft carriers and eight battleships, and destroyed thousands of German Navy fighters.

Of course, this is hype. The purpose is to let the people of the island countries know that they have not failed and are winning, and that the people of the island countries can support them to continue the war.

In order to defeat the German navy in the next naval battle, the navy of the island country also tried its best. The construction of the four 'Yamato-class' battleships has once again sped up the progress. The island navy believes that once the four Yamato-class battleships are in service, they will once again gain an overwhelming advantage in terms of capital ships, and they will definitely be able to defeat the German Navy's capital ship formation in the Pacific Ocean. At the same time, the construction progress of the "Xianghe" aircraft carrier and the "Ruihe" aircraft carrier has also been further accelerated, and it is estimated that they will be able to enter service in at most three months. Coupled with those modified aircraft carriers that are also about to enter service, the strength of the aircraft carrier fleet of the island navy will also be restored, even stronger than before.

Other aircraft carriers that have already started construction, or plan to start construction, have also accelerated their construction progress. After going through this battle, the navy of the island country knows the strength of the German navy, and knows that if they don't want to strengthen their strength, they may not be able to defeat the German navy at all.

Another reason why the navy of the island country is confident of defeating the German navy is that although the German navy is strong, it will not send more troops to the Pacific Ocean for a while. Once the United States enters the war, it will hold back the main force of the German navy. This is undoubtedly an extremely rare opportunity for the Japanese navy. They hope to seize this opportunity to defeat the German navy in one fell swoop and establish the absolute dominance of the island nation's navy in the Pacific.

Similarly, the German Navy also claimed victory in this naval battle. The German Navy's Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet joined forces to severely damage the island countries and the combined fleet. The command of the sea in the Pacific Ocean is still in the hands of the German Navy.

The German people are very happy about the victory of the navy. Although the Germans have never cared about the island country in the Far East, they think it is just an insignificant country. It is only right for Germany to defeat such a small country. However, it is also exciting to be able to win.

Other countries are also very concerned about this naval battle. Bu Russia is also waiting for the island countries to aggressively attack Southeast Asia and Australia, so as to share their pressure. The United States is also waiting for the island countries to attack aggressively, so that Germany can transfer more power from Europe to the Far East and Pacific region. In this way, the United States will be able to

gain a greater advantage when it launches a war against Germany in the Atlantic region. The odds of winning will also be greater.

But now, the performance of the German Navy seems to have lived up to their expectations.

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United States, the Department of the Navy, the new Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison convened the senior generals of the US Navy to discuss the naval battle between the combined fleet of the island navy and the Pacific Fleet and Indian Ocean Fleet of the German Navy.

Although the United States has not participated in the war yet, the senior officials of the U.S. government and military know that it will only be a matter of time before they participate in the war. Therefore, knowing more about the real combat power of the German Navy now will also help the US Navy defeat the German Navy in future wars.

"Gentlemen, what do you think of the naval battle between the islanders and the Germans? If it were us, would we be able to defeat the Germans? Or, what should we pay attention to when we fight against the Germans in the future?" asked Secretary Charles Edison.

No one believes the data released by the island government. With the influence of the United States in the island country, they can get the most authentic data. They even understood the details of the entire naval battle.

Once the United States participates in the war in the future, they have only one goal, and that is to completely defeat Germany. Only in this way can they get out of the current predicament. And if they fail in the war, the United States may cease to exist. After all, with Germany's attitude towards the United States, they will never let a United States that poses a huge threat to Germany continue to exist. Therefore, the United States must defeat Germany in future wars. Otherwise, they have no future.

"Your Excellency, from the real data we have learned, the Japanese navy lost four aircraft carriers, 9 capital ships, and a large number of cruisers and destroyers in this battle. Another two capital ships were severely damaged. The Japanese navy The carrier-based aircraft and pilots have almost lost. In this war, they sank two aircraft carriers and two capital ships of the German Navy, and also severely damaged two aircraft carriers and two capital ships. However, Before the decisive battle, they attacked the Mariana Islands, causing the loss of hundreds of combat aircraft to the German Navy. Judging from the loss data of both sides, the loss of the island navy combined fleet is greater than that of the German Navy. However, the loss of the German Navy is also Not small. At least until those two battered carriers are repaired, they only have four available in the Pacific," said Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Harold Stark.

"From a certain point of view, the island navy and the German navy have lost both sides this time. However, if the German navy is prepared next time, and the island navy wants to attack again, I am afraid it will be difficult to succeed." Nimitz will say.

"The strength of the island nation's navy is still inferior to that of the German navy. Whether it is a capital ship or an aircraft carrier, the island nation's navy can't take advantage of it. Especially in terms of carrier-based aircraft, the island nation's navy is completely at a disadvantage. Whether it is a carrier-

based aircraft or an aircraft carrier, the island nation's navy is at a complete disadvantage. Shore-based aircraft have an overwhelming advantage." Admiral Ernest King also said.

Minister Charles Edison nodded: "The German Navy deserves to be the sea supremacy that defeated the British Navy. And in the development of more than two decades, they have always been leading the trend of naval development in the world. Their strength is stronger than that of island countries. That's not surprising."

"Yes, Your Excellency. It is worth noting that the capital ships of the German Navy are old warships that have been in service for more than 20 years. However, after modernization and refitting, they have exploded with extremely strong strength. At the same time, this also shows that capital ships still play a very important role in modern naval battles. Especially in night battles, they are well-deserved main forces. Although aircraft carriers are very powerful, if they are approached by capital ships, they will undoubtedly die. Island navy The successful attack on the German Navy's aircraft carrier with the battlecruiser can prove this point." Admiral Hasben Kimmel said.

After the aircraft carrier became the main force, the status of battleships and other capital ships began to decline. Some radical people even think that there is no need to build capital ships at all, as long as enough aircraft carriers are built, they can win the naval battle. But through this naval battle, the capital ship also found a place to display its strength. It proves that they still have their place in modern naval warfare.

"Fortunately, our capital ships are no worse than those of the Japanese, or even more powerful. Whether it is the number or performance of capital ships, we are world leaders. The German capital ships can suppress the Japanese, but they may not be able to suppress them. Got us." Admiral Harold Stark said.

Of course, the US Navy's capital ship may be slightly inferior to the German Navy in terms of radar electronic technology. However, the gap is very limited. It will not be completely suppressed like the capital ship of the island navy.

The other U.S. generals laughed, and they also believed that the U.S. Navy would not be inferior to the German Navy in terms of capital ships. If it were the battleship of the U.S. Navy and the German Navy in a decisive battle at night, the victory would definitely be theirs.

"Your Excellency, the number and performance of our aircraft carriers are still inferior to those of the Germans. In this regard, we still need to catch up. In addition, we also need to increase investment in the performance of carrier aircraft. We I am afraid that the F4F fighters of the Japanese are not as good as the Zero fighters of the Japanese, let alone the BF-109 fighters of the Germans, and even the more advanced FW-190 fighters. Therefore, before the new fighters enter service, we had better It is to avoid war with the Germans!" Said Lieutenant General Halsey, commander of the 1st Carrier Fleet.

Judging from the performance of the German Navy's carrier-based BF-109 fighter jet, once the war starts, it can completely sweep the U.S. Navy's F4F fighter jet. This made the US Navy's aircraft carrier commanders have little confidence in confronting the German Navy.

Charles Edison Minister nodded with a serious face. It is not very difficult to make up for the number of aircraft carriers and carrier-based aircraft. However, the performance of carrier-based aircraft is not so easy to improve. If the aircraft carrier fleet cannot win the confrontation with the

German Navy's aircraft carrier fleet, then it is almost impossible for the U.S. Navy to defeat the German Navy in the Atlantic Ocean, and then gain command of the Atlantic Ocean, threatening the German mainland.

"I will keep an eye on the research and development of F4U fighters. When we go to war with Germany, our main carrier-based aircraft force will definitely be replaced by F4U fighters!" Minister Charles Edison said.

Chapter 1297

"Minister, the White House has called to hold a cabinet meeting. Please go to the White House immediately!" The secretary walked up to Minister Charles Edison and said to him.

Minister Charles Edison nodded: "Well, everyone, let's end today's meeting. Through the naval battle between the island country and Germany, we can clearly understand the combat power of the German navy and our own shortcomings. Then, from now on, let's hurry up and make up for our shortcomings. I hope that when we go to war with the Germans in the future, our navy can avoid repeating the mistakes of the islanders."

"Yes, Your Excellency the Minister!" A group of admirals replied one after another. They also felt the strength of the German navy from this naval battle, which also made them feel tremendous pressure. After all, the strength shown by the German Navy is really too strong. This makes it undoubtedly very difficult for the U.S. Navy to defeat the German Navy in future naval battles.

"General Stark, you go to the White House with me. I think General Marshall will also attend this meeting." Minister Charles Edison said. He knew that President Roosevelt held a cabinet meeting at this time, it should be because of the loss of the combined fleet of the island nation's navy in this naval battle. The United States has always fully supported the island countries in order to allow the island countries to attack Southeast Asia and Australia and hold back part of Germany's military strength. If the island countries can't do this, wouldn't their investment all the time be in vain?

"Okay, Your Excellency!" Harold Stark nodded.

The two drove to the White House.

When they arrived in the White House conference room, other important cabinet officials had already arrived. Colonel George Marshall, Chief of the Army General Staff, was also present.

"Gentlemen, everyone is here. So, the meeting begins now!" President Roosevelt said.

The current President Roosevelt looks much older than when he first became president. Although no one can challenge his presidency now. But the heavy state affairs, coupled with war preparations, kept him very busy. At the same time, the pressure on him was also very heavy. After all, it naturally accelerated his aging speed a lot.

"Everyone, the navy of the island country just had a naval battle with the German navy. Unfortunately, they were not able to defeat the German navy and gain sea dominance in the Pacific Ocean. This also made it difficult for them to send troops to attack Southeast Asia and Australia. In this case, it is not in line with our previous plan." President Roosevelt said.

Other senior cabinet officials also nodded. They have great expectations for the island country. Otherwise, it would not have been providing support to island countries in the past two decades. It is with the support of the United States that the island nation regained its strong military strength. But unfortunately, the war has just begun, but the island countries have not been able to show satisfactory results for them.

"Your Excellency, the islanders are so useless. Over the years, we have provided them with huge loans. All kinds of aid are countless. Now they have not been able to undertake the task of containing the Germans. Our previous investment seems to have failed." Secretary of State Hull said with some frustration.

Like Secretary of State Hull, there are also many senior American officials who are disappointed with the island country. They all believe that the investment is too much, but the return is so little. Therefore, the plan to support the island countries to contain Germany seems to have failed.

"Your Excellency, I propose to stop supporting the island countries from now on. We will soon be involved in the war. The consumption of various materials will continue to rise. Instead of letting the islanders waste those resources, it is better to use it to further increase our strength!" said Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau Jr.

Many senior cabinet officials nodded in agreement.

"Gentlemen, it seems too early to say that this plan has failed. The war, after all, has just begun. Although the navy of the island country failed once, they still have a strong force and can continue to attack. Perhaps, next time they'll do it," Hopkins said.

The plan to support the island nation started as early as President Wilson. Subsequent U.S. presidents also insisted on this plan. It's just that the strength of support is different. However, after President Roosevelt came to power, support for the island nation was unprecedented. If you deny this plan, wouldn't that be slapping President Roosevelt in the face?

"Indeed, gentlemen. Although the navy of the island country has suffered a lot in this war, overall, their main force is still there. According to the information we have obtained, the navy of the island country still has many new warships under construction. Once if these warships are put into service, the strength of the navy of the island country will be further strengthened. However, the power of the German navy in the Pacific Ocean will not increase for a while. Therefore, the navy of the island country still has the possibility of winning. And this possibility is not would be too small," said Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison.

"Okay, everyone. I know that everyone is very disappointed with the performance of the island nation's navy this time. However, this war has just begun, and we should give the island nation more opportunities. Of course, we must also urge the island nation to let them continue to attack. In any case, our huge investment in the island country cannot be in vain like this." President Roosevelt said.

"Yes, Your Excellency the President." Everyone replied.

As President Roosevelt said, they give great support to the island nation. And those supports have already been given to the island countries, so they can't get them back, right? Besides, I won't come

back. Therefore, the only thing they can do is to let the island countries continue to launch attacks so that their huge investment will not be in vain.

"Your Excellency, the government of the island country has just requested us, hoping that we can urgently provide them with a batch of naval steel so that they can speed up the construction of some capital ships and aircraft carriers. Should we agree to them?" Secretary of State Hull asked road.

After thinking for a while, President Roosevelt said: "Promise them! The combined naval fleet of the island nation has suffered a lot of losses this time, and they urgently need to replenish their strength. After their strength recovers, they can continue to attack Germany. What we have to do is, It is to continue to support them and let them continue to fight the Germans. I believe that the islanders will not lose again and again!"

#### Chapter 1298

There is no doubt that the support that the United States has invested in island countries is very amazing. To redevelop a country that was almost bankrupt into a military power will undoubtedly consume a lot of resources. This shows how strong the national power of the United States is.

However, Americans are not gods. They paid a huge price, and naturally hope to have greater benefits. The reason why Americans support the island country is just to raise a dog. So that they can defeat Germany in the war and \*\*\*\* the throne of world hegemony from the hands of the Germans.

That's why they will fully support the island country in developing its military strength. Without the support of the United States, it is impossible for the island country to maintain a strong military force. Even their country is in danger of collapsing.

Although President Roosevelt was somewhat disappointed with the performance of the island nation's combined naval fleet in this naval battle, he also knew that they had no other choice but to continue to support the island nation. Otherwise, the huge investment in the early stage will be in vain.

The United States now has no choice but to do so.

U.S. Army General Staff, Office of Operations. Brigadier General Dwight Eisenhower, chief of the Office of Operations, was convening the staff officers in the Office of Operations to formulate a plan. After learning that the island nation's navy failed and failed to defeat the German navy, Admiral George Marshall knew that without the support of the navy, the island nation's army might not be able to attack south for a while. Therefore, he asked Brigadier General Eisenhower to think of a way to see if there was any way to give the island army a chance to attack south.

Only by allowing the island army with millions of troops to attack Southeast Asia and Australia southward can Germany's large military power be contained. If the island army's offensive is fierce, in order to resist the attack of the island army, the German army will even have to deploy troops from the mainland and the Russian battlefield to reinforce Southeast Asia and Australia. In that case, Germany's military strength on the European continent can be weakened. At the same time, it can also relieve the strong pressure on Bu Russia. This is undoubtedly of great benefit to defeating Germany in the war.

Brigadier General Eisenhower served in the Philippines for a long time and had a good relationship with the US Commander in the Philippines, General Douglas MacArthur. He also has a good understanding of the situation in the Asia-Pacific region. That's why Admiral George Marshall appointed



him as the director of the war room, and he was promoted to general. Of course, Admiral George Marshall did not expect Brigadier General Eisenhower to have a solution to the current predicament. After all, the current situation is already very difficult. If you want to solve it, it will undoubtedly be very difficult.

"If the army of the island country wants to go south, it must rely on the navy. Without the cover of the navy, their army would not be able to reach Southeast Asia and Australia. But now, the navy of the island country has not been able to defeat the German navy in the war. In a country without sea control Under such circumstances, if the island country army goes south, it will be no different from courting death! This seems to be an unsolvable problem." Brigadier General Eisenhower frowned tightly. His gaze fell on the map of the Western Pacific.

Suddenly, Brigadier General Eisenhower had a flash of inspiration. He seems to have thought of a solution to the current problem. However, this method is a bit too shocking.

"The islanders occupy the Okinawa Islands and Treasure Island further south. It is not far from the Philippines. If the islanders can deploy a large number of aircraft in these places, they can use the aircraft to \*\*\*\* the transport fleet and let them arrive safely. The Philippines. Then, you can use the Philippines as a springboard to directly attack the Indochina Peninsula, or attack the Dutch Indonesia in the south. The Netherlands does not have many troops deployed in Indonesia, and it is impossible to withstand the attack of the island army. Once the island army occupies the Netherlands Belonging to Indonesia can separate the Indochina Peninsula occupied by the Germans from Australia. With the huge army and military strength of the island country, it does not seem too difficult to defeat the 800,000 troops deployed by Germany in Southeast Asia and Australia In this case, in order to stabilize the situation in Nanyang and Australia, the Germans will have to send more troops to Nanyang and Australia. And our goal seems to have been achieved!" Brigadier General Eisenhower said secretly.

But then, he was shocked by his crazy plan. After all, the Philippines is now a colony of the United States. If the island country is allowed to borrow the words of the Philippines, wouldn't the United States want to openly participate in this war? This is undoubtedly unacceptable for the United States. The United States is not yet ready for war. The U.S. Army is also stepping up the development of new tanks, in the hope that the new tanks can compete with the Tiger and Leopard tanks of the German Army. The U.S. Army Air Corps is also stepping up the development of new aircraft, hoping that their P-47 fighters and P-51 fighters will be able to compete with the German Air Force's BF-109 fighters and FW-190 fighters after they enter service. The U.S. Navy is also hurrying to build more aircraft carriers, and is also developing newer carrier-based fighters. It is hoped that the F4U fighters that are in full swing can compete with the German Navy's carrier-based fighters.

And all of this takes time. If the United States goes to war with Germany now, perhaps Germany will attack the United States first. Judging from the current situation, the U.S. Navy may not be able to resist it. Once the losses are heavy, let alone defeating Germany. Therefore, the United States needs time to further enhance its own strength. They will not risk war with Germany until they are fully prepared.

"This plan may really be possible to implement. However, how to solve those problems, we should leave it to the Chief of Staff and higher-level officials!" Brigadier General Eisenhower said.

When Brigadier General Eisenhower found General George Marshall and informed him of his plan. Admiral George Marshall was also stunned. He did not expect Brigadier General Eisenhower to propose such a bold plan.

However, Admiral George Marshall has to admit that this plan is undoubtedly very helpful in solving the current predicament. If the islanders can use the Philippine Islands as a springboard, they will be able to completely open up the situation. They will launch an offensive in Nanyang and Australia, sweeping away the troops deployed by Germany here, forcing Germany to invest more troops in Nanyang, thus serving as a military force to contain Germany.

"General Eisenhower, let's go see the President! Whether this plan is feasible or not is up to the President to decide!" Admiral George Marshall said.

Chapter 1299

"Your Excellency, this is the plan that General Eisenhower thought of. If this plan can be implemented, the island army may be able to launch an attack on Southeast Asia without relying on their navy!" Admiral George Marshall sent Brigadier General Eisenhower's plan to in front of President Roosevelt. Because it is related to the Philippine colony, it is even related to whether to declare war on Germany in advance. Therefore, it must be left to President Roosevelt to decide. No one else is qualified to make such a decision.

President Roosevelt quickly read the plan and had to admit that he was also shocked by this bold plan.

"Eisenhower will, I have to admit, your idea is very bold!" President Roosevelt said.

"Your Excellency, I just want to solve the current predicament. After all, we have invested too much in the island country. If the army of the island country cannot launch an attack, then our huge investment will be in vain." Brigadier General Eisenhower said.

President Roosevelt nodded: "It is true. We have invested a lot of resources in the island countries. If they cannot pose a threat to the Germans as we expected, then our huge investment will be in vain."

"Your Excellency, when the island nation's navy has no way to gain sea dominance, it is undoubtedly the best choice to use the Philippine Islands as a springboard to launch an attack on the South China Sea." Admiral George Marshall said.

"But the crux of the problem is how do we allow the islanders to use the Philippine Islands as a springboard? It is obviously unrealistic to start a war with Germany now. We still need time. Judging from the current situation, we need at least half a year. But if the islanders do nothing within the six months, it will obviously not work. The Germans have already begun preparations on the Russian battlefield. It is foreseeable that after the arrival of spring, they will launch a large-scale It is undoubtedly very difficult to say whether Bu Russia can resist the German attack. Once Bu Russia can't hold on, the Germans will be able to wipe out all threats in Europe. It is very unfavorable. Therefore, we must make trouble for the Germans!" President Roosevelt said.

"Your Excellency, in this case, we can only let the islanders rely on the Philippine Islands. Otherwise, there is no other way. It will take time for the island navy to defeat the German navy and seize command of the sea. What we lack most now is , undoubtedly time." Admiral George Marshall said.

"Yes, since there is no other way, let's implement it according to this plan! Let the islanders seize this opportunity. This is the greatest support we can provide them. If under such circumstances, they all find there is no way to defeat the troops deployed by the Germans in Southeast Asia and Australia, then they are too incompetent. At that time, the United States will definitely cut off their support." President Roosevelt said. In order to break the deadlock, it was obvious that he had already made up his mind to carry out this risky plan.

"Your Excellency, how do we prevent the islanders from using the Philippine Islands, and the Germans will not use this as an excuse to declare war on us?" Admiral George Marshall asked. Undoubtedly, this is the question that has been bothering them.

"Let the islanders declare war on us! They attack the Philippine Islands, and we are powerless to resist their attack. In this case, the Germans have nothing to say!" President Roosevelt said with a smile.

Admiral George Marshall and Brigadier General Eisenhower couldn't help being dumbfounded. They didn't expect President Roosevelt to come up with such a way. However, if the island country launches an attack on the Philippine Islands, then Germany really has no excuse to blame the United States. After all, the United States is also a victim! Of course, you don't need to think about it to know that once the army of the island country lands on the Philippine Islands, the hundreds of thousands of U.S. troops stationed in the Philippines will put down their weapons and surrender to the army of the island country. And the army of the island country will occupy the Philippine Islands with little effort. What will happen next is naturally conceivable. Islanders who take a chance. Definitely won't miss this great opportunity. The army of millions of island countries will use the Philippine Islands as a springboard to attack Dutch Indonesia, and then attack Indochina and Australia to defeat the 800,000 German troops deployed here.

And all of this is exactly what the United States hopes to see. They hope to use the strength of the islanders to weaken Germany's strength, so that Germany has to deploy troops from other places to reinforce Southeast Asia and Australia. In that case, the purpose of the United States will be achieved.

"But, Your Excellency, how do we explain to the people?" Admiral George Marshall thought of a question.

The United States has always supported the island nation, which also makes Americans have a great impression of the island nation. But once the Philippine Islands are attacked by the islanders, this will inevitably make the American people very angry. Maybe even the government will be criticized and protested by the American people. At that time, this may cause a lot of trouble.

"Island countries adopt the method of undeclared war. At the same time, we can block the news. After we declare war on Germany, the island countries will become our allies. There will be no need to hide everything. I believe that the people will understand by then Yes," said President Roosevelt.

Although, the United States has always advertised itself as a country of free speech. But in fact, there is no so-called freedom and democracy at all, and the power of the government is still above all freedom. Those newspapers and other media, as long as the government issues an order, they don't have the guts to confront the government. Therefore, if the U.S. government wants to block the news, there is no way for those American people to be fooled.

"Your Excellency, we must ask the islanders to sign a secret agreement with us, making it clear that the Philippine Islands are only temporarily lent to them. After the war is over, the Philippine Islands must be returned to us. In addition, our troops stationed in the Philippines must be properly resettled, or withdraw to the mainland." Admiral George Marshall said.

President Roosevelt nodded.

Subsequently, President Roosevelt summoned senior cabinet officials and told them the plan. Although many senior officials had doubts about this, the plan was passed under the strong request of President Roosevelt. The senior officials of the US government cabinet also hope that the army of the island country can launch an attack on Nanyang and Australia as soon as possible.

Chapter 1300

"Mr. Hopkins, this time I will trouble you to go to the island country." President Roosevelt said.

Consultant Hopkins will serve as President Roosevelt's secret envoy and secretly go to the island country to meet with the prime minister of the island country. This time, the mission of the Hopkins consultant is to ask the army of the island country to implement the plan proposed by the US government to use the Philippine Islands as a springboard to attack the Southeast Asia. The U.S. government hopes that the island government can seize this opportunity and invest all its strength in this plan to launch an offensive. This is also the last chance the U.S. government will give the island nation.

"Your Excellency, I am happy to serve you!" said the Hopkins consultant. Although letting the islanders temporarily occupy the Philippine Islands is detrimental to the interests of the United States. But in the long run, this is very good for the United States. Therefore, the United States will vigorously promote this plan.

"Well, Mr. Hopkins, I wish you a good journey!" President Roosevelt said. He has great trust in the Hopkins consultant, otherwise, he would not be allowed to participate in these affairs.

The news that the Hopkins consultant will secretly visit the island country as the president of the United States was immediately informed by the US ambassador to the island country Kazushige Ugaki. Ugaki Kasunari did not dare to neglect, and hurriedly reported to Prime Minister Konoe Fumimaro. However, the top and bottom of the island's cabinet are a little confused about this visit by the Hopkins consultant. I don't know what his real intention is.

Prime Minister Fumimaro Konoe called the five ministers of the cabinet to discuss this.

"Gentlemen, Hopkins, as the secret envoy of the President of the United States, visited Tokyo secretly. What is the purpose? Can everyone guess it?" Prime Minister Konoe Fumimaro asked.

"Isn't it true that the Americans are here to ask questions? After all, they have given us a lot of support over the years. However, we have not been able to win as they wished." Said General Seishiro Itagaki.

The face of General Mitsumasa Minet, Minister of the Sea, suddenly became a little unsightly. Previously, the island's cabinet decided to give the navy a special military expenditure again, so that the construction progress of the island's navy's capital ships and aircraft carriers could be further improved,

which caused widespread dissatisfaction from the army. However, for the sake of the overall situation, the leaders of the island country army had no choice but to suppress this dissatisfaction. But this does not prevent General Itagaki Seishiro from confronting General Minai Mitsumasa at the cabinet meeting. After all, the conflict between the island country's army and navy has a long history.

"If the Americans really came to inquire about crimes, the Navy will naturally explain to the U.S. government!" Admiral Minai Mitsumasa said coldly.

"The Americans shouldn't make such a fuss. After all, didn't we promise to launch a new offensive soon? And the Americans also agreed to provide us with a batch of steel plates for ships. There is no need to send secret envoys to accuse us " said Ugaki Kazushige.

Konoe Fumimaro nodded. The Americans' actions really made them somewhat unpredictable.

"So it seems that the American secret envoy has other things to come here this time. Since you can't guess it, then don't worry about it. When the time comes, you will naturally know!" Prime Minister Fumimaro Konoe said.

The other cabinet ministers nodded repeatedly. Although, the island country cannot do without the support of the United States. But as their military power continues to expand, the islanders don't think of themselves as a dog raised by the United States, they think more of a partnership between the two parties. Therefore, there is no need for them to bow down too much to the Americans.

Of course, this is just the idea of the islanders themselves. In fact, the U.S. government has always regarded the island country as a dog they raised, and let them bite whoever they want.

A B-17 bomber on which a Hopkins consultant was traveling landed at a military airfield outside Tokyo. Kazunari Ugaki, foreign minister of the island, greeted him at the airport in person. After the two exchanged pleasantries, they drove to the Prime Minister's Mansion.

Although in the car, Ugaki Kazan wanted to ask Hopkins about his visit. However, it was perfunctory. This time the U.S. government allowed the army of the island country to attack Nanyang through the Philippine Islands. The matter is of great importance and cannot be disclosed at will.

Seeing this, Ugaki had no choice but to give up that idea.

When the Hopkins consultant arrived at the Prime Minister's Office of the island country, the Prime Minister Fumimaro Konoe and other important cabinet ministers of the island country had been waiting for a long time.

"Advisor, welcome to the island country again!" Prime Minister Konoe Fumimaro's face was full of smiles.

"Hello, Prime Minister!" The Hopkins consultant responded with a smile.

After exchanging pleasantries, everyone went to the office of Prime Minister Konoe Fumimaro.

When the office door was closed and even the secretary had exited, the Hopkins consultant got to the point.

"Your Excellency Prime Minister, the U.S. government is very hopeful about your navy's defeat in this naval battle. We have always hoped that your country can launch an attack on Southeast Asia and Australia as soon as possible. And this is also your government's original promise! said the Hopkins consultant.

"Advisor, I am so sorry!" Prime Minister Konoé Fumimaro hurriedly apologized. The other important cabinet ministers also bowed one after another.

The Hopkins consultant is undoubtedly very satisfied with the respectful attitude of the islanders. In front of the islanders, they can get a sense of satisfaction, which makes Americans very proud.

"Your Excellency, our navy is already actively preparing. We will launch a new attack on the German navy as soon as possible. Soon, we will defeat the German navy. I hope the United States can give us more time." Admiral Minai Mitsumasa Said.

The Hopkins consultant shook his head: "What we lack most now is time!"

General Minai Mitsumasa and other ministers of the island countries, after seeing this attitude of the Hopkins consultant, their hearts began to sink. They are really worried that the United States will have no patience with them. In that case, how could the island nation survive this war? If it is not done well, it may face the danger of subjugation.

However, the next words of the Hopkins consultant made the important ministers of the island country realize what it means to turn around.

"We hope that the army of the island country can launch an attack on Nanyang and Australia as soon as possible. After all, Germany has only 800,000 people in Nanyang and Australia. Once Germany wins the European battlefield, they can easily send more troops to Nanyang. It will be even more difficult to defeat them at that time." Hopkins consultant said.

"But, Your Excellency, how can we attack Nanyang and Australia without command of the sea?" General Seishiro Itagaki asked.

"It's very simple, use the Philippine Islands as a springboard!" Hopkins consultant said with a smile.