

But no combination of Japanese armed strength, no weapons of Japanese propaganda, have been able to breach the inflexible defence raised up in the minds and efforts of the people of China. The organization of free China, and the maintenance of industries, education, social services - many of which migrated for hundreds of miles - has been one of the most resourceful answers to aggression in the history of the world. Considerable bodies of Chinese troops have been in training in India. Other forces trained in India under Field Marshal Wavell have mounted the offensive in Burma. No gains from this offensive have been conclusive, though very recently new four-motored bombers from the United States have caused heavy damage to Japanese installations.

One other area, much closer to our own shores, deserves more than passing mention. As a part of Japan's attempt to control all the Western Pacific, her naval and air forces reached out, during 1942, into the Aleutian Islands, and determined efforts have been made to build and fortify bases for submarines, seaplanes, and other aircraft. The vigilance and offensive force of the United States naval forces, with powerful support from the air arm, has confined present Japanese possession to a quite small number of bases. So long as they remain