# Washington Digest **Courteous Japs Kow-Tow To Victorious Americans**

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Recently, I had two experiences which melded. I ran into my colleague, Kenneth Romney Jr., son of Kenneth Rom-

ney Sr., sergeant at-arms of the house of repre-sentatives. Young Romney recently has taken up his duties in radio again after a belated discharge from the military service, the lat-ter part of which was spent with the "cloak and dagger" boys, the Office of Strategic serv-

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ices. Casually, he told me how he landed in Shanghai. He had been serv-ing in China. Shortly after V-J Day he was ordered, along with some hundred other American officers and soldiers, to Shanghai. It was known there were no Chinese troops in the city. Shanghai had been in Japanese hands since the beginning of the war. The civilian population had become none too co-operative. Hence, the Americans (even the "cloak and dagger" boys) arrived

in full battle dress. Their plane landed, and little brown men came forward toward them. The Americans had their rifles at "ready." Some fired. But the Japs, undeterred, came for-ward, bowing deeply, smiling. It was a Japanese ground force, ready and anxious to service the American planes.

Later came Jap officers with a whole fleet of limousines. The Americans were guests, not con-querors. The conquered enemy were hosts-not just the conquered. They offered to find accommodations and the trimmings. A little confusing, the Americans thought, China, another world. . . . Now the scene shifts to Washing-ton again. I witness the meeting

of a husband and wife. Plenty of such meetings these days, still. It was touching. The man had dropped out of the Far Eastern skies. It seemed only yesterday that I had heard he was in a city in the Netherlands Indies where the American corporation he represented had one of its great plants. He was the first American to visit it since the territory had been won back from the

enemy But had it been won back?

When I heard his story, I won-dered. It seems that when he reached the gates of the Americanowned plant, he found a Japanese on guard. He identified himself. In a few moments, a smiling and bow-ing Japanese officer, still wearing most of his uniform and speaking understandable English, appeared. They began a tour of the prop-erty, the Jap most deferential but of-fering no word of explanation or apology for the fact that he, a late enemy, was in charge and not in jail. In fact, the Jap was very lo-quacious on the subject of the ex-cellent work that he and his helpers had done to put the plant back into

repair and operation. He showed my friend the various places where the buildings and ma-chinery had been damaged-evidence, he pointed out, smiling, of the excellent marksmanship of the American air force. He dem-onstrated with particular pride how renair

Next comes "News From Swed-en," a mimeographed collection of featur-y paragraphs from the Amer-ican-Swedish News Exchange. I recall when the Swedish minister here consulted me about the founding of such a publicity bureau, back be-fore we got into World War I.

The next is one of the UAW-CIO regular releases, and then the CIO News, a 16-page weekly, printed, I suppose, for their membership.

Then one of the valuable National Opinion Research surveys put out by the University of Denver. This one is a poll of American opinion

on the Germans and Japs and how we think they got that way. More Business Weeks, and "Pro-gram Information" from my own American Broadcasting company. A printed letter from the Payroll Guarantee association with an en-closure on "civilized cats, mice and cheese." The American Feed Manufacturers' association handout say-

ing the feed shortage is over. General Motors sends me the ninth in a series of production re-ports. (What could have happened to the other eight?) The release from the National

Planning association announces that Leon Henderson and the official of a big corporation have been add-ed to their board of trustees-and if you want to know about the dis-tribution of fats and oils by the department of agriculture, you can have my copy of the second interim report from the Committee on Small Business pursuant to H. Res. 64.

#### Or Maybe You'd Prefer Rail Loadings

Maybe you'd rather have freight loadings of the week from the As-sociation of American Railways, or perhaps you want to bid on the pur-chase of 15 or fewer Landing Ship Tank (LST) type vessels? Or per-haps you'd prefer some all-wool American flags, or a BK steel barge for dry or liquid cargo? No? Well, no harm in making the offer. Next exhibit is "News From

France" from the French Informa-tion service. I'll admit I asked for that, along with the attractive mag-azine, "La Republique Francaise." Here's the state department's weekly bulletin which is Part Three of that interesting series on the present status of German youth. I was planning to write an article on that subject myself, but they tell me the magazines are overbought on Germany. Won't buy another thing.

Just two pages of mimeographed material from the "Friends of Finn-ish Democracy." Cruel irony here. Remember when it was "brave little Finland"? Remember when Finnish Minister Procope couldn't go anywhere without being applaud-ed? Finland paid-ber war debts! She even managed not to duck aft-er the war! Well, Finland's friends are protesting now over the repara-tions demanded by Russia . . . heavier in proportion to population, they say, than are any other na-tion's. To pay the reparations bill, the statement claims, every man in Finland would have to work eight hours a day for seven years. It would take four-fifths of Finland's normal exports.

Here's a speech by Senator Taft from his office, "not printed at gov-ernment expense." Stuck together is a news-print pamphlet called the "Poll Tax Repealer," and that blast from the Republican national committee on the President's budget message. A very neat little booklet (additional copies will be fur-nished) by Standard Oil of New Jersey, entitled "Steps to Security. Now a tissue carbon labeled "Midnight Cry" with a series of Biblical texts shrieking doom. Seven familiar bright yellow pages from the National Highway Users association, which is one of the real, hard-working publicity bureaus. The CIO's "Economic Outlook," which often has statements that can't be



MOHAMMEDANS GO BESERK ... Members of the All-Indian Moslem league are shown demonstrating in London for "Pakistan," an All-Moslem independent state in India. The following day bloody riots broke eat in Calcutta, India, between Moslems and Hindus. Some two thousand persons were killed and other thousands injured. British troops in armored cars fired repeatedly on mobs of looters, but street bat-tles went on unchecked.—Sound Photo.



BRITISH TROOPS GUARD TROUBLED HAIFA... British troops guard the barbed wired streets of Haifa, Palestine, during the outbreak which followed when immigrants from Europe, seeking entrance into Pal-estine, were transferred to British ships and transported to the island of Cyprus and detention camps. Three Jews were killed and many injured during the demonstration.





### **BUSSIA'S BIG MISTAKE**

WASHINGTON. - If the Soviet government had deliberately set out government had deliberately set out to make mistakes it couldn't have made more than it has piled up in the past year. In the one year that has passed since V-J Day, Russia has won the ill will of her neigh-boring countries in Europe, has lost virtually all her friends in the virtually all her friends in the United States and has turned most of the world against her. In considering our present strained relations with Russia, this

is all-important. It indicates that time is running on our side, that Russia's own policies are playing into our hands, and that war can be avoided.

One year ago Soviet Russia was considered the great saylor of the world. In Europe, the Russians were given credit, far more than the United States, for liberating the occupied countries, were even hailed by some as the pioneers of a new world order. In the U. S., most Americans had a genuine ad-miration for the heroism of the Russian people and looked for-ward to a period of friendly cooperation.

Today that good will has vanished. In all of Russia's satellites, with the possible exception of Finland Czechoslovakia, the Soviet is extremely unpopular, even hated. Romania and Bulgaria would bolt Russia in a minute were it not for the Red army. Hungary and Austria, which Russia hoped to win over, voted overwhelmingly against the Soviet. In France the strong Communist upsurge now has hit

the downgrade. Even in Yugoslavia, where Tito is supposed to be supreme, the Russians are not popu-

Most interesting fact is that the countries nearest the Russians usually dislike them most. Thus in more distant France, there is more pro-Soviet sentiment than in the adjacent Balkans.

Finally, in the American-British zones of Germany, Germans are fearful lest the western allies even-tually evacute and Russia walks in.

#### **U. S. STOCK GOES UP**

Thus the world has turned against an aggressor nation. Thus also, the world has turned toward a nation which has no selfish axes to grind and which is attempting to co-oper ate with the rest of the world.

This is what Secretary of State Byrnes has sincerely tried to do at Paris; and as far as this observer could ascertain, his patient, fairminded policy is paying dividends. Part of the world, once ready to sing Russia's praises, has veered toward the United States.

Therefore, the No. 1 point of American policy should be to work things out within the family of nations; to put Palestine and other controversial problems under the United Nations; not to let the British drag us into separate al-liances. This is our greatest danger. If we become the tail on the British kite, we can be euchred into war with Russia - exactly where the British foreign office imperialists want us. But as long as smaller independent nations of the world are convinced of our unsel-fish motives, as long as we re-main aloof from both sides, our strength as a world leader is secure.

### TENSION INCREASES

However, this alone may not head off war with Russia. As this is written, censored diplomatic dispatches from the Far East report three days of rifle skirmishing between American and Russian troops along the Korean border. This is the first time U. S.-USSR troops have deliberately fired at each



Does your mixing bowl move away from you under the beat. ing and stirring you do? Set it on a damp cloth and it will remain steady. A tea towel works fine for this.

Wear can be distributed on large and small-sized rugs by turning them around from time to time.

Cutting one-fourth-inch notches in the edges of bacon or smoked ham with the scissors will keep it from curling when cooking.

Children should have some time for rest before each meal. Before breakfast and supper they can sit quietly and look at books until the meal is on the table, but at dinner time, after they have been playing hard all morning, they should lie down to rest for about 15 minutes.

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been done, obviously expecting (and receiving) well-deserved praise for the technical skill the Japanese repairmen had shown.

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But American industry still reaps no benefit from that plant, and although the Japanese gain no profit therefrom, this American property is still, literally, in the hands of th enemy.

## Loads of Mail

Commentator's Lot

For one whole week, I saved all the things that came to me by mail progressive, regardless of the which I hadn't asked for-except changes in the LaFollette activities personal letters. I have just counted them, and there are 233 separate pieces in all. The total number of pages I am expected to read adds Looks interesting, but WAIT A up to nearly a thousand

the book" from Omnibook. A col-lection of amusing stories. But Om-Oh dear. It must have gotten nibook itself is better still and I be-lieve I have every issue, begin-ning with Vol. 1, No. 1.

Now we come to an attractive 12-page tabloid newspaper, "The Pro-gressive and LaFollette's Maga-zine." I am glad to note it is still MINUTE. I think they want me to The one on top is "the back of PAY for it. Here's a return card

### BARBS . . . by Baukhage

overlooked.

Four of the goats used in the | into general use.

Pvt. Donald Callahan won a prize offered by the army for an essay on "Why I Joined the Army." Part of the prize was a date with two showgirls. Is that why, Donald? The Army Times thinks Gen. Omar Bradley may resign as VA head. It's not the work but the words. He has to make too many speeches to suit him.

The secretary of state has a new atom bomb test seem to have par-tially recovered. There will be a lot of human goats, if the bomb gets former. . . .

BATTLE FLAG OF BATTLING SHIP . . . Before a large gathering, the battle flag of the battered but still afloat USS Nevada was pre-sented to the state of Nevada. The presentation was made by Rear Adm. Francis W. Rockwell (right), former commanding officer of the Nevada, to Gov. Vall Pittman, accepting for the state. This is the first time in naval, history that a flag of a major battleship has been returned to a state.



Annapolis midshipmen and 315 West Point cadets make two ann<sup>+</sup>ibi-ous landings as "invation troops" near the Virginia capes. A few veteran marines in each landing craft led the middles and cadets eshore in the war games. Photo shows, left to right, Secretary of Navy James Forrestal, Amd. Aubrey Fitch, and two West Point cadets "digging in" the beach. MIDDIE TRAINING MANEUVERS . . . Four hundred and forty

DIGS GRAVES . . . Denna Bar-thel, 19-year-old North Liberty, Ind., miss, is believed to be the only girl grave digger in the U.S. Her eagerness to obtain a musical education led her to hire out as a grave digger at Sauktown, Ind. She was proclaimed "Girl of the Year" by Guitar guild.

DERBY WINNER . . . Gilbert Klegan, 14, San Diego, who won the 1946 All-American Soap Box derby at Akron, Ohio. More than 65,000 spectators watched the event. Racers from all sections of the country participated other. Another censored dispatch from London reports the British general staff meeting daily to plan strategy for defending the British lifeline in the Near East.

In other words, certain belligerent elements in Russia are quite willing to risk war now; and cer-tain elements in England believe a showdown is better now than later. In a charged atmosphere like this, one spark can cause tragedy. However, this observer's experi-ence in watching foreign affairs convinces him that seldom does any nation provoke an incident if it knows that incident means war; thus the best way to prevent war is to let a prospective belligerent know he will get it in the neck if he sticks his neck out.

In other words, if Russia knows categorically and definitely that she will be at war with us if she becomes an aggressor against the United Nations, then the chances are 100 to 1 Russia will risk no war.

### COULD HAVE STOPPED HITLER

To illustrate: If Adolf Hitler had known he would have been at war with France and England when he sent his troops into the Ruhr and Rhineland he never would have given them marching orders. As it vas, fearing war, he gave them two sets of orders, one to advance and the second to retreat if the French resisted. Likewise, Hitler never would have sent his troops into Austria if he hadn't known the Allies were unprepared. He was right as later events proved. change to UALUA for the tonic effect on your smile

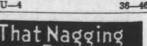
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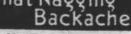
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