

## THE HARD ROAD BACK

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Political sensation throughout America is the Pearl Harbour enquiry, Attending the dramatic investigation are Rear Admiral Kimmel, long retired from service and Lt. Gen. Short, both in command at Pearl Harbour when the Japs attacked. A Congress committee headed by Senator Barkley is now well launched on the investigation. Now a first class political issue Pearl Harbour is being exploited both by democrats and Republicans with <sup>an</sup> ~~eye on~~ <sup>eye on</sup> ~~a view to~~ the next election... Throughout the <sup>Globe</sup> world, in one way and another, the backwash of the ~~great~~ War leaves tremendous problems behind. For Japan, for one thing, the hard road back to peace will be trodden without a Navy. Lying in Japanese home waters are the fantastic remains of the Fleet which only a short while ago was within an ace of dominating the Pacific. The most humiliating defeat in history, with the possible exception of that suffered by Germany, ended the Japanese bid for world power. ~~Nominally~~ <sup>overwhelmed</sup> ~~indeed came to the war lords of the Far East.~~ It appears safe to prophesy that this is the grave of all eastern dreams of conquest.

G.I. Joes of the Army of occupation, as yet barely setting foot on the road back, beguile their spare time on Japanese fishing boats, watching with interest the skill of native fishermen. ~~When~~ To Japan the fishing industry is more than ever important if the defeated country is to be well supplied with food... [It's one thing to catch fish, quite another to eat it with chop sticks, but even there the G.I. is a quick learner, especially with a feminine example to follow.

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1. TITLE: Washington: HEADLINES FOR HISTORY!
4. Explosive headlines from Washington! At the Senate Office Building, the Pearl Harbor inquiry opens. Quietly standing by are retired Rear Admiral Kimmel and Lt. General Short, who held command at Pearl Harbor. A joint congressional committee, headed by Senator Alben Barkley, begins its investigation. First witnesses are Colonel Bernard Thielen of the Army General Staff and Rear Admiral T.B. Inglis, Chief of Naval Intelligence. Reporters hear Colonel Thielen testify that no army aircraft were ready to fight when the enemy came, although it had been shown that we knew of the Japs' plan to attack us, six months before Pearl Harbor. Admiral Inglis reveals that 95% of Navy enlisted men were aboard their ships on the morning of December 7th. The groundwork is laid for more sensational revelations!
20. ~~Reverberations of the atomic bomb continue, as Attlee, Truman and King, conclude the first three-power conference of the Atomic Age — the secret to be kept from all other nations, until world peace is assured. Only two days before, Attlee had brought this appeal for peace and progress before both houses of Congress: (SPEECH)~~
27. ~~World War II fades into history. Began in devastation at Pearl Harbor, and climaxed in devastation at Nagasaki, these two flaming events press us irrevocably toward an immediate decision. Which is it to be — global chaos or world unity?~~