

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> ~~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. ~~Now~~ 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-REMAINS OF JAP FLEET--At Japan's once great naval base of Kure--this is Pearl Harbor paid back with interest. After having been defeated in a series of naval battles, the battered fleet of Japan took refuge here at its home base--where it was assailed by American airpower, bombers and torpedo planes. Massed warships were destroyed in harbor. A great aircraft carrier--capsized. Jap warships that survived are to be scuttled--after being used for atomic bomb tests. The end of the third largest fleet in the world--the greater part of it a shambles of wreckage here. Navy Motion pictures of Pearl Harbor avenged.

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2-TYPHOON IN KYUSHU--The fury of the wind that hit southern Japan, after having blasted the American base on Okinawa--Army Air Force motion pictures of the howling violence of the typhoon. An American airfield in conquered Japan is nearly blown away by the gale--planes tossed and turned over. Battling against the stern, they tie the planes to keep them from taking off--and have a seat fellows, and hold down the tail. A bird bucks the typhoon, is blown backward and fights on again.

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3-TOKYO TREASURE HAUL--Gold and silver seized by the Americans in Tokyo. The Japs looted conquered countries of millions of dollars worth of treasure, and the stolen wealth is now recovered in one rich haul after another. Found in many hiding places, as here sacks of precious metal are taken from underground vaults. A hoard of coins is carefully weighed and recorded--awaiting final disposition by the Allies.

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4-G.Is. TRY JAP FISHING--On a fishing trip with Japs who get a living from what they catch in the river near Tokyo. Throw out the nets--and it's clever tossing. A kind of fishing the G.Is. never saw in Minnesota or Main. The Jap fishermen are experts, but the catch they take is nothing huge. They never ate like that on a fishing trip back home. Very good with the chopsticks, says little Miss Tokyo--the G.Is. always making friends with kids.