

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 an *eye on* ~~a view to~~ the next election... Throughout the *globe* 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. ~~None has~~ *overwhelmed* ~~indeed come 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.