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## This Shrinking World

President Truman took cognizance of this small and interdependent world when he announced, in his latest report to the nation, that we shall maintain and acquire such military bases as are necessary for our future defense.

Following and clarifying as it did the president's disavowal of territorial ambition, this statement also served notice that America has learned at least one great lesson from this war, and that the false security that dominated our thinking in the 1930s has been dispelled.

We can never again think of our oceans as impregnable bastions against invasion, and we can never again feel safe if any potential warmaker, however remote, finds inadequate foreign defenses along his borders.

It seemed of no immediate concern to the ordinary American of 1936 when Hitler marched his troops into the Rhineland. But if the invading Germans had been met there by French guns and determined French courage, there might have been no European war and possibly no Pearl Harbor attack.

To many Americans of 1939 it was a source of positive pride that our armed forces were inadequate and our air force infinitesimal. We were determined not to be dragged into any European war—which was a blameless, though hopeless, determination. But we somehow thought that we could discourage attack by being ill-armed and ill-defended, and that by strengthening ourselves we should invite aggression.

The rocket, the jet plane, and now the atomic bomb have changed all that. Iwo and Okinawa have become first lines of defense, not only for the American mainland, but for the peace of the world.

The decision to maintain these and other islands as military bases is the first step toward future military security. The second is to maintain them adequately. And that step is up to congress.

That is where congress stumbled badly in the years between the wars. With their heads burrowed comfortably in the topsoil of Capitol Hill, succeeding generations of congressmen cut and withheld military appropriations until, in spite of pleas from the army and navy, our farthest Pacific outposts became feeble and impotent.

This is not likely to happen again. For advancing science can scarcely have failed to convince even the most isolation-minded legislator that distance no longer means safety in this shrinking world.

## QUESTIONS and ANSWERS

Q—What territory did Poland get under the Potsdam agreement?

A—Eastern part of Pomerania province in Prussia, most of Lower and all of Upper Silesia.

Q—To what use is the major portion of the 700,000,000 pounds of paraffin wax produced annually in the United States put?

A—More than 80 per cent is used to coat paper and paper products, such as bread wrappings and drinking straws.

Q—What is unusual about tropical America's sand box tree?

A—It produces a large seed, resembling a small pumpkin, which, on maturity explodes with great violence, scattering its fragments in all directions.

Q—What is a psychodrama?

A—A stage presentation in which none of the actors learns parts, but make them up spontaneously. Army rehabilitation centers use psychodrama as a therapeutic.

Q—How many vice presidents has the United States had?

A—Thirtyfour.

## Legal Notices

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON CASS COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED DISTRICT

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING AN INTEREST OR LIEN UPON THE REAL ESTATE EMBRACED WITHIN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED BOUNDARIES:

All of Cass County, Nebraska, except and excluding the incorporated towns and villages of Plattsmouth, Louisville, South Bend, Greenwood, Murdock, Union, Avoca, Weeping Water, Elmwood, Eagle, Alvo, Nehawka and Murray.

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed asking for the formation of a district for the control and eradication of noxious weeds in accordance with Sections 2-910 to 2-951, inclusive, of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, as amended by L. B. 219 of the 58th Session of the Legislature of Nebraska, to be known as the "CASS COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED DISTRICT", and said proposed district to be bounded as above stated.

A hearing will be had on said petition and the Report of the Department of Agriculture and Inspection of the State of Nebraska, filed in the matter of the organization of said District with the County Clerk of Cass County, Nebraska;

Said hearing to be held before the County Board of Commissioners of said County at the Court House, in the City of Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebraska, on Thursday, the 23rd day of August, 1945 at two (2) o'clock P. M.

Dated at Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebraska, this 4th day of August, 1945.

GEO. R. SAYLES  
County Clerk,  
Cass County, Nebraska  
(SEAL)  
133-8-9,16

R. A. Haggart, Attorney  
St. Paul, Nebr.

### NOTICE

In the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

James A. Edington, et al, Plaintiffs, vs. Mary MacDonald Gemmel, et al, Defendants.

TO: Mary MacDonald Gemmel, single, James MacDonald Fraser and ———— Fraser, his wife, first name unknown, Alexander Marshall Fraser and ———— Fraser, his wife, first name unknown, Alex R. Wilson, Attorney in Fact.

All persons having or claiming any interest in the West Half of the Northeast Quarter (W 1/2 N E 1/4), and the Southeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 12 North, Range 13, East of the 6th P. M., in Cass County, Nebraska, real names unknown,

Defendants. You are hereby notified that on the 31st day of July, 1945, James A. Edington, et al, Plaintiffs, filed their petition in the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska against you, the object and prayer of which is that the shares of the parties in the above described real estate be confirmed, that said real estate be partitioned among the owners according to their respective rights and if the same can not be divided without prejudice to the rights of said owners, that said premises be sold and the proceeds thereof be divided accordingly, and for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 17th day of September, 1945. Dated this 8th day of August, 1945.

Mary MacDonald Gemmel, et al, Plaintiffs, by R. A. Haggart, Their Attorney, torney.  
137-8-9,15,23,30

J. Howard Davis, Attorney  
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION  
In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

To all persons interested in the ceased. No. 3859:

Take notice that a petition has been filed praying for administration of said estate and appointment of Charles Boedeker as administrator; that said petition has been set for hearing before said Court on the 31st day of August, 1945, at ten o'clock a. m.

Dated August 7, 1945.  
PAUL E. FAUQUET  
County Judge  
(Seal)  
139-8-9,16,23

### MYNARD CHURCH NOTES

Lee Huebert, Pastor

10:00 a. m.—Sunday School Classes will elect teachers for the coming year.

11:00—Worship service.

7:00—Christian Endeavor.

The Presbyterian young people will be our guests during the Endeavor meeting and the social hour thereafter.

### 1756 PAPER STILL ISSUED

PORTSMOUTH, N. H. — (UPI) — The oldest continuously printed newspaper in the U. S. is the Portsmouth Gazette, whose first number was issued in 1756.

# The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—Twenty-three years ago, this writer, visiting in Japan, got considerable first-hand information about the emperor from a young Japanese Quaker, Renzo Sawada, who had been picked to accompany Hirohito, then crown prince, on a trip to see the western world.

Never before had a ruler of Japan left his shores. In the past scarcely was the emperor even seen by his subjects. Some idea of his isolation can be gained from the fact that the word "mika" means "awful"; the word "do" means "place," and the name "mikado" means "awful-place."

In the old days, priests came to worship at the "awful place," but they never saw the emperor whose other name even today is "tenno," meaning "Son of Heaven." The emperor is synonymous with the sun and from this comes the Japanese flag, with sixteen spreading rays symbolic of the rising sun and the emperor.

In those days the mikado was the theoretical owner of all the land and all the people and their possessions. He was their god and protector. His lance and shield came from Ama, "the ancestral region." Thus arose the cult of Shintoism which actually means "rule of the superiors" or "way of the Gods." Even the word for government in Japan, "matsurigoto" means "shrine visiting" or "religion."

### Modernizing the Emperor

Thus during most of Japanese history; in fact up until just after the arrival of Commander Perry in 1852, the mikado was an ethereal spiritual being, not a ruler; and it came as a definite shock to many Japanese that their emperor-to-be should sail off to England and France to absorb western culture.

In fact, some of the more intense patriots actually threw themselves on the railroad tracks in front of the train carrying Hirohito to Yokohama in protest against the departure.

Naturally Hirohito may have changed a lot during the 25 years since his trip. Naturally, also my friend Sawada was prejudiced in his favor. However, the story of the voyage was one of a young man anxious to mingle with his fellowmen, astounded the emperor-worshippers by wrestling on the deck with his aides, got a bloody nose, and danced demagogically with the servants of the duke of Atholl in the same "barbaric" Scotland, which, according to Shinto priests, is made from the mud and seafoam left over after creation of the "heavenly isles"—Japan.

Hirohito even managed to deliver a public speech to the Lord Mayor of London; and no emperor in all the history of Japan had ever delivered a public speech before. In all Japanese history, furthermore, no emperor had purchased an article of any size, shape or form. In Paris, however, Hirohito insisted on going alone and buying a necktie, and later a pearl for his mother.

### Hirohito Goes Underground

His greatest ambition, however, was to ride on the Paris subway or "metro." Before leaving Tokyo, Hirohito's staff had been strictly forbidden to let the heir to the throne ride on any subway, but despite this, the crown prince bolted most of his staff and ventured underground. He insisted on buying the tickets himself and handed them to the fat lady guarding the gate.

But he handed them to her in a bunch, instead of spreading them out fan shape, so that she could not punch them quickly. All of which brought forth a storm of abuse in metro French, heaped on the head of the future ruler of Japan.

Once while driving through Paris in an official parade, Hirohito exchanged coats with one of his aides, told him to look stiff and uncomfortable, and slipped out of the car to explore Paris. The procession went on, the crowd applauding the uniformed figure who sat bolt upright, an effective substitute for the prince regent of Japan.

These are some of the things which had led many missionaries and state department officials to the conclusion that Hirohito is liberal and moderate. Unquestionably he is more moderate than the military men around him; perhaps also it is true that he was opposed to the war.

However, Hirohito has now become so much the tool of the militarists, so indelibly stamped with the mark of fascist conquest, that it will be extremely difficult to build a new and democratic Japan with him in the saddle. Some of the factors on the other side of the balance sheet will be discussed in a future column.

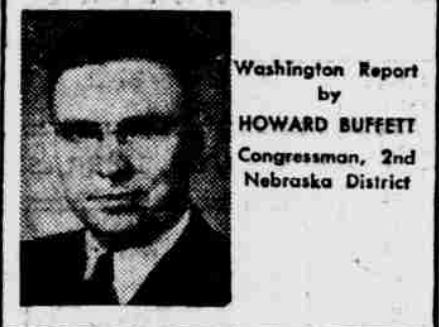
### Merry-Go-Round

The FBI has been called in to investigate how and whence this column last week published the blueprint of the U. S. army for governing Germany. Apparently the powers that be don't think that the American people, who fought this war, are entitled to know the complete plan for governing Germany. . . . The resignation of John Winant as ambassador to Great Britain can be expected within 60 days. He was not taken to Potsdam. . . . The resignation of George Messersmith as U. S. envoy to Mexico also is in the works. . . . Marriner Eccles' resignation as head of the federal reserve board is now on President Truman's desk. . . . Assistant Secretary of State Will Clayton is preparing the ground work for his international trade conference to take place in London sometime in October. The conference will endeavor to combat world cartels and monopolies. . . . Director Peron of Argentina waited until the world was absorbed with Japanese surrender to clap one thousand patriotic Argentines in jail. Peron always waits until the eyes of the world are diverted before doing an undercover knife job on democracy.

### Capital Chaff

If General MacArthur and Admiral Nimitz enter Tokyo simultaneously, it will be the first time they have spoken or conferred since President Roosevelt called them to Pearl Harbor one year ago. The two men have not been good friends. . . . During the earlier part of the war MacArthur, then in Australia, told Nimitz and navy leaders that they would have to come to Australia if they wanted to talk to him. . . . Inside fact is that Russia and Japan had been fighting for about two weeks before war was officially declared—but the shooting was labelled border skirmishes. Tokyo didn't want any declaration of war while Stalin wasn't quite ready to launch a big offensive. . . . Truman was kept informed regarding all these incidents. . . . Tip-off that Japan was weakening came after Russia declared war, and the Japs did not declare war in return. . . . Gaylord Marsh, former U. S. consul general in Korea, who knows the Japanese intimately, says that if Hirohito abdicates in favor of his son—which he thinks is probable—it will be to defeat popular government in Japan; also to defeat religious freedom.

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Washington Report by HOWARD BUFFETT  
Congressman, 2nd Nebraska District

Perhaps a returning G. I. Joe has exhibited to you his enthusiasm for his home grounds in Nebraska. In any event, this truth deserves regular restatement: There is no better place in the world to live than in the Missouri River Valley in the area surrounding Omaha for a radius of several hundred miles. Back home for the Congressional recess, Nebraska seems like a paradise for good living.

For example, a few days ago we stopped in a small-town restaurant. We were a little late and my companion rather doubtfully asked, "Can we get a hamburger sandwich maybe?" The proprietor answered, "Sorry, we don't have hamburger, but I can give you a T-bone steak, a top sirloin steak, or a club steak." (Washington papers please copy. P. S. The price of the T-bone with trimmings was 75 cents.)

Another visit out in the country took me to a church picnic. For several hundred people they had many desserts, including five-gallon freezers of farm-made ice cream. Member that rich country cream, the kind so thick it pours like molasses? After feasting heartily for a modest fee, we purchased what leftovers we could carry home to round out the evening. Yes sir, there are advantages in NOT living in Washington, D. C.

There is some talk in Washington about creating another West Point and Annapolis for additional officer training purposes. As of late date, there were 835,534 commissioned officers in the Army, and 304,247 in the Navy. Some of these officers will not relish demotion nor welcome a return to the humble task of making a living by individual effort. This ticklish reconversion problem is not yet on the front page.

Despite these hundreds of thousands of officers, military training goes on uninterrupted at both West Point and Annapolis. On the other hand, training of competent scientists has been shut off by military draft policies. Yet technical achievements such as radar and atomic bombs have provided our armies with the weapons for victory. Scientific leaders believe this virtual stoppage of technical training inexcusable.

With the war behind us, the less spectacular but more important task of restoring liberty in America becomes paramount. To achieve that aim will require prompt and effective demobilization of our colossal military establishment of almost thirteen million in uniform. One aspect of this situation is seldom discussed. Top military officials have a most difficult moral task in reducing these forces. Thousands upon thousands of officers must be lowered in rank as the total forces are reduced. To do that job cleanly and adequately will require unprecedented courage on the part of our military chiefs. The \$64 question is, will they do it voluntarily?

**Suspenders Taboo**  
BOSTON (UPI)—Sign in a fashionable downtown club: "During the summer, members wishing to do so may remove their coats in the dining room if their suspenders are not visible."

### ABE MARTIN



If there's anything worse'n tryin' to hurry out of a crowded day coach it's followin' behind a dyspeptic in a steam table cafeteria. After your mother dies there's no market fer a personal grievance.

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UNION, NEBR.  
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
"A Community Church"  
T. Porter Bennett, Pastor

10:30 The church school: Donald McQuinn, Superintendent. There is a welcome for you in our church school. We are trying to be of the greatest service to the greatest number.

8:00 "The Biggest Fact in Life" Will be the subject that the pastor will take for the evening service. Does the work of God appeal to you and your family?

Monday, 4:00 The fourth quarterly conference will be held at the church. Dr. A. A. Brooks, the district superintendent will preside. Trustees, stewards and committees will be elected. All are invited to attend. If you have an interest in the future of this church we want you there.

Thursday, 2:00 The woman's society of Christian service will meet at the home of Mrs. John Christensen. All are invited.

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