

Occupation Soldiers Of '45 Would Not Know Japan Today

By JOHN RODERICK
TOKYO (AP)—The victorious Allied soldiers who disembarked in Japan in 1945 to carry out a firm but benign military occupation would never recognize Japan today.

There are 30,000,000 more Japanese than the 70,000,000 of 21 years ago. But instead of the ragamuffins rooting in the debris for something to wear or eat, they now are the best-fed, best-dressed, best-paid and most literate people in Asia.

The Japanese have accomplished an economic miracle. Fifth among the world's industrial giants—first in shipbuilding, second in television manufacture, third in steel-making—they are riding a wave of exuberant economic growth.

The Shinto priests, who grace all "musical" occasions, are working overtime waving their paper wands over mushrooming hotels, office buildings, nuclear reactors, super highways, subways and pachinko (pinball) parlors.

Japan, with a constitution which outlaws war, has fought in no foreign conflicts since 1945. None of its citizens is subject to conscription. Its defence expenditures are low, its army small. No revolutions or massive civil commotions have marred the tenor of its ways for 21 years. It is a record many of its conquerors must envy.

Exports, ranging from toy light bulbs to giant tankers, are

expected to bring in a record \$10,000,000,000 this year.

BUILDING BIGGEST
 Shipbuilders have received unprecedented orders for 215 vessels, totalling 4,800,000 tons in the first half of 1966. On the way: A 205,000-ton tanker, the world's biggest.

The steel industry, which passed West Germany last year to place third after the U.S. and the Soviet Union, this year will exceed its 1965 mark of 41,100,000 tons.

Pacifism is deeply entrenched in Japan today. But some intellectuals wonder whether it might not be easy for a nation used to obedience, proud of its loyalty and devoid of the revolutionary tradition—to turn the clock back in a crisis.

An already-harried Prime Minister Eisaku Sato was put on the political spot recently when his new defence agency director, Eikichi Kambayashi, made a triumphal march through his hometown, Kayashima, the traditional home of militarism. In the entourage of the military-minded director was a convicted blackmailer.

HIT BY SCANDALS
 Sato's transportation minister, Seijuro Arakawa, had just resigned for making one of the cities in his constituency a rail express stop. Another Liberal Democrat, Shoji Tanaka of the Diet's (parliament's) audit committee, had been indicted for tax evasion and swindling on a vast scale.

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ful, 2,000,000 Japanese under 18—some of them mere children—are illegally on some of the jobs. And although 9,000,000 women are gainfully employed, they are getting half what their menfolk do for the same work.

Sweatshops—the price goods, home-manufacture units which contribute to big factories—still exist in many areas, unregulated by wage or hour laws.

SPACE SHRINKS
 Many people in the exploding cities live in tiny rooms without interior toilet or bathing facilities. Seventy per cent of Tokyo—the world's biggest city—lacks sewerage.

Defeat—which paradoxically brought so many blessings to Japan—has eliminated the old certainties: A strong central government, a divine emperor and Shinto, the national religion which ordered people's lives.

Cast spiritually adrift, with little to cling to, today's Japanese often are depressingly lonely in the happy crowd. The result is more crime, more extremism and one of the highest suicide rates in the world.

Some 50 new religions have emerged since the war the most successful, ad most talked-about, is Sokagakka.

Emperor Hirohito lost all his power, including that of divinity, at war's end. He remains a shy, somewhat stiff man, happiest when he is immersed in his favorite researches into marine biology.

Many Japanese are quietly urging Sato to exert Japan's influence to greater effect abroad. They argue that it is strange that though Japan is the model of how to succeed while staying free and applying capitalistic

Newspapers Have Big Job In Boosting Understanding

CORONADO, Calif. (AP) — Newspapers must take up the task of increasing man's understanding of man, says William B. Dickinson, president of The Associated Press Managing Editors Association.

Dickinson, managing editor of the Philadelphia Bulletin, called on delegates to the editors' 33rd annual convention to redefine the meaning of news and do a better job of covering the news that is transforming the world.

"We report the events—and we do it especially well if they are dramatic—and we overlook the causes and the consequences of those events," Dickinson said.

"We must somehow take a broader view, see events and people in a larger sense, paint our words and pictures on a wider canvas," he said.

This plan would include a reduction in the emphasis now placed on spot news coverage.

HOW MUCH IS NEW?
 "How much spot news is there on a given day that is really new and important to our readers?" Dickinson asked. "Could it not be compressed into a page or even less, leaving us far more space to devote to background, interpretation, to explanation?"

To handle the newspaper's changing role, Dickinson envisages "a new breed of journalist—the highly-paid specialist."

"This new kind of newspaper man will deal with the advances in science, in medicine, in education, the planning problems of urban civilization and government, the problems of the poor and the rich, the white and the non-white, the sick and the well," he said.

"We will need experts to provide the in-depth articles we must have regarding our culture heroes, our important people and influential events."

"As we move through this period of transition, as we begin to fit more comfortably into our even more responsible and demanding new role—the role of increasing man's understanding of man—I predict that we will find ourselves less often the

targets of petty and annoying criticism.

"This transition is not an easy one to make—but it must be made. These are difficult days for newspapers and for newspaper men. There are those who are counting us out. But our forward path, I think, is clearly marked."

PRIEST GETS DEATH
QUILON, India (Reuters)—A 37-year-old Roman Catholic priest Friday was sentenced to death for murdering a woman the prosecution said was his mistress. The prosecution said the priest, Father Benedict, killed her because she was blackmailing him about their relationship and a child, of whom he was alleged to be the father.

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