

I VISIT THE HERMIT KINGDOM OF TIBET—

## In Sky High Country War Is Unknown and People Want Only Solitude

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LHASA, Tibet, Sept. 11—(Delayed)—This is the holy capital of the highest, most isolated, most peaceful, most religious country on earth. Coming here is like taking a visit to another world—a world startlingly different in many ways from our own.

Tibet has not been scratched by the machine age and wants none of it.

Tibet has no airplanes, no trains and no automobiles and forbids their entry.

Tibetans consider themselves extremely fortunate to be out of the world war and believe that their devotion of Buddhism has something to do with their good luck.

As a matter of fact they have little knowledge or interest in the distant conflict, for they are without newspapers or broadcasting stations.

The people of Tibet ask only to be left alone with their gods, which are legion.

Since reaching here after a 21-day horseback journey across the

Himalayas, I have paid my respects to the 9-year-old priest-king—the Dalai Lama—by offering a special silk scarf and four sacred symbols. Revered and beloved by Tibetan Buddhists in a way that has to be seen to be believed, this remarkable and promising youth is considered to be the reincarnation of the god Chenres, patron deity of this sky-high land.

He is the 14th of the Dalai Lamas and though of humble origin is by all odds the most outstanding personality I have met in Tibet.

To millions of Tibetans and Mongols, to some Chinese and Kal-

mucks and a few people of other races, the Dalai Lama is God's vice regent on earth and, therefore, supreme in all things spiritual.

## At 21 He Will Rule

When he becomes of age in about 10 years, he will assume governmental authority over some 3,000,000 Tibetans under sway of the Lhasa regime.

Meanwhile, these temporal powers are largely held by an elderly and conservative priest's regent, assisted and advised by a cabinet composed both of ecclesiastical and lay officials.

In numerous talks with high officials of the Tibetan government, I have been impressed with the great power of the church in Tibetan affairs.

It must be expected that if it is not molested by outside influences Tibet will, for some years, choose

After a 21-day trip on horseback across the Himalayas, A. T. Steele, Times foreign correspondent, succeeded in reaching Lhasa, "holy capital" of the "sky-high" isolated, intensely religious country of Tibet. Mr. Steele has collected a vast amount of data during his unique adventure. He promises to follow today's story with other articles about the fascinating land of those priest-kings. Mr. Steele was the first bonafide correspondent to visit Tibet in 40 years.

to continue its present policy of seclusion from the outer world.

Nobody of high authority is willing to take the responsibility of drastic changes against the wishes of the powerful priesthood. The

tendency here is to mark time until the Dalai Lama takes over with his unlimited authority.

What his wishes will be nobody can guess. But he shows promise of a sound, intelligent and strong will. Except for mother, father and brothers, he, of course, is surrounded by priestly influences.

Many Tibetans have heard about the United States but few except Tibetan officials know much about it.

Several of these officials told me they had heard much of America as the champion of minority peoples and hoped that Tibet would not be forgotten.

The United States is the best export market for wool. Few Americans realize that every day they walk on carpets made from the fleece of Tibetan sheep.

In a world locked in bloody war, this hermit kingdom is a fascinating

## ENTRIES ASKED IN NAVY ESSAY CONTEST

Dr. Clement T. Malan, state superintendent of public instruction, today urged high school students to enter the fourth annual essay contest sponsored by the Navy League of the U. S. Essays are to be on "Why Our Navy Guarantees Freedom."

Each principal of a school may submit two winning essays, one by a boy and one by a girl. Prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 war bonds will be awarded the three boys and the three girls who win in the state.

The six winners will receive special recognition at the Navy day luncheon in Indianapolis, Oct. 27. The essay contest closes Oct. 15. Howard C. Caldwell, Indianapolis, is chairman of the state Navy day committee.

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## Hitler Working on Death Ray

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WITH U. S. 1ST ARMY IN GERMANY, Sept. 28 (U.P.)—A captured Bulgarian science student who assisted in research work on German secret weapons at the Elektro-Technische Institute of Stuttgart warned Americans today not to underestimate the Reich's capacity to use them.

The 26-year-old student, Ila Sobadyeff, who was captured by an American patrol on the outskirts of Aachen, said German scientists were working feverishly in an attempt to develop weapons which will neutralize allied air power.

The student was removed from the experimentation group in the summer of 1943, he said, because the gestapo considered him unreliable.

"Do not underestimate Germany's capacity to employ secret weapons," Sobadyeff said.

"Work has been progressing along three main lines known to me and success might have been achieved in one or more fields."

"The objective of all experiments has been the nullification of allied air power."

"Germany realizes the war is lost unless this overwhelming force is obliterated—completely and at once."

The student quoted the Nazi propagandist Fritzsche as having said privately a week ago that in developing the secret weapon "we have only 100 yards to go to reach firm ground."

The student also reported that an ultraviolet beam traveling with the same speed as light was developed in 1942, but the beam was ineffective beyond two inches. Within that range the beam obliterated everything by excessive heat, and the scientists continued the research in the hope of lengthening its range.

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In bright colors. Size 20x30 inches, \$1.00. Size 24x40 inches, \$1.59.
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