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## JAPAN MAY TURN TO SHOGUN RULE

System Abandoned In 1867 Can Be Restored After  
Democratic Reconditioning.

By EDWARD J. BYNG

Japan's reconditioning along democratic lines might be hastened by reviving on a new, electoral basis the ancient Japanese institution of shoguns.

For centuries the shoguns were the real heads of Japan's administration, reducing the emperor's status to that of a politically impotent religious institution.

Like their predecessors, the modern shoguns could be nominally under the emperor. Actually they would be de facto presidents, elected by democratic processes for a four-year term. The emperor would revert to his former status of a mere religious symbol without temporal power.

This solution of the Japanese problem may prove less difficult than it seems because few Americans are aware that the Japanese emperors have enjoyed temporal power only during the past 78 years. But whatever Japan's future political set-up may be, America must realize without any illusion that if the Japanese masses can become democratic at all it can happen only through a slow process of evolution.

### Ruled Thousand Years

For over a thousand years, right up to 1867, when the institution of shoguns was abolished, Japanese feudalism held sway even over the emperor. He was a glorified prisoner of the hereditary shogun, living as a mere puppet in Kyoto, while the shogun ruled the country from his own capital, Kamakura, and later Yedo, the Tokyo of today.

"Shogun" means "generalissimo." The shoguns were known also as "taikun," meaning "great lord," a term which in the form of "tycoon" has become part of our American vocabulary.

For generations the shoguns of the Fugiwara clan compelled the emperors to marry their daughters. Besides, as soon as an emperor came of age he was forced to abdicate and become a Buddhist monk.

### Deposed Shoguns

The pattern of Japanese feudalism became actually grotesque when the powerful Hojo clan subjected the shoguns to the same treatment which the shoguns had inflicted upon the emperors.

Assuming the hereditary title and status of "shikken" or "constable" of the empire and seizing the supreme power of the country, the heads of the Hojo family turned the shoguns into their glorified prisoners. They forced them to marry Hojo girls, and deposed each shogun as he reached maturity.

After 1600 the shoguns were again the undisputed temporal rulers of Japan, while the population had long crystallized into iron-bound castes.

Owing to protracted wars against the aborigines of present-day Nippon—the so-called Ainu, who still inhabit the Japanese island of Hokkaido—eventually every able-bodied Japanese was drafted for military service, only the weaker men being left in other walks of life.

### Soldiers Took Rank

In the 10th century A. D. the military conscripts began to usurp a social status to which they had no right, by constituting themselves hereditary soldiers with the rank of nobles and the designation of samurai or bushi, and enforcing their exclusive right to bear arms.

Through a similar process of

assumption many of their leaders kept for themselves huge stretches of land which they had taken from the aborigines, constituting themselves hereditary feudal lords or daimyo, which means "great name."

The commoners, being descendants of those originally unfit for military service, were held in utter contempt by the samurai. Commoners were divided into three classes: husbandmen, artisans and tradesmen.

In addition, up to 1867 the feudal pattern of Japan included even two official castes of pariahs, the eta (defiled people) and the hinin (outcasts).

### Feudal System

Up to Japan's "modernization" in 1867 the samurai lived on the estates of their local feudal lords, the daimyo, from whom they drew a life pension in kind.

A samurai owed allegiance neither to the emperor nor the shogun but solely to his daimyo, for whom he fought in the almost uninterrupted civil wars which these feudal lords waged against one another for centuries.

The life of the samurai or "bushi" was strictly regulated by the code known as Bushido, meaning "the way of the bushi."

Nothing could be more characteristic of the mentality of the Japanese warrior class than the rules of conduct which Kato Kiyomasa, a famous military leader of the 16th century, incorporated into the Bushido code. They forbade the samurai to compose poetry.

"To be addicted to such forms of amusement," they stipulated, "is to resemble a woman. For the soldier military amusements alone are suitable. The penalty for violating this provision is death by suicide."

### Made Commoners Bow

As recent events in Japan have clearly shown, Japanese public opinion still regards hara-kiri or "honorable suicide," known also as seppuku, as the warrior's age-old privilege to escape "losing face" by being executed for a crime.

Whenever a feudal lord was traveling inside Japan, he was accompanied by hundreds of his samurai retainers armed to the teeth.

Up to 1867 every commoner such a band met on the way had to get off the road, go down on his knees, take off his hat and bow his head, remaining in that position until the procession had passed.

Failure to comply with this rigid code of self-abasement incurred execution on the spot.

Even as late as the 1860's a band of samurai escorting the feudal lord of Satsuma on the road between Tokyo and Yokohama murdered a Britisher who tried to make his way through the procession.

The bombardment of Kagoshima by a British fleet by way of retaliation gave Nippon the first taste of the western democracies' dislike of the ways of Japanese feudalism, an attitude which our B-29's and atomic bombs so effectively underscored three generations later.

## 16,000 Refugees In China Worse Off Now Than Japs

By NAT A. BARROWS

United Press Staff Correspondent  
HONGKOW JEWISH REFUGEE  
CAMP, China, Sept. 24 (Delayed)—  
This is a camp of lost souls—16,000  
victims of Nazi hatred and racial  
intolerance who represent the lost  
people of the Pacific war.

They are people without hope and  
now almost without pride. They  
fled here six years ago from Germany  
and since have lived in poverty  
and squalor impossible to describe.

Japanese are going home; released  
American prisoners are going  
home as fast as they can be moved;  
the Chinese who fled when  
the Japanese began overrunning  
China are returning to their homes.

But the refugees here have no  
homes—nothing to look forward to  
except a continuing existence as  
white coolies.

The men eke out a bare existence  
making fountain pens and cigarette  
lighters and re-selling things they  
bought from hard-bargaining Chinese.  
Their women—the pretty ones  
hang around filthy, hole-in-the-  
wall bars hoping to pick up a few  
Shanghai dollars.

Typical is an 18-year-old blonde  
known as "China Doll." She has  
been working the bars since she  
was 13 to support herself and her  
mother. Her only future is to con-  
tinue pleasing the Japanese, Chin-

### Artery-Cutting May Provide Relief From 'Migraines'

By Science Service

CHICAGO, Oct. 3.—An artery-cutting operation that brings relief, apparently permanently, in one type of migraine headache is reported by Dr. Samuel B. Nadler, of Tulane University School of Medicine, in the forthcoming issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* here.

The particular headache comes in a periodic attack of throbbing pain, frequently "unbearable," over the right or left temple or both. The pain may radiate over a larger part of the head. Stomach and intestinal upsets often accompany the headache. Dizziness and the visual disturbances that come in some cases of migraine were not present with the headaches, Dr. Nadler re-

ports.

Pressing with the fingers on the temporal artery on the side of the headache abolished the throbbing pain and most of the continuous dull ache that patients also suffered. Injecting a local anesthetic into the tissue around the artery brought relief, often within one minute, which lasted from several hours to several days.

More prolonged relief, two to 11 months so far, was achieved by the operation in which the artery was cut and tied. The operation was successful in five of eight patients whom Dr. Nadler has seen with this type of headache during the past year. The other three had less frequent attacks and preferred to have the injections of local anesthetic instead of the operation.

## Burton in Robes of Justice



## SAIGON RIOTS FLARE AS PARLEY IS SOUGHT

SAIGON, French Indo-China, Sept. 30 (Delayed)—U. P.—Sporadic rioting and shooting continued in Saigon today as British military authorities sought to arrange a "peace conference" between the French and rebellious Annamite leaders.

Informed sources revealed that the British had offered safe conduct to the nationalist leaders if they would come in to discuss a settlement of the uprising.

There was no immediate indication whether the Annamites would accept the offer, although the Japanese headquarters in Saigon said a qualified acceptance had been received from Pham Ngoc Thach, foreign minister in the so-called Nationalist "government."

### TINY BULB USED

WASHINGTON.—An incandescent light bulb the size of a grain of wheat is used in surgical instruments. It is one-sixteenth of an inch in diameter.

### STRAUSS SAYS:

Veterans May Buy Surplus Property Through SWPC

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—Here are an army post about 13 miles from some general questions from G. I.'s and their relatives:

Q—My son was drafted out of college. For a year he did nothing but pick up waste paper although he tried to get in the air corps. Finally he got into the army's medical training program, learning to be a dentist. That program was dropped and he was told he wasn't eligible for the benefits of the G. I. Bill of Rights. Is this true?

A—No. His year's service before he entered the special course qualifies him for the benefits of the G. I. Bill of Rights.

Q—Do women who are discharged from the service get as much money as the men?

A—Yes. They get the same money as the men.

Q—My husband works in a plant which is still making war goods. They say it will keep working for another year. But they have changed my husband's classification from 2-B to 2-A. Does that mean he will be drafted soon?

A—Whether he will be drafted depends on his age and whether his employer asks another deferment for him. As long as he is in 2-A he will not be drafted. The 2-A deferment will expire when the previous 2-B classification was supposed to end.

Q—My husband was just discharged. He had been a construction contractor and needs a couple of trucks to get started again. At

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at 8.98.

## Local Sailor Riding Home on Ship That Fought Five Battles

Veteran of five major battles, the four enemy planes shot down unassisted, five shot down with assistance and three shot down by combat air patrol under Tausig control.

Four enemy surface units were sunk or damaged and 13 mines were sunk or destroyed. The ship also rescued eight aircraft personnel and took one Japanese prisoner of war.

Medals received on the ship include the one silver star medal, one commendation ribbon, two bronze star medals, one navy and marine corps medal and five bronze star medals have been recommended. The ship travelled 129,495 miles.

Radioman 3-c Jesse Lee entered the service in December, 1943.

### ALWAYS FACES SUN

WASHINGTON—The heliopel is a flower that turns toward the sun and its name so signifies. It comes from two Greek words, helios, the sun, and tropos, to turn.

## NOTRE DAME PRELATE DIES IN EAST BENGAL

CALCUTTA, Oct. 3 (U. P.)—T. J. Crowley, 67, Roman Catholic Bishop of Dacca, East Bengal for the last 20 years, died yesterday.

Crowley's home town was Notre Dame, Ind., where he had served at one time as a professor at Notre Dame University.

He had spent 38 years in missionary work in Bengal and was the leader of a group of Holy Cross fathers working on the Bengal-Assam border.

For the last three years he had served as chaplain at the U. S. army hospital in Dacca.

### FREE ENTRY FOR LATINS

NEW ORLEANS (U. P.)—A campaign to eliminate passport requirements for Latin Americans entering the United States was started recently by the committee on consuls of the New Orleans Association of Commerce. A statement has been forwarded to the state department in Washington.

## A Joey Shirt

every high school girl  
will want to "drape the  
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—(you have to hide it  
from big brother). It's  
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black plaid with huge  
pockets with button down  
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