

HIROHITO DENIES DIVINE POWERS

Emperor Also Tells People That War Is Lost.

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TOKYO, Jan. 1.—Emperor Hirohito told his 80,000,000 Japanese subjects today that, contrary to what they have been taught all their lives to believe, he is not divine.

In his first major imperial rescript since the occupation of Japan began, he repudiated as a "false conception" the belief, embodied in state Shintoism and fostered by Japanese militarists, that the emperor is a divinity.

"The ties between us and our people have always stood upon mutual trust and affection," he said. "They do not depend upon mere legends and myths."

"They are not predicated on the false conception that the emperor is divine and that the Japanese people are superior to other races and fated to rule the world."

Admits Loss of War
The emperor also admitted frankly that Japan had lost the war.

"We feel deeply concerned," he said, "to know that consequent upon the protracted war ending in our defeat, our people are liable to grow restless and to fall into a slough of despond."

Calling upon his subjects to forget their "master race" ideas, he summoned them to work toward a "thoroughly pacific Japan and toward a 'love of mankind.'" He pledged a government free from the "misguided practices of the past" and "in close touch with the desires of the people."

The imperial divinity is embodied in the 1889 Japanese constitution adopted during the reign of Emperor Meiji, considered the first of the nation's modern rulers as it emerged from prolonged feudalism. As he denied that ideal, he reiterated the five principles laid down in Meiji's 1889 charter or oath, the equivalent of Japan's first constitution.

Follows MacArthur's Order
These, the rescript recalled, demanded that government assemblies be responsive to public opinion; the unity of all classes in state affairs; the fulfilling of the desires of the "common people"; the breaking with "old usages" and a quest for wisdom and knowledge for the good of the empire.

The emperor's statement was issued 17 days after Gen. Douglas MacArthur handed the Japanese government an order abolishing state Shintoism as Japan's national religion. It taught that Japan's rulers descend in unbroken line from the son of the sun goddess first sent to rule Japan.

One of the terms of that order forbade the propagation of such propaganda as "the doctrine that the emperor of Japan is superior to the heads of other states because of ancestry, descent or special origin," and spoke out against "the doctrine that the people of Japan are superior to the people of other lands."

Order Not Mentioned
Thus, in effect, Hirohito's rescript told his people to go along with Gen. MacArthur's order—although the rescript made no mention of the order nor of state Shintoism.

There was no hint of his intention to abdicate, although some Japanese quarters have long predicted that he would announce such a step some time in the future.

Instead, Hirohito devoted himself to a sort of "fireside chat" in which he told the people what they ought to do to pull themselves out of the ruin and chaos in which the war left Japan.

BIG 3 IN ROMANIA

LONDON, Jan. 1 (U. P.).—Radio Moscow reported today that the Big Three delegation instructed to broaden the government of Romania arrived in Bucharest Monday evening. It included Andrei Vishinsky, Soviet vice foreign commissar, U. S. Ambassador to Moscow W. Averell Harriman and Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British ambassador.

Reasons for Locating New Business in State Listed

There are 3,500,000 reasons for locating new businesses in Indiana. That's the theme of the second Indiana advertisement scheduled to appear next month as a part of the state's industrial advertising campaign.

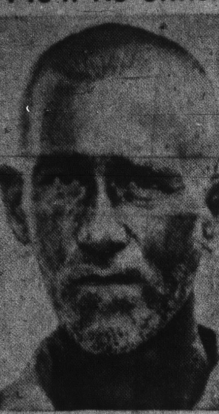
"The reasons for locating in Indiana are all the citizens of the state—3,500,000 of them, 97 per cent native-born, with a nationally recognized high standard of literacy," said Lt. Gov. James, director of the Indiana department of commerce

IN INDIANAPOLIS

BIRTHS
At St. Francis—Edward Budget Cunningham; Jay, Goldie Garrison.
At City—James, Agnes Walker.
At St. Elizabeth—George, Maria Bradley; Michael, Josephine Duffey; Leroy, Nellie Grubbs; Charles, Mary Lawrence; Melvin, Frances Parrish; Walter, Wilhelmina Wallace.
At Methodist—Robert, Doris Mae Blackwell; Vernon, Betty Becker; Marion, Maxine Stem.
At St. Francis—Clayton, Elvira Cecil; Merrill, Hazel Harmon; Raymond, Virginia; Hunter, Thomas; Viola Iman; Yvonne, Catherine Kelly; Glenn, Muriel Gerson.
At St. Elizabeth—John, Phyllis Elise; Nell, Virginia; William, Patricia Grace.
At St. Vincent—Nelson, Helen Evelyn; William, Mary Langley; Howard, Nancy Young.

DEATHS
Mrs. Lewis, 84, at 714 W. Ohio, cerebral hemorrhage.
Mrs. J. A. Faxon, 4, at City, pneumonia, meningitis.

He'll Re-enlist



It may be a little hard to believe, but the photos above are of the same man—Sgt. George Spenser, veteran of 22 years in the U. S. army. Top shows him as a Jap prisoner after the fall of Corregidor and, bottom, as he now appears while visiting his family in Minneapolis. He plans to re-enlist this month after final hospital treatment.

MARSHALL CALLS FOR UNDERSTANDING

CHUNGKING, Jan. 1 (U. P.).—Gen. George C. Marshall told a New Year's eve banquet given by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek that 1946 will show whether the people of the earth will survive or take the road toward utter destruction, it was disclosed today.

President Truman's special envoy to China called the new year one of the most important in human history. "This year we will decide whether the people of the earth will live in peace, prosperity and harmony, or take that other course that will lead to utter destruction," he said. "I have always felt that understanding was desirable, but now it is essential. There is no middle course."

Chiang paid high tribute to Gen. Marshall before the 150 guests as "a man of action, not of words, of prompt decision, lofty purpose and keen insight, an outstanding example of what a military man should be."

Chiang hailed 1946 as the start of an epoch in which the world will seek permanent peace. A central news agency dispatch said that the generalissimo's troops, spreading into southern Manchuria, have taken the railroad center of Fusing.

COLLEGE TRAINING GIVEN FUTURE WIVES

TOLEDO, O. (U. P.).—The University of Toledo has added a new course to its curriculum guaranteed to produce better wives. The course, designed to teach prospective brides how to cook, balance the budget and cope with husbands' temper tantrums, is called "Homemaking."

Dr. R. L. Carter, dean of the junior college, said it is set up on a two-year basis, carries college credits and will lead to a degree of associate in arts.

Personality development, problems of adjustment in personal, social and family relationships will be emphasized.

How to choose the proper mate and how to keep things on a harmonious basis will be important factors in classroom discussions, Dr. Carter said.

The dean said the course was introduced primarily for girls who do not plan to prepare for a career, but want a year or two of college.

SHORT MAY ACCUSE WASHINGTON STAFF

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (U. P.).—Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, deposed commander of Hawaiian army defense, apparently will bring to the Pearl Harbor investigating committee the belief that the responsibility for the disaster rested with Washington rather than the local commanders.

Short's testimony before three previous inquiries disclosed that he doesn't think he should be found guilty of an error of judgment in connection with the Pearl Harbor attack.

His beliefs were brought out when the committee released his testimony before the Roberts commission in December, 1941, the army board in 1944 and a navy court of inquiry the same year.

Short is expected to be a witness before the congressional commission as soon as it finishes hearing Adm. Harold R. Stark, former chief of naval operations, and Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, deposed commander of the Pacific fleet.

The committee was in recess today after voting 4-3 against meeting on the holiday. The committee members were absent and did not vote.

Stark began his testimony yesterday and is expected to be on the stand all week.

PILOTS WATCH ALTITUDE
WASHINGTON.—In flying patients with a recent hemorrhage, care must be taken that the plane does not fly over 3000 feet.

Man Killed in New Year Eve Gunplay Here, Woman Held

New Year eve gunplay left one victim dead and two others in City hospital.

Police blamed a "lovers' quarrel" for the fatal shooting of Benjamin Rogers, 30, of 2433 Paris ave.

He was found dead on the floor of the home of Elizabeth Ratliff, 27, of 326 W. 27th st., a bullet wound above his heart.

Arrested on a murder charge, Miss Ratliff, bearing a cut across her left cheek, told police Ratliff pursued her with a knife and gun. During the struggle, she said, the gun fell to the floor and she retrieved it, firing "several" shots.

SOLDIER GETS OWN POSTHUMOUS AWARD

BELVIDERE, Ill. (U. P.).—A very much alive army lieutenant has been awarded a posthumous military decoration.

Second Lt. Donald H. McKibben, Belvidere, was presented with the silver star medal for "Gallantry in leading his men in a successful attack against great odds near La Voivre, France," more than a year ago.

The award was announced as a "posthumous decoration" after the lieutenant was erroneously "killed in action" by the war department.

Wayne Sutton, 23, of Carthage, Ind., was shot in the left arm above the elbow when Patrolman James Shreve fired after he was attacked by four men in front of the Stratford theater, 19th st. and College ave.

As the patrolman had left the theater with his wife, the four men were "creating a disturbance." A woman was also in the crowd. Officer Shreve ordered them to "break it up," but they turned on him instead, he said. Following the shooting the gang dispersed, Sutton surrendered at a nearby house. Held on charges of vagrancy and resisting an officer, he said he was unable to identify his companions.

A bullet from an automatic pistol early this morning pierced the stomach of James L. Adams of 402 W. McCarty st., emerging from his back. Adams was shot by an unknown assailant, believed to have been a soldier, as he walked from the door of the Chicken Shack, 25th st. and Northwestern ave. Home on furlough from Camp Atterbury, the victim was taken to City hospital.

ARMY BUILDS PHONE LINK
WASHINGTON.—The 1750-mile telegraph and telephone line erected by the American army between India and Kunming, China, is the first direct wire communication system between them.

A-BOMB BY-PRODUCT USED FOR RADIUM

BERKELEY, Cal., Jan. 1 (U. P.).—A by-product of atomic bomb research was hailed today by University of California scientists as an effective, yet inexpensive, substitute for radium.

Dr. H. A. Barker, Dr. Martin D. Kamen and graduate student Victoria Rase, announced they had succeeded for the first time in impregnating organic compounds with the by-product—"long life" radioactive carbon 14.

Dr. Barker said that by infusing radioactive carbon into organic compounds it was possible for biologists to conduct important experiments in metabolism and photosynthesis by the "tracer method."

He said that the radioactive nature of C-14 enabled scientists to keep track of the carbon during its transformations in animal and plant life in the experimental processes.

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, who played a leading role in research leading to development of the A-bomb, said the radioactive carbon—an isotope which remains active for 25,000 years—could be produced cheaply during work with uranium.

Dr. Oppenheimer said C-14 eventually could replace expensive radium in many fields of experimental and industrial work.

Jammed Courtroom Sees Judge Howard Take Bench

A jammed courtroom full of well-wishers and 51 defendants greeted Joseph Howard today as he presided at his first case as municipal judge. Judge Howard made his way between a terrace of congratulatory floral designs in court 4, kissed several children—members of his own immediate family—and mounted the bench for a four-year term.

He arose to announce his "deep appreciation for your expression of confidence. . . I'll do my best to never let you down."

"I want to pledge my co-operation to police, prosecutor, the courts and the public in this serious business of law enforcement. If we work together we can make Indianapolis a better place in which to live."

"I'm not unmindful of the fact that the only contact a great many of our citizens have with the courts is with the criminal division of municipal court. Here, they learn either respect or disrespect for our judicial system."

Later in his office he passed out apples and oranges.

In his first case, Judge Howard dismissed a drunk charge against Alvin Wysel, a discharged soldier from Youngstown, O. Wysel, arrested in front of the bus terminal, admitted having consumed too many spirits. Advised Judge Howard: "Go back to Ohio and leave our whiskey and girls alone."

BANDITS APPEAR IN 'BROTHER ACT'

HOUSTON, Tex. (U. P.).—Dancing couples at a wayside tavern thought it was "just a brother act" when two swaggering, rakishly dressed "twins" burst onto the dance floor, flourished six-guns and ordered: "All right, shell out the cash!"

The optimistic impression vanished when one of the robbers fired a bullet through a peanut machine and another into the floor under the dancers' feet.

The holdup men, resembling a vaudeville "brother" act in sporty white straw hats, white sports shirts and dark trousers, netted \$258 when the dancers during they'd better "shell out the cash."

BRITAIN AND SIAM SIGN PEACE PACT

SINGAPORE, Jan. 1 (U. P.).—Britain and Siam signed a peace treaty in Singapore today, ending a state of war between the two nations.

M. E. Denning, political advisor to Lord Louis Mountbatten in the Southeast Asia command, signed for Britain. He said the agreement means that Siam retains her freedom, sovereignty and independence. Siam will apply for membership in the United Nations Organization.

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Big Things are going on!

- Xcavation going down—
- Xcalators* going up—
- Xpansion going on—
- Xcuse the noise—
- Xcuse our dust—
- Xciting things in the wind—
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