

# THROUGH JAPANESE EYES

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## ANOTHER MASTER RACE

THE apocalyptic impact of the German explosion on the western world and the Nazi war cries that lit the fuse for it have produced the general impression that the Germans are the only people suffering from the delusion that they are a "master race"—predestined by God, history and their own innate superiority to conquer, rule and "save" the world. That impression is untrue. The same megalomaniac projection of the national ego is even more pronounced among the Japanese, and has produced the same results.

This Japanese aberration has its roots in centuries of indoctrination with a savage and primordial religion known as Shinto, or "The Way of the Gods." More than any other factor it is responsible for the war in the Pacific and for the treacherous and savage manner in which the Japanese are waging it. And since the first beginnings of that war in Manchuria in 1931 became the overture for developments in Europe, it is indirectly responsible for the whole world war.

There are three reasons for this. The first is that Shinto, which is merely primitive nature worship without a theology, without a doctrine, and without a moral or ethical code, has preserved in the Japanese all the treachery and savagery of the jungle age, as will be shown in later chapters. The second is that it has imbued the Japanese with the idea that they are a superior race and has thus kindled in them all the ambitions that flow from such a concept. And the third is that it has put behind these ambitions all the driving power of religious fanaticism surpassing any the Nazis have been able to arouse.

### Fact and Fiction

As a race, the Japanese are still something of a mystery. But it is now generally accepted that they are a blend of Mongoloid and Polynesian-Malayan invaders, possibly even some white-skinned tribes from northwestern Asia, who intermingled with the aboriginal inhabitants of the Japanese islands to form a nation which still betrays its mixed origin by its widely differing physical characteristics. This undeniable fact is generally accepted by educated Japanese, but it has in no way interfered with the continued acceptance of Shinto concepts of how the bulk of the Japanese people originated.

Reduced to their elemental form, these Shinto concepts hold that the Japanese islands and the Japanese people have been born of the gods and are therefore di-



Jap Prisoners on Iwo  
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vine. The Japanese gods are thus conceived to be the ancestors of the Japanese race, which makes the Japanese themselves gods by descent, and their land "the land of the gods." Since there are no other gods that the Japanese acknowledge, or if they do they simply consider them to be other forms of their own "eight hundred myriad" gods, these gods are the highest beings in the Japanese cosmos. This quite naturally makes their direct descendants—the highest beings on earth—the master race entitled to rule the world.

In other words, the Japanese consider themselves to be a sort of divine family having its origin in Heaven. As a principle of state, this concept has such great utility that it has been assiduously cultivated by the Japanese government, until it found its culmination in the Japanese family state. The sense of common divine descent and blood relationship has made the Japanese clanish and seclusive, but it has also given them a national cohesion surpassing that of any other nation. It is the basis of that "powerless polity" they boast of, and it is by far their strongest asset in this war.

Whereas other religions concern themselves with the supernatural, with the individual, with the salvation of his soul, with ethics and morals, and with the world hereafter, Shinto has only one concern—to promote the fortunes and the prosperity of the Japanese family state in this world by any and all means that will serve the purpose.

THIS is how the world looks through Shinto eyes:  
"Nippon is an extension of the

ideal state in Heaven. So believed our ancestors, so do we still believe; and this faith is the foundation stone of our racial unity."  
—Shinsei Nippon no Kensetsu (Founding Japan on a True Basis), by Shinkichi Ueyougi, Professor of Constitutional Law, Tokyo Imperial University, Tokyo, 1920.

"The Japanese people believe that their nation is one huge family of a single descent with the Imperial Family as nucleus. The ancestress of the Imperial Family is the Sun Goddess, the supreme deity."  
—Japan, a Year Book with Official Information, by Nippon Dempo News Agency, Tokyo, 1934.

### The Superior People

"From the fact of the divine descent of the Japanese people proceeds their immeasurable superiority to the natives of other countries in courage and intelligence."  
—Atsutane Hirata, Japanese scholar (1776-1834).

"Formerly Attila and Genghis Khan attacked Europe and set up unprecedented great empires. We Japanese, compared to these Asiatic peoples, are incomparably higher in our proportion of world population, military and economic strength, and all our culture. Who can say that we can't strike India, attack Canada, overcome Australia, and invade England herself?"  
—Nichi-ji-shina senso (The Japanese-English-Chinese War), by Shigeki Kondo, Tokyo, November, 1939.

(NEXT: The God-Emporer)

## Our Boarding House

## With Major Hoople



## Boots and Her Buddies



## Freckles and His Friends



## Out Our Way

## J. R. Williams



## By Edgar Martin



## Merrill Blosser



## Fred Harmant



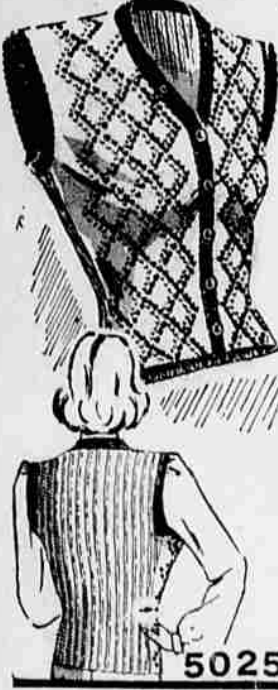
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## By V. T. Hamlin



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By MRS. ANNE CABOT

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The fifth and sixth months once were known as Quintilis and Sextilis.

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## Washington Merry-Go-Round

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was put across. Shintolism was used on the Japanese people as Hitler used Aryan supremacy on the Germans; though emperor-worship probably was even more potent.

Out of all this, emerged the institution of the emperor of Japan. This is what the American military governors of Japan will have to undo. They must undermine the influence of the emperor, yet, at the same time, use him to rule Japan. Under this paradoxical setup, their task obviously will not be easy.

## Kaisers Delivers First Peace Ship

PORTLAND, Aug. 17 (UP)—Kaiser's Oregon shipbuilding corporation claimed the distinction today of being the first shipyard in the nation to deliver a victory ship for the merchant service after victory over the Japs.

Shipyard officials said the steamship Chelsea Victory was delivered by Oregon and Alaska Steamship company at 7:15 p. m. Tuesday, only three hours 15 minutes after President Truman's peace declaration.

**INCREASE PAPER**  
TORONTO, Aug. 17 (UP)—The Toronto Financial Post will say tomorrow Canadian paper mills may be able to make a "modest" increase in shipments of newsprint to the United States in the last quarter of this year.

## Hold Everything



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## Slip and Pantie



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Smoothly fitting slip and pantie set for the slightly heavier figure. Ideal for the beginner sewer—just five pattern pieces to the set.

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## Official Records

Water Turned Off, Aug. 16:  
L. M. Chan, 2705 Greenwood street.

## SUSPEND PLAYER

PORTLAND, Aug. 17 (UP)—President Clarence Rowland of the Pacific coast league today announced indefinite suspension of Gene Handley, star second baseman of the Sacramento baseball club.

## Red Ryder



## Wash Tubbs



## Alley Oop

