

Resistance to Occupation More Sullen Than Open in Japan

By EARNEST HOBERECHT
TOKYO — (AP) — The occupation of Japan began three years ago Aug. 27.
 The Japanese, who fought so fiercely throughout the war, did not fire a shot or resist the allied landing forces in any way. It was the beginning of a strange, new era in Nippon's history.

Much of the debris has been removed, temporary reconstruction is booming and the country has taken on a new appearance. But what about the average Japanese citizen?

After three years of observation, you begin to get an idea of what Tojo-ism, defeat and the occupation have done to Suzuki-san. Sometimes Sullen

Suzuki-san is a composite Japanese, not necessarily the average man. There are times when he smiles and there are times when his expression is bitter. There are times when he is servile. Now, more than in the early days of the occupation, there are times when he is sullen and defiant.

Three years of experience have enabled him to tell when he can express himself or when he must hold his emotions in check.

By American standards, Suzuki-san is not an efficient worker. Even though he sometimes works hard, he doesn't accomplish as much as the Americans expect from themselves under the same circumstances.

Usually Suzuki-san has three or four times as many helpers as is necessary for the job. He and his helpers work harder when they think they are being watched.

Prefers Guidance
 It seems almost impossible for Suzuki-san to make decisions for himself. He would rather be told than be forced to make up his own mind. Any deviation from the routine in his work is almost certain to upset or baffle him.

When the going gets tough, he looks to the Americans for guidance and food and clothing. When he has it easy, he wishes the Americans would get out of his country as soon as possible.

When Suzuki-san has to be a witness at a war crimes trial, he takes the Japanese line. American prosecutors cannot depend upon Japanese witnesses to testify truthfully against other Japanese. Suzuki-san will change his story, the minute he gets on the stand.

Thieving Common
 When Suzuki-san is hanged for a war crime, he goes sullenly to his death. However, he might is-

sume a statement thanking the Americans for treating him well while in prison.

In past years, Suzuki-san was not a thief. Now he cannot resist prying into parked cars and taking anything he might find. His morals are not what they used to be.

At home Suzuki-san has to fasten his doors as tightly as possible. Before the war he never worried about having his home entered or possessions taken. Now he has to fight to keep robbers away.

Suzuki-san is caught between the old and the new, the East and the West. He must decide which of the Japanese ways he will keep; he must decide which of the Western ways he will accept.

Not So Clean
 He talks about how clean the Japanese are, but his kitchen and backyard are like pig pens. He is a great one for a false front.

Suzuki-san lives in one world; members of the occupation forces live in another. The two worlds are side by side but few from either camp cross the line.

Although Suzuki-san realizes that the new cars and fine clothes and plentiful food of the occupation people have been brought in at allied expense, he feels a little bitter about the whole situation.


Although he realizes that he would be starving if it weren't for American food and aid, he thinks the Americans should give him more.

Suzuki-san forgets how well off he is. He forgets how the Japanese army acted in the Philippines, in China and in the other places that they occupied. He forgets that the Japanese army took cars, food and clothing away from people they controlled early in the war. He forgets that the Americans are giving him things, instead of taking things away from him.

State Offices Stay Open on 'Salem Day'

SALEM — (AP) — State employees won't get off work on Wednesday, September 8, Salem Day at the Oregon State Fair.
 The State Board of Control voted unanimously against closing state offices on that day. Until last year, state offices were closed on Salem Day.

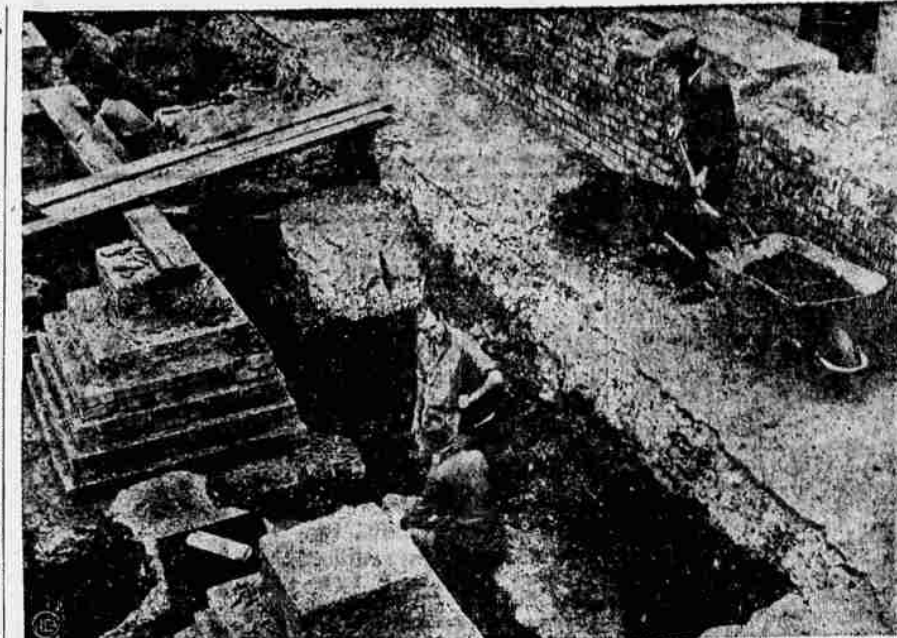
The board decided the employees had plenty of time to go to the fair on Labor Day, on the following Saturday or Sunday, or after working hours on the other days.

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In an effort to find the ancient "Jews' Garden"—the first cemetery of a Jewish community in England—British archaeologists are excavating at three sites where warborne bombs have given them a head start. At this spot, in Cannon Street, London, the diggers have already reached the Roman level, and have unearthed many samples of Roman pottery and other relics.

Reno to Feature Sweet Purity And Innocence to Shame Boston

By ROBERT BENNYHOFF
RENO, Nev. — (AP) — The chamber of commerce announced recently it wants to erect an "iron curtain" to halt the flow of "lurid" stories coming out of this divorce capital of the nation.

Complaining that the rest of the world thinks Reno has "ladies of the night languishing in every window," William Brussard, new chamber manager, appealed to newspapermen to soft-pedal the sensational news of gambling, divorce, easy marriages and prostitution with a view to making Reno respectable.

"We believe Reno actually is more conservative in many ways than Boston," Brussard told newsmen at a press conference called to open the campaign for decency.

The plea was, he said, the first step in the chamber's \$165,000, 1948-49 publicity campaign designed to emphasize the "fishing, hunting, skiing" and good-clean-fun side of Reno's boisterous life.

Natural Attractions
 The way George Lohse, lawyer

52 Die in L A Polio Epidemic

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — The infantile paralysis outbreak has soared to 52 deaths in Los Angeles County, with 272 patients confined Tuesday in the General Hospital, 32 of them in respirators.

Dr. Sidney B. Clark of the polio-myelitis Coordinating Council reported that the county has had 1225 cases since Jan. 1, with 595 of them in August alone. City Health Officer George M. Uhl said he will not request postponement of school opening, Sept. 13, however. He said such measures in the past were not successful and that in 1946, when school opened, polio declined.

At Corona Naval Hospital, where he was transferred after a polio attack in Los Angeles, Curtis (Buzzie) Dall Boettiger, grandson of the late President Roosevelt, was reported in excellent condition. Doctors said no evidence of paralysis has appeared.

At General Hospital, Mrs. Barbara Denny Simmons, daughter of former film actor Reginald Denny, was seriously ill and in a respirator. Willie Fowler, grandson of novelist Gene Fowler, was reported to be improving. Milma Hartman, 17, daughter of film producer Don Hartman, was somewhat better. She was stricken in both legs.

Crash Cause Investigated

FOUNTAIN CITY, Wis. — (AP) — Federal authorities Tuesday began a full-fledged investigation to learn what caused a new-type Northwest airliner to crash Sunday with a loss of 37 lives.

H. V. Shebat, investigator from the Chicago office of the Civil Aeronautics board, said he would conduct a careful study of conditions in the area at the time of the crash.

He said he would question witnesses who said the two-engined Martin 202 plane appeared to "come apart at the seams" from the buffeting of tornadoic winds which hit in widespread areas of the Midwest Sunday.

Fishing Boat Sought After Alaska Storm

SEATTLE, Aug. 31 — (AP) — Planes and surface vessels searched the storm-lashed Pacific Tuesday off the southeastern Alaska Coast for the crew of a fishing boat that sank during the night.

The number of men forced to abandon the seiner Rustler was not known.

An SOS sent out at 8:15 p.m. (PDT) Monday night just before the Rustler went down said the crew would attempt to ride out the gale in an out-board-powered tender.

One Free, Two in Jail In Sex Crime Cases

Bert E. Dudley, Springfield, was free on a \$5000 bail bond Tuesday, after arraignment in district court on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, in connection with the alleged rape of a 14-year-old girl Friday.

Sylvester Earl, accused of the rape, was in jail with bail fixed at \$2500. He was bound over to the grand jury after arraignment in district court.

Meanwhile, Ernest F. Harris, accused of rape involving a 12-year-old girl, was bound over to the grand jury and jailed after bail was fixed at \$5000.

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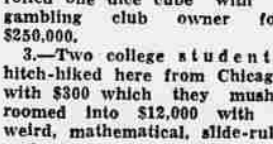
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Coast High On Safety List

CHICAGO — (AP) — The nation's traffic deaths for the first seven months this year totaled 16,300, four per cent below the 17,073 for the similar period in 1947, the National Safety Council said Tuesday.

There were 2700 traffic fatalities in July, the council said, as compared to 2780 in July, 1947, a drop of three per cent.

The council said the sharpest death reductions reported this year are in the North Atlantic, South Atlantic and Pacific Coast states.

States reporting fewer deaths for the seven month 1948 period than for the corresponding 1947 period included North Dakota with a 48 per cent drop; California 14 per cent; Washington, nine per cent; and Oregon, five per cent.

Cities with the best safety records, and their accident death rates per 10,000 registered vehicles included:

Over 500,000 population—Milwaukee, 2.5.
 200,000 to 500,000—Providence, R.I., 2.3.
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