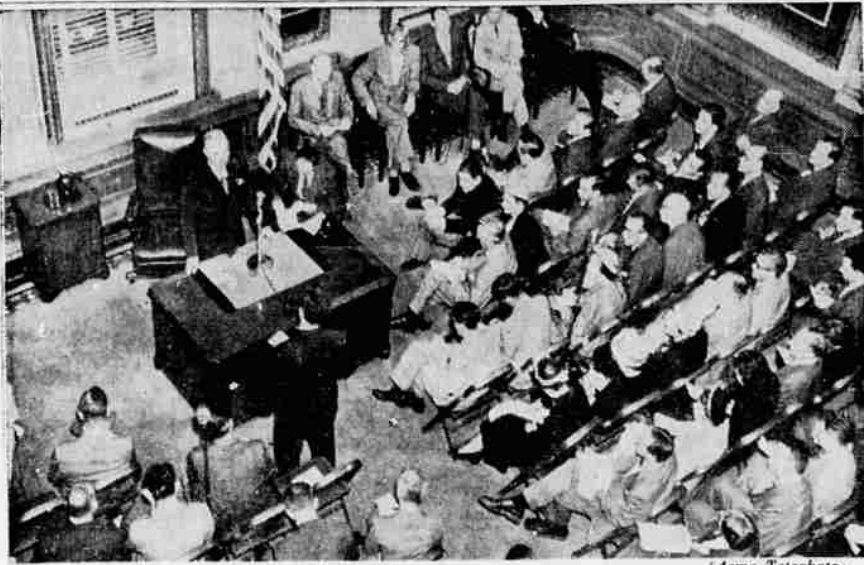




'NEW LOOK'—Reporter in front row stands to ask President Truman (behind desk) a question in this first picture made of the President's weekly press conference since it was moved from the White House to the Old State Department Building. Reporters must stand and identify themselves before asking questions.

Japanese Debate Question Of American Bases There

Tokyo—(U.P.)—Japan's intellectuals, who would rather hold a symposium than eat (and frequently do) are intensely debating the nation's foremost foreign policy question.

The question is: should Japan have American military bases after the peace treaty?

The Central Review, a magazine with a highbrow reputation and a low circulation, carried pro and con opinions on the subject by two "commentators," two legislators, one former diplomat, the dean of Tokyo University's law school and one big business man.

The commentators and the diet members, of whom one is a farmer-laborer and the other a communist, are against bases.

The diplomat, the dean and the business man are for them.

Those opposed don't come right out and say "American" bases but delicately use the word "foreign" instead. That is a device which the communists, particularly, have found expedient to belabor the occupation without running foul of any of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's directives.

Arguments Presented

Their arguments are:

1. For Japan to offer bases to any foreign country would violate the "renunciation of war" clause in the new democratic constitution.
2. Japan's "independence" would be violated if the nation were protected by foreign military bases, and an alliance with

Telephone Companies To Preserve Records

Washington, May 24—(U.P.)—The federal communications commission at the request of the senate crime investigating committee, today asked all telephone companies to preserve all their existing long distance phone call records.

The move presumably is to help the senate investigators to keep tabs on the activities of gamblers and racketeers.

Long distance records include names, numbers, places, time and charges on long distance calls.

either of the "two opposing great powers" would destroy any claim to Japan's neutrality.

3. Foreign bases in Japan would intensify the East-West rivalry and increase the dangers of war. Japan actually might become the pretext for starting such a war and certainly would be the target for atom bombs.

4. If Japan had a hypothetical enemy, it would be proper for her to conclude an alliance with a country having the same enemy. Japan has no such enemy and apart from "war criminals and certain capitalists," nearly all Japanese want to remain friendly with China, Russia and the United States.

What Others Say

Those favoring American military bases in Japan after the peace treaty argue thusly:

1. Even if Japan declared her neutrality and the world powers tried to recognize that status, it would not spare her from becoming involved in a war, since such neutrality guarantees were proven useless during World War II.
2. Russia is openly expressing a desire for American forces to withdraw from Japan in the hope of communizing the country. The Soviets would be only too glad to agree to any proposal for making Japan neutral, and upon the departure of the occupation forces, would launch a program of infiltration.
3. The United Nations is at present too weak to guarantee Japan's security.
4. If Japan cannot hope to maintain a policy of true neutrality for the above mentioned reasons, she will be left no choice but to rely on one or two specific countries — "the United States under existing circumstances" — to save her from oppression.
5. A formula by which the United States could guarantee Japan's security bases is weakened by a statement from the Japan communist party that it will seek political power, not through orderly legislative procedures, but through violent revolution.
6. A currently accepted view that the constitution gives the country the right to defend itself against aggression can logically be extended to permit a foreign country to establish bases in Japan for the same purpose.

Multnomah County Hospital, Library May Be Closed

Portland, Ore., May 24—(U.P.)—Multnomah county commissioners today considered closing the Multnomah county hospital and Portland library as part of budget cuts deemed necessary during the coming fiscal year.

The commissioners already have lopped \$200,000 off the sheriff's budget with the statement it will be up to him how he operates his department.

More Money Cut

By mid-day, \$1,281,035 had been cut from the budget.

The commissioners went into emergency session Monday afternoon and by Monday night had succeeded in slashing \$295,545.

The proposed cuts were, however, only a first estimate of what must be done and will require considerable revision.

The commissioners agreed it will be impossible to slash the budget nearly \$2,500,000 without crippling county services and laying off many workers.

May Circulate Petition

It was suggested an initiative petition may be circulated soon to ask the voters at the general election in November whether welfare costs should be removed from the 6 per cent limitation.

It was also hinted pressure will be brought on the legislature to revise welfare laws so

Rugged Highways Of Early Days Rough on Tires

(This is another in a series of articles entitled "Glimpses at Highway History," prepared by Ralph Watson, highway department writer.—Editor's note.)

In 1928, almost a quarter century ago, automobile tires were not so rugged as now. The highways of the state were not so smooth. Farm wagons and horses shared the roads.

Over the miles they sprinkled hardware—nails and screws, bolts and staples and other puncture-producing junk along the right of way. In those rough days if an auto tire stuck it out for more than 3,000 miles it was rated almost as a museum piece. Punctures and blowouts were the rule, not the exception, of the day, and every wise guy who went very far away from the home carried an extra inner tube or a patching and vulcanizing set under the driver's seat.

Roy Klein, state highway engineer in 1928, was a man who hated to see puncture patchers sweating over their tire tools along the scenic reaches of the highway map. He did something about it.

A young professor in engineering at Washington State college devised and constructed an electro-magnet attached to the under side of a small truck, and Roy Klein had a similar machine built for Oregon.

It isn't stowed away in some

cosy corner of the state highway's shops but is still used every year on many miles of road, and has saved many from the depressing sound of a hissing tire.

It was described in the 1928 report: "A new piece of equipment which has been placed in operation this year is a road

magnet mounted on a truck. In six months time this truck traversed practically all of the state highway routes and picked up many thousand pounds of metal, a large proportion of which would be productive of tire punctures." And in the 1930 report: "The use of the road magnet, begun in 1928, has been

continued during the two-year period. Thousands of pounds of metal, much of which would be injurious to tires, are picked up each year."

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