

# America's Task In Jap Homeland May Require Three To Five Years

(Editor's Note: Glenn Babb, foreign editor of The Associated Press, has returned on tour to the Orient, to study conditions under allied occupation. Babb went from Asia to New York in 1935 after long service in North China and as chief of bureau in Tokyo. This is the first of three articles in which he discusses the occupation of Japan after conferences with General MacArthur, Premier Shidehara and other high American and Japanese officials.)

**By GLENN BABB**  
TOKYO, Nov. 8 (AP)—America's tremendous task in Japan possibly can be fulfilled within three to five years, with an occupying force of approximately 200,000 men.

That is the expressed opinion of many of the men here who should know best, provided the present rate of progress is maintained and there are no drastic changes in policies given occupying authorities.

There is confidence here that within such a period militarism can be eradicated, a reasonable facsimile of democracy planted and a restricted measure of economic well-being restored. Then, according to this view, American and other allied armies can be withdrawn, possibly to be replaced by some other form of control, with confidence that Japan will be a useful member of the family of nations with no desire or power to make war again.

**Talks With Leaders**  
This picture was developed from talks with the highest leaders of both Americans and Japanese. The confidence expressed is perhaps more American than Japanese; there are many Japanese who view the future darkly. A few express the hope that American occupation will last many years, regarding it as a shield against further disaster.

General MacArthur and his staff were among those with whom I discussed Japan's future, but the general would not permit his conversation to be quoted and he is in no way responsible for the statements made herein. My talks with Premier Shidehara and members of his cabinet contribute to these conclusions. MacArthur is known to be content with the progress of his program of demilitarization and democratization.

In public statements, the supreme allied commander has expressed confidence that an occupation force of 200,000 for both Japan and Korea will be sufficient after next spring if no untold developments occur. He has emphasized the completeness of Japan's defeat and humiliation and the destruction of her ability to make war.

**100 Per Cent Compliance**  
Americans and Japanese agree that thus far there has been 100 per cent compliance with the series of hard-hitting directives home.

## Chinese Welcome U. S. Marines



The sixth marine tank battalion enters Taingtao, China, and is warmly greeted by the populace on the main street. (AP wirephoto).

issued from MacArthur's headquarters. The initial occupation was completely bloodless; there have been no subsequent instances of revolt against American control. There is no evidence of any underground in the making. But, those who believe in a relatively short occupation emphasize that one which extends beyond five years will bring new dangers. Either the Japanese will become completely dependent on the Americans or resentment against alien rule will have time to flower into open rebellion.

Changes decreed by MacArthur have bestowed on the Japanese people freedoms they do not yet fully understand how to use, producing a state of flux from which vast changes in the Japanese way of life inevitably must come. The nature of these changes obviously depend on the kind of control exercised by the victorious powers.

### SOME BREEZE

PAUL, Idaho, Nov. 8 (AP)—After hiring a construction firm to level off a large section of his farm, Farmer R. G. DeLong went to work with a tractor, preparing the land for cultivation.

A high wind came up, stirred up a dust storm and DeLong became lost, unable to recognize his own farm. He finally drove the tractor into a wire fence and followed the fence line

## Flashes of Life

### EXPLOSIVE FIND

CHICAGO, Nov. 8 (AP)—Dickie Butzen, 9, and Donald Biedermann, 12, unearthed a heavy box in the "foxhole" they dug in a vacant lot as they played a war game.

They lugged the box to Dickie's home and his mother, Lucille after taking one look at it, called police. Detectives James Garvey and Frank Brady of the bomb squad counted out 50 sticks of dynamite.

The boys recalled they had dropped the box a few minutes. Police said the dynamite was damp, but it would have exploded had it been properly detonated.

### FISHY YARN

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8 (AP)—About 18 months ago 45 kegs containing specimens of South Pacific fish were loaded aboard a ship at New Caledonia consigned to Wilburt Chapman, curator of fish at the California Academy of Sciences.

Chapman, who had caught the fish, returned home and yesterday received a call from a rancher at Rockaway Point, south of San Francisco, reporting the finding on the beach, one of the kegs bearing Chapman's address.

The specimens were undamaged but the way by which they reached the beach remains a mystery.

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## Forrestal Commends Cruiser Portland

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Forrestal has commended the cruiser Portland and bombing squadron 108. The navy announcement today said the Portland was cited for heroism during the battle of Guadalcanal, and bombing

squadron 108 for heroic action in the Gilbert and Marshall Islands, from November 1, 1944, to July 8, 1945.

Rear Adm. Lawrence T. DuBose, Washington D. C., was skipper of the Portland. Commanding officer of squadron 108 during the period for which it was cited was Commander Edward C. Renfro, Boulder, Colo.

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HERALD AND NEWS—SIXTEEN

## Disabled Woman Vets Take Training

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AP)—The veterans administration disclosed today 123 disabled women veterans have entered its vocational rehabilitation program to fit themselves for jobs. Most of them are army and

navy nurses and servicewomen bombed in London.

Two are totally disabled. One is an amputee. Others are 10 to 70 per cent disabled.

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