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## The Undefeated

Whatever the Japanese thought we meant by Unconditional Surrender, they didn't get it. Even in the midst of restless stirring in the home islands they were quick to rise in protest over any incident. They shouted that we had landed\_forces on the Kurlles, and that they, of course, were forced to restst. They fulminated over rumors that Chinese and American troops were landing in Japan. They protested vicorously when our parachute troops rescued General Wainwright in a spectacular raid. There was a tremendous note of terror and uncertainty in every utterance.

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In much the same way that isolated Jap troops on Luxon refused to believe neess of the surrender, the Japs at home are taking the view that this catastrophe is imaginary, that it cannot be true that barbarous foreigners are going to take over their sacred soil, and give harsh orders to Hirobito, the all-highest. Nothing that has come from Japan since the first offer of survender has sounded like the voice of a beaten nation. A visitor from another planet, examing the Japa-American communications for the past week, might assume that the war had ended in a stalemate—or, perhaps, that we had sued for peace.

This show of deflance was to be expected; we suppose, in view of the thorough indoctrination of Shinto Emperor-worship and super-race theory Japan's masters have given their people. It is perhaps 'impossible, in view of Jap regimentation for the past two generations, for Japan to accept the reality of defeat. There will surely be powerful forces left behind, after our occupation, which will be ready to lead the nation toward new paths of afgression.

From reports of the show at Manila,

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From reports of the show at Manlla,
and the stern aloofness of General MacArthur, it is not likely that the Japs
will be codded during occupation, but
even the most severe polics, we fear,
cannot counteract the warlike spirit of
the Japanese. The best we can expect,
offhand, is that restriction of industry,
and long occupation and military power,
and long occupation of the home Islands,
will so impoverish Nippon that its foul
iotalitarianism will eat out its canterous
heart, and leave the world in peace
for a generation or so, anyway.

#### A Protest

The thirty-four religious and educa-tional leaders who asked President Tru-man to ecase production of the atomic bomb, and try to bind all other nations to outlaw its use in war have the same fears the rest of us feel. They look for-ward with horror to the next war, which may break out without warning, and which may quickly expose all elements of the world population to wanton de-struction.

struction.

But the ministers and educators also protested that the bomb was an atrocity of a new magnitude, a new low of inhumanity. They said that the President had announced its use against Japan "with satisfaction", and they deplored that attitude, saying that the atomic bomb violated every instinct of humanity.

that attitude saying that the atomic bomb violated every instinct of humanibomb violated every instinct of humanibom violated every instinct of humanibom violated properties of the bomb, and as to its horrible powers of destruction. But somehow (perhaps it was only the AP report) they sounded as if they were sorry and ashamed that we had ever used the weapon against Japan. They have brought themselves to accept, we suppose, ordinary incendiaries and high explosives, flame throwers and phosphorus shells, automatic weapons life, and the kindly ministrations of cold sieel. But they draw the line at the atomic bomb so definitely that they surgest we should have allowed the war to drag on, rather than put it to use. It's the age-old argument about new and terrible weapons which will never sestled, but in rebuttal let it he said that the atomic bomb was the final answer of a nation treacherously attacked by a ruthless sugressor, and that, in reality, it became a weapon of and for peace. We suppose that, in 1ts baptism, the atomic bomb saved a good many

more lives than it took. And however fearful its future may be, we shall con-tinue to look upon the atomic bombs which dropped upon Japan as business-like doves of peace, We can't feel a twinge of remorse that Americans first used them in war.

#### In Transition

The other day a young lady of our acquaintance broached a reconversion problem of astounding proportions to which we hadn't given a thought. We were properly abashed, and still are.

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"What we going to do when the men get back. Here we've been setting by with just any old—or young—men who had the she was to be the she with the she was to the she with the she had been pretty fierre. We'll have to chance our technique completely when the market is Hooded asalo; we can't just throw converient at their heads like ju switting the men we've known during the was, or most of them are servicement from all over the country. They'll all be soing back home to settle, and here we'll be with the local crop on handward are the wartime wallflowers going to do? Lots of citts have been sitting home willhout trying to get men while they have the she will be shown the safe the model of the she will be shown the safe tood again. "We've either so to follow men we tricks, or just, Jerns all over again. What's the Government going to do for 187".

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We hadn't an answer, of course, but with only the slightest of trepidation we're leaving the whole matter to woman's intuition and the age-old mysteries of human nature, and trusting the crists will somehow be averted.

#### 50 Cents Down

That unofficial word from London that Britain might be able to pay her war debts to the United States by settling for 50 cents on the dollar is going to stir anti-British isontiment in this country to a new high. Officials have known from the beginning that Britain would merge from the war all but penuficis, and even the public had been educated to expect little more from Lend-Lease than vectory, and of regard lungs war officially but with knowledge and great the Lease than vectory and to regard lungs war officially but with knowledge and great influence, proposed that we cut the debt in half, and allow Britain to pay half of the remainder down—and the balance in I.O.U.'s. It also revealed that Britain's total indebtedness runs to about sixteen billions, which is chicken feed by American standards, but a mountainous obstacle to the British. It also cast about for means of making the cash payment on national debt, suggesting that the U. S. was the only place in the world Britain inght get six billions as a "grant."

This is the first public airling of just one of the vexing financial problems of the post-war cra. It is no serret that iterally every nation on earth came begging U. S. dollars at the international wide George of the property of t

One hates to tear down an established reputation; yet as far as we know, John L. Lewis has no connection with any coal scarcity prevailing in Europe.

"A Californian made a bet that he could introduce himself to a girl and marry her within 12 hours. He won."—He thinks.

#### Statesmen At World

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# The Merry-Go-Round

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Merry-Go-Round column to present any subject of
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tax-evasion campaign, estimated that are the server
would be collected when Treasury forces could be expanded.

### Black Marketeers

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#### Honest Tax Mistakes

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The Secret Of The Atomic Bomb

By Marquis Childs



### The Becker Trial

By H. L. Golden
(One of a series of articles on famous trials)

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### First Days Of Peace

By Dorothy Thompson

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By Marquis Childs

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