

Emperor Embarrassed Historians Would Open Royal Japanese Tombs

By ROBERT CRABBE
TOKYO (UPI)—Japanese historians, eager to know more about their country's origin, are pushing Emperor Hirohito into an embarrassing compromise: they want to open the tombs of his royal ancestors.

Many of Hirohito's ancestors are believed to have been laid to rest with rich ornaments and art objects that could become priceless museum treasures. "Unthinkable," said Shinji Nakayama, a member of Parliament from Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). "Perhaps the emperor will refuse the wishes of the people."

Emperor Humn said anything is possible. The Imperial Household Agency guards 136 tombs believed to contain the bones of Japanese emperors and their consorts. Most are located around the former capital cities of Nara and Kyoto, about 300 miles west of Tokyo.

In addition, 548 graves of other members of the royal family have been identified and 123 more are known to contain the bones of favored retainers. In other Asian countries such as China and Korea, royal graves have been opened and their contents turned over to scholars. But after the Chinese and Korean dynasties fell their thrones, Japan's is still in business.

According to the sacred writings of Japan's Shinto religion—the official cult until 1945—Hirohito is the 124th in an unbroken line of emperors who have reigned over Japan since 660 B.C.

Historians dismiss most of the early emperors as myths, since the Japanese don't keep written records until the 7th Century or later. But emperors from about 300 B.C. are regarded as legitimate historical personages.

Many were entombed in stone chambers with plaster walls. After entombment, the burial rooms were covered with mounds of earth. Noble families buried their dead in the same way, and "kofun," or old graves, are a common sight in the Kyoto-Mara area.

Although Japan had a well-trained corps of modern historians and archaeologists, it was not until the 1920s, when the emperor's campaign in Parliament for opening of the tombs is supported by all of Japan's opposition parties. However, the conservative ruling party has shied away from it. Party leaders recently voted to leave the decision to the emperor.

It's a question of ethics, says Zentaro Kosaka, a member of the LDP Policy Committee. "Excavation of graves is distasteful. But the emperor approves, it would be all right."

In the 1920s, Pierce-Arrow cars offered shock-absorbing seats. After bumpers as optional extras.

New Zealand farmers are using eighty per cent of U.S. restaurants average less than \$100 in retail sales annually.

Tornado's Awesome Funnel Seems Attracted to U.S.

WASHINGTON — Tornadoes are a North American specialty. They occur more often in the United States than anywhere else in the world.

No single state has been spared the tornado's lash, although it is the special scourge of plainstates like Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Nebraska.

Twisters have impaled splinters of wood in metal, lifted railroad cars off its tracks, and leveled neighborhoods.

Sen. Howard Baker, R-Tenn., said it was "measured, courageous and necessary" response. Sen. Roman L. Hruska, R-Nebr., said it was the safest way to "ensure the release of our troops to the front lines."

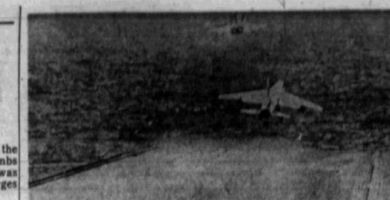
Sen. Glenn Beall Jr., R-Md., said that "since the North American blockade is a long-term solution, it is necessary to support it."

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U.S. NAVY CORSAIRS streak off the coast of Vietnam, launching from the carrier Constellation, en route to Saigon. President Nixon said the bombing of enemy targets, including rails and supply lines, will continue. (UPI Telephoto).

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Nixon's hope for national unity collapsed Tuesday in the angriest outpouring of congressional criticism since the 1970 Cambodian offensive. Senate Democrats overwhelmingly disapproved the blockade, and the House passed a resolution by a 400-100 vote to cut off funds for the war in four months. The Congressional Black Caucus, composed of the 13 Negro congressmen introduced by Sen. J. William Fulbright, introduced a resolution seeking Nixon's resignation to explain his actions.

While praising Nixon's offer to withdraw totally in four months as new and generous, Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, said he was "not happy about it."

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British Firm Warning Of Ports Inevitable

LONDON (UPI)—The British government said Tuesday President Nixon's blockade of North Vietnam was "inevitable" by the Communist offensive against the South.

It expressed the hope that Nixon's proposal would lead to an early end to the Vietnam war.

In an official statement, the Foreign Office said: "We have always expressed concern at the intensification of the war as a result of North Vietnamese offensive in South Vietnam."

"Counter measures by the United States were in the circumstances inevitable," it said.

"President Nixon's proposals offer a chance of ending the fighting in a very short time under international supervision."

U.S. Allies Generally Support Nixon Blockade

By United Press International
Newspapers in countries allied with the United States were generally favorable today to President Nixon's military blockade of North Vietnam, but some editorialists said the blockade would prove useless in preventing a Communist takeover in Vietnam.

The right-wing Hong Kong paper Sing Tao Jih Pao said the American blockade was the best choice. But it also takes the risk of escalating the Indochina war, an ambivalent contribution of the United States and Soviet Union and China.

The South China Morning Post of Hong Kong said the blockade would not improve the long-range prospects for the government of South Vietnam.

"Nixon cannot be in any doubt that whatever the result, neither bombs, nor missiles nor the long term and that once the U.S. leaves Vietnam for good—as it must—Saigon is unlikely to survive at all."

The London Daily Telegraph called the Nixon blockade "the proper answer to Russia's blockade of Cuba."

"The President's statement offers assurances that the United States wants to end the war and bring its soldiers home," Tass said.

"These overt acts of aggression which spell increased American involvement in Vietnam and violation of standards of international law were explained by R. Nixon by the need to resist the war of 600,000 American soldiers and by the Communist threat to South Vietnam," Tass said.

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Weather Forecast

New Jersey weather report:
Temperature 45 degrees.
Humidity 42 per cent.
Barometer 29.97 inches, rising.
Wind north 13 mph gusts to 20.
The weather rain.
Forecast for May 10:
Moonrise 3:43 am sets 5:18 pm.
Morning stars: Mercury, Jupiter, Neptune.
Evening stars: Venus, Mars, Saturn.

The forecast: Sunny this afternoon, temperature 55 to 60. Clear and cool tonight with a chance of frost over the western portion. Lowest rain clouds from the north will move to the mid 40s east, Thursday sunny with the highest in the upper 50s to low 60s. Precipitation probability 20 per cent today, near zero tonight and Thursday. Winds northerly.

Forecast for May 11:
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SANE Slates Protest Day in Wayne

In light of the announced blockade of North Vietnam, SANE slates a protest day in Wayne, N.J. to meet today while another organization says it will distribute black carnations at a Wayne shopping center Saturday, to call attention to the deaths of mothers in South and North Vietnam.

A spokesman for SANE said Tuesday that anti-war groups in New Jersey were invited to meet at its Montclair office. He said a group also sent telegrams to the President and New Jersey's two senators stating the mining and blocking of the Vietnam war into a wider conflict.

The India-a government, however, condemned the blockade, warning that it might escalate the Vietnam war into a wider conflict.

The Sydney Morning Herald said Hanoi's invasion of South Vietnam "left Nixon with no choice but to support the blockade."

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Israeli Gun Skyjackers Save 101

TEL AVIV (UPI)—Death threats against 101 persons in a Belgian jetliner ended in Israel, rescuers dug up a grounded aircraft, rescued two Arab hijackers, wounded a third and captured the fourth. A military spokesman said two men guerrillas were killed, one woman guerrilla was seriously wounded and another was captured. Three of the passengers were wounded, two critically, in the exchange of gunfire between the troops — dressed in the white clothing of airport maintenance men — and the hijackers.

The rescue ended a 21-hour drama that began Monday when the four armed Arabs com-