

Today Japan is governed by a clique. The Army and the Navy hold seats of power in the Cabinet. The present foreign minister, Admiral Tōjō, has held political office until 18 months ago. He was a lifelong soldier.

The cabinets of Japan rise and fall with the tides of diplomacy, but never is a premier voted out of office.



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Army chose expansion. A series of military "incidents" happened in Manchuria during the Summer of 1931. That September a section of track on the South Manchurian Railway was blown up—the "Mukden Incident"—and the Japanese Army occupied key Manchurian cities.

A new Cabinet took office, and Inouye, the finance minister of the previous government, was assassinated, along with Baron Dan, head of the Mitsui business interests.

There followed a succession of cabinets which signed the anti-comintern pact with Germany, took measures against political parties at home, and finally took up arms against the Chinese.

KONOYE LEADS DRIVE

In 1937 Premier Konoze led a drive for "national spiritual mobilization" to rally popular support for the China war; police disbanded left-wing labor groups and arrested hundreds of suspected liberals and pacifists, including the noted feminist, Baroness Ishimoto.

The next step, in 1938, was the National Mobilization bill, with its drastic controls over all phases of business, industry and labor.

The military alliance with Germany and Italy, signed on September 26, 1940, allotted to Japan for her living space all of "Greater East Asia." It was left up to her to get it.

The movement of troops into the Northern part of French Indo-China was the first step, in 1940; and then, this Summer, the troops of Japan moved into Indo-China's southernmost ports.

There was fear that Japan next would send her troops into independent Thailand (Siam). And there was the question: How far can the nations of the West let Japan spread before their own island interests are menaced?

The troops of Great Britain mobilized along the Thailand borders, in Malaya and in India. Ships from the United States sailed significantly into the nearby harbor of Britain's Singapore base.

Like the Germans in 1938-39, the Japanese had gained much territory with little fighting (except in China).

Cities Prosper

Census figures indicate that, the cities having a population of over 100,000 in 1938 received \$29,000,000 as contributions from their public service enterprises and paid out to such municipal enterprises in that year \$70,000,000.

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Expert Recommends Brighter Car Lights

CHICAGO, Sept. 4.—(AP)—The candlepower of automobile headlights can be doubled, the American Psychological Association was told today, without seriously raising the glare hazard.

Laboratory experiments to support this, said Dr. A. H. Lauer, Iowa State College, show glare rises rapidly as lights increase in brightness to about the top power of present lamps.

But after that top doubling the candlepower does not increase glare materially. Looking toward the right shoulder of the road, when passing, cuts down the glare about threefold. Depressing a headlight beam reduces glare to one-quarter that of a high beam.

Dog House Denizens Seek to Incorporate

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 4.—(AP)—The Dog House Protective Association, a haven for refugees from marital discord, has applied for a decree of incorporation.

Three hundred husbands want their recently organized club to have an official status.

Its special aim is to console those men whose wives have consigned them to the dog house—or elsewhere—and to work untiringly to get these men back in good graces. Asked for the formula used to heal marital wounds, Edward A. Morgan, the president, told a reporter: "We just cry on each other's shoulders until we feel better."

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 4.—(AP)—"I've come to find my man and help him," announced 24-year-old Mrs. Louise Causey upon arrival at city hall luggage five-month-old twins and a huge suitcase.

She almost collapsed after relating to Assistant District Attorney Ephraim Lipschultz how they'd traveled 600 miles from High Point, N.C.

I sold the goat I had been keeping for milk," said the mother, "I got \$7.50 and bought a bus ticket for \$8.80. That was all the money we had. I was left with 70 cents and spent it on the way here to buy milk for the babies. But we didn't have anything to eat."

The district attorney's office provided food and lodging after assuring her of early action of minor charges against her truck driver husband, Chester.

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San Jose Tavern Thief Strikes Again

SAN JOSE, Sept. 4.—The dark complexioned handi who has held up and robbed 20 Santa Clara County taverns during recent weeks, made a reappearance early today, this time with a companion.

The man entered a tavern at 28th and Santa Clara Street as Lloyd Halverson, the proprietor, and E. J. McKane, the bartender, were preparing to close the place.

He threatened the two men with a gun, forced them to hand over \$180, and fled with a second bandit who waited in front in an automobile.

Halverson obtained the license number of the handi car. Police said it had been stolen earlier in the evening from Dr. E. A. Amaral, of 489 Snyder Avenue.

Students to Greet 'Soph's' at Pittsburg

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 4.—Sophomore students of Pittsburg High School will be greeted by older students tomorrow at a reception in the school gym according to announcement by Angie Ong, student body president. Members of the faculty will chaperone the affair, which will be held from 8 to 11 o'clock. Music will be provided by an orchestra headed by Delpha Anderson, and refreshments will be served.

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