

## Military War in China Shows World's Troubled Spots

Nearly two years after V-J Day, almost 19,000,000 men are under arms throughout the world and about 27,400,000,000 a year in armaments. It has been revealed by Hansson W. Baldwin, military expert of the New York Times, as the result of a world military survey conducted by that newspaper.

The survey reveals that in this second year of "peace," three large-scale colonial or civil wars, involving millions of men, are raging in the world and at least 2,000,000 troops are occupying or garrisoning territory outside their own national borders, says the South Daily Star.

**Civil War in China**  
The great civil war in China involves 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 men on the Nationalist side and 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 on the Communist side. In addition to millions of civilians caught up in the bitter strife, Gen. Baldwin estimates. And as an unhappy corollary, it is estimated that 80 per cent of impoverished China's national budget is devoted to the military—a percentage far exceeding that of any other nation in the world.

In Indo-China, the Viet Nam has a force of about 100,000 in the field—chiefly of guerrilla nature, but with some artillery and backed by perhaps 1,000,000 irregulars and a "Self Defense Corps." Seeking to crush the Viet Namans are 90,000 to 110,000 French troops. Small French forces in Madagascar are also struggling against the guerrilla attacks of 10,000 insurgents.

In the Netherlands Indies 100,000 men of the Indonesian Republican Government's army, backed up by perhaps 250,000 native guerillas and irregulars, oppose something over 100,000 troops of the Netherlands army.

**Other Troubled Spots**  
The survey lists other troubled spots. Several regiments of troops are involved in a revolution in Paraguay. In India 25,000 British troops plus perhaps 100,000 Indian troops in the Indian Army—the latter rapidly being demobilized—are attempting to keep order. Palestine is partitioned by about 65,000 British troops. In the Philippines several thousand insurgent Hukbalahaps are battling some of the 25,000 military police who are the first unit of a new Philippine army.

Russian armed forces, according to the survey, remain the largest in the world, except for ill-armed Chinese masses. But even small nations, bowed beneath crushing taxation and many of them wrecked by the war and struggling under major economic burdens, are shown to be allocating major parts of their budgets to military expenditures and attempting to maintain large military forces—yet, though these could do little against the strength of any major power.

**New Weapon of War**  
The survey indicates that the nations are spending perhaps \$10,000,000,000 more on armaments than they did on the eve of war in 1938, and probably have more men in uniform than they did then, although part of the increased cost is a "paper" one.

More disturbing, the statistics indicate a parallel between the present era and the post-World War I era of 1919-22, when an armaments race threatened. Then, however, the race centered on naval construction. Today, Gen. Baldwin estimates, military costs, perhaps billions of dollars in concealed funds—only part of them indicated in the survey—are being spent on research and development in connection with the atomic bomb, bacteriological warfare, guided missiles, jet planes and other new weapons.

Obviously, no nation feels it has attained the security which was its goal in World War II; and it is likely to see any immediate probability of an assurance of security which would relieve the world of the crushing burden revealed by this survey.

## More People Needed To Open Up Canada

There has been some talk of holding down on immigration until every last person in Canada is working or until we have what some so glibly define as "full employment." Whether such a thing is possible, outside a slave state, is highly doubtful, but even reasonably close to it is simply out of the question so long as our country remains only partly developed. That we open up far more natural wealth and hold the secondary industry to go with it will have no idea of how many people this Dominion can employ—financially.

Boys are not the only insects that will be busy. Some species of wasps and the honey bee also make it.



**Army's New Tractor Landing Gear May Outdo Airports**—The newly unveiled tractor landing gear seen on the bomber pictured at left, above, will eliminate pilots' present worries over landing on ground that is soft, rough or deep sand, according to the Air Technical Service officials at Wright Field, Ohio. Preliminary tests, in soft mud and loose sand, where a normal plane would have bogged down helplessly, were completely successful. Engineers foresee the tractor gear outmoding today's huge airbases whose surface has to be "just so" to accommodate large, heavy planes. A new era in military aviation is seen, as tractor-equipped planes will not be handicapped by lack of airbases in remote areas. At right is a close-up of the revolutionary landing gear. A loaded Douglas A-20 attack bomber, equipped with the tractor gear, taxied speedily through soft mud, revving up in sand, took off in 110 feet of similar mud-sand terrain and landed under the same conditions. Gear is simply a continuous smooth outer belt rolling on "boogie."

## Three Minutes of Fiction Fun

**SHORT STORY**  
Nice Old Girl

When Sally Carter spied the crisp green of the bill lying against the white of the sidewalk that bordered the engineering building, she dropped the handle of the baby carriage and swooped down upon it. "Look, Richard," she cried happily to the cheerful bright-eyed boy in the carriage. "A ten-dollar bill—real, brand new ten-dollar bill. I found it myself, and I can spend it any way I please!"

Turning the carriage briskly to return the way she had come, Sally tucked away the bill and reached for the trailer cart that nestled at the foot of the hill, a haven for married student veterans.

Once inside her trailer home she hurriedly hung the pinaflore in the dryer, then turned toward the door where her best shirt and sweater. "Do you know what I'm going to do with this money, first thing, Richard?" she cried happily. "I'm going to get you a pair of slippers, and I can stay out in the fresh air all day long and have plenty of room to wiggle around in."

Sally dropped the sweater to give the baby a quick, impetuous hug. "Well, get Daddy that pipe he's wanted for months, and buy me some dress material!"

Spreading joyfully across the campus toward town, her hand straying often to the money in her pocket, Sally suddenly slowed her pace, her face sober.

"Oh, dear! she thought, "I've been so happy about finding this money all my own that I hadn't even occurred to that it belongs to someone else. Oh, dear!"

Parking the carriage at the door of the engineering building, she entered, hesitated a moment outside a door marked "Office," and went in. The secretary looked up as Sally laid the bill on the desk.

"I found this outside the building, Miss Hanson, so I guess it belongs to someone in here." She was talking fast, turning to leave.

"Wait a minute, Mrs. Carter," the older woman called. "You may as well keep it. I don't see how you can ever find out who it belongs to. 'Finders keepers,' you know. Now you just run along downtown and see what you can find to buy."

"Do her good to have some money all her own," Miss Hanson muttered as the door closed. "Of course I should have held it a day or two in case anyone asked about it. But that child probably hasn't had a dollar to spend since Richard entered here!"

In mid-afternoon, about the time



**POP—Something to A-Door**  
"YOU HAVE A HEAD KNOB."  
"WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?"  
"ANY GIRL CAN TURN IT."  
BY J. MILLAR WATT

## Machines Rout 'Man With The Hoe'

The super-high cost of labor is spreading an epidemic of machine-mindedness among United States farmers.

With record and near-record crops coming up, farmers now have an estimated labor force of only 7.2 million workers—about two million less than six years ago. With the "hands" flocking to city jobs, a Wisconsin farmer now pays \$1 an hour for labor he got at \$30 a month plus room and board a decade ago.

To meet the rural clamor for machines, new battalions of mechanical marvels will clank over the country's farms this summer.

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Spearheading the blitz will be such relatively new machines as the beet harvester. It has a bewildering complement of tools that first strip off the beet's crown and leaves, then dig down to bring up the vegetable itself. This machine will harvest six tons of beets an hour in a field producing 20 tons to the acre.

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by the speed with which they dig, partly clean and load spuds. Most of the mechanical "soldiers" being marshaled for the mass invasion of U.S. farms aren't entirely new. But they've not been in general use before because the average farmer couldn't afford them. Now, his pockets are bulging with cash realized over the past few years from his high-price crops. And he's getting the equipment for more efficient farming.

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**Didn't Need You**  
The famous psychologist just delivered a most surprising lecture, and was now conducting a question session.

"A timid little man whom I had held up his hand and was nervous." "Doctor," he said most respectfully, "did I understand you fully, did I understand you completely that a good player could not possibly handle any sort of nervous job?"

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## What Science is Doing

Nematodes

Long a problem of those who plant threadlike worms, rarely more than a sixteenth of an inch long, known as the nematode. Some farmers call them wire worms, which they are not. Others call them round worms or eel worms. They attack the roots of plants, causing them to become stunted and cutting down on the amount of food which can be absorbed from the soil.

Some 1,500 species of plants are subject to their attacks. Truck crops are especially susceptible. Nematodes drastically reduce the production of Asia's rice fields, Europe's sugar beets, Ireland's potato fields, Java's rubber plantations, India's tea fields, and, very likely, the cabbage in your own garden. Until recently they threatened Havana's pineapple industry with extinction.

But now some new soil fumigants have been developed and, according to Dr. Robert M. Salter, chief of the bureau of plant industry of the United States Department of Agriculture, they "did fair to become one of the greatest boosts to agriculture since the development of the fertilizer."

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## MUTT AND JEFF—Oh Well, Jeff Never Lived In The Suburbs Before

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