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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE EARTHQUAKE PLAN

AGAINST JAPANESE HOMELAND

PREFACE

"Japan is a country of social tensions.....

"The emotional instability (of Japan) in times of stress or crisis, the unbridled brutality of Japanese troops let loose upon the peaceful populations of Asiatic countries, bear evidence of a diseased society where healthy outlets for self-expression, a rational ambition, or a critical intellect are effectively damned.....

"The social history of Japan illustrates how the Japanese violently reacted against crushing social restrictions and inhibitions by abandoning themselves to a frenzy which periodically swept throughout the centers of population in the Tokugawa era (1605) and more recently in 1923, during the frenzy riots which followed the devastating fire and earthquake in the Tokyo district....."

The above quotations were taken from an article, titled "Mass Hysteria in Japan," recently published in the "Far Eastern Survey, American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations." It was written by E. Herbert Norman, noted authority on Japan, and author of "Japan's Emergence as a Modern State."

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In another part of this article he points out that "one need not be a Freudian to imagine what neurosis, what febrile passions are concealed behind the glacial calm of many Japanese....."

He then turns to debunking the myth of a "stolid emotionally restrained and stoic Japan as the prime characteristic of Japanese social behavior." He stresses that "these outward manifestations of a social behavior do not explain the social reasons for these restraints, and might not be so much temperment habit as a deliberately cultivated behavior pattern assumed like camouflage for self-protection.".....

In still another part of his article he gives us a tip-off for a Psychological Warfare potential that might be used not only to activate this panic complex among the mob but might be capable of bringing about a hysterical social condition which would turn Japan from a well regimented state into a mob more interested in individual survival than state survival.

Norman states further: "Today with contemporary Japan subject to the will of the political police, the tight social regimentation of the neighborhood groups, the grinding economic exploitation, the student propaganda of chauvinism, and the shinto superstition, are placing heavier burdens on the Japanese people than they ex-

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perienced even under the stern rule of the feudal Bakufu. As the military and political machine of Japanese imperialism begins to crack under the hammer blows of its enemies, it is not improbable that violent outbursts of mass hysteria will flare up here and there." Given these facts, it now is apparent that it is timely that we step up our Psychological Warfare against the Japanese homeland. This should feature material that would tighten the frustration ring around the Japanese people.

Already there is enough evidence leaking out from the Japanese radio broadcasts, indicating that the major morale government operation is the channelling of this frustration complex. This was evident with the collapse of two cabinets within the period of the war, which came as an appeasement of the mass, when Saipan fell and Okinawa was invaded. The real purpose behind these moves was to supply new hope for growing frustration. The method was to discard a once believed infallible leader for another who could be propagandized as a true infallible one. But it goes without saying that not even the Japanese people can continue to be fooled by the replacement of an infallible who turns out to be fallible, world without end.

There is already increasing evidence of a drop in the Japanese morale barometer. This was reflected in the first public address of Premier Suzuki, after the fall

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of the Koiso cabinet, following the invasion of Okinawa. He stressed the graveness of the crisis now facing Japan, as the result of the invasion of Okinawa. How serious Japanese officialdom takes this U. S. move into the inner defense zone of Japan is revealed in a recent editorial in the Tokyo-Yomuri-Hochi, voice of the militarist group. In this editorial it is admitted that the loss of Okinawa would leave Japan with "no hope of turning the course of the war. The loss of Okinawa would mean the collapse of the vanguards of Japan."

Such editorial comments from an official newspaper like the Yomuri-Hochi appears to indicate that the seeds of hysterical fear are already sprouting even in official sources.

This brings us to the point as to just how we might put enough pressure on this panic potential to turn it into an actuality, a mad hysteria among the mass of Japan. This might be accomplished by a long-range strategic campaign in which we tie up the destruction of physical war with that of the forces of nature.

Such a Psychological Warfare campaign would be designed to show that by scientific bombings of Japan, we intend to use even the forces of nature to step up their annihilation.

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