

## EMPEROR VISITS FLOOD VICTIMS

With homes of half a million people under water after the typhoon that swept the capital Emperor Hirohito made a tour of <sup>Tokyo</sup> the flooded area to convey his sympathy to the victims. Formerly the Mikado was aloof and unapproachable behind the walls of the Royal Palace. He saw the army supply-boats dispatched by General MacArthur with food and anti-typhoid serum. With the city water supply out of action typhoid has already added its victims to the two thousand killed by the typhoon.

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earth and no longer claims divine status. In fact, when it comes to a bowing contest he's a match for the least of his subjects. It's almost a case of, after you, Emperor. No, after you honourable citizen.

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1. title; HIROHITO VISITS FLOOD VICTIMS
2. Raging floods have put three fourths of Tokyo under water - and to his desolated people comes Emperor Hirohito, bringing the comfort of his imperial presence.
7. Before the war, Hirohito stayed remote behind his palace walls. Today's national disaster brings him among his people toward whom he is trying to learn a democratic approach.
11. The floods that followed a devastating typhoon across Honshu Island have left two thousand dead and five hundred thousand homeless. Meanwhile, the American Army of Occupation sends units into the inundated areas to help evacuate dwellers to safety and shelter in the higher parts of Tokyo. Sixty Army boats are used, not only for evacuation, but also to deliver food to the refugees and serum to the doctors -- as dread typhoid follows in the wake of the flood waters. GI's and Japs work together to overcome this disastrous blow to a nation striving toward recovery.