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## IN THIS ISSUE

Communist activity in the Far East hobbles reconstruction efforts. This month CURRENT HISTORY surveys developments to date in Japan and Korea.

**STANLEY NEHMER**, Far Eastern Specialist and Lecturer at American University, details Japan's efforts to achieve economic stability in "Japan Under Occupation." With her former markets in North China, North Korea, and Karafuto cut off, Japan faces an austerity program.

**ROBERT T. OLIVER**, Manager of the Washington Bureau of the Korean Pacific Press and Counsellor of the Korean Commission, presents a "scoop" in "Korea: A Progress Report (II)." The tables on pages 263-264 of this issue have never before been printed. They will concern all who are interested in a Japanese peace treaty.

Mr. Oliver, a constant contributor on Korea, has taught at the universities of Oregon, Bucknell, Syracuse, and the University of Korea. His "Progress Reports" are the result of conversations with Dr. Syngman Rhee and other Korean leaders whom Mr. Oliver interviewed last spring when he was in Korea.

**ALZADA COMSTOCK**, CURRENT HISTORY's expert on all matters British, brings us another report on her personal observation of the effect of the devaluation of the pound on the British people. It is a sympathetic and perceptive account of an all too human tendency to avoid reality.

Miss Comstock is at present writing a book on Commonwealth relations.

Greece, like India and Palestine, seems to have been destined by geography to be "always in the way" of the Great Powers. **WAYNE S. VUCINICH**, Professor of Balkan history at Stanford University, chronicles the "Tragedy of Modern Greece." As heirs of Britain in this area, we would do well to study the policies of those who have gone before us.

**CAROL L. THOMPSON**, Associate Executive Editor, concludes her five-part series on the "Problems of Industrial Expansion" with a portrait of James Hazen Hyde.

Beginning in January, Mrs. Thompson will present three portraits of America's mine leaders, John L. Lewis, of course, among them.