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NIPPON'S FATE

What to do with postwar Japan? That was the question debated by the Institute of Pacific Relations at Hot Springs, Va.

After three days' discussion the 160 Far Eastern Experts from 12 countries agreed: (1) Japan must be stripped of virtually all her territories; (2) big industrialists must be listed as war criminals, the military caste broken; (3) Hirohito must be exiled and the Emperor institution abolished; (4) the people must have freedom of speech, assembly and elections under a changed constitution.

Excluded from the recommended peace terms was what to do with Japan's aviation and her heavy industry. On these the delegates disagreed. Most of the British delegates opposing dismantling of heavy industry had either commercial or banking business with Japan before the war. Chinese and U.S. representatives urged a strait jacket for Nippon's heavy industry.

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