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Japan: The Death-Ray Project

Four years after the war's end, U. S. scientists discovered that Japan was working on a death-ray as its master weapon. QUICK Tokyo report: "The project was backed by the army and had the moral support of Prince Mikasa, Hirohito's youngest brother. After seven years in which 10,000 rabbits and mice were killed, the death ray was developed to the point where it could kill a rabbit at 100 feet with five to 10 minutes' exposure. It could stop a motor if the hood was up, but it didn't get within miles of its objective—to blast down B-29s. After the surrender the Japanese Army dumped the equipment in Kizaki lake at the foot of the Japanese Alps. U. S. officers failed to fish it out."