

# People Today

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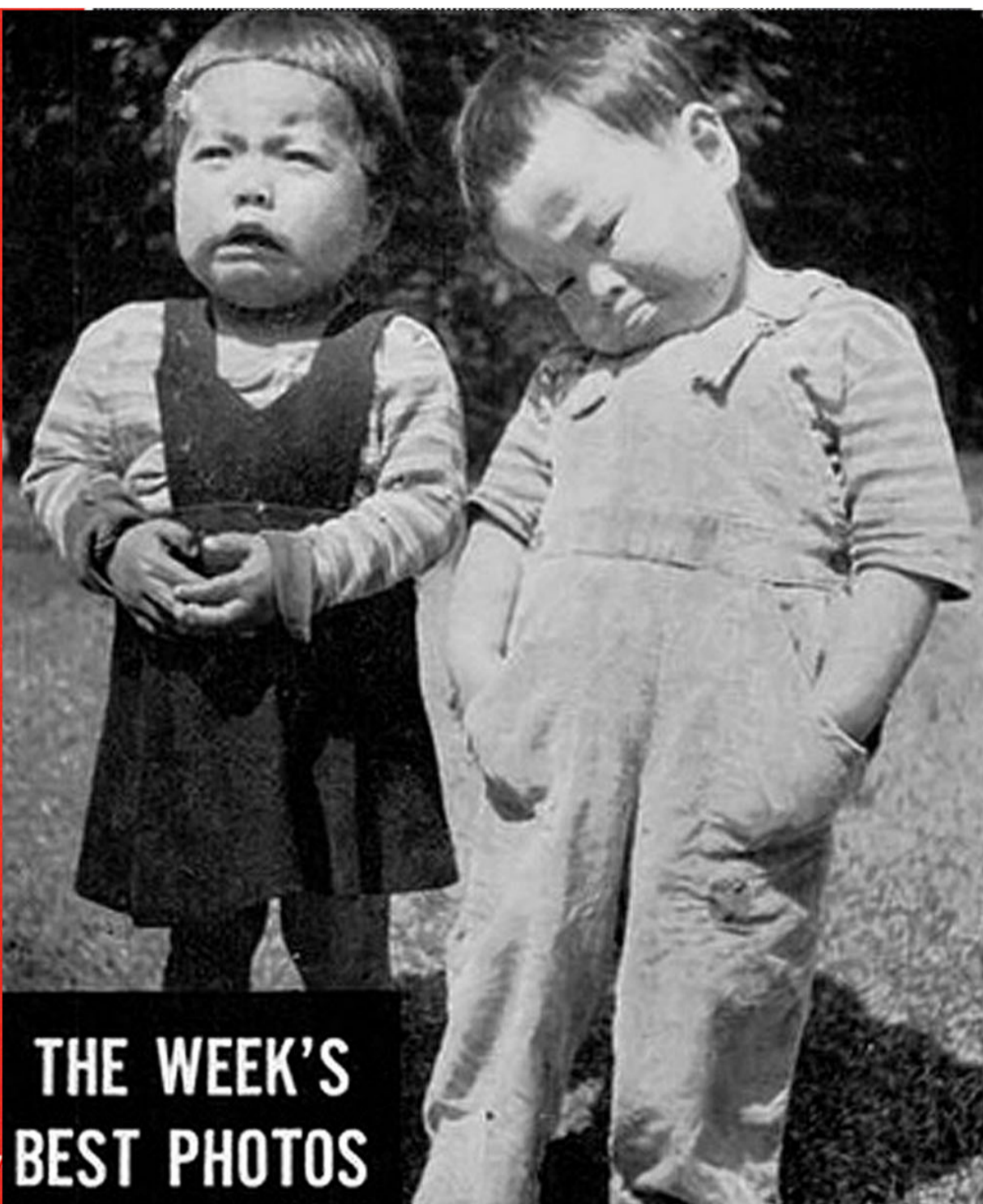
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## OCCUPATION COMPLICATION

Out-of-Wedlock Babies of GI's and  
Japanese Girls Propaganda Pawns



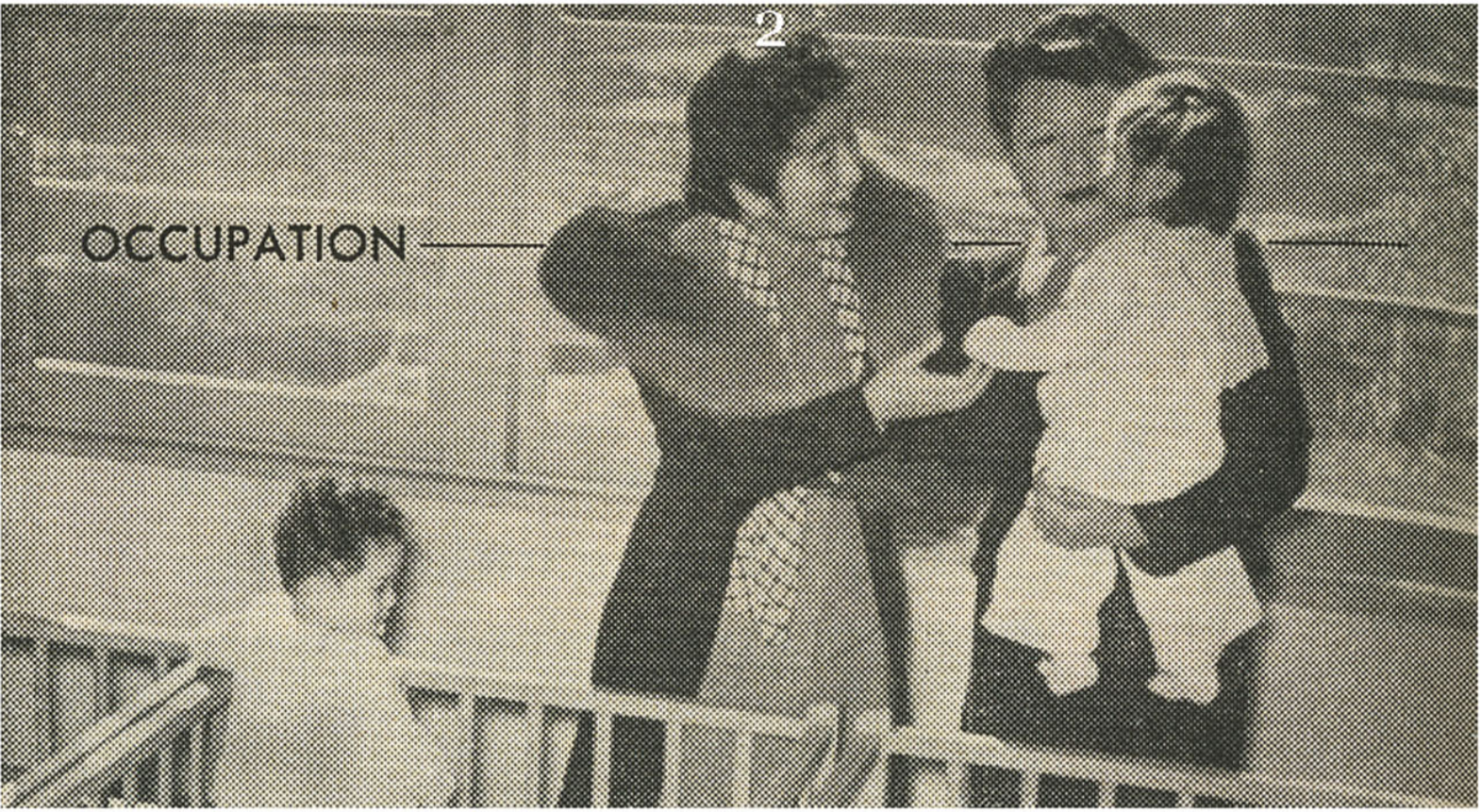
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THE WEEK'S  
BEST PHOTOS

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OCCUPATION



PRINCESS CHICHIBU (left) OF ROYAL FAMILY VISITS MME. SAWADA

## Some Fathers Return to Claim Children

**T**he Japanese call them "half-blood orphans." They are among the 3,925 identifiable children born to unwed Japanese girls and American soldiers prior to 1953—in the years before the occupation authorities gave permanent permission for the two nationalities to marry.

There have been a lot of changes in Japan since the days of *Madame Butterfly*. But the tragedy depicted




Though haircuts in the "orphanage" are strictly in the Japanese style, some standard American equipment is an important feature of the nurseries at the Sanders Home.

Most of the 3,925 illegitimate babies live with their unwed mothers or their grandparents. As part of the program in their behalf, some will be adopted by American military families. The law forbids their being brought to orphanages in this country, although they would almost certainly find new parents in the United States. The Army and private agencies are doing all possible to facilitate marriage of soldiers who wish to return to Japan to claim their families. The Army affords them free air passage to Tokyo.

## GI's Wed Japanese at Rate of **100** Weekly

in the famous opera still holds true today for the child of mixed race born out of wedlock in that country. Most Japanese cling tenaciously to the feudal idea of a pure race. Furthermore, in Asia the family as a unit is so important in society that without its protection a child finds the going really tough, even in "after life."

The number of illegitimate babies fathered by U.S. 

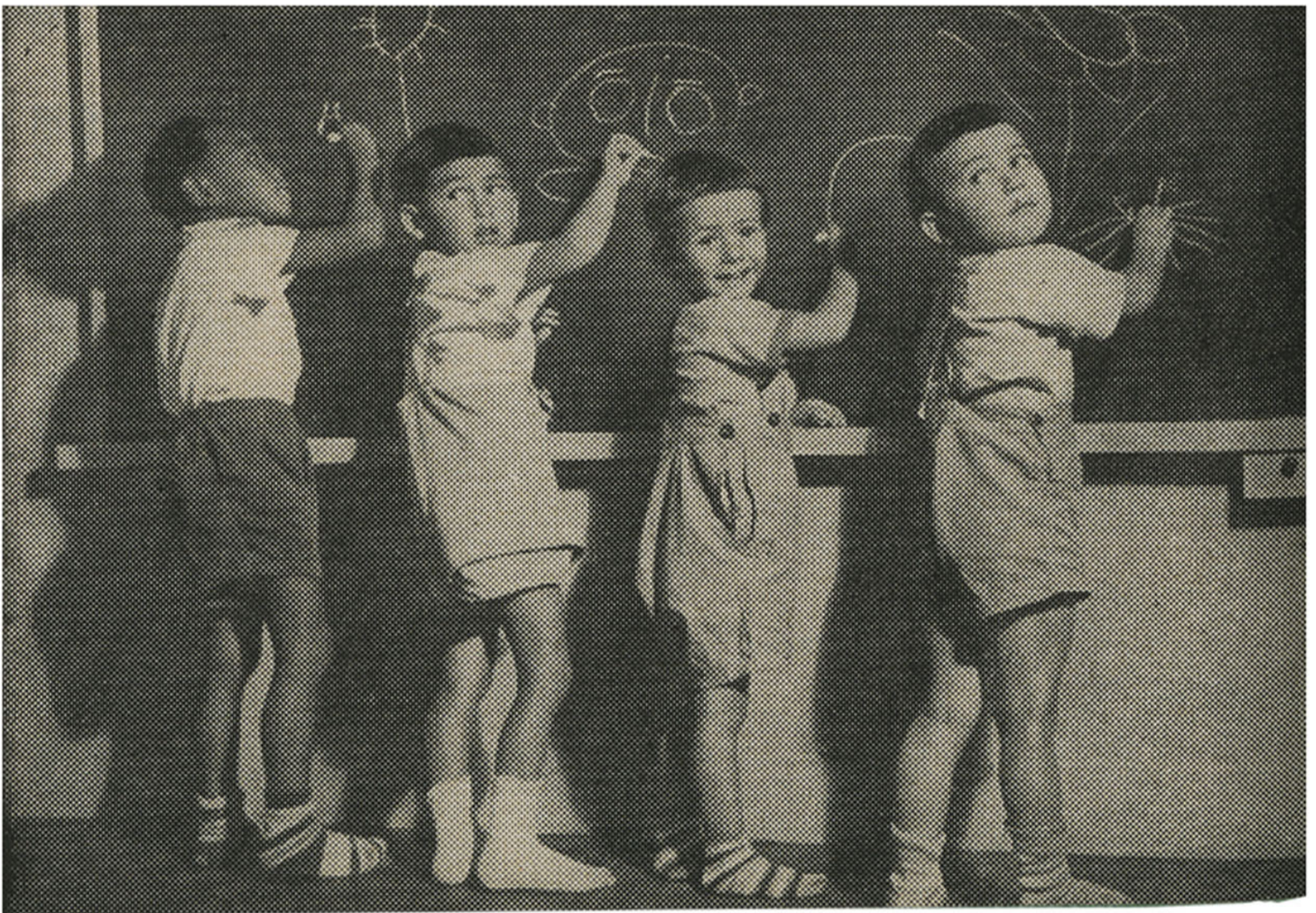


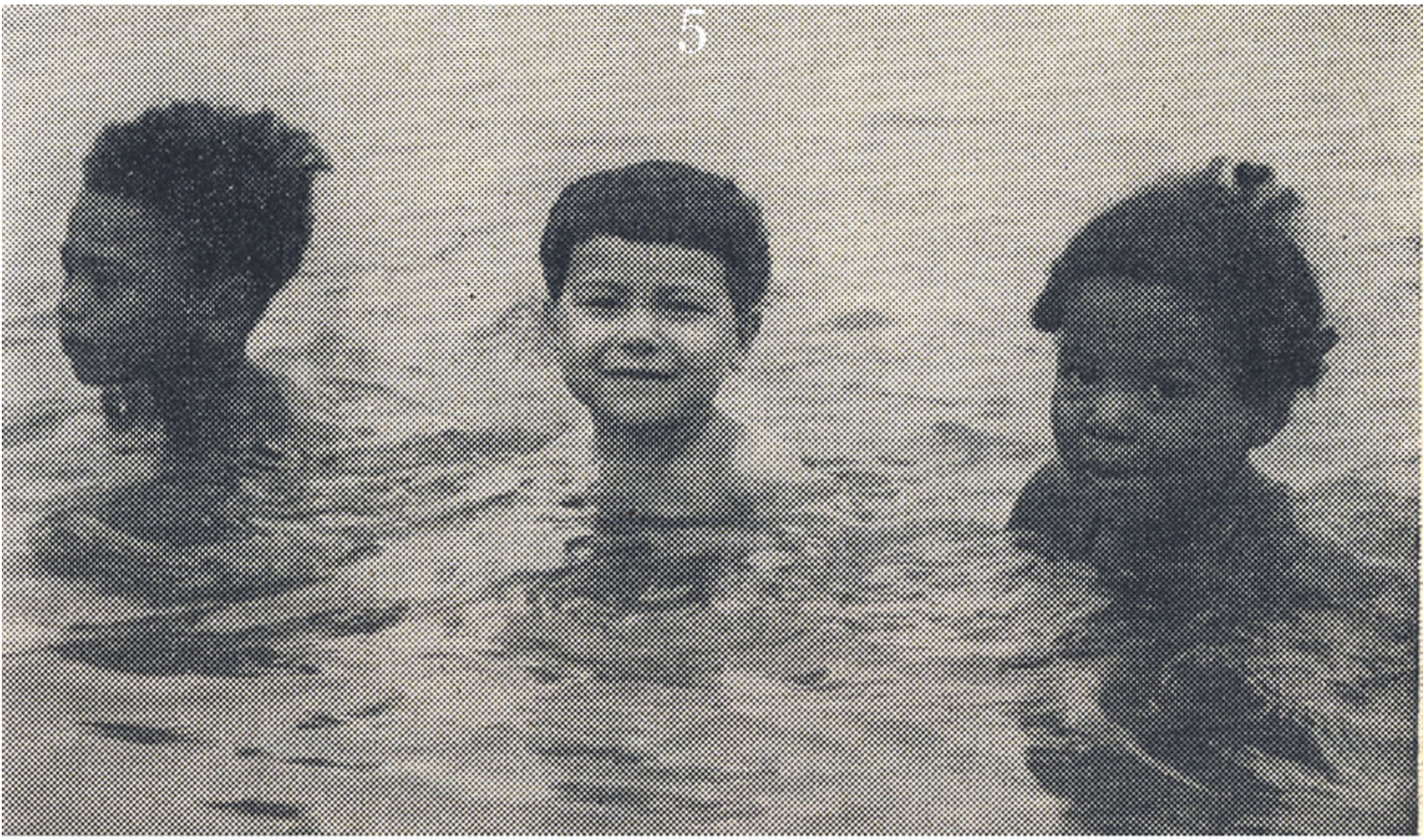
## Most 'Orphans' Live With Their Mothers

soldiers in Japan is not large compared to the tens of thousands born to GI's and Frauleins in Germany. But Communist propaganda has exaggerated their number a hundredfold as an example of American barbarism. Actually, of the 3,925, about 2,300 are the children of GI's and Japanese girls wed in religious ceremonies in Shinto shrines. While such ceremonies had no legal validity under the occupation ban, it does mean that these babies are illegitimate only in the technical sense.

The Communists carefully avoid mentioning, of course, the efforts which the American Army and Japanese and American private agencies have made to ensure these children's welfare. The babies shown here live at the Elizabeth Sanders Home, a luxurious 25-acre estate which formerly belonged to a Japanese millionaire. It is now owned by Mme. Renzo Sawada, wife of a

**AMERICAN SOLDIERS CONTRIBUTED MONEY FOR KINDERGARTEN**





**BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS LEARN ATHLETICS, AMERICAN FASHION**

Japanese diplomat. She set up her "international orphanage" in 1948 with American and Japanese help. There were then two babies, half-starved. Now there are 98. (Communists please note: Several children in the home have Russian fathers.)

**CHILDREN PUT ON NATIVITY PAGEANT, FOR U. S. BENEFACTORS**

