

MAY BE A MATTER OF DAYS BEFORE WE ARE IN WAR WITH JAPAN

The attention of the public at large remains focused on Europe's war—but the eyes of a good many are watching the Far East, for there is a very definite possibility that we may engage in hostilities with Japan.

Japan means to dominate the Pacific. Her statesmen have said that all of Oceania must be brought within her sphere of influence. Some feel that, as an Axis partner, she intends to make an attempt on Singapore. She is a definite threat to Australia and New Zealand. She has outflanked the Philippines, and she is making angry faces at French Indo China. And she threatens our supplies of rubber, tin and tea.

In the event of naval war with Japan, it would be logical for us to use the British base at Singapore. Our own nearest major naval base, Pearl Harbor, is over 5,000 miles from Manila. The Manila base, Cavete, is not yet of formidable dimensions. It is considered certain that the British would welcome our fleet to Singapore with open arms.

Japan would go to war with us under heavy handicaps. That being true, would she take the chance of forcing us to fight? The answer to that is difficult. Eastern ways are not Western ways. Japanese samurai tradition is something that is utterly alien to us. A real Japanese thinks little of death and disaster—he prefers it to losing face. Some who have studied the Japanese character believe it not unlikely that Japan might attack us, even though she knew she was certain to lose, in a grand suicidal gesture.

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