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"So lovely a country will never perish!. Just supposing, one chance in a million, it actually perishes, I will still rejoice that I had the privilege of being born in this country, rather than any other country in the world, in this, of all periods of mankind. The Japanese people in recent times have known only victory. The Japanese, for the first time, have been taught what it means to be completely defeated. Sometimes one loses; sometimes one wins. A people that has not experienced both victory and defeat is still immature. Let us consider that we have at last come of age."&mdashTokugawa Musei