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Torture Killing of Prisoners Charged To Jap Surgeon

GUAM, June 11.—(AP)—A nervous little Japanese fleet surgeon charged with using American prisoners for inhuman medical experiments went on trial before a military commission today with 18 subordinates accused of spearing, strangling and beheading ten of their captives.

Frail, middle-aged Capt. Hiroshi Iwanami, who allegedly ordered prisoners injected with virulent bacteria on the sea bottom of Truk, squirmed and licked his lips as the charges were read.

After this preliminary was completed, the commission recessed until June 24 to give Japanese defense counsel from Tokyo time to prepare their case.

The U. S. Navy, which is conducting the trial, charges that bacterial injections killed four American prisoners. Experiments with tourniquets took the lives of two men, the charges state, and two who survived were injected with morphine. When that did not kill them, they were strangled.

gled, the prosecution asserts. Two other Americans allegedly were strung up like football dummies on Iwanami's orders. One of them was stabbed with bamboo spears to test the value of spears as weapons while the other was bayoneted.

The Navy contends bodies were decapitated and the heads boiled and then sent to Japan for study. A persistent search in Japan has failed to locate the heads. The corpses, buried on Truk, reportedly were dug up at the end of the war and hurled into the sea.

Three charges of murder and six of violation of the laws and customs of war describe the ten American victims as unidentified, all efforts to learn their names having been frustrated because the Japanese destroyed all records.

Jewels Presented To Pythian Knights

Alpha Lodge, No. 47, Knights of Pythias, Roseburg, was visited Monday night by Grand Chancellor Guy Jordan, Corvallis. The lodge meeting was preceded by a 6:30 o'clock dinner, served by the Pythian Sisters.

In addition to enjoying the official visit by the Grand Chancellor, the local lodge presented a 50-year jewel and life membership to Dr. George E. Houck, and 25-year veteran's jewels to Dr. Clair K. Allen, Roseburg; Thorne E. Grae, Corvallis, and James F. Mahoney, all members and former Chancellor Commanders of the Roseburg lodge.

Final arrangements were made for the trip of the Roseburg Knights of Pythias Girls Drum Corps to Portland for the Rose Festival parade Friday. The girls will leave Thursday morning in a school bus furnished by Luther Ellison. They will be accompanied by Mrs. John Hess, Miss Jennie Jorey, Bob Harvie and Bill Black, director, and will be joined in Portland by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hartfield.

A report was given to the lodge of a D. O. K. K. ceremonial held Saturday at Eugene and attended by A. J. Hochradel, Bob Harvie, Dale Bolsinger, John Hess, L. L. Patterson, W. F. Lempe, Thomas Hartfield and Paul Dailey, all of Roseburg.

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Poison-Firing Gun Used on Coyotes

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A poison-firing weapon hailed as the most efficient killer of coyotes yet devised has become the subject of federal concern as a possible menace to human safety.

The Interior Department disclosed that W. H. Bradley, chief geologist for the Geological Survey, has instructed his field employees to guard against accidental injuries from the device known as the "humane coyote-getter."

Bradley informed field agents

that "reports have been received that men working in the Western states have been injured by the device."

It consists of a small tube, containing a cartridge and firing mechanism, which is loaded with a charge of sodium cyanide. This set gun is buried, and the top of the tube is covered with a bit of wool, fur or cloth. When a coyote bites the fur, the firing device releases a charge of cyanide into the animal's mouth and throat. The victim usually dies instantly.

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