

# Court Delays Yamashita Death

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### General Asks Civil Hearing

#### Supreme Court Holds Decision On Jurisdiction

By John B. Owen  
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The supreme court of the nation granted a stay of execution today to Japanese General Tomoyuki Yamashita, convicted as a war criminal.

The former "tiger of Malaya," convicted by an army commission of permitting wholesale atrocities in the Philippines, sped a petition here by air mail asking that the case be taken out of the hands of the military.

The supreme court justices held a hurried get-together and granted a stay of the death sentence, whether the high tribunal actually will take jurisdiction over the case—and thus decide the legality of the military trial—was not immediately announced, however.

It was believed unprecedented for a foreign enemy general to appeal to the supreme court. However, it is usual for the court in a death case to grant a stay pending a decision on whether the appeal should be reviewed.

Yamashita is not appealing directly from the sentence. That might come later. He is fighting a decision of the Philippines supreme court denying his contention that the military tribunal was without jurisdiction.

### Police Crash CIO Lines With GM Employes

By the Associated Press  
 With the aid of police squads who charged through one picket line in a flying wedge formation, General Motors began getting its salaried employes back into its strike-bound Michigan plants yesterday.

A restraining order against Michigan pickets was issued late today in Lansing by Circuit Judge Charles H. Hayden.

He directed pickets to cease interference with GM office employes seeking to enter three strike-bound plants there.

The police charge was made against a picket line at the GM's AC spark plug division in Flint, Mich., after a police-union-management conference on the picketing question.

The corporation, meanwhile, resumed its negotiations with the UAW, demanding a "corporation security" clause in any new agreement reached.

General Motors also demanded "there be an adequate guarantee that the union will make good on its pledge to eliminate personal attacks, false accusation and vilification of management through union publications, handbills, literature and releases."

The GM dispute will be transferred to Washington Wednesday when both sides will meet with a fact-finding board named by President Truman to study the dispute.

### Salem Man Killed, 2 Injured in Wreck

A head-on collision one mile north of the city on the Portland highway Sunday night claimed the life of Paul Hankins, 24, 637 N. 17th st., and sent Joe Hankins, a brother, and Eugene Kelly to the hospital. Stephen Selensky, Gervais, driver of the other car, escaped serious injury.

Hankins is survived by his mother, Mrs. Nellie Hankins, and two sisters, Margaret Hankins and Mrs. Dorothy Schell, both of Salem.

### 3 Areas Seek To Join City

A trio of petitions for annexation of suburban areas to the City of Salem were introduced in the city council meeting Monday night. And the council authorized the city fire department to serve two of the districts, petitions from which had gone through the special boundary expansion committee of the council.

Those areas included the north highway area in the vicinity of the Bonesteel holdings (more than 90 acres) and the Valley Packing company property. The third petition, which was referred to the committee, is apparently for a portion of City View cemetery addition and includes as signers Charles A. Goodwin for the City View cemetery association and R. I. Skopil and Lorayne Skopil, holders of property in that area just south of the city limits on Commercial street.

**Water to be Stopped**  
 City fire protection and water and sewer service (except in cases where old contracts existed) are to be denied areas outside the city not taking any steps to come within its boundaries. Deadline for rural fire service was December 2.

An ordinance fixing new fees for the right to perform a variety of services in Salem was withdrawn on motion of Alderman Ed Acklin, who said after the council session that it had been opposed by businessmen who maintained it should be given a public hearing.

Action on an ordinance which would have vacated specified streets and alleys in Condit's addition, where the Keith Brown industrial enterprises are proposing expansion, was indefinitely postponed. It has hung fire while the matter of a zone change to permit industrial development there was under consideration.

The planning and zoning commission's recommendation that the zone change be permitted was presented last night to the council and sent back to the commission because it was believed a reference in the report to a remonstrance by "35.2 per cent of property owners" should have read "owners of 35.2 per cent of the property."

**Council Tables**  
 The council tabled for two weeks an ordinance which would double the license fee for billboard concerns. It tabled also action on a proposed preliminary agreement for a contract for purchase of the remainder of the Bush pasture property following the January 1 election, when the question of a bond issue for the park purchase will be presented to the voters again. Accepted at the June 22 election, the bond amendment was illegal because the election had not been properly advertised. Council members asked last night that they be given more opportunity to study the agreement before adopting it in resolution form.

**DEAD TO BE RETURNED**  
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Legislation directing the war department to return for burial in this country, an estimated 300,000 bodies of Americans killed abroad was passed by the house today and sent to the senate.

### Stalin Back in Drivers' Seat As Talks Start

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 18 (AP)—Generalissimo Stalin has returned to Moscow from a vacation of more than two months. The Moscow radio said briefly today that Stalin, who had been vacationing near Sochi on the Black Sea since Oct. 9, returned to the capital yesterday and "resumed his duties."

MOSCOW, Dec. 17 (AP)—The foreign ministers of Russia, the United States and Britain, Soviet foreign commissar Vyacheslav M. Molotov presiding as permanent chairman, met for two hours late today but there was no announcement of the progress of their conferences on multiple world problems. It was learned that U.S. secretary of state James F. Byrnes and British foreign secretary Ernest Bevin had asked Molotov to preside as chairman.

### Tube Wreck Causes Death

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 17 (AP)—The motorman of a Hudson & Manhattan tube train was crushed to death and 46 passengers were injured here tonight when the train, loaded with home-bound commuters, crashed into the east end of a Passaic river life bridge between Harrison and Newark at about 7:27 p.m.

Emergency railroad crews, rushed to the scene, worked for three hours with acetylene torches in the near-zero temperatures to extricate the train's conductor and two passengers trapped in the wreckage. Their cries for help could be heard at the Harrison tube station 500 feet up the track.

**FINLAND MAKES PAYMENT**  
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The treasury said today Finland had made another payment of \$258,034.74 on its World War I debt.

### Admiral's Warning Held Up By Red Tape in Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—A Stark tried to call general of the army George C. Marshall, Wilkinson recalled, and couldn't reach him. There was another conference at 10:30 or 10:40 a. m.

The committee has had testimony that Admiral Stark at first disagreed with General Marshall on the ground it might be "confusing." Marshall determined to send one shortly before noon and said Stark asked him to route it to naval officers, also. That was done but it arrived at Hawaii while the bombs were dropping. Marshall said he learned of the Japanese message after 11 a. m.

Earlier in his testimony Wilkinson told of seeing in 1941 a Japanese code message dividing Pearl Harbor into five areas, but said he did not recognize it as the precise bombing plan it turned out to be.

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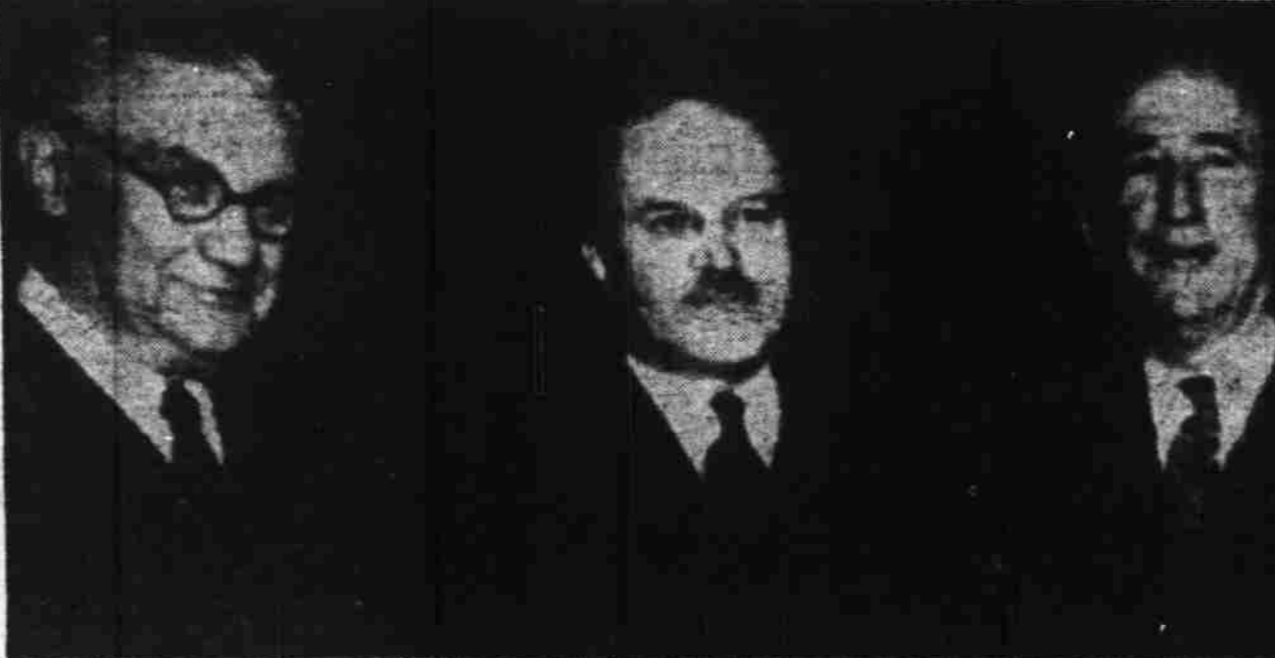
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Left to right: Ernest Bevin of Great Britain; Vyacheslav M. Molotov of Russia and James F. Byrnes of the United States. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Moscow to The Statesman)

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#### Morse Blasts Senate Session

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Senator Morse (R-Ore.) told the senate today that it was finishing "one of the most remarkable do-nothing sessions in history" but he refused to agree to a debate limit to speed business.

Instead, he proposed night sessions all this week to get pending measures out of the way.

After three different measures had been before the chamber in two hours without action on any of them Senator Downey (D-Calif.) proposed the limitation.

"This forum must be maintained as an open forum with unlimited debate protected from steam-roller tactics in the closing days of the session of the senate," Morse declared.

The senator had his way and the senate went ahead without debate limit.

#### U.S. Canada to Join Defenses

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The United States and Canada are cooperating on joint defense measures against any future attack, particularly across the Arctic regions, allied diplomatic officials disclosed today.

As one step, the U. S. has assigned six observers to accompany the Canadian army and air force expedition which will make a 3100-mile expedition through the Arctic early next year to gather information on possible military operations in that region. The expedition will be supplied by air.

Gen. Henry H. Arnold has predicted that the next war may bring attacks across the north pole with atomic weapons.

#### Wages Move Upward In Lumber Industry

More than 30 per cent of all regular lumber and logging workers in Oregon received wages in excess of \$3000 during 1944, compared to 72 per cent in 1943, the state unemployment compensation commission reported here Monday.

More than half of the industry's workers earned more than \$2500 while 48.5 per cent earned less than \$2000.

#### Sales Tax Recommended To Tax Study Commission

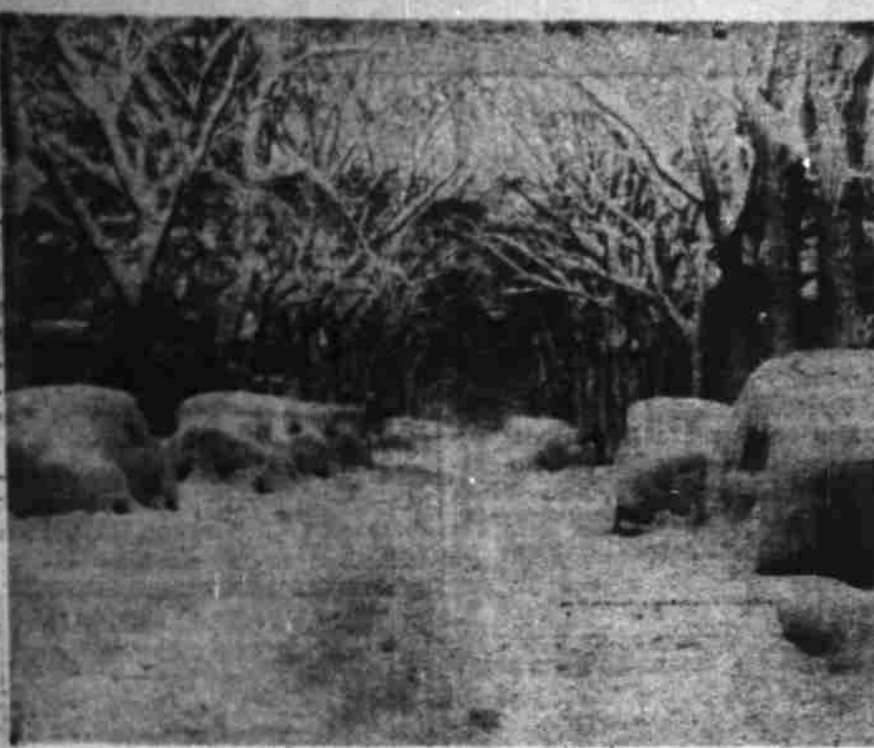
A sales tax as the answer to Oregon's taxation problems was recommended Monday to the state's special tax study commission in resolution from the Eastern Oregon Wheat league.

Presented by F. H. Young, Portland, manager of Oregon Business & Tax Research, Inc., the resolution maintains that the burden on property will become oppressive and out of reason unless new sources of state revenue are tapped to offset diminishing state income tax receipts.

Before the sales tax is placed on the ballot again there should be a year's educational campaign to convince voters of its merits, the league recommended. Rejected several times by Oregon's voters, the tax has been opposed particularly by the grange and labor.

Discussion at the meeting of the commission centered also on the personal property tax which several members declared sets up an unreasonable barrier against new industry, urging that if it is retained it be placed on a different basis covering an entire year instead of being restricted, as now, to a specific date. A number of crops escape their share of the levy now, it was declared.

No delegations appeared at the session, where an ad valorem tax on the basis of production also was discussed. Principal problem before the commission, members agreed, is the unearthing of new tax sources because of the impending decline in various existing revenues just as the demand for added funds increases. Already the state board of higher education and the state public welfare commission have indicated they will seek additional funds for the next biennium.



BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 17.—WHITE CALM AFTER THE STORM.—A thick blanket of snow covered trees, streets and automobiles today after Buffalo's weekend blizzard. This scene along a side street is typical of conditions throughout the city's residential districts. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman)

### IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

It is a sad commentary on the current low state of interest in politics and on the present moribund state of the democratic party in this district that fewer than one-half of the number required for a nominating assembly gathered at the armory last Saturday. The meeting was properly called, was well advertised; and certainly its purpose, the nomination of a candidate for congressman, was of the highest political importance. Moreover, the party had the opportunity of nominating a man of capacity and of standing in the person of Bruce Spaulding, Salem attorney. It was truly a sorry showing.

Members of congress will pass on questions dealing intimately with the lives of this and of future generations. All the great issues of our time, both domestic and international, come before this body for decision. How people even in the rush of Christmas shopping can be so indifferent to their responsibilities of citizenship, particularly the members of a great political party long securely in power in Washington, can hardly be understood. If people are so neglectful of their duties as electors what right have they to complain of the course of their government? And if our democratic privilege of nominating and electing public officials is treated with such disdain what right have we to condemn the non-democratic regimes of countries less schooled in democracy?

The fiasco of the Saturday assembly made Spaulding's own address to boomerang. He denounced the previous republican congressional committee

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### 6 Total Toll in Train Wreck

KOLLOCK, S. C., Dec. 17 (AP)—The collision of the Seaboard Air line's Florida-bound Silver Meteor and north-bound Sun Queen here in the sub-freezing pre-dawn Sunday cost six lives and left many still hospitalized today.

It was first feared that more had been killed but General Manager J. C. Wroton of the Seaboard, after a check today, placed the death toll at six.

The Sun Queen was pulling into a siding at this northeast South Carolina hamlet at 3:45 a.m. when the Meteor, coming through the darkness, crashed into it, derailing five cars on each train and the Meteor's locomotive.

### Patton Getting Well 'Like House Afire'

HEIDELBERG, Dec. 17 (AP)—Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., sat up in his hospital bed today for the first time since his automobile accident eight days ago, after doctors removed a traction apparatus which had realigned the vertebrae in his broken neck.

Army medical authorities, who substituted a plaster cast which encases Patton's neck and the upper part of his chest, said the colorful 15th Army commander was getting well "like a house afire."

### Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH

"I am very fond of you, Bowser, but will you please stop pawing me!"

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

WE CAN'T GET A CONFESSION, CHIEF—ALL HE KEEPS SAYING IS "THERE'S ONLY 6 MORE SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS!"