

## Homma Admits Seeing March

MANILA, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma admitted at his war crimes trial today that he traveled along the route of the Bataan death march and saw one "tired and haggard" column of war prisoners moving toward San Fernando.

He denied, however, that he saw any bodies of march victims along the road.

Homma, testifying in his own defense, attempted to shift blame to the Japanese navy for the bombing of Manila after it had been declared an open city.

He said he did not learn of the declaration until three days after it was announced. He pointed out that army planes did not fly south of Baguio and that strategic bombing was carried out by navy planes based on Formosa.

In his opening testimony, Homma declared he was a liberal, broad-minded man who lost his job as Japanese commander in the Philippines because he had been a pacifist.

Homma told a U. S. military tribunal trying him for war crimes that War Premier Hideki Tojo disliked him because of his peace policies and retired him prematurely in 1942.

## JAP SENTENCED

YOKOHAMA, Feb. 5.—(U.P.)—Kitaro Ishida, former Japanese prison camp commandant known as "The Bull," today was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment at hard labor by an American military commission that found him guilty of "cruel, inhuman, brutal atrocities" against American prisoners.

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What Would Greeley  
Say About This—?

WORLAND, Wyo.—(U.P.)—Two Wyoming war veterans today applied with the department of the interior for grazing rights on the planet Mars.

H. E. Rauchfuss and Henry Schmidt, both recently discharged from the armed services, sought space on five sections of the distant planet.

"In view of the recent and coming scientific developments," their application said, "it is reasonable to believe that in the near future the people of this earth will be pioneering on surrounding planets."

Sladden Park—  
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four with it in the United States. We have read Judge Skipworth's decision in the case; it is a thorough, earnest decision in the case, based on the law, as the judge interprets the law of the case; it is a case in which good lawyers have come to opposite conclusions as to the law and justice of the case, and should, we believe, for this reason, be settled by our supreme court.

Facts Not Disputed  
"At the trial there was not much dispute as to the material facts of the case. The property involved had, in 1926, been dedicated by private persons to be used as a public park by the general public and, on the strength of this dedication, a number of people, including the plaintiffs, bought property adjacent to the park and have made their homes on the property for a number of years. People who, according to their testimony, would not have purchased the property had the dedicated public park not been there; since then, as everyone knows, on account of the war, a grave housing shortage has occurred, and a large portion of the park has been taken over for housing purposes for private persons."

"In our opinion," the statement concluded, "after a careful investigation of the law of the case, the defendants have no legal right to appropriate this park for private purposes and we shall endeavor to present the matter fairly and impartially to the supreme court, for a final determination of all questions involved, believing that, in doing so, we will be rendering a service to the courts, as well as to our clients, and to all the people throughout the commonwealth of Oregon."

ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL  
LONDON, England.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, guest of honor at the Pilgrim's banquet, heard a proposal for the erection of a national memorial in London to her late husband.

A letter from the Earl of Derby, absent president of the society, suggested the building of such a memorial to the late President Roosevelt and asked Mrs. Roosevelt to return here to unveil it.

SCOTTISH RITE TO MEET  
Spencer at the stated meeting of Scottish Rite bodies Tuesday evening at the Masonic temple is to be Fred W. Hanson of Portland, most worshipful master of the grand lodge of Oregon.

During the first year of World War II, the U.S.S.R. established five new union republics: the Karelo-Finnish, the Estonian, the Latvian, the Lithuanian and the Moldavian Soviet Socialist Republics.

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20 YEARS OF AIRLINE SERVICE: S. V. Hall (left), regional vice president-Pacific operations for United Air Lines, receives a service pin studded with three diamonds from W. A. Patterson, president of United. In recognition of his 20 years of service with the company, Hall was one of those who pioneered the establishment of Pacific Air Transport company, west coast predecessor of United. Prior to that he was a barnstormer who gave many Pacific coast citizens their first taste of flying. He is well known in Eugene and formerly was stationed at Medford. Patterson talked to a chamber of commerce meeting here last June. (Wiltshire engraving)

## Palmer Hoyt— (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

ture their executives, and I think it's time to turn this job over to a younger man.

"In justice to the organization and in justice to myself, I asked to be relieved of my responsibilities and permitted to retire."

"But don't make me too damned old," he suddenly added.

Place To Hang Hat  
While relinquishing his duties as publisher and editor, Shepherd will remain with The Post, Campbell said.

"All I want is a desk to put my feet under, and some place to hang my hat," Shepherd chimed in.

Hoyt rose swiftly in the newspaper business, climbing from reporter to publisher of one of the northwest's leading papers in some 20 years.

Hoyt, who will be 49 years old March 10, was born in Roseville, Ill., in 1897, son of a Baptist minister, and spent much of his youth in parsonages in Massachusetts, Vermont and Montana.

He attended McMinnville college and the University of Oregon and received an LL.D. degree from Linfield college.

Hoyt's swift rise in the newspaper business found him on The Pendleton East Oregonian as telegraph editor, 1923-26; copy reader and reporter on The Oregonian 1926-29; drama editor 1929-31; executive editor 1931-33, managing editor 1933-38 and manager 1938-39. In 1939 he became publisher.

Opposed "Hush-Hush"  
A World War I veteran, Hoyt was director of domestic operations for the office of war information for six months in 1943. He strenuously opposed army "hush-hush" policies and government "off the record" news releases and succeeded in forcing greater cooperation from the military.

Hoyt married Cecile De Vore of Heppner, Ore., May 18, 1921. They had two children, Edwin P. III, and Charles Richard.

Especially active in newspaper and republican circles, Hoyt was named president of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, in 1941, and formerly was president of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association. He was president of the Oregon Press conference in 1941.

Chiang—  
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ing considered." Asked whether the communists eventually will give up their private armies in return for concessions, he said this "must be accomplished."

"It is a matter concerning many foreign friends, and it must be achieved," Chiang said. He pointed out that Gen. George C. Marshall, President Truman's personal envoy to China, was exerting his efforts in this direction.

The government, he said, was willing to make many concessions because it wanted the return of responsibility to the people. Achievements of the political consultative council, China's unity conference, would have been impossible except for Japan's defeat, Chiang said.

Chiang said he "still wants" to go to the United States with Mme. Chiang, "very soon, if possible."

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Asked whether he believed Emperor Hirohito should be charged as a war criminal, and whether he was satisfied with occupation policies in Japan, Chiang replied that he agreed with Gen. Douglas MacArthur on the policies of the occupation and measures taken.

Three Men—  
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