

# Tokyo Rose Lengthy Treason Trial Will Soon Be Ended

(Editor's Note: The longest treason trial in the history of the United States is expected to conclude this week when Jurors debate the fate of Mrs. Iva Toguri D'Aquino, charged as the wartime Tokyo Rose. The following dispatch summarizes the long proceedings.)

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San Francisco, Sept. 22 (U.P.)—Tokyo Rose may learn her broadcast to U. S. troops.

Defense and prosecution lawyers had almost run out of witnesses, evidence and words after 53 days of trial and a bulky transcript which ran about 6,000 pages or more than 1,500,000 words.

## Captain of Burned Vessel Heartbroken

It was likely that the jury of six men and six women would get a chance to vote on the guilt or innocence of slim, dark-haired Mrs. Iva Toguri D'Aquino by Friday night.

The 33-year-old University of California graduate was remarkably calm during her 11-week ordeal in court. Only twice—while undergoing a rigorous cross-examination by Prosecutor Tom Dewolf—did Tokyo Rose lose her oriental stoicism.

Then she buried her head in her hands and sobbed.

On almost every major point, the defense and prosecution were in complete disagreement. Both sides conceded that Mrs. d'Aquino went to Japan from Los Angeles shortly before Pearl Harbor to "visit relatives."

Opposing counsel agreed she was caught by the war and stayed in Tokyo for the duration and that she worked for Radio Tokyo, an English-language program of jazz and a slangy commentary beamed to allied troops in the Pacific.

But there, agreement between the government and Defense Attorney Wayne M. Collins ended—and the jury will have to distinctly oppose stories to choose from.

The government claimed that Mrs. d'Aquino committed eight "overt acts" against the U.S. It asserted that she and other Radio Tokyo employees mapped a deliberate propaganda program designed to lower G.I.'s morale; that she broadcast such statements as "Now your troop ships have been sunk. How are you going to get home?" And tantalized sweating soldiers in the hot Pacific jungles by reminding them of ice cream sodas, cold beer and "best of all—a long, cold drink of water."

The defense claimed that Mrs. d'Aquino was in a secret alliance with three allied prisoners of war, who wrote the Zero Hour script to aid the allied war efforts and help other prisoners.

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Toronto, Ont., Sept. 22 (U.P.)—The captain of the Great Lakes steamer *Noronic*, which burned at its dock with a loss of at least 130 lives, may never command a ship again, company officials said today.

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