

Japs Rape 25 Manila Beauties

By The Associated Press
 MANILA, Nov. 1 (AP)—Details of the mass raping of 25 Manila beauties—many of them only 12 to 14 years old—who were passed from Japanese to Japanese were related today at the war crimes trial of Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita.

The twenty-five were selected from among 400 females rounded up from Manila's rich Ermita district and submitted to a selection board which picked out the most comely for the lustful orgy. The Filipinas were passed from man to man and room to room. Their protests and screams brought only slaps and more brutal treatment. Pitiful screams, "mother, mother," were heard throughout the night.

Public Barred
 So frank and detailed was the Filipinas' testimony that correspondents as well as the public were barred from the room where a U. S. military commission of five generals is trying Yamashita. Military police flanked every door and corridor of the high commissioner's residence, scene of the trial. The press was handed resumes of the testimony to spare the witnesses as much embarrassment as possible.

Yamashita, as commander in the Philippines, is charged with responsibility for the actions of his troops.

Witnesses related these stories: After the 25 women and girls were selected on Feb. 9, they were taken to the Bayview hotel where Japanese officers and enlisted men took turns raping them in a night long orgy. Next day the Filipinas were taken to the nearby Alhambra apartment and subjected to continued brutalities.

"Bad Operation"
 A witness identified as "Miss A" said a marine who selected her was unable to effect an attack, so he performed a "bad operation" with a knife—then raped her.

A Miss G said she was raped by 12 to 15 Japanese marines one night. Fires which raged in Manila on Feb. 12 brought them freedom. The girls escaped as the Japanese fled before the flames.

Eight women, from a district where some of the most prominent families in the Philippines live, testified at the closed session.

After the session, military police escorted the brightly clad witnesses to transportation outside the building.

Miss N testified that she protested to Japanese officers at the Bayview against the treatment of the women and girls and was told that "we have an order from the high command to kill all civilians in Manila and we hate all white women."

Testifying after the hearing was reopened to the public, Chemist Hans Lührse sobbed as he told the commission how his wife died in his arms while he and 13 others were trapped behind a pile of flaming furniture in his home, set afire by Japanese soldiers a few hours before the Americans reached the heart of Manila. His limbs were burned, he said, as he scrambled to safety through the flames with his infant daughter.

"LORAN" WILL MAKE AIR TRAVEL SIMPLE

SEATTLE, Nov. 1 (AP)—A 35 to 70 pound device, comparatively inexpensive and operating "almost automatically" can make peacetime air navigation as simple as driving down a highway, Lt. Comdr. John F. Martin of the coast guard said last night.

The device, "Loran," (long range aid to navigation) locates positions through receipt of radio signals from stations of known position, Martin said.

The commander directed the installation of all but five of the existing stations developed during the war. He said all main shipping routes now are covered by this "electronic brain," with only 150 stations necessary to cover the world's seas.

Little Girl Refuses American Food

PORTLAND, Nov. 1 (AP)—Two Oregon missionaries hope eventually to entice their three-year-old daughter to eat American food after a diet of Japanese prisoner fare consisting of fish, rice and salted vegetables.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Wheelzel, missionaries to the Dutch East Indies, said daughter, Beulah, has finally licked an ice cream cone, but persists in refusing milk, butter and meat. The parents and child were interned April, 1942 until a few weeks ago.

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On Trial For War Crimes



Escorted by Maj. A. S. Kanworthy, MP officer in charge, Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, first Japanese to be tried as a war criminal, enters Manila residence of the Philippines high commissioner where trial is being held. Yamashita is charged with responsibility as supreme Japanese commander in the Philippines in 1944 and 1945, for the deaths of 57,000 Americans, Filipinos and others through torture, execution, starvation and neglect.

JAPANESE NAVY TO BE DIVIDED BY 4 NATIONS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 (AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes announced today that Russia, Britain and China would share equally with the United States in a division of that part of the Japanese fleet which is not destroyed.

The vessels to be divided include 38 destroyers and an undisclosed number of small, coastal defense ships of 800 to 900 tons.

Those to be destroyed—Byrnes spoke of scuttling them—are a battleship, four aircraft carriers of which three are damaged; four cruisers of which three are damaged, and 51 submarines.

Atomic Test
 Asked at a news conference whether the method of scuttling would allow a test to determine the effectiveness of atomic bombs on naval units, Byrnes said that he did not know the method to be employed. However, naval sources have indicated such an experiment might be made.

Byrnes said that the navy had wanted to destroy most of what was left of the Japanese fleet and put the matter up to the other three powers. They agreed to the arrangements for destroying all the major vessels and dividing the destroyers and lesser ships except for the submarines.

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 A robber left \$1.20 in the church offering plate—after taking \$9.02.

HONOR BOUND
 SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 1 (AP)—Two bandits who kidnaped 63-year-old Jake Beckel and stole his car after stranding him in the mountains, put him on his honor not to call police.
 The pair returned to Beckel his bowling ball and shoes and told him the car would be found in good shape, in Las Vegas, Nev., in a few days.

EAGER BEAVERS
 SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 1 (AP)—A police car was dispatched to a local theatre to watch "two men in a green sedan with motor running." Other police cars also sped to the scene and found the car under suspicion.
 The automobile turned out to be a police car with two detectives who were watching a suspicious character in front of the theatre where ticket receipts were being counted.

Fairgrounds Topic Of Discussion At Directors Meeting

Klamath chamber of commerce directors heard a suggestion Wednesday that steps should be taken to improve facilities in the county fairgrounds, in view of the community value received from use of the grounds for such events as the Caloregon Hereford association sale and show and the junior livestock show.

Dr. Herrick Wheeler and Mayor Ed Ostendorf both said they had heard criticism of conditions at the fairgrounds, and expressed the opinion that the publicity, economic value, and other beneficial features of the livestock shows justify definite improvements.

They pointed out that the Caloregon sale had been transferred to Klamath Falls from Medford and asserted that every possible step should be taken to cooperate in making this event an outstanding western event.

President L. Orth Sisemore of the chamber referred the matter to the agricultural committee. Phil Hitchcock, who with Senator Marshall Cornett went to

Washington to represent the chamber in the western air lines cases, made a formal report at the directors' meeting. He said he was hopeful Klamath will get trunk line plane service out of the present cases.
 Hitchcock expressed appreciation of the assistance given the Klamath men by members of the congressional delegation, especially Senators Guy Cordon and Morse, and Congressman Stockman. He said he found the Oregon delegation is most effective in Washington, with much more teamwork in evidence than is the case in some other delegations.

Cupid Hits Mark On 416 Occasions

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