

Yamashita, Testifying For Life, Describes Self In Bystander Role

MANILA, Nov. 28 (AP)—Bluff, bullet-headed Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita described himself today as a subordinate commander having somewhat of a bystander role in the defense of the Philippines and hence not accountable for the long list of Japanese atrocities detailed by the prosecution in his war crimes trial.

Testifying in his own defense before the U. S. military tribunal, Yamashita declared he always was under orders of Field Marshal Count Hsaiichi Terachi, supreme Japanese commander for the southwest Pacific, and never had control of the air force, marine transportation corps, naval men and 30,000 other Japanese troops in the Philippines.

Asked whether he ordered or knew of atrocities, Yamashita gestured with his large, muscular hands and replied through his interpreter, "no, absolutely not."

Further, Yamashita insisted, he had determined that Manila was indefensible and had ordered his troops out last December.

Blames Navy

Yamashita contended it was Japanese navy troops that remained there, although he didn't know of it at the time, and that he himself never at any time even had his headquarters in the city.

While the general was testifying, the Philippine supreme court denied his counsel's contention that the military tribunal was illegal and that Philippine civil courts should take jurisdiction.

Yamashita said the first he knew Manila civilians had been mistreated was upon receipt of Spain's protest forwarded via Tokyo on the killing of its nationals. The protest reached him in April and he asked the Shimbu army corps in Manila for an investigation.

He admitted never having inspected prisoner of war or internment camps because of day and night absorption in the task of planning the defense of Luzon. Nor could he remember little about verbal reports given him by Lt. Gen. Kuo, the camps' director, except that "something was said about the food situation."

Conquered Malaya

The man who conquered Malaya from the British in a slickly-run operation at the start of the war, said that when he arrived in the Philippines he found his chief of staff was sick in bed and that only three staff officers were familiar with the terrain of the islands.

There were five fewer divisions than needed, he testified, and those that he had were short

Stickup Man Draws 15-Year Sentence

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 28 (AP)—George Fredericks, 49, convicted of holding up Joe Mezzina at gunpoint December 4, 1944, today was sentenced to 15 years in state prison.

The charge was assault with intent to rob. Fredericks, wounded in the holdup, had served terms in Washington state penitentiary and San Quentin for highway robbery. Mezzina, tavern owner, was fatally shot in another holdup early this month.

DIES AFTER PLUNGE

SEATTLE, Nov. 28 (AP)—James G. Redmond, purser on the steamship Mormacwren, died in a hospital today after he plunged from a ship in drydock here and was pulled out of the water and given artificial respiration.

of supplies, especially food and fuel. Starvation of prisoners has been one of the points raised against Yamashita by the prosecution. Numerous Japanese defense witnesses have stated either that food for prisoners was inadequate or was the best available.

Former KF Man Passes Away

A. E. Baillie, for many years a resident of Klamath Falls, died Tuesday, November 27, in Eugene where the family has lived for the past two years. Mr. Baillie had been seriously ill for the past month but was thought improving last week.

In addition to his widow, Clara, Mr. Baillie is survived by his mother, Mrs. Harriet Baillie of Eugene, a son, Eugene and a daughter, Dorothy, both of Klamath Falls. Eugene had just returned from two years in the South Pacific with the Seabees and was able to be at home in Eugene over Thanksgiving. A granddaughter, Yvonne Baillie, and a sister, Mrs. C. A. Hamilton of Altadena, Calif., also survive.

Final rites will be held in Eugene, probably Thursday of this week.

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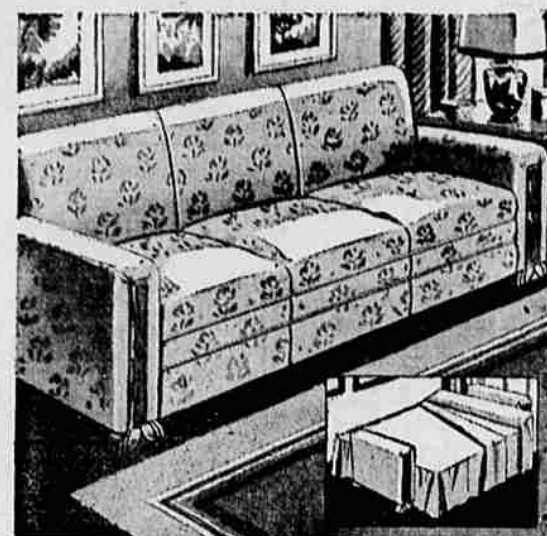
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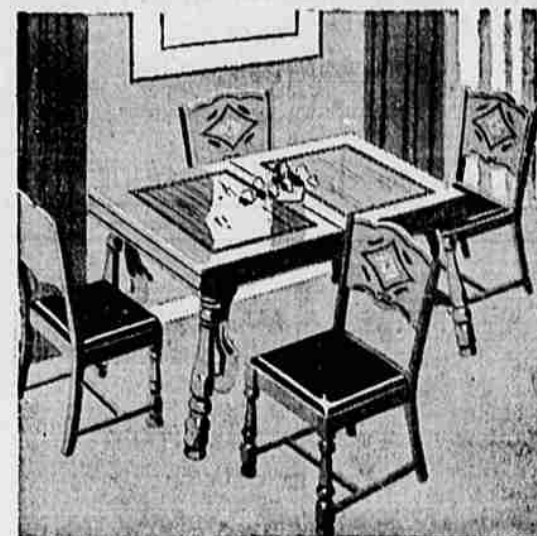
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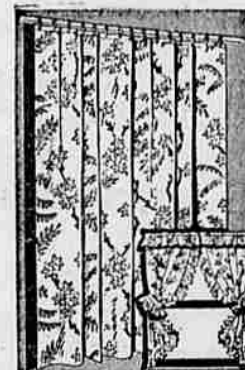
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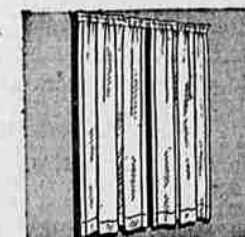
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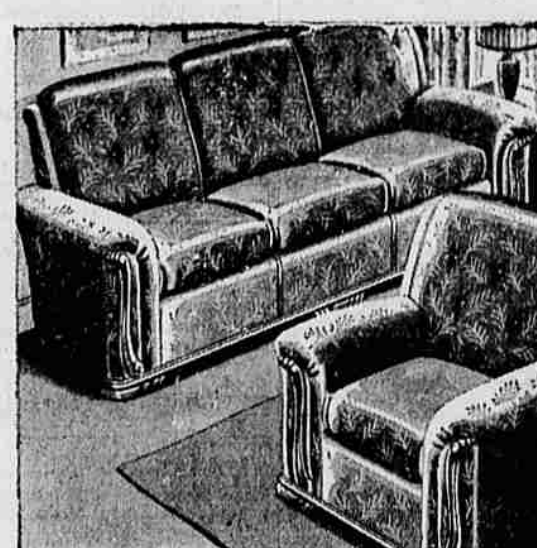
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