

Gen. Yamashita Sentenced To Hang For Condoning Japanese Atrocities

By DEAN SCHEDLER
 MANILA, Dec. 7 (AP)—A five-general U. S. military commission on this Pearl Harbor anniversary decreed death by hanging for Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita.

Later—still protesting that "my conscience is clear"—the conqueror of Singapore and former Japanese commander in the Philippines was returned to new Bilibid prison. There he will await review of the court's findings.

There was no indication when the sentence might be carried out. Yamashita has an appeal on jurisdictional grounds pending with the U. S. supreme court. He also can appeal the military commission's decision to Lt. Gen. W. D. Styer, commander of army forces in the Western Pacific; to General MacArthur, allied commander in the Pacific, and to the U. S. supreme court.



Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, sentenced to hang for atrocities committed in Philippines by Japanese forces under his command.

Legion Slates Vets Program

Veterans and their families are advised that Thursday, December 13, the American Legion rehabilitation commission will hold an afternoon and evening program of interest to them.

There are 6000 veterans of World War 2 in Klamath county and about 1000 veterans of World War 1. Patrick W. Kilby, veterans' contact officer stated.

The program will commence at 1:30 p. m. at the Legion hall. Compensation and pension, non-service pension and review boards will be discussed by June W. Vallant, national field secretary for the American Legion.

At 3 p. m., Robert C. Dillard, department service officer, will explain the peacetime pension and burial procedure for veterans, as well as the death pension and insurance. Vallant will talk again at 4:15 on out-patient treatment and hospitalization.

Veterans are urged to ask any questions concerning their problems during the afternoon session.

A banquet will be held at the Willard hotel at 6:45 p. m., followed by the general meeting in the high school auditorium.

Well-known speakers engaged for the evening include Hugh Ross, department director of veterans affairs for Oregon; Robert P. Shields, regional manager of the veterans administration office, Portland; E. Tate, loan guarantee officer; Scott B. Harrington, chief of the rehabilitation and education division. Vallant will also speak again in the evening.

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings, civilians as well as veterans. Those wishing to attend the banquet are requested to make reservations through Kilby by calling 7188 or 5889 before December 11.

Land Hunt For Plane Halted

SITKA, Alaska, Dec. 7 (AP)—Land search was abandoned yesterday for a navy privateer plane missing with 25 aboard.

Five to six feet of snow in the Baranof island hills caused searching parties to give up. Leaders said they would wait until aerial search turns up evidence which can be investigated.

Smoke was reported seen over the island wilderness on November 30, after the plane left Kodiak bound for Seattle.

The aerial search has been carried on throughout the 1000 miles between Seattle and Kodiak and ships at sea have been on the lookout.

Col. Irving Heads Procurement Service

PORTLAND, Dec. 7 (AP)—The Oregon district, military personnel procurement service, now is headed by Lt. Col. Robert L. Irving, former recruiting director at Eugene.

Irving, who has a ranch near Roseburg, was an infantry battalion commander in the 41st division overseas. He is a 1925 Oregon State college graduate.

for "help and justice for my husband."

"The method of justice on the American side is admirably fair," she was quoted by the newspaper. Mainichi, by am pleased with it. I thought my husband should be put on trial naturally because he took command for a long time in the front."

Defense counsel has indicated it will take full advantage of every possibility because the Yamashita case is precedent-setting in international laws. Yamashita was the first war leader ever to be tried for war crimes.

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The entire court procedure required less than 15 minutes.

In Tokyo a few hours before the verdict was read, the general's wife said she had declined suggestions from friends to appeal to Mrs. Douglas MacArthur

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A CINCH FOR FLAVOR

Stony-faced general listened stony-faced as the court held him responsible for permitting "a series of atrocities and high crimes by Japanese armed forces" under his command in the Philippines.

Those brutalists "were not sporadic incidents, but were often methodically supervised by Japanese officers and non-commissioned officers," Maj. Gen. Russell B. Reynolds, president of the commission, stated as he read the verdict.

Yamashita thus became the first top war criminal of the Pacific to be convicted and sentenced.

Before hearing the verdict, the stocky defendant stood, visibly nervous, while an interpreter read this statement to the court:

"I wish to stand here today with a clear conscience and swear to God I am innocent of these charges. I wish to take this opportunity to express gratitude to the United States officers for the defense, brilliant and upright officers. I want to thank the commission for a fair trial."

As the interpreter spoke, Yamashita nervously removed his wristwatch, wound it fumblingly.

When the commission was ready to pronounce sentence, the three-star general was led before the bench with his chief counsel, Col. Harry E. Clarke.

Reynolds intoned: "This commission finds that a series of atrocities and high crimes were committed by Japanese armed forces under your command against nationals of the United States and its allies and dependencies; that they were not sporadic incidents, but were often methodically supervised by Japanese officers and non-commissioned officers."

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PTA Notes

Mills
 A Christmas musical program will be presented at the Mills PTA meeting December 12, at 2 p. m. under direction of Mrs. Hunt, music instructor.

Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria before the meeting which will be held in the auditorium. Parents are invited to attend and visit the rooms between 1 and 2 o'clock.

Mills' stamp sale last week totaled \$316.80, which brings the total for the year to \$4046.90.

Joseph Conger
 Joseph Conger PTA will hold its next meeting at 2:30 p. m., December 12. The meeting has been set ahead one week due to the various Christmas activities.

The executive board will meet at 1:30 p. m. the same day. Officers, chairmen and room mothers are requested to be present.

Parents and friends are asked to reserve the evening of December 20, to attend a Christmas program to be presented by pupils and teachers.

Altamont
 Altamont PTA held its annual Dad's Night chili bean supper Friday, November 30. The general chairman in charge was Mrs. R. E. Jeschke.

The program hour was opened with group singing led by Robert Lamott. A welcome to all the parents was presented by A. R. Millard, principal of the elementary school. A. C. Olson, principal of the junior high, gave a short talk on the needs for the playgrounds at the two schools, and introduced the main speaker, R. C. Groesbeck, who spoke on the subject, "Educational Future of Our Community and State."

There will not be a regular meeting of the PTA for the month of December, however, all parents are extended a special invitation to attend the elementary school program to be held the afternoon of December 20.

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From Klamath Falls, Charles L. Floyd, MM 1/c, son of Sam Floyd, 3039 Cannon; Charles T. McCarroll, MM 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McCarroll; Leonard J. LaCrois, SF 1/c, husband of Mrs. Grace W. LaCrois, 632 Oak.

Emmett W. Hill, S 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hill, 1784 Dayton; Richard F. Munson, CM 3/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hill, 1784 Dayton.

Among navy men who have been discharged through the naval separation center at Bremerton, Wash., are: Glanning F. Forry, Bos'n M 2/c, Box 545, Chilquini; and Klamath Falls, John J. Schabel, AMM 1/c, 1540 Lookout; Harold R. Wing, Ch. CS, 2545 Wantland; Charles K. Perkins, MM 2/c, 2433 Hope; Wallace M. Wolcott, R 1/c, 505 Beatty; Archie W. Huff, Car. M 2/c, 935 Division.

Interest Up In Forestry

Interest in the Society of American Forestry, stimulated during the recent forestry field trip from Bly, is increasing, Thomas J. Orr Jr., stated.

Applications for membership in the society have been received from Robert Adams, Lakeview; Verus W. Dahlin, USFS, Shevlin, and Ted E. Raide, Klamath Agency. More applications are expected soon.

The next meeting will be held the evening of January 18 in the Pelican cafe, Klamath Falls. Sample copies of the Shasta-Cascade report, a news sheet of

Interest to forestry men, were distributed at the Bly meeting. The second issue will be mailed to members December 15.

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