

Japanese Magazine Reports War Criminal Death Story

TOKYO (AP) — Gen. Hideki Tojo and six other Japanese war criminals died on the gallows four years ago today. Their bodies were cremated and the ashes disposed of secretly by order of occupation authorities.

The Tokyo magazine King claims after six months' investigation it has uncovered the full story of what happened to the executed war leaders and how their ashes were partly retrieved from a crematorium at Yokohama.

The magazine said the ashes of Tojo and his colleagues were ordered scattered over the Pacific, apparently to prevent enshrinement later by the Japanese people.

Although these orders were carried out, the operators of the Kiboyama Crematorium at Yokohama, charged supervising military police and picked up a residue of ashes in the furnaces. These were buried in Yokohama in an unmarked grave. A portion of the ashes were reburied openly in Nagano, Central Japan, after the country regained independence last April.

Dr. Shunsho Hanayama, Budd-

hist chaplain and the only Japanese who saw the seven war criminals on the day of execution, described the last rites to the magazine.

The condemned were notified of the execution 48 hours before it took place.

"None of them appeared upset," said Hanayama. "Tojo, for instance, nodded with a smile, saying 'Okay, okay' in English."

Tojo and the others were taken to a Buddhist altar in Sugamo Prison. They were all well-groomed, Hanayama said. The only civilian, prewar Prime Minister Koki Hirota, used cosmetics for the first time in many days in the prison.

Their hands were handcuffed and tied to their thighs with strong leather belts, to prevent any last moment attempt at suicide.

The seven were calm and steady to the end, according to the priest. The chaplain served them a last cup of wine and water.

Tojo and the others shouted: "Long live the Emperor, long live the Japanese Empire." The banquets rang out three times.

Then they turned to nearly 30 American guards, saying, "Thank you for taking care of us," the magazine King said. Some of the Americans shook hands with them.

The seven men climbed the 13 steps to the gallows, chanting, "Holy Buddha the merciful." Official representatives of the U. S., Britain, China and the Soviet Union watched them.

Miyoshi Tobita, chief of the Kuboyama Crematorium, told the magazine how he disposed of the bodies the same day.

Tobita said he was alerted when a U. S. newspaperman banged on his door at 5 a. m. and said, "I have followed a truck from Sugamo Prison but lost track of it near here. It must be bound for your crematorium."

Tobita took the newsmen to the crematorium. Two and a half hours later a hooded truck arrived, guarded by about 12 fully armed U. S. military police led by a lieutenant colonel. The newsmen and other Japanese were sent away. Seven coffins were unloaded from the truck.

The seven were entered on the crematorium books as "unnamed Americans." But Tobita said, "We could tell they were Japanese after we carried the coffins."

Tobita claimed he and his assistants peered into the furnaces and were able to identify the dead, the magazine said.

Tobita said he overheard the U. S. commander "giving hell" to a soldier who muttered, "Number one Tojo," while handing a casket to another soldier.

King quoted an unidentified but "most reliable" source as saying the ashes taken by the Allies were later thrown into the sea.

Two tombs have been erected for Tojo and his associates, but thus far no Japanese have started calling them "gods."

The newspaper Asahi said a memorial for the executed would be erected in the form of a sculptured Buddha. It will be financed by proceeds from collected letters and manuscripts of those executed.



KLAMATH MINERAL CLUB members present the YMCA with equipment for polishing, cutting and grinding minerals for use in the Y's Youth education program. Phil Schroeder and Mrs. Lu Wells, (left) and Designer John Yador (right) show Y Exec. Secy. Paul Campbell the workings of the machinery. This is another example of cooperation from outside clubs and interest they are taking in the YMCA.

Crash Victims Services Due

MOSEB LAKE, Wash. (AP) — Memorial services were scheduled today for 86 servicemen who died Saturday in aviation's worst disaster.

The rites, in both Protestant and Catholic chapels at Lawson Air Force Base, came only a few short hours after a 35-man investigating board ended a marathon night session.

Investigators, headed by Brig. Gen. Richard B. O'Keefe, director of flight safety research, Norton Air Force Base, Calif., worked into the early morning hours sifting clues to the cause of the C124 Globemaster crash.

Their findings will not be made public until they are forwarded to the Pentagon.

The gigantic four-engine plane, grounded in military use, fell to earth and burned just after taking off from Larson field. Aboard were 104 passengers homeward bound on Christmas leave, and 12 crewmen.

Only 59 bodies have been identified so far.

Meanwhile, some of the 30 survivors waged a grim battle for life at military hospitals in several parts of the country.

Brake Army Hospital, San Antonio, Tex., where nine of the injured were flown, was M. Sgt. Wendell L. Burton of Temple, Okla., only member of the crew who lived. He was a leg seriously hurt to be questioned extensively. His wife made the mercy flight with him, and his parents joined her at his bedside.

Before he lapsed into unconsciousness here, Burton, flight engineer, said nothing on the dial indicated anything wrong with the huge plane.

Troops to See Inauguration

TOKYO (AP) — Seventy fighting men picked up their rifles today at Camp Drake near Tokyo to see their trip to Washington to march in Dwight Eisenhower's inaugural parade Jan. 20.

They will carry the colors of their regiments, headquarters and the U. S. Eighth Army in the ceremonies.

Gunmen Rob LaGuardia Field

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Auriol Seeks French Unity As Pinay Tells Resignation

By GODFREY ANDERSON

PARIS (AP) — President Vincent Auriol began trying today to patch together France's creaking government, but it looked as if the nation would have another Cabinet crisis for Christmas.

Premier Rene Pinay, after nine uneasy months in office, offered his resignation early this morning in a dramatic announcement from the National Assembly floor. He acted after the Catholic Popular Republican group (MRP), part of his coalition majority in the Assembly, refused to back him in the first of three new confidence votes on 1953 budget proposals.

Although he declared after a 2 a. m. interview with the President that his mind was firmly set on resignation, Pinay admitted Auriol had not yet agreed to accept his ministers' portfolios.

"But my decision is taken," he told reporters. "It is not possible to carry such heavy charges and responsibilities without a solid majority."

Auriol, an old hand at such crises as this, was expected to try in conferences with political leaders to persuade Pinay to carry on, at least until the nation has a balanced budget. The President also may seek to end the government's broken majority by asking the MRP leaders to put aside party politics in the national interest.

If Pinay stands by his resignation decision, it will mean the end of the 17th government to be held in office since the country was liberated from Nazi occupation in 1944.

It means the end, too, to the "Pinay experiment," which aimed at protecting the purchasing power of the franc by fighting devaluation while rolling back prices wherever possible.

It was a new Pinay attempt to give France a balanced budget for next year which finally broke the government's ranks. He had posed confidence motions on three financial proposals, but even before the first could be voted, the MRP decided to abstain.

The split came on a relatively unimportant issue, a proposal to switch the surplus in one group of social security funds to cover deficits in other parts of the security system. Pinay said it looked to him as if there was a conspiracy against the Cabinet.

Narrow majorities on recent votes made it certain that, without the MRP on his side, the adverse votes of the Communists, Socialists and De Gaullists would throw the Cabinet out.

Debutantes 'Come Out'

NEW YORK (AP) — One hundred and eleven debutantes were introduced en masse to New York society last night, then whirled into a "coming out" waltz and other dances.

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The only person not killed instantly — one of the Greek pilots — died Tuesday in a hospital near Seoul.

Other dead included the pilot of the smaller plane, three Greek crewmen of the transport, one American Air Force medical corpsman, two Air Force flight nurses, and six patients.

Nationality of the patients was not disclosed, nor were their names announced.

The plane was an air evacuation C-47 of the U. S. Air Force.

The accident happened on the ground. The single-engine plane was taking off and hit the transport while it was taxiing.

It was the fourth serious plane accident in Korea since Oct. 1. A C-46 transport carried 25 men to their death on that date. On Nov. 14, a C-54 smashed into a hillside near Seoul, killing 44. Eleven men were killed and seven rescued from the East Coast crash of a C-46 next day.

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