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Homma.

The war crimes tribunal at Manila today began the trial of

Lieutenant General Baron Homma. <sup>And</sup> The first witness against him

was one of his own general officers, a member of his <sup>own</sup> staff, a

major general Takatsu. Prior to the Trial, Takatsu signed

a sworn statement in which he said; "Interest and consideration

for prisoners of war was thin from <sup>H</sup> Homma on down." <sup>And,</sup>

<sup>A Japanese witness</sup> Today ~~was~~ said in open court that the route of the notorious

~~notorious~~ Bataan death march <sup>passed</sup> within five hundred yards of

Homma's headquarters, <sup>which may cancel</sup> ~~that cancels any attempt to~~

~~the part of~~ the defense to claim that Homma knew nothing about

~~that infers~~ the Bataan death march,

The baron is being tried on forty-two charges. They <sup>all</sup> include

responsibility for more than eighty thousand killings and torturings,

Furthermore, Homma is accused of having refused to grant quarter

to our men at Corregidor when Lieutenant General Skinny Wainwright

offered to surrender on May sixth, nineteen forty-two.

Takatsu declared that homma knew perfectly well about the lack

of food and medical supplies and sanitary facilities at camp

o'donnell. Then the witness used these words:

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"It is my opinion that homma should not be allowed to say that he was not responsible for acts of his subordinates on the ground of ignorance, because in the japanese army we recognize the rule of command responsibility". And he added "a commander is reprimanded for unlawful acts of his subordinates."

This from a fellow officer, <sup>a major-general of</sup> ~~who was formerly one of~~ Homma's own ~~staff~~ staff. Amazing testimony that.

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In the war crimes court at Nuremberg, a Nazi Major General admitted today that in Nineteen Forty-One and Nineteen Forty-two He had presided over the <sup>execution</sup> ~~slaughter~~ of Jews and <sup>Russian</sup> ~~Soviet~~ officials to the Number of ninety thousand. This He did at the specific orders of Hitler. He even seemed to be jealous when He added that his record of ninety thousand was much smaller than the murders perpetrated by <sup>certain</sup> other officers. When ~~he~~ was asked whether they ~~hadn't~~ hadn't put to death more than he had, he replied indignantly that they had padded their scores. *He hadn't.*

*He* The fellow who admitted this is a major general Ohlendorf, one of the subordinates of Heinrich Himmler, the chief <sup>of the</sup> ~~gestapo~~ <sup>butcher</sup>. This Ohlendorf was in charge of one of four groups assigned to do nothing but carry out executions, ~~They operated~~ on the eastern front.

In nineteen forty one, Hitler ordered all these hatchet men to hurry up with their executions in order to relieve the housing shortage. <sup>He</sup> Ohlendorf appeared in court as a pale, ratfaced fellow, stern, cold, snappy, and apparently efficient. He acknowledged unblushingly that he had attended the executions himself.



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The way he operated was to order his men to herd the jews into certain areas, having told them that they were to be relocated.

They then marched the jews, and the <sup>Russian</sup> ~~Soviet~~ prisoners, to an anti-tank ditch or some natural gulley in the hills, and mowed them down with machine guns so that they <sup>would fall</sup> ~~fell~~ into the ditch or gulley. He claimed that all his executions had been done

in military fashion and he considered that he had treated <sup>his</sup> ~~them~~

<sup>victims</sup> quite humanely by not telling them they were to be shot, until

the last possible moment.

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Ohlendorf's official title was Chief of Section three of the security police. What he told was borne out and expanded by another witness, who was the SS specialist on Jewish affairs. This specialist said that the campaign against the Jews went through three stages; first, Forced emigration; second, concentration in polish ghettos; third, total destruction.

The twenty defendants in the courtroom glared at both these witnesses, the hatred visible in their eyes. One of them, field marshal Keitel, snarled angry comments to those sitting next to him in the dock.

By nine <sup>teen</sup> forty-two, the shortage of housing and food had reached such a pitch, that heinrich himmler had ordered them to kill <sup>even</sup> ~~also~~ women and children. <sup>and</sup> ~~to~~ This was done by gas. Ohlendorf defended <sup>Hitler's</sup> ~~this~~ order of ~~hitler's~~ <sup>he</sup> said it spared the women and children the spiritual disturbance of

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mass execution. Furthermore, the SS men, most of whom were married and fathers themselves, were not subjected to the necessity of shooting down women and children.

Oblendorf also said that although the Generals of the high command had not discussed the elimination of the Jews, he was quite sure all the leading army officers knew all about the orders.

During intervals between sessions of the court, allied officers

have been learning more about one of the defendants, ~~Ernst~~ <sup>Hermann</sup> Reichsmarschal Goering, <sup>who</sup> He told them that if he had become

Fuehrer, succeeding Hitler, he would have gone about things

differently, but not much. For one thing, he would have

appointed a cabinet, because no one man was capable of making

so many momentous decisions as the nazi fuehrer had to <sup>make</sup>.

<sup>TP says he</sup> Goering <sup>still</sup> believes in nazism, believes it was the best thing

that could happen to Germany. He said that Hitler got things

done, that he, Goering had wanted done. He was rebuilding

Germany as Goering wanted it <sup>re</sup> built. Therefore, he <sup>decided</sup>

to follow him. At the same time, Goering said he knew that sooner or later Hitler would fall, either be overthrown, die a natural death or be assassinated; in which case he Goering would have succeeded him.



Spain

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It now looks definitely as though the Spaniards would have a king again. That is, Unless Great Britain, France and the United States decided to step in and prevent any revival of the Hapsburg monarchy.

A story from Switzerland today reports that General Francisco Franco has come to an agreement with Don Juan, the Hapsburg pretender. His headquarters are at Lausanne, Switzerland. Last week a personal agent of Franco visited Lausanne. Tomorrow Don Juan's secretary will go to Madrid and ask Franco to get busy, hurry up with the restoration before the allies intervene.

If the restoration can become an accomplished fact before any step is taken by the three powers, it will be more difficult for them to act.

According to the agreement, Franco is to hand over his power to the Generals who made him chief of state when the civil war began. They will set up a regency council to reestablish public order. The next step will be to dissolve the Falange,

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**which corresponds in Spain to the Nazi party. That will open  
the way to the organization of a strong Catholic royalist  
party, which will call Don Juan to the throne.**

**So reads the story from Lausanne.**

## PALESTINE

In Jerusalem, British troops have been searching every house in one of the quarters, and at one large vegetable market alone they arrested hundreds of shoppers - both housewives and salesmen; arrested them in order to question them about last week's rioting in the Holy City. In the district where they made the house-to-house search, they arrested nearly all ~~males~~ males between the ages of fifteen and sixty.

At Washington, the Council of States of the Arab League protested against any investigation into the problem of Jewish immigration into the Holy Land by the Anglo-American Palestine Commission. The Arabs declare that the end of the war put a stop to persecutions of Jews in Europe by Nazis and Fascists. Therefore the Jews now can return to their European homes. So say the Arabs. They claim that any further Jewish immigration will



cause the persecution of the Arabs in Palestine.

Instead of admitting more Jews, a great number of those already there should be allowed to leave the country for the United States. So say the Arabs.

The Polish ambassador to the United States declared today that many Jews are leaving Poland for Germany and Czechoslovakia because their relatives in Poland are either dead or missing. There is, he admitted, some anti-semitism in Poland, but that is not the reason for the mass exodus. Stories about pogroms in Poland are exaggerated, said the Ambassador. There was one in Cracaw, but those who started it are now being tried. However, there have been many isolated acts of violence. And in London the British Foreign Office is investigating those charges made by Lieutenant General Sir Frederick Morgan, head of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration of Germany. A government

spokesman at Downing Street said the Foreign Office is going to determine how accurate was General Morgan's statement that the Jewish people have planned a mass immigration to Palestine. Judge Simon Rifkind, advisor to the U.S. Army on Jewish affairs in Europe, calls Sir Frederick Morgan's statement ridiculous, pure poppycock. Those who wish to immigrate are helped, said he, not by any secret organization, but by remnants of old Jewish organizations that have existed in Poland for years.

Haw Haw.....

The voice of lord Haw Haw of ~~Seaton~~ will be heard no more.

William Joyce, Born in Brooklyn but a British subject.

*has*  
paid the penalty for his treason, at nine <sup>*A. M. today.*</sup> ~~o'clock this~~

~~morning. He walked to the gallows without help, although~~

~~he was shaking~~

There was a small crowd, <sup>*some*</sup> about three hundred <sup>*or so*</sup> people, outside

the prison gates. A few ~~of them~~ came to mourn, but most of

them felt as did an old woman ~~with~~ with her head in a shawl

who said: "Good riddance."



Dewart....

The Death of William T. Dewart, Jr., in an airplane crash

has removed one of the most able <sup>young</sup> Newspapermen <sup>of this country</sup> in America.

Though only thirty-six years <sup>old</sup> <sup>Bill Dewart</sup> ~~old~~, he was publisher and secretary of the New York Sun.

He was taking flying lessons in Nevada, near Reno. His

plane crashed in a ranch corral and ~~young Dewart died shortly~~  
~~afterward.~~

## STRIKES

A united Press correspondent tonight reports conditions in this fair land of ours as approaching economic chaos.

Here are a few more items to add to the economic picture:- Today some of the plants of Western Electric were partially shut down. Western Electric makes ninety-five per cent of all the telephone and telegraph equipment we use. So, the danger looms of a nationwide stoppage of communications.

Then the possibility of that walkout of meat packers. And the steel workers are all set to go out.

The heads of the C.I.O., the most prominently affected in the situation, are holding a council of war, planning their strategy. Something like half a million workers are already out. Unless something is done to head off other strikes, the number may jump to two million within two weeks.

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*12* Twelve thousand employees of western electric went out eleven o'clock this morning at twenty-one plants in New York and New Jersey. Everyone of those plants was shut down at once with strong picket lines all around them. *12 Also,* ~~What's more,~~ a strike vote is being held among the two-hundred-and-fifty thousand long distance telephone operators. It will take ten days to complete the vote, but the union head says it will be over *whelmingly* "yes," and that the union will order the strike *to start* ~~began~~ two or three days later.

~~At Stamford, Connecticut, there was a general strike by way of sympathy with the workers of Yale and Towne. This was a protest because governor Baldwin of Connecticut used the state ~~state~~ police to reestablish law and order and enable the ~~union~~ executives and office force of Yale and Towne to enter the factory.~~



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In the demonstration at stamford, the strikers closed down twenty factories. They gathered in the town square and they danced in the streets. Yelling definance of employers. The bus and power house people stayed with their jobs, but except for them both a f of l and C I O unicons joined in the stike. Some of them even hinted they might stay out indefinitely.

One saturday, there will be a meeting of a fact-finding board appointed by <sup>President</sup> ~~President~~ Truman to investigate the dispute between the steel workers and the corporations. Unless that one is settled, seven hundred thousand men will go out January fourteenth.

On saturday also officials of the United Electrical workers will hold a meeting. They will set the date for the strike of two hundred thousand workers employed by general electric, westinghouse and general motors. That, too, is due to begin before january fourteenth.

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*TP* A fact-finding panel of the department of labor has also begun work on the issues pending between <sup>employees</sup> the workers and management of the greyhound <sup>lines</sup> Buses in eighteen states.

*R* With the approval of President Truman, the Government representatives on the shipbuilding stabilization committee <sup>has</sup> suggested a ten per cent wage increase for four hundred thousand shipyard workers, ~~throughout the~~ country. <sup>and on that</sup> That issue has been deadlocked for a month. The Unions <sup>asked for</sup> want a raise of anywhere from twenty-five point nine to forty-five per cent. <sup>so they've</sup> They promptly turned down <sup>is</sup> the ten per cent suggestion, ~~said it was unacceptable.~~

## TRUMAN

Tonight at ten, the President will talk to us - a half hour talk, asking the country to support his legislative program. One report has it that Mr. Truman will speak a bit sternly regarding the attitude of the National Legislature. Another that he will do nothing of the sort, that not being the Truman way. We'll soon know. Tonight, at ten, Eastern Standard Time.