

Flags' Dumbest Bird In World

By HAL BOYLE
SHANGHAI.—(AP)—"Flags," the psychopatric parrot, was more stubborn than a cave full of Japanese.

And he stayed that way to the bitter end—crucifixion—of the kind of bird that just grunts when you expect him to talk for his dinner.

His Pacific career has been shadowed by such events as the Philippine landing and the Tokyo surrender, but now it can be told, without fluff or feathers.

"Flags" flew 10,000 miles during his short military life, without once flapping his wings. He was too lazy. He always took the air in a plane. He wouldn't bite your finger, he wouldn't let you say "Okey, Joe, like other parrots."

He wouldn't do anything but lap up food," said Franky White, Associated Press photographer and Flags' most bitter enemy. "He was the bird who would go to the top of the flagpole if he could."

To save Flags, Charlie McMurtry, Associated Press war correspondent, was ordered to take him off Treasury Island until the skipper ordered him disposed of on the grounds that he might spread plagues or parrot fever among the crew. Medics always suspected a parrot.

Flags behaved fairly well on the flight to the Guadalcanal press camp, and there the boys pulled tightly to build a sleeping berth. He evidently gave him in because during the night he left it and crawled into a bunk with "Doc" Hopkins, another Associated Press War Correspondent. There he slept.

Docking awoke at dawn with his feet on the floor. He was awake all night and sleeping was not all Flags had done.

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The first return reported was from Chicago where workers at the Republic Steel Corp.'s Grand Crossing voted 47 to 5 in sympathy with a strike. In Utah, the union said 74 of the first 82 votes cast favored a strike.

ORDERLY VOTING
Reports from the teeming mill centers in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and other areas were that the polling of the steel workers by the NLRB was orderly.

By Daniel De Luce
NUERNBERG — (AP) — Franz von Papen and Arthur Seyss-Inquart—two of the top Nazi leaders on trial before an international military tribunal—were described by American prosecutors today as leaders of the fifth column which paved the way for Hitler's invasion of Austria in 1938.

Chicago Sun Gets A.P.

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WASHINGTON — (AP) — Former Ambassador Joseph Grew testified today that some codes used by the American Embassy in Tokyo were destroyed before he broke out Dec. 7, 1941.

And some were not destroyed until after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on that date, he told the Senate-Joint Committee investigating the disaster. The inquiry also brought these developments today.

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First Plans Laid

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THEIRAY — (AP) — Iranian Government forces were under orders today to defend the capital at all costs against an insurgent military force officially reported marching toward the city from the north.

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Cry Raised As Marshall Prepares To Go To China

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Demands for investigation of America's foreign policy and its foreign service personnel were raised in the House today as the White House prepares to swap ambassadors to Chungking.

Secretary Byrnes told a news conference he had expected Truman to name him as Army Chief of Staff to become President Truman's special ambassador to China, conferred with the President and Secretary of State Byrnes at the White House yesterday to an early departure for the Far East.

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