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### Jap Chief Sentenced

## Homma Will Face Firing Squad For War Atrocities

MANILA—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma was sentenced today to be shot, convicted by a military tribunal of war atrocity charges, including the infamous Bataan death march.

Homma was moved immediately to Luzon Prisoner of War Camp Number One, where he joined his successor as supreme commander of the Philippines during the bloody days of Japanese conquest, Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, and ten other convicted war criminals.

While hearing his sentence, Homma stood in almost the exact spot in the ballroom of the former home of the United States Commissioner to the Philippines where, bemuddled and arrogant after the Japanese conquest of the islands, he received the homage of the puppet Filipino commission and collaborators in a widely-publicized reception.

Within the range of his vision, he stood before the five-man commission, across Manila Bay was the fortress rock of Corregidor, and the mist-shrouded hills of Bataan, from which he had herded Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, Maj. Gen. Edward P. King and their forces along the sun-scorched roads in the infamous death march.

NO SURPRISE

The conviction was no surprise, as Homma had expected to be shot. Strict order prevailed at the sentencing, as it had through the trial, but the stern discipline of bald, bespectacled Maj. Gen. Lee D. Nolan, commission president, Spectators, representing all the military services, Red Cross workers and a large number of Filipino soldiers lived in the area during Homma's occupation, were carefully searched before being admitted to the grounds.

Homma, attired in the same gray herringbone suit and tan shoes he had worn during the trial, was led quickly away after the conviction and sentence were pronounced.

Maj. Larry Hodgin, military police, was seen with Homma on page 2A.

### Transit Strike

## Big Traffic Jam Hits Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA—(AP)—A strike paralyzing transit facilities for 3,000,000 persons today threw Philadelphia into what Police Commissioner Herbert Kitchennan described as the biggest traffic jam in its history.

Trucks, buses, subway and elevated trains and countless foot passengers were in the strike. The Philadelphia Transportation Company, the workers, members of the Transport Workers Union, walked out last night in support of wage demands.

While some city residents were fortunate enough to find rides in automobiles, thousands of other persons sought means of getting to work. Suburbsites flocked to railroad stations.

CARS JAM STREETS

Kitchennan said the thousands of automobiles jamming downtown Philadelphia streets made many streets impassable for as much as an hour at a time.

Another police official estimated 30,000 cars swept into a downtown Philadelphia area which normally accommodates about 5,000.

Downtown parking regulations were relaxed to provide for the tremendous traffic.

In clear, crisp weather, buses of cars residents of outlying areas it took an hour and a half to reach what was normally a 20-minute trip.

Stalled picketed cars were 2-3 in trolley cars, buses, subway and elevated trains and countless foot passengers.

The strike began at one minute after midnight, but some of the transit workers headed for cars as early as 9 P. M. last night.

Local 24, Transport Workers Union of America (CIO), ordered the strike upon collapse of negotiations for a 25-cent-an-hour wage increase and 27 other demands. The company offered a 12-cent boost.

Fighting in last-minute peace efforts, Howard T. Colvin, assistant secretary, said the strike was a "bad position to move intelligently in any direction."

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### Meat Action Is Held Up

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CHICAGO—(AP)—The striking CIO United Packinghouse Workers Wage Policy Committee decided today to "hold in abeyance" the union president said, acting on Government fact-finding panel's recommendation of a wage increase of about 10 cents an hour.

The union president, Lewis J. Clark, based the following statement on the fact-finding panel's recommendation that 193,000 men were continuing on strike against the meat-packing industry, which was working for the Government management under a security order.

The National Wage Policy Conference of the United Packinghouse Workers of America, CIO, has not yet considered the fact-finding committee's recommendations and understands the Secretary of Agriculture in discussing his commitments to us, has requested the Wage Stabilization Board to approve the panel's recommendations so that he may put the recommended increase into effect immediately.

### WEATHER

Fair and not so cold this afternoon. Rather cold again tonight, low temperature around 39 degrees. Tuesday partly cloudy and warmer.

Temperature at 2:30 today 50  
High and low last 24 hours 54; 31  
Sunrise tomorrow 7:12

### Hal Bowles

## Flying On RAF Plane A Far Cry From Commercial Luxury Liners

By HAL BOWLES

RANGOON—(AP)—An Air Force pilot, however, is not the man flying in luxury passenger liner, but a United States pilot, the difference between flying in a freight car and a Pullman car.

The planes are old battleworn, leaky, and as passenger haul they have shudders and canvas "buckets" seats and after six jolting hours, you can hear your bones creak as you climb out at each landing. You hear beautiful legends of plumed planes that operate from Karachi, India, to London. But it is the donkey to keep it plodding on.

The British are still more military than the Americans, but the man who pays his own fare is beginning to get better treatment instead of being regarded as something of a nuisance, which was often his fate in the war.

The British are making a real effort to keep up the prestige of their airlines and they give far-reaching passengers more consideration than formerly when a traffic jam develops.

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### UNO Action For Peace In Indies Urged

## Russian Fearful Of New War

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

LONDON—(AP)—Dmitri Manuilsky, Foreign Commissioner of the Soviet Union, told the United Nations Security Council today it should act to restore peace in the Netherlands East Indies lest the situation there, like the civil war in Spain, be a prelude to a great world war.

Manuilsky opposed the declaration of the Dutch Foreign Minister, Eelco Van Kleefens yesterday that the Council had no right to act because the situation in Indonesia was within the domestic control of the Netherlands Government.

LEAGUE WAITED

"The League of Nations had similar problems" on the question of intervention in Spain, the Ukrainian argued.

"The League decided that was a domestic affair not concerning the world," he said.

He then proposed a resolution by which the council would declare British troops in Indonesia had been used against the Indonesian people's movement, that Japanese troops had been used for the same purpose and that a commission composed of members from the United States, Russia, Britain, China and the Netherlands should make an investigation on the spot and settle the situation.

Council President N. J. O. Ashton of Australia raised the question whether the Ukraine had the right to make a formal proposal, since it is not a member of the council.

This question raised another long argument over procedure.

Officials were cautious about commenting on the final outcome of the controversy, which was marked by a new round of accusations. Dutch questioned him about the time that had elapsed between the union's original demand and the corporation's reply.

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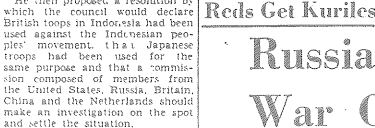
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### LAST WAC CONTINGENT RETURNS FROM PACIFIC

## This group of Wacs from New York City are seen by their bunks aboard the USS West Point as the Army transport pulled into the dock at New York. They are part of



the last group of Wacs to return from the Pacific. Army tugs took the transport into dock after striking tug operators failed to return to work under Government order. (Acme Photo.)

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## Russia's Price For Making War On Japan Disclosed

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Russia clamped three conditions, including outright possession of the Kurile Islands, on its agreement at Yalta one year ago today to enter the Pacific war.

This condition aspect of Generalissimo Stalin's pledge to fight Japan was disclosed when the text of the long-secret Big Three pact on the Far East was made public today in Washington, London and Moscow.

### Firm In 'Bad Position'

## GM Head Explains Delay In Reply

DETROIT—(AP)—President C. E. Wilson of General Motors Corp. today told a National Labor Relations Board hearing that at the time the United Automobile Workers (CIO) made its original wage increase demand "we were in a bad position to move intelligently in any direction."

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