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MANILA—(AP)—Col. John G. Pugh, who as senior aide to General Douglas MacArthur became an almost legendary figure of derring-do during the last days of Corregidor, has returned "to the rock" to reclaim records which somehow survived a fire he himself had set deep within Manila Tunnel.

Pugh, once described by Winchright as "more like a son," spent more than three years in Japanese prisons. He came back as a prisoner of war crimes trial of Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, commander-in-chief of victorious Japanese forces in the Philippines, and with two other witnesses who survived Bataan's "Death March." Visited Corregidor to aid Army historians now engaged in recording the struggle.

His arrival followed by only a day or two the discovery of charred records, some of them signed by Winchright, others by Junior officers, in a tunnel of Manila Tunnel.

AMAZING DISCOVERY
Pugh, amazed at the recovery, told Lt. Col. Leroy Greene of Harrisburg, Pa., executive officer for a combat history unit, that he personally had carried the records there, buried them and watched until they were fairly well consumed.

The blaze apparently died, leaving some wreckage. The Japanese never disturbed the pile—and by curious turn of fate there the papers were found until crews were called to clean away the debris of a minor tunnel cave-in.

Landing at a bomb-marked dock, Pugh and his party went through the tunnel to a spot on the old "marketplace" near the old Hill, where Winchright handed his document of surrender to a Japanese colonel.

Carefully, Pugh eyed the landings, spotted again several familiar reference points. Bristly he stepped away to a location which he said marked the northwest corner of the old marketplace.

"It was right here," he remarked. For five hours Pugh led his party by jeep and foot, first to a spot near the old Hill, then to "Topside," location of barracks, officers' quarters, the old parade ground and a lighthouse.

There, in one corner of the parade ground, still stood the flagpole from which "Old Glory" was hoisted a little and unspooled, but still proud and white.

COMMISSIONER'S HOUSE
Down the way, along officers' row, where the timbered ruins of Anderson stood, Pugh and his party went to a location which he said marked the northwest corner of the old marketplace.

"Two overgrown and vacant lots away was the remains of Gen. MacArthur's home," he said. "I saw evidence of playground equipment, which the General so happily provided his son, Arthur."

Col. Pugh noted that, too—and involuntarily eyed a plane which at the moment roared low over the hill.

"That's only one," he smiled grimly. "You ought to be glad there aren't more."

Kindly, he pointed to a "tail-end" of this tadpole-shaped island—where now and then one of a handful of planes, landing or taking the step—is overgrown with weeds and is visited now only occasionally by a lone bird.

The jungle has encroached, then, upon Battery Cheney with its base of old twelve-inch disappearing gun emplacements.

Reluctant Senate Democrats saw a knock-down, drag-out job ahead. But Mr. Truman left them scant choice about taking sides after his bicus, the fire tree and the Bougainville bloom again along the coast of the old Star Field Air Base, a concrete "middle-side" powder magazine.

"It's hard to realize the changes four years have brought," remarked from the spot, the "big" man. "But maybe we've changed a bit, too."

Mrs. FDR Coming Home
BERLIN—(AP)—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt boarded a plane for London after three days' visit to Frankfurt and Berlin. She was said to be planning to go immediately to London to join her husband to leave Sunday for the United States.

Stay in Reserves
Few Officers Get Formal Discharge
WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Army is releasing thousands of officers from active service, many not giving two of them a formal discharge.

GM-Union Negotiations Move Toward Climax

Dewey Hints Talks Might End Strike

President Wilson Participating

DETROIT—(AP)—Recessing for lunch without comment on the progress of negotiations, top officials of General Motors Corp. and CIO-United Auto Workers said today their talks would continue late today.

After the two-hour lull, none of the leading officials would discuss what was going on in the conference room in the GM office building.

Special Federal Mediator James P. Dewey, who has hinted that the positions now going "cool" and the 88-day GM strike, said he had nothing to say other than that both sides are continuing to discuss their stand.

For the second straight day corporation representatives were headed by President C. Wilson and the union delegation was led by President R. J. Thomas. Dewey said both had agreed to "sit through to the finish."

STEEL PEACE ECHOES
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DEWEY STICKS AROUND
Particular significance was attached by some observers to the fact that the first two days since Dewey plans to stay in Detroit, he has not left the city.

Thomas said there was "nothing to the report" that the union would agree to a 15 percent increase for the 175,000 striking GM workers, provided the settlement was made satisfactorily. The UAW turned down such a 63¢ offer Tuesday.

Automotive competitors of General Motors looked to the agreement with U. S. Steel as a means for settling the way for full production.

The Ford Motor Co. its assembly lines in most plants closed for three weeks last week. It is hoped to resume normal operations "within two weeks."

Ford settled with the UAW-CIO over the demand for a 19.12 percent raise. A company spokesman said today Ford and the union were still far apart on the issues, including guarantees against unauthorized work stoppages.

Truman's suggestion of new terms to the union, which Dewey's opponents, who indicated that they had fresh ammunition for their battle, in the Senate Naval Committee resumes hearing on his nomination Monday.

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"The President gave substance to hints from Pauley supporters that the nominee would be present at Monday's committee meeting, and responded in which Ickes praised him. But most Senators were agreed the Ickes charges were written after the date when Ickes said the contributions proposal was made for use, they would have little effect.

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Gen. Omar Bradley (right) pictured here as he was interviewed by State Spruille Braden (left) in Buenos Aires. Recently the State Department released a Blue Book Italy charging that Nazi influence dominates the Argentine Government.

Committee Spurred Bradley Rejects Legion 'Trial'

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Gen. Omar Bradley said today he rejected invitations to a meeting of the American Legion's Executive Committee because he did not think he "should be put on trial by any one group."

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Bradley reiterated at his news conference that he did not believe the Legion's Executive Committee had the right to put him on trial.

He told reporters, in reviewing aid to sick and wounded war veterans, that VA is now operating 98 hospitals with a capacity of 83,338 and completion of the \$448,000 program will push the number to 182 with a capacity of 151,338.

Army engineers, he announced, will help with the construction which he estimated would require eighteen months to two years for completion. Three of the new hospitals are now being erected, he said.

Aside from the hospital building program, Bradley said the Navy had agreed to give the Veterans' Administration nearly 10,000 beds in its hospitals, together with necessary operation personnel.

Secretary of War Patterson, he said, had agreed to supply an equal number but could not furnish all needed attendants.

Stelle Planning To Press His Attack
INDIANAPOLIS—(AP)—Commander John Stelle of the American Legion plans to file his Executive Committee tomorrow, which he thinks the Hornet's Nest he stirred up by an attack on the Veterans' Administration should be prodded again now—and once a month thereafter.

The committee, the Legion's policy-making body between conventions, will meet in special session for only the fifth time since the first World War.

Prime Minister was reported to have discussed the leak with John Bracken, commanding the National Research Council, Government agency through which atomic energy information has been channeled. Officials said they were certain they could trace counter charges against at least twelve of the men.

Republic And Alcoa Follow Big Steel's Suit

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
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WASHINGTON—(AP)—A drive for quick settlement of "Little Steel" wage disputes was on today on the basis of the accord reached between the CIO and U. S. Steel Corp.

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Steel Men Returning

PITTSBURGH—(AP)—Ending of the great steel strike of 1946 signaled the beginning today of the trek back to work by the vanguard of the 750,000 striking CIO-United Steel Workers, although the resumption will be gradual.

Officially, the strike at mills of the U. S. Steel Corporation comes to an end at 12:01 A. M. Monday, but a spokesman said men were returning at some plants today ahead of the deadline.

Big steel's employees about 130,000 those who went on strike, but steel men predicted other companies would follow the pattern set by the agreement negotiated between the U. S. Steel and CIO.

Quick to announce they were following suit were two independent steel companies, the Pittsburgh Steel Co. employing 7,000 and the American Iron and Steel Co. employing 1,000.

The American Iron and Steel Co. is expected to resume work in 48 hours, while the Pittsburgh Steel Co. is expected to resume work in 72 hours.

News of the strike's end was met with jubilation in some sections.

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Russian Beneficiaries Canada Moves To Plug Leak As Loss Of Atomic Data Revealed

OTTAWA—(AP)—Montgomery, who shares atomic bomb secrets with the United States, has been taken into custody has been released. This information, however, that the secret of atomic energy was being disclosed to the Russians.

The disclosure of the move came last night after the Royal Canadian Mounted police, striking suddenly, had rounded up 22 employees and former employees of the Canadian Government Departments and agencies.

Prime Minister was reported to have discussed the leak with John Bracken, commanding the National Research Council, Government agency through which atomic energy information has been channeled. Officials said they were certain they could trace counter charges against at least twelve of the men.

The investigation has been going on undercover since shortly after the war ended, informed quarters said, and the

WEATHER

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