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MASSACRE OF 400 DESCRIBED

Witness Tells How Japs Roasted Victims.

(Continued From Page One) for responsibility for the sadistic tortures committed by his troops, leaned forward and listened intently as Lopez held the courtroom spellbound with his recital of the massacre.

One of Six Massacres

But the German club incident was only one of six such massacres described in all their revolting details during today's testimony.

One witness, Ang Be, a Chinese mother whose baby was torn from her arms and bayoneted four times by the Japanese, leaped from the stand toward Yamashita and had to be ejected forcibly from the courtroom.

Testimony also revealed that the Japanese shot to death a Venetian consul, Albert Del Fino, his wife and their foster son in their home after tying their hands behind their backs.

The prosecution announced at the close of today's session that it hoped to complete the 10 remaining Manila cases tomorrow and Monday, after which it will present evidence in atrocities committed elsewhere in the Philippines.

Set Hair Afire

The handsome Lopez was the day's star witness. Himself a survivor, his voice rose emotionally as he recalled the slaughter.

"I saw at least 20 Japs abuse one 13-year-old girl," he said. "Then they cut off her breasts and made fun of them. They enjoyed it—those sadists."

At least three other girls remained unconscious on the ground after they had been ravished repeatedly by the Japanese, he said.

"The Japs poured gasoline on their hair and set their heads afire," Lopez said.

"While the women were being attacked, three American planes flew over and the women begged the planes to drop bombs and end their suffering."

Fled Over Barriades

Lopez said he and his brother finally decided to attempt to escape over the barriades because of the intense heat inside the building. Their mother, also a prisoner, gave them her blessings, he said.

The brother was shot through the heart and killed as he fled, but Lopez escaped with a foot wound.

Pretty, demure Helen Rodriguez testified that her mother was killed by a grenade and three brothers were shot to death at the German club.

"I stood there and couldn't believe what had happened," she said between sobs. She herself was wounded.

Bodies Defiled

Dr. Joaquin Maranon said the Japanese killed 300 persons with bullets and bayonets at the Dr. Walter Prince House, then defiled the bodies.

Joe Maldonady, a Spaniard, said the Japanese burst into a house where 60 refugees had gathered, robbed them and then separated the sexes for systematic murder.

The men were crowded into a bathroom, Maldonady said. The Japanese threw in grenades and only five men survived. Though wounded, Maldonady said, he later crawled into the dining room and found the bodies of 40 women and children.

Maldonady's beautiful 22-year-old wife said the Japanese had bayoneted and shot the women and children in the dining room. She herself was shot in the neck and bayoneted twice in the back. Her sister was killed.

ANGRY MOTORIST CLASHES WITH LAW

Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of anger may not be against the law, but it put Charles Wiley, Ft. Wayne, right in the hands of the law.

He was fined \$3 and costs today on charges of drunk, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor, reckless driving, carrying a concealed weapon and drawing a deadly weapon. The drunken operating charge also brought him a 30-day jail sentence and his license was suspended for one year.

Policeman Wiley got into an argument with a filling station attendant, Walter Colb, at 3802 Rockle st., over fixing a flat tire. He is alleged to have slashed at Colb with a knife and then to have driven away at a high rate of speed.

After Colb reported to police that the man had sped away on the wrong side of the street they followed him and found him smashed up against an automatic stoplight at 38th st. and College ave.

COL. TURNER PLANS \$200,000 HANGAR

Plans for construction of a \$200,000 airplane hangar at Weir Cook Municipal airport by the Roscoe Turner Aeronautical Corp. were announced today.

Col. Roscoe Turner, president of the corporation, said that he mailed application for the project to the Indianapolis board of aviation commissioners yesterday. The new hangar is scheduled for construction as soon as approval is given by the board, Col. Turner explained.

RABBI TO SPEAK ON 'ONE DESTINY'

Rabbi Maurice Goldblatt will speak on "One Destiny—An Epistle to the Christians" by Shem Ash at the Sabbath eve services at 8 p. m. tonight in the temple of the Indianapolis Hebrew congregation.

There will be discussion afterward at the "talk-back" session in the vestry. The birthday blessing for children will be given at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow in the temple.

GOP Chairman Wants Probe of Gavin's Parole

(Continued From Page One) paraded statement, also thought a congressional investigation "might determine whether others in high official circles are connected with the release of Mr. Gavin."

Mr. Jenner suggested an inquiry "might determine why . . . the Indiana gambler was released from the penitentiary just a short time previous to the important mayoralty election in the city of Louisville."

Then the Hoosier state chairman:

"There seems to be a peculiar affinity on the part of the national administration for persons who have been connected with evasion of federal income taxes."

Senator Alben W. Barkley, Democratic leader in the United States Senate, and one of the close advisers of President Truman, might have a particular reason why he would plead for the release, even before the expiration of the customary one-third of his sentence, of a resident of another state over the protest of the federal judge who sentenced him and the U. S. district attorney who prosecuted him.

"There must be some reason why the people in Indiana were not consulted in the case."

Gavin was paroled in September, shortly after President Truman had commuted his sentence from five to two years, making him immediately eligible for release. He was sentenced from federal court here in May, 1944, for failing to pay income taxes on \$87,000 in horse bet winnings.

Justice department records listed Senator Barkley and Chandler (now baseball commissioner) and Rep. Emmet O'Neal of the Louisville, Ky., congressional district, as sponsors of executive clemency for the Jeffersonville man.

Meanwhile, statements made in Washington by another "sponsor," W. B. O'Connell, an attorney, indicated a "mystery man" might have operated behind the scenes. O'Connell said he was retained by Gavin's brother, William, also a gambler, to press for modification of James Gavin's sentence.

Mr. O'Connell said that when he was unsuccessful, he suggested that William Gavin refer the case to someone else.

"I don't know who he turned it over to," said Mr. O'Connell, "but he certainly got results."

William Gavin, contacted in Jeffersonville, said he didn't know anything about that.

Local Briefs

Mrs. Sholem Ettinger will give a Balfour Day message for the special Balfour Day broadcast which will be heard at 11 a. m. Sunday over radio station WFBM.

New officers for the national honor society of Crispus Attucks high school have been announced. They are: Patricia Turner, president; Barbara Akers, vice president; Rosemary Hearn, secretary, and Winifred Parker, assistant secretary.

The following girls have been elected to the drum majorettes corps of Crispus Attucks: Helen Rice, Evelyn Boyd, Frances Black and Louwana McDamon.

The Joseph R. Gordon woman's relief corps, 43, was hostess for the ninth district meeting held recently at Ft. Friendly, Laura Needham, Lafayette, presided.

Mrs. Ina Mennach, Lebanon, was elected president. Other officers include: Minnie Lucas, Frankfort, senior vice president; Alice Maxwell, Crawfordville; junior vice president; Eva Freyman, Lafayette, treasurer; Mae Wason, Crawfordville, delegate; Mable Carr, Lebanon, alternate; Fern Ellis, Crawfordville, inspector, and Joy Owens, Indianapolis, assistant inspector.

Supreme Arch Earl Gilder will install the following officers of Indianapolis Circle 8, United Ancient Order of Druids at 6 p. m., Nov. 12 at 29 1/2 S. Delaware st. Eve Heubrecht, past arch druidress; Betty Brown, Mamie Stowers, second bard; Harry Stafford, inside guard; Florence Carver, conductor, and Louis Disbrow, outside guard.

Owners of six adjacently parked cars today reported to police the theft of a wheel and tire from each car. They were J. Lester Bender, 3337 N. Pennsylvania st., Apt. 10, and Frederick Hulzman, 3540 N. Pennsylvania st., Apt. G.

Irvington chapter 264, O. E. S., will hold its annual convention at 8 p. m. Monday at the Irvington Masonic temple. Mrs. Ella Lawton is worthy matron and Frank Lawton is worthy patron.

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