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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

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Lawyer talking to judge



Kentucky Academic Standards For Social Studies

High School

HS.UH.KH.1 Examine how Kentuckians influence and are influenced by major national developments in U.S. history from 1877-present.

HS.UH.CE.2 Analyze the events that caused the United States to emerge as a global power between 1890-1991.

HS.UH.CO.3 Analyze the role of the United States in global compromises and conflicts between 1890-1991 in the Spanish American War, World War I, the Interwar years, and World War II.



Historical Overview

The International Military Tribunal for the Far East was a military trial that held proceedings from April 29, 1946, to November 12, 1948. After Japan's defeat, U.S. General Douglas MacArthur called for a similar tribunal, modeled on the Nuremberg Charter. Michael Lanham, of Marion County, Kentucky, was a military policeman throughout the trial and sent home many pictures that show not only the trial itself, but the life of the Japanese defendants outside of the courtroom. Hideki Tojo, a Japanese General and the Prime Minister of Japan, is noted in many of these photographs. All of the Japanese defendants were prominent in either the Japanese military or the government, leading to their arrest for actions during the Second World War. They were involved in numerous atrocities, including the Manila Massacre, the planning and execution of Pearl Harbor, the Nanjing Massacre, and those crimes committed against the people of Korea during the Japanese occupation of the country. Seven of the defendants were sentenced to death, and sixteen to life imprisonment.

What's in the picture? Photograph Analysis

Photograph #1: MP Mitchell Lanham standing with former Japanese General Hideki Tojo.



Photograph #2: The photograph shows a walled area with military personnel standing beside a guard shack and the entrance through the wall.



Photograph #3: The International Military Tribunal for the Far East court room in session.



Photograph #4: Military police escort of the defendants' bus taking them back to prison after the end of the trial day.



Photograph #5: Defendants seated on their bus with military police guards. Front Row L-R: Former Chief of the Japanese Army General Staff Yoshiji Umezu, former Minister of War and Minister of Education Sadao Akraki, and former Lieutenant-General of the Japanese Army Kenryo Sato. Second Row L-R: Former Prime Minister of Japan and General of the Japanese Army Hideki Tojo, former Chief of the Navy Ministry's Military Affairs Bureau Takasumi Oka, and former Minister of Finance Okinori Kaya.



Photograph #6: Defendants waiting for the judges to enter the courtroom during the tribunal proceedings.



Photograph #7: Four defendants sitting in the waiting room before entering the courtroom of the tribunal proceedings. R-L: Former Minister of Foreign Affairs Shigenori Tojo, former General in the Japanese Army Akira Muto, former Minister of Finance Okinori Kaya, and former Prime Minister of Japan and General of the Japanese Army Hideki Togo.



Photograph #8: A lawyer talking to the judges during the tribunal proceedings in the court room.



Photograph #9: Defendants eating.



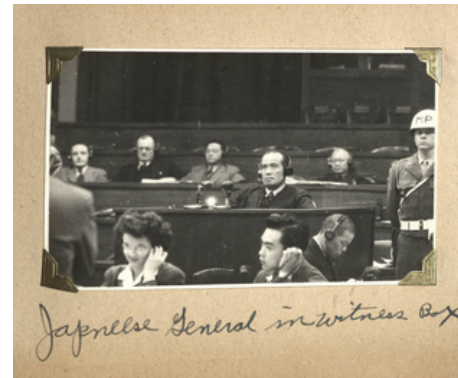
Photograph #10: Former Prime Minister of Japan and General of the Japanese Army Hideki Tojo listening to the trial in the court room.



Photograph #11: An unidentified military officer from Australia on the witness stand. There are military police standing beside him.



Photograph #12: A Japanese man on the witness stand. There is military police standing beside him.



Japanese General in witness box

Photograph #13: G. Walter Bowman, clerk of the court, with his secretary standing around a desk covered in books and papers.



The Court Clerk and his secretary

Photograph #14: Shūmei Ōkawa, one of the defendants on trial, lying on a stretcher with two military personnel standing over him. He was a Japanese nationalist and Pan-Asianist writer. Ōkawa was later declared mentally unfit to stand trial.



Prisoner lost his mind and passed out

Doctoring prisoner teeth

Photograph #15: Two of the defendants on trial each sitting on a bench speaking to their lawyers through screened windows. On the left is Araki and on the right is Shigemitsu.



Prisoners talking to lawyers through screens

Photograph #16: Major General Myron C. Cramer, Judge Advocate General of the US Army, sitting at a desk. Cramer was one of the judges presiding over the trial.



Photograph #17: A bus backed up to Sugamo Prison, which housed the defendants while on trial.



Photograph #18: A U.S. lieutenant colonel in the witness box during the trial. There are military police standing beside him.



Photograph #19: The Ichigaya Court Building which was the site of the trial. The building was also the former site of the Japanese War Ministry Office.



Photograph #20: Four of the defendants playing the game Gomoku while one defendant watches.



Photograph #21: Japanese defendants on trial sitting back-to-back at two counters reading or writing. There is one military policeman standing the background.



Photograph #22: Michael Lanham and another military policeman standing in front of the Ichigaya Court Building, the site of the trial.

