Sentence Given Eighteen Japanese

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COMMAD HILL — Eighteen former members of the Imperial Japanese Army were found guilty here yesterday by an American military tribunal of the mass execution of ten civilian inhabitants of the Palau island group during the recent war and sentenced to prison terms in Japan totaling 320 years.

Two of the twenty original accused, Umeji Hayashi and Masanori Sagar, were acquitted of all charges and excused by commission president, Rear Adm. Arthur G. Radford, from further court attendance.

Lead defendant, former Lieutenant Kazushiro Yamamoto, and his second officer, former Second Lt. Yoshio Nakamura, were dealt the heaviest sentences of 25 years each. In addition to being found guilty of charges similar to those filed against his subordinates, Yamamoto was found criminally liable for failure to arrange for his discharge of duty as a military officer by not taking measures to protect the ten unfortunate civilians among whom five Catholic priests were among the 15 to 25 year sentences.

Mr. Truman's first step of the Taft-Hartley act's emergency provisions yesterday. He announced that he was setting up a three-man board to investigate the dispute over miners' pensions and report back to him by the April 5th date. He was to announce the names of the board members today.

Next Six Weeks

Most Critical; U. S.

VIENNA, Austria, March 25 — (UP) — A United States summary of conditions in Austria warns today that the next six months will be the most critical since the war's end.

The statement paints a bleak picture of Austria's future, the country may face a political crisis that could split the country and lead to a political change of government. The statement concludes that the country's recovery is in a critical state.

Allied Troops Reinforce Police on Yugoslav Border

TRIESTE, March 25 — (UP) — Allied troops in the Trieste free territory were moved up to reinforce Allied police for the Yugoslav border today as Yugoslav efforts to keep the line afloat.

This Red Cross Month —

Congress Sends Tax Cut Bill to White House

WASHINGTON, March 26 — (UP) — Congress completed action on its $4,000,000,000 income tax cut bill today and sent it to the White House.