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Following are brief biographical sketches of the eleven members of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East, now sitting in Tokyo. The sketches may be published in whole, or the information they contain may be used for background material.

THE HONORABLE SIR WILLIAM WEBB

President and Member from Australia

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William Flood Webb was born in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia on January 21, 1887. He was educated at Catholic schools and at Queensland University.

He was called to the Queensland Bar in 1913, became Public Defender in 1915, Official Solicitor and Public Curator in 1916, Crown Solicitor for the State from 1917 to 1922, and Solicitor-General for the State from 1922 to 1925. He became Judge of the Supreme Court and President of the Queensland Arbitration Court in 1925. In 1940 he was named Chief Justice of Queensland, and was appointed to the High Court Bench in April, 1946.

Sir William went to England in 1919 and in 1924 on Privy Council appeals. He served as Chairman of the Central Cane Prices Board from 1926 to 1942, and has been Chairman of the Australian Industrial Relations Council since 1942.

He was Chairman of the Royal Commissions which inquired into the Traveston railway disaster in 1925; Transport in 1936; and the Sugar Industry in 1938. He was appointed by the Commonwealth Government in 1943 as President of the Australian Commission investigating Japanese war crimes. In this capacity he visited England in 1944.

Sir William was knighted in 1942. He was appointed by General MacArthur in January, 1946, as President of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East.

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THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE MCDUGALL

Member from Canada

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Edward Stuart McDougall was born in Montreal, Canada, on September 25, 1886, of Scottish descent. He was educated at Montreal High School and at McGill University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1907 and the degree of Bachelor of Civil Law in 1913. After completion of his schooling he engaged in.

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general practice before criminal and civil courts.

Justice McDougall served in World War I with Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. He saw action in France from May 1915 until November 1918, and attained the rank of major.

In 1928, Mr. McDougall was appointed King's Council, and in 1942 was appointed Puisne Judge, Court of King's Bench, Appeal Side. He was a member of the Royal Commissions investigating labor trouble in 1941 and 1943.

He is the author of a book entitled "Quebec Mining Law," published in 1938.

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THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE MEI

Member from China

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Justice Ju-ao Mei was born at Nanchang, Kiangsi Province, China, in the year 1905.

Upon graduating from the Tsing Hua College, Peiping, in 1924, Justice Mei entered Leland Stanford University where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, "Magna Cum Laude," and elected to membership of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. He did his post-graduate work at the University of Chicago and received the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1928.

On the completion of his studies in the United States, Justice Mei travelled extensively in Europe for the better part of the year 1928.

In the fall of 1929, Justice Mei was made Associate Professor of Nankai University, Tientsin, China and was a member of Tientsin Bar Association until 1930.

From 1930 to 1932 he was Professor of Law at the National Wu-han University, Hupeh.

Mr. Mei was appointed Legal Adviser to the Ministry of Interior, National Government of China, in 1932, and concurrently a member of the Commission for the Settlement of Administrative Disputes. In 1934 he was made a member of the National Legislative Yuan (the National Legislature of China) which post he holds till now.

During his office in the Legislative Yuan, Mr. Mei was concurrently a Lecturer of Law at the Central Political Institute Law School from 1933 to 1940, Chairman of the Committee on Legislation Concerning Foreign Property and Personnel (1943-45), and Acting Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the

Legislative Yuan (1941-44). From 1943 to 1946, Justice Mei also served on the Technical Committee of the Supreme Council of National Defense.

Two books on China -- "Constitutional Government in China" and "China's Wartime Legislation" -- were written by Justice Mei and are widely read by students of Far Eastern affairs.

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THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE BERNARD

Member from France

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Henri Bernard was born in Arles-sur-Rhone, France, on October 8, 1899.

He graduated from the College of the Sacred Heart in Aix-en-Provence and on February 7, 1917, volunteered in the French Army.

After three years of military service, eighteen months of which were spent in the front lines participating in the battles of Somme, Italy, Aisne and Ardennes, he studied law at the University of Aix-en-Provence. After taking his degrees, he stayed five years in business. He next entered the Colonial Magistracy on January 1, 1931. He married in 1931 and has a son born in Dakar.

During his colonial career, he resided in Togo, Senegal, French Guinea, Oubangui-Chari and Middle Congo.

At the beginning of the second World War, Justice Bernard was called back into service and on August 28, 1940, he joined General de Gaulle's Free French Forces. He was successively Chief Prosecutor on various Tribunals in Brazzaville, then with the French Free Forces in the Near East, with the First Military Tribunal of Paris, and with the French Army in Austria. He left this last post when appointed on the International Military Tribunal for the Far East.

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THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE PAL

Member from India

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Raddha Binod Pal was born in January 1888 in a small village in the interior of the District of Nadia in the Province of Bengal (British India). As a child his schooling was dependent entirely on charity since he had lost his father at the age of three and it was necessary for his mother to work in order to keep the family intact.

In 1907, having obtained his schooling through government scholarships, he graduated from the Presidency College of Calcutta with Honors in Mathematics. In

1908 he took his Master of Arts Degree in Mathematics from the Presidency College, Calcutta, and completed his law lectures by 1909 from the Ripon Law College, Calcutta.

He then accepted a position as clerk in the Office of the Accountant General, United Province, (Allahabad) for the Government of India in the early part of 1909. While employed as a clerk he passed his law examinations and in June, 1911 he resigned his position.

In July 1911 he became Professor of Mathematics of the A.M. College, Mymensingh, Bengal, and joined the District Bar as a Pleader in 1912 in addition to his duty as professor. He continued in this double capacity until the end of 1920 when he was admitted into the Degree of Master of Law of the University of Calcutta. In May 1921 he resigned both positions and joined the High Court as an Advocate.

In 1923 he was appointed a lecturer in the University Law College and in 1924 was admitted into the Degree of Doctor of Law of the same University.

In 1937 he became a member of the International Law Association. In the same year he was invited to the International Congress of Comparative Law held at the Hague. Upon attending the Congress he was elected one of its joint Presidents. He was also one of the general reporters in the Legal Philosophy Section of the Congress.

In 1940 he was appointed a Judge of the High Court of Calcutta. On 27 April 1946 he was given the present appointment on the International Military Tribunal for the Far East.

Judge Pal is author of the following commentaries recognized in India as standard books: (1) "The Law of Limitation in British India;" (2) "The Law of Income Tax in British India;" (3) "The Law of Primogeniture;" (4) "The Hindu Philosophy of Law."

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THE HONORABLE LORD PATRICK

Member from The United Kingdom of Great Britain

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Lord Patrick was born on December 25, 1889. He was educated at Glasgow High School and Glasgow University.

He received his Master of Arts degree in 1908 and a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1910. He was made a member of the Faculty of Advocates in Scotland in 1913.

Lord Patrick served in the first World War with the Royal Flying Corps and more

the Royal Air Force.

He became King's Counsel in 1933, and was Dean of the Faculty of Advocates from 1937 to 1939. He has served as Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland (Judge of the Supreme Court in Scotland) since May, 1939.

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THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE ROLING

Member from the Netherlands

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Professor Dr. B.V.A. Roling was born at den Bosch, Holland, on December 26, 1906. He studied law at the Universities of Nymegen and Utrecht, Holland, and Marburg, Germany.

In 1933 Justice Roling received his Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Utrecht, and the same year was made a lecturer in criminology at that University.

In 1941 he became a judge of the Law Court at Middelburg, and in 1945 was named Judge of the Law Court at Utrecht and Professor of Criminal Law at the University of Utrecht.

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THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE NORTHCROFT

Member from New Zealand

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Erima Harvey Northcroft was born at Hokitika, New Zealand, on December 2, 1884. He was educated at the Hokitika District High School, Wellington College, and Auckland University College (New Zealand University).

In 1907, Mr. Northcroft was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of New Zealand. He practiced as a Barrister at Hamilton, New Zealand, from 1907 until 1923, and at Auckland from 1923 to 1935. He was appointed a Justice of the New Zealand Supreme Court in 1935.

Justice Northcroft became a Territorial Officer in the New Zealand Field Artillery in 1911. During World War I he attained the rank of lieutenant colonel, was mentioned in dispatches, and was created a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order (D.S.O.).

After the war he commanded a Territorial Field Artillery Brigade, and was then appointed Deputy Judge Advocate General to New Zealand Military Forces. He was awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration - C.D. He was later appointed Judge Advocate General, New Zealand Military Forces and was promoted

to colonel. He resigned this position in 1935 on his appointment to the Supreme Court, and was posted to the Retired List.

In 1940, after the outbreak of World War II, he was posted to the Active List and appointed Director of Artillery, New Zealand Southern Military Command. In 1941, he was appointed Fortress Commander, Christchurch-Lyttelton Fortress Area. He resigned in May 1942 and was posted to the Retired List.

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THE HONORABLE MR. JUSTICE JARANILLA

Member from The Republic of the Philippines

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Delfin Jaranilla was born December 24, 1883, in La Paz, Iloilo. After attending La Paz and Iloilo public schools and the Seminary of Joro, Iloilo, Mr. Jaranilla took a competitive examination, as a result of which he was sent by the Philippine government to finish his studies in the United States. He attended Santa Ana high school, California; the University of Tennessee; and Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., where he received an LL.B. degree in 1907.

After returning to the Philippines, Mr. Jaranilla served in various positions as clerk of the court, interpreter, prosecuting attorney and Auxiliary Judge of the Court of First Instance for the First Judicial group, and later for the Seventh Judicial Group.

On September 1, 1925, he was appointed Attorney General of the Philippines, serving until 1933 through the administrations of Governor General Wood, Hayden, Stimson, Davis, Gilmore and Roosevelt. In 1932 he was appointed associate justice of the Philippine Supreme Court by President Herbert Hoover, but due to the reduction of the membership from 15 to 11 he could not assume the post.

In 1940 Mr. Jaranilla was appointed Judge Advocate General of the Philippine Army after having been commissioned a colonel. After the outbreak of the war, he was inducted into the United States Army on December 19, 1941, and accompanied the USAFFE forces to Bataan where he served until the fall of Bataan on April 11, 1942.

On reestablishment of the Philippine Commonwealth Government on February 27, 1945, he was named Secretary of Justice, which office he held until he was appointed Associate Justice of the Philippine Supreme Court on June 6, 1945. As a ranking member of the Supreme Court, he acted as chief justice in cases where the Chief Justice was by law disqualified to act.

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Mr. Jaranilla was a professorial lecturer in law at the University of the Philippines and the University of Manila from 1926 until the outbreak of the war.

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MAJOR GENERAL OF JUSTICE I.M. ZARYANOV

Member from the U.S.S.R.

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Ivan Michyevich Zaryanov was born on November 26, 1894, in Rodinskaya village of the Slobodskoy District of the Vyatka Region. In 1908 he finished the course of the two-year school, and until 1912 worked at farming. From 1912 to 1915 he was a scribe at the Regional Land Department in the town of Slobodskoy.

In January, 1915, he was called for active service in the Czarist army as a private. From 1918 to 1920 he was Commissar of Justice in the Vyatka Region.

In February 1920 General Zaryanov was sent to the front and was appointed President of the Military Tribunal of the 29th Infantry Division. From that time to the present he has served as a military judge.

In 1927 he graduated from the Faculty of Law of the Mid-Asiatic State University in Tashkent. In 1930 he graduated from the Advance Courses for Officers conducted at the Frunze Military Academy in Moscow.

In 1931 General Zaryanov entered the Institute of Red Professors of Law, graduating in 1934. In the same year he was elected a Member of the Supreme Court of the U.S.S.R. and was appointed a Member of the Military Collegium of the Supreme Court of the U.S.S.R. He has been a member of this Collegium ever since.

In 1941 he was appointed President of the Military Tribunal of one of the fronts, and from 1942 to 1945 he was Chief of the Red Army Academy of Law.

As a judge, he took part in the trials of the Trotskyites and the Bukharinists in 1935 and in 1938.

The Government of the U.S.S.R. has conferred upon General Zaryanov the following orders and medals: the Order of Lenin, the Order of the Red Banner, the order of the Red Star, the medal "20 years of the Red Army," the medal for the Defense of Moscow, the Medal of Victory over Germany.

MAJOR GENERAL MYRON C. CRAMER

Member from The United States

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Myron C. Cramer was born in Portland, Conn., on November 6, 1881. He received an A.B. degree from Wesleyan University, Conn., in 1904, and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1907 with an LL.B. degree. He also holds an honorary LL.D. degree, conferred by Wesleyan University in 1943.

General Cramer practiced law in New York City and Tacoma, Wash., until 1916 when he left with the Washington State National Guard for duty on the Mexican border. During World War I he served in France and attained the rank of lieutenant colonel. He joined the regular army in 1920 and was commissioned a major in the Judge Advocate General department.

Between the wars Cramer served in the JAGD office in Washington, D.C., as Judge Advocate of the 3rd and 4th Divisions, as assistant professor of law at the United States Military Academy, and as Judge Advocate of the Philippine Department. On December 1, 1941, just a few days before the United States entered World War II, Major General Cramer was appointed Judge Advocate General of the Army, the chief legal officer of the War Department.

During his tenure of office General Cramer was instrumental in setting up the army's rehabilitation system, the object of which is to give soldiers who have been sentenced to dishonorable discharge a chance to return to duty and obtain an honorable discharge on being released from service. He also, with the aid of the American Bar Association, put into operation the Legal Assistance division of the JAGD, with assistance officers in stations throughout the world to give legal advice and aid to American soldiers and their dependents.

On November 30, 1945, after serving as Judge Advocate General through the war years, General Cramer retired from the army. The Secretary of War presented him with the Legion of Merit for his work as Chief of the Contract Division of the JAGD just before the war, and the Distinguished Service Medal for his work as Judge Advocate General.

General Cramer was recalled from retirement on July 10, 1946, to assume his present post on the International Military Tribunal.

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