

The chief of the Belgian Mission is married, and the father of a daughter, Anne, 17, and a son, Eric, 9, who was born in Tokyo.

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PROSECUTION RESTS CASE AGAINST ALLEGED MAJOR WAR CRIMINALS;
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The prosecution today rested its case against Japan's 26 alleged major war criminals on trial at the International Military Tribunal for the Far East.

The International Prosecution Section of 35 attorneys and 205 expert advisors and clerical personnel, led by Chief of Counsel Joseph B. Keenan of the United States, has based its arguments on a 55 count, 45 page, indictment charging "Crimes Against Peace", "Murder", and "Conventional War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity."

Of the original 28 alleged Class A criminals named in the prosecution's indictment, only 25 now appear in the prisoner's dock. Two of the accused died of natural causes, Yosuke Matsuoka on June 27, 1946, of tuberculosis, and Osami Nagano on January 5, 1947, of bronchopneumonia, while a third, Shumei Okawa, has been admitted to a mental hospital for observation and treatment.

Starting from scratch in December of 1945, the prosecution, delving into 15 years of Japanese history, economic and diplomatic, as well as military, was able within the short span of five months to compile its evidence, organize its case and lodge the indictment. At 10 a.m. on April 29, 1946, the Tribunal, meeting in Chambers, took judicial notice of the lodgement of the indictment as its first official act. Arraignment of the accused occurred in open court the afternoon of May 3, 1946.

Since that date the 11 judges of the Tribunal, representing Australia, Canada, China, France, India, Great Britain, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Republic of the Philippines, Russia and The United States, have received in evidence 2,282 documents and heard 103 witnesses.

During these 160 court-room days over four million words have been transcribed by a group of 12 court reporters headed by Jack Keenberg of New York City. Reduced to standard size mimeograph form, these words fill over 16,000 eight by ten and a half inch double-spaced pages. A force of 22 persons employing three mimeograph machines have worked an estimated 15,000 man hours to reproduce 275 copies of each day's record.

The international character of the trial has necessitated translating proceedings into the Japanese, Russian, French, Dutch, Magalogan and Chinese languages. This task has required the services of 22 language experts and a three man Language Arbitration Board.

In addition to the printed record, an official pictorial record of the highlights of each day of court action has been compiled. Working from two camera booths under photographic lights, using 84,000 watts of electricity, the Signal Corps has shot 100,000 feet of motion picture film. More than 375 still pictures have been taken.

Spectator interest has run high during the eight and a half months that the court has been in session, as evidenced by the 1,900 Japanese nationals and 11,600 Allied visitors that have occupied the gallery.