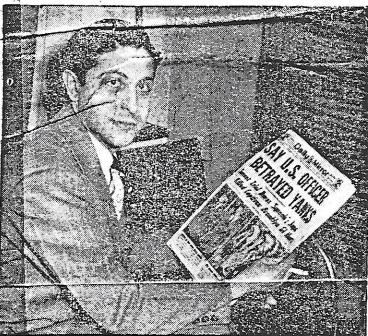
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as soon as he was put in charge of the mess Goldbrun whose left hand was crushed in a mining accident at the camp, continued:

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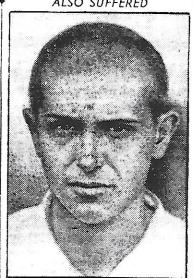
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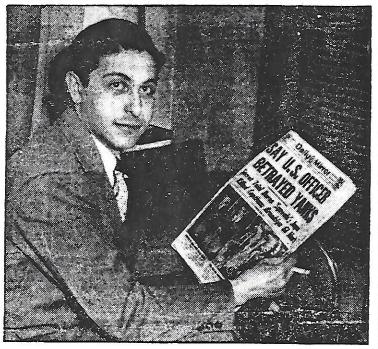
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Navy Admits Officer Trial

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Drew Pearson, in an exclusive story in the Mirror, revealed that Little has been charged with "squealing" on two Americans to the Japs and sending them to their deaths.

Specific charges against Little are: Maltreatment of persons subject to his orders, conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline, and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman,

Navy spokesmen explained that Little faces any sentence short of execution if found guilty on all three counts. Possible sentences range from dismissal from the service to life imprisonment.

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