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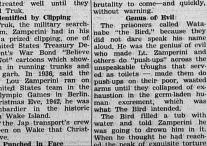
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American, flyers: Treat them gently." For three days on Wotje they were fed and cared for by a limity Japanese doctor, slept on heavenly mattresses and re-ceived a ration of comac. Then they were transferred to Kwaja-lein. To them, Kwajalein be-came another name for hell. Zamperini clenched his fists and his eyes glistened when this writer described the bombard-ment and invasion in , which most of his persecutors died. "I wish I could have seen it," he said, and he meant it. "We were thrown into a three-room shack—Phillps and I in separate rooms, with an empty 15. 1948. They put him in the jump sate of a Chevrolet sedan; his long runner's legs would not cramp officer, irritated, struck him access his broken nose with a flashlight—six times. At the Ofman naval question-ling center he was stripped and searched. An An and question the searched him the camp rules, including one forbidding prisoners to "speak, whitle, talk to themselves or talk in their sleep? under pain of "see vere Japanese punishment." "This," the commander interplated, "means beating with a club."

"This," the commander inter-polated, "means beating with a club." The crucities at Ofuna were routine and hardly worthy of remark in view of what was to come for Zamperini at the Amo-mori camp. His year at Ofuna was marked only by the usual beatings, slappings, kickings and petty torments that Japan's military. captives learned to take as mere daily annoyances of life, as other men regard un-welcome guests and the neces-sity of sharhing. At Amomori, Zamperini met "the Bird." This was St. Wata-habe, the husky frogsheaded scion of a wealty and promi-nent importing and exporting family. Watanabe was not a low-class Japanese by birth. However, he was, by the test-thoms of Lt. Zamperini and y many others, a sadistic mariac whose narrow little eyes turned to burning coals of hate when he dealt more than a minute or two with an American. The cap-tives learned that this toil-tale schange in Watanabe syes fore-y warned them of some frante brantig to come- and quickly, without warning. Genus of Evil The prisoners called Wata-ina babe the Bird," because they field not dare speak his name e aloud, He was the genus of evil



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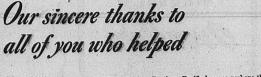
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