Transitional Justice

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Truman Accepts Jap Unconditional Surrender Ending Bloody Pacific War-Gen MacArthur to Receive Nippon's Capitulation for Allies: Joyous Hysteria Sweeps the United Nations

By FRNEST BARCELLA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (UP)-Peace came to the world tonight when President Truman announced that Japan has accepted unconditional surrender and Allied forces have been ordered to cease firing.

Gen Douglas MacArthur, "the man who came back," was named Supreme Allied Commander to receive the formal Japanese surrender.

World War II-bloodiest conflict in all of human history-was at an

end, except for the formality of signing surrender documents.

Aspects of TJ

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- Same as Nüremberg?
- Yosuke Matsuoka
- FYI, 'What the Tokyo Trial Reveals About Empire, Memory, and Judgment'



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- Trial of the Juntas
- Early example of domestic human rights prosecution
 - → Not the first though (Greek junta trials)



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- Others:
 - $\rightarrow \ \mbox{Institutional reform, gender-specific TJ,} \ \dots$

Slobodan Praljak suicide: War criminal 'took cyanide' in Hague court

(1) 1 December 2017





Slobodan Praljak drank a small vial of liquid after his prison sentence was upheld

Bosnian Croat war criminal Slobodan Praljak died after taking potassium cyanide in The Hague's courtroom, Dutch prosecutors say, citing the results of a preliminary post mortem examination.