

JAPAN HAILS GENERAL "MAC'S" BIRTHDAY

America's No. 1 soldier - General Douglas MacArthur - celebrates his 70th birthday in Tokyo. The city's schoolchildren surprise him with a special greeting - in English:

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The uncrowned Emperor of Tokyo, General MacArthur has given Japan a touch of the American way of life. Other news from there centres on Maizuru, which heralds the arrival of a ship from Russia. Aboard are 3,000 Japanese prisoners-of-war, released from Siberia. Among them are 500 hospital cases. Only a few weeks ago, when America charged Russia with still holding half-a-million Japs, the Kremlin dismissed the U.S. protest as "lying capitalist propaganda." The Reds claimed that all prisoners had long been repatriated. Now that the Western charges have been substantiated by the return of these men, Russia counters with the demand that Hirohito be tried as a war criminal. Unaware of their role in the cold war, the husbands come home to their wives. And their reunion is no less moving for its Oriental formality.