

The
Case
of
"Tokyo
Rose"



TOKYO Iva Iuka Toguri, 30-year-old graduate of the University of California, known to thousands of Yanks in the Pacific theater as "Tokyo Rose" from her propaganda broadcasts for the Japanese, rests after an interview following capture by Americans. (AP Wirephoto.)

Americans Release 'Rose'; U.S. Relatives Defend Her

YOKOHAMA, Sept. 6 (INS)—Los Angeles-born Iva Toguri, identified as "Tokyo Rose," was released by American military intelligence officers Thursday to the custody of the Japanese liaison office.

The Japanese-American girl, whose plaintive propaganda broadcasts to United States forces via Tokyo radio may constitute treason, had been subjected to several hours of intense questioning.

Her release followed a guarantee by the Japanese liaison office to produce her on demand.

CHICAGO, Sept. 6 (INS)—The family of Iva Toguri, who gained fame on Japanese propaganda broadcasts as "Tokyo Rose," expressed confidence Thursday that the girl was not intentionally disloyal to the United States.

Iva has a father, brother and two sisters who operate a combination fish market and grocery store in Chicago. The Toguris came to Chicago two years

ago from Los Angeles. The mother died in a relocation center before they were released as loyal Americans.

Iva's sister Inez said: "Whatever she did, it was because of circumstances and not from any desire to hurt the United States. She would not do that of her own accord."

"We have been happy since we came to Chicago. Iva would be welcome if she could join us here. I do not question her patriotism."



TOKYO ROSE Headquarters of the United States 8th army in Yokohama announced Wednesday that Iva Toguri, radio announcer known to American troops as "Tokyo Rose," is under detention. The Los Angeles-born Japanese is shown in U. C. L. A. graduation garb. (AP)

YOKOHAMA, Sept. 6 (UP)—The 8th army took Tokyo Rose into custody Wednesday.

Pig-tailed Iva Toguri, 29-year-old Los Angeles nisei, who was the "Orphan Annie" of Tokyo's propaganda broadcasts beamed to American service men, was detained by United States military police at the Bund hotel immediately after

she finished a press conference with allied correspondents.

It was uncertain what disposition will be made of her case, or whether any charges will be filed against her. First it must be determined whether she is still an American citizen. The main difficulty was finding a place for her to sleep. The army has no facilities for women detainees.

That Guileless Tokyo Rose

Now that "Tokyo Rose" is revealed as a graduate of the University of California, born in Los Angeles, the question of her treason quite obviously arises. She is Iva Ikuko Toguri, this radio toast of our Pacific veterans, and she has told American correspondents in the Japanese capital that it never entered her girlish mind that she was disloyal to the U. S. A. Pass the salt, please; we should like to take this cum grano salis. It is quite beside the point that the broadcasts of the Tokyo Rose, which were intended to make our fighting servicemen quite homesick and heartsick, merely roused the Americans to laughter. Her service to Japan as a broadcaster of propaganda smells of treason—and we think Rosie knows it.

The dispelling of the mystery which had cloaked the identity of the Tokyo Rose poses another problem for us, and one for our Australian allies, of even greater difficulty. It is said that the men who wrote her radio program, and directed it, were an American captain, Ted Wallace, and an Australian major named Cousins—both captives to the enemy, of course. As a radio broadcaster, so the tale goes, Wallace himself was on the "voice of freedom" broadcast from besieged Corregidor. On this report one must not immediately pass judgment, being temporarily content to hope that it is untrue. Strictly speaking, there should be no difference in degree of Americanism between an American named Wallace and one named Toguri—but we must admit the possibility that the citizen of Japanese blood would be more open to temptation in Tokyo.

What to do with the young woman from Los Angeles, and what to do with the captain who is said to have written her script, should be guided by precedent already confirmed in the war. Last spring it was announced that Ezra Pound, poet and turncoat, who served the axis as a fascist propagandist, had been captured. Since then the American small-time bard has dropped out of the news, but he is under indictment for treason and will be tried when the authorities get around to it. As one of the Nisei, of Japanese blood but American birth, the Tokyo Rose—now blighted—may perhaps plead dual citizenship, but of this subterfuge there is as yet no indication. If the story of Captain Wallace's assistance is substantiated, his defense at least will be interesting.

Tokyo Rose 'No Traitor'

Laughs Expected On Propaganda

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TOKYO, Sept. 2 (INS)—Iva Ikuko Toguri, 30-year-old Los Angeles-born American of Japanese ancestry and the one and only "Tokyo Rose," is like Japan—"willing to take her medicine." But she does not feel that she was a traitor to the United States.

Circumstances that caught her in Japan on her first visit in 1941, shortly after graduation as a zoologist at University of California at Los Angeles, forced her into broadcasting on Tokyo radio's "zero hour" program, the attractive girl said Sunday.

Miss Toguri said she could have lived with relatives but thought it wrong to impose on them, so she went to work first for Domei then radio Tokyo and once on the job of trying to make American troops homesick she gave everything she had for her employers for a miserable 100 yen monthly—\$6.00 at the present exchange rate.

GI Laughs Expected

Her mentors at radio Tokyo and the men who wrote the "zero hour" program were an American officer, Capt. Ted Wallace, former Manila broadcaster who was on the "voice of freedom" from Corregidor, where he was captured by the Japs, and a Maj. Cousins, an Australian. Wallace is the radio name of the tall red-headed American.

In an exclusive interview with this correspondent, Iva admitted she did not think it through when she took the job nor did she consider the possibilities of being adjudged a traitor to her country.