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...ense lawyers before his asso-  
 ciation with Army prosecutors  
 was known.

The announcement of Pri-  
 vate Chaparro's release to quar-  
 ters arrest did not mention the  
 contention of the soldiers' law-  
 yers that the prisoners had  
 been illegally confined before  
 trial in violation of the Uni-  
 form Code of Military Justice.

This contention was made  
 in a habeas corpus suit filed  
 this week in United States Dis-  
 trict Court in Columbia and in  
 a letter to Secretary of the  
 Army Stanley P. Resor.

In the letter to Secretary  
 Resor last Monday, David Rein  
 of Washington, one of the de-  
 fense lawyers, charged that the  
 men were being denied their  
 pretrial liberty "not because  
 of their alleged offense on  
 March 20 but rather because  
 of their expression of their  
 views against the war in Viet-  
 nam on other occasions."

The lawyer's letter suggested  
 that Col. Thomas B. Maertens,  
 the Fourth Brigade commander  
 at Fort Jackson, who ordered  
 the stockade confinements,  
 might be subject to court-  
 martial himself for "abusing  
 his authority." Colonel Maer-  
 tens has since relinquished his  
 authority over the proceedings  
 against the eight men to Col.  
 William de Brock, in command  
 of the Second Brigade.

**Japan and U.S. Sign Accord  
 On Micronesian War Claims**

TOKYO, April 18 (UPI) —  
 Japan and the United States  
 signed an agreement today on  
 compensation for war damages  
 in the Trust Territory of the  
 Pacific Islands, the Foreign Of-  
 fice announced.

The agreement was signed at  
 the Foreign Office by Foreign  
 Minister Kiichi Aichi and by  
 David L. Osborn, the United  
 States chargé d'affaires.

The Trust Territory of the  
 Pacific Islands, or Micronesia,  
 formerly a mandate granted  
 Japan by the League of Na-  
 tions, has been under United  
 States administration since the  
 end of World War II. The is-  
 lands were the scene of fierce  
 battles between the United  
 States and Japan.

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 tribute \$5-million each for the  
 welfare of the island's inhabit-  
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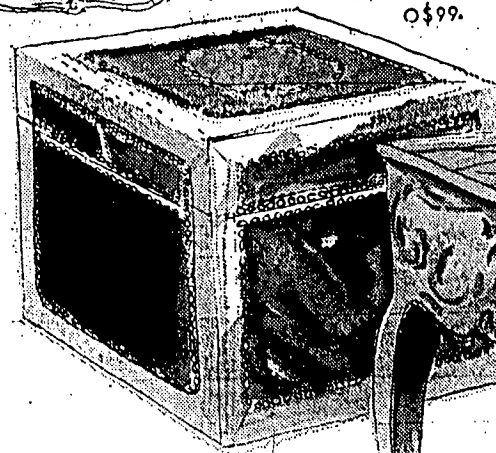
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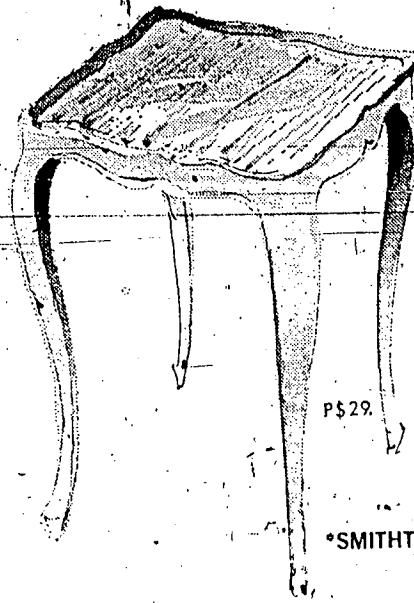
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