HOOVER WINS AWARD

Former President Herbert Hoover (left) was presented with a medallion of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion by Gen. Douglas MacArthur in New York yesterday. They are shown here in Hoover's suite in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. The Loyal Legion was founded, Apr. 15, 1865, by officers who served with Union forces in the Civil War and the insignia was given to Hoover for more than 40 years service to "his fellow men."

MACARTHUR IN FIRST PUBLIC CLAIM TODAY

"I Came Through And I Shall Return," Declaration Of Hero Of Batan

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Mar. 20.—(UP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur said today that he had come here to organize an American offensive against Japan and a primary purpose was to relieve the Philippines.

In a brief statement, every phrase of which was a fighting one, the hero of Batan peninsula said:

"The president of the United States ordered me to break through the Japanese lines and proceed from Corregidor to Australia for the purpose, as I understand it, of organizing an American offensive against Japan."

"A primary purpose of this is the relief of the Philippines."

"I came through and I shall return."

He made his statement "somewhere in Australia."

It was the first public statement the new United Nations supreme commander in the Southwest Pacific had made since his arrival in Australia Tuesday.

It told the world that the man who had outsmarted and outfought the Japanese in the Philippines had heeded them a challenge which represented the fighting might and spirit of America, now pouring itself this continent in a stream.

As MacArthur made his statement, Prime Minister John Curtin said in a statement of his own:

"We will take back what we have lost."

A MacArthur Loses His Locks

While mother, right, and Chinese nurse look on, Arthur MacArthur, 4-year-old son of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, has hair clipped in Melbourne barber shop.

Killed in Air Raid

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Lisa Cavaliere, famed opera singer of the early part of the century, who was reported killed in an allied air raid on Florence, Italy.