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Accompanied by high ranking officers, Edwin W. Pauley, President Truman's reparations envoy to Japan, recently inspected a vast Japanese treasure store of gold, silver, platinum, diamonds, and silverware deep in the vaults of Tokyo's Bank of Japan. Pending Allied disposition the treasure will remain in the bank's vaults. Above, Brig. Gen. Hoffman, Tokyo Provost Marshal; Ambassador Pauley and Maj. Gen. Chase, CG of the First Cavalry Division, (Left to right) inspect silver ingots in vault 2. Photograph taken during the U.S. Reparations Mission. Edwin Pauley was the U.S. Ambassador on the Allied Reparations Committee from 1945-47 (the committee that assessed the reparations Axis powers could afford to pay the victors).

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