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REPATRIATION

The State Department has just recently stated that the Department has been recently informed through neutral diplomatic channels of the receipt by the Japanese Government of this government's latest communication, proposing further exchanges of American and Japanese nationals. The Department was advised that while the Japanese Government considered it impractical to effect an exchange of the American nationals on April 1st as suggested by this government the American proposals as a whole were being considered and that an early reply could be expected.

This announcement was the first that had been made of negotiations conducted thru the agency of the Swiss Government for the past several months. It is understood that the proposed arrangement would not cover the American Military prisoners.

A recent radio broadcast from Tokyo has announced that the Japanese Diet had just passed a resolution for the expediting of a mass repatriation of Japanese civilians interned in this country.

RED CROSS--PACKAGE ASSEMBLY FOR PRISONERS OF WAR

The New York Chapter of the Red Cross has informed us that a new assembly department is being started on Chambers Street, New York City for the purpose of packing packages for the American prisoners of war. This includes all the prisoners of the Japanese, civilian as well as military, in authentic internment camps. The packages are to contain orange juice, milk, chocolate bar, oleomargarine, biscuits, meat, liver, sardines, prunes, soap, sugar, candy, and coffee and will weigh 8½ pounds. Only water is necessary to make these edible. We understand that other assembly centers for the packing of Red Cross packages have been opened in Philadelphia, San Francisco and Chicago. We have also been informed by the National Headquarters that these packages for the Pacific area will be shipped as soon as transportation has been arranged. This is most encouraging news.

The International Red Cross has announced, through its delegate, Dr. Marc Peter, that a fleet of ships called "Caritas" have been bought for the purpose of carrying Red Cross packages. Safe conduct for these ships to Marseilles has already been granted by the belligerents in the European area, and Caritas 1 has already sailed from Philadelphia with 204,000 Red Cross packages. It is our great hope that this will spur the Japanese on to join their Axis partners very shortly in granting safe conduct for ships for the Pacific Area.

CABLES AND LETTERS

We have recently been informed by the Office of the Provost Marshal General that friends, as well as nearest relatives, now may write letters to internees. Friends, however, may write only to those who have been officially reported. The nearest relative is permitted to send one cable, also only to those who have been officially reported. All the Local Chapters of the Red Cross have been informed to this effect.

Those who have received cables stating that the sender is interned should communicate the fact to the Provost Marshal General giving complete data so that they may be able to send mail. This also applies to those who have heard recordings of short-wave messages from their relatives whose names have not previously appeared on any of the lists of internees.

Our readers must realize that even though we are able to write letters to Manila we have not yet heard that Santo Tomas internees (or others in the Philippines) are permitted to write to relatives in the United States. It is discouraging to keep writing letters without reply but all should realize that even though only a small percentage of letters we write are received a great service will be done. Don't wait for an answer to your letters, be cheerful and repeat good news. Also don't forget the censors.

A United Press dispatch from Canada reports that about 200,000 letters to United Nations Nationals interned in Japan and Japanese-occupied territories have been delivered, according to information received through the International Red Cross. A further 150,000 letters are being sorted in Japan for early delivery and 5,400 have already been delivered to Manila.

PRESIDENT QUEZON'S SPEECH

President Manuel Quezon broadcast by short-wave an address to the people of the Philippines on February 19, 1943. Important excerpts from the speech follow:

"from the first day of the invasion of our country by Japan, the Japanese have directed their propaganda at convincing you that Japan is our friend and liberator. Your answer, our answer, has been to fight them to the bitter end. The flower of our youth died side by side with their American comrades in defense of our country, our liberties, and the American and Philippine flags.

"The surrender of Bataan and Corregidor did not end that epic struggle. Even the broadcasts from Tokio . . . reveal that our people have not accepted defeat, and as best they can, they are still fighting the invaders at whatever cost.

"But our sacrifices have not been in vain. By our decision to fight by the side of the United States, by our heroism, and by our loyalty to the American flag, we won a battle greater than we lost. Our decision and our heroism have won freedom for our people for all time.

"You know what President Roosevelt said in his proclamation to the Filipino people on December 28, 1941. These were his words: 'I give to the people of the Philippines my solemn pledge that their freedom will be redeemed and their independence established and protected. The entire resources in men and materials of the United States stand behind that pledge.'"

Later on President Quezon said, "I give you my solemn assurance that the Philippines is not being neglected. The President, The Congress, the American people are doing and will do everything in their power to redeem you as soon as possible from the heel of the invader."

WAR PRISONERS RECORDING STATION.

The "War Prisoners' Recording Station", formerly known as "War Prisoners' Monitoring Station" is located at 321 West 7th Street, Long Beach, California. This station has been recording messages since last November and, as a rule, has forwarded messages received to the respective addressees. They report: "Usually we attempt to telephone "collect" the recorded messages of the war prisoners.-----As we do not know which of the parents desire to have a phone call placed, we attempt to communicate with all of them.-----We have our telephone lines attached to a recording unit that will play the records into the telephone direct."

This station also reports: "The Japanese have three regular broadcasts daily: 11:15 a. m., 4:15 p. m., and 11:15 p. m. (Pacific Standard Time). Many of the broadcasts have recordings of war prisoners' messages that are spoken by the prisoners. The Japanese have two short-wave stations -- one on the nine megacycle and one on the twelve megacycle band".

A broadcast from Tokyo contained a message from Colonel Dennis Murphy of Denver, Colorado as follows: "Am well, hope Ethel and Mother are well. How is Bob? Maybe an exchange of prisoners. Send mail and candy bars. Lennox is safe and well in Santo Tomas." - - -

Charles Van Landingham, who has listened to some of the Tokyo news and American prisoner broadcasts, says that their voices sound strong and healthy which proves that you can't get an American down--even on a year of rice and sardines.

INTERNEWS

The first printing of "Internews", 3000 copies, was exhausted in February. Another smaller edition has been printed and recent orders are now being filled. We regret the delay in filling orders but since we do not wish to print more copies than are necessary some time was needed to estimate the future demand. Future orders will be attended to promptly.

CABLES

Many people have written to us recently reporting cables received from Manila. Most of these have contained favorable news. In every instance the cables are extremely short. A few of those received are listed below:

To Julius Reese, Manila Trading & Supply: "John, Marie and entire staff well. Regards. Sam Thompson".

To Mrs. Ralph Reynolds: A message wishing her a Merry Christmas from her husband, Ralph.

To Sister Mother Olivette, Holy Cross Sisters: "All well and safe".

To Atkins, Kroll: "Shoemaker, McCandlish, Ditzer, Fittinghoff, Pawley, Liggett, self well. Advise families, Blanton".

To International General Electric Co: "All well here. Markert, Port-rude okay Baguio. Inform all families. Grinnell".

To Marsman and Co: "Notify relatives well, Barnes, Crosbys, Devores, Jarvies, Olsons, Sanders, Conrad, Dustin, Gaillard, Hell, Maxwell, Ward... Jim Stapler".

To Marsman and Co: "All Manila staff well including Canon, Robinson, Heinrich, Blythe, Burgess... Benjamin Ohnick".

To Lois Oxnam: "Well... Grace Oxnam".

To H. Haight, Crocker First National Bank: "Peoples Bank Staff well... William Douglas".

To Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Canon: "Safe all well... Roscoe Canon".

To Robert P. Roloff: "All well. Relay England. Write... Alec Smith".

To International Harvester Co: "Smith, Emory whereabouts unknown but reported well. Littig and wife's parents all right, latter at home. Van Sickle well... Guettinger".

To Firestone Tire & Rubber Co: "Manila staff, Firestone, Goodyear, Goodrich, United States, Dunlop are well. Advise respective families companies, acknowledge internment Camp, Manila.. Ralph Baskerville".

To Mrs. W. R. Snyder: "Excellent health, plenty food and clothing Love. Cable reply... Bill".

To Burroughs Adding Machine Co: "All well. Notify families.. Woodin".

To Pampanga Sugar Mills: "Staff families at both centrals. Dr. Strong well interned here. Except Burnham provincial camp. Notify relations.. Stewart Jamieson".

To The American Board of the Committee for Foreign Missions: "Ballou, Christie, Daniels, Downs, Martin, McAulis, Robinson, Stevenson send loving Christmas greetings wives and families".

To Eastman Kodak Co: "All well interned Manila. Ferriers, Carmans, Jurgussens... Heesch".

To Philippine Refining Co: "All our staff well, everything considered.
Anxious news. Inform friends..Kenneth Day".

To Socony Vacuum Oil Co: "All Socony Vacuum Oil Company well..Rocke".

To Proctor & Gamble Co: "Manila staff families interned since January
5. All well, Advise relatives...Berry".

To Manila Electric Co: "Staff families interned January. Well..Rockwell".

To Mrs. Leslie D. Ames from her son Aubrey Ames.."Both Well".

To Mrs. C. L. Lowry from J. B. Harrison: "Both safe and well. Reply
thru Red Cross".

To Dr. & Mrs. Endicott: "Safe and well. Anxious regarding your
welfare. Reply. Love. Delilah Endicott".

To Mrs. Edith F. Webster from her brother, L. J. Francisco: "Whole
family staying Manila safely".

To Mrs. J. B. Pierce from her daughter, Margaret: "Safe and Well".

PERSONAL

Mrs. Edith B. R. Stewart, whose address is now 312 Pope Avenue, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, periodically writes a very interesting letter containing news of Philippine people. We quote a few items from her February news: "A brother of Mrs. Bertha Thuman Guesel had received a cable that she was well and safe. -- Miss Marion Carter's mother has been notified that she is at Santo Tomas.---Capt. Bernard Garfinkle is in training at the aviation center in Rome, New York. Col. Norman Kirke...is in charge of an Army Hospital in Michigan". In January Mrs. Stewart reported: "Dr. T. S. McGowan (U. S. Quarantine Service, Manila) is now stationed at the U. S. Marine Hospital, Seattle, Washington. Announcement has been made of the birth of a new son in the family about four months ago. Mrs. McGowan writes of a small group of "ex-Manilans" in Seattle who meet occasionally".

We regret to report that Verne E. Miller, president of Philippine Education Company, died of a bronchial pneumonia in a hospital at Yuma, Arizona. Mr. Miller returned to the U. S. in September, 1941 and at the time of his death was helping the war effort in the Commissary, Quartermaster's Department, at the Army Air Field at Yuma.

ODDS AND ENDS

A message from Perry Burgess of the American Leprosy Foundations says that authentic word has been received that the Culion Leper Colony, largest in the world, was (with the exception of the wireless radio station being put out of commission) uninterfered with as late as August. The laboratories of the Leonard Wood Memorial were in operation. We have every reason to believe that the six thousand patients, and several hundred well workers, are receiving food.

The General Council of Seventh-Day Adventists received a report from the State Department that all persons who were engaged in religious activities in Manila and vicinity are no longer interned and have entire liberty of movement. A message from Clinton Lee also reported "food supply sufficient and health of Americans satisfactory".

The Jesuit Philippine Bureau reports that news has come through (though not by usual channels) that considerable fighting is going on at present in the Philippines. It was known that small forces had been carrying on intermittent skirmishes in one or two places in the Islands. There has been a steady increase, however, in the number of places in which fighting has been reported. According to the latest word, the Japanese are now meeting with very serious resistance in the following islands: Luzon (in the hills of the North): Cebu:Panay:Bohol:Negros: and Mindanao. It is believed that the Mindanao scene of the fighting is located in the hills of Lanao, south of the lake.

IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN FAMILIAR WITH THE PHILIPPINE SITUATION?

This Committee has endeavoured to present our picture of the Philippine situation to such branches of the Administration as deal with the Philippines. We are convinced that responsible officials in such departments are thoroughly aware of the situation and are doing their utmost to improve matters. However, almost no contact has been made with members of Congress and so it is not known how well informed they are or how sympathetic they are to our objectives.

A letter to your Congressman outlining your views may help the cause. We do not believe any demands for action are necessary but an informed Congress may be vital to appropriate action at some future date.

OUR ORGANIZATION

At a meeting of the Executive Committee in February, Mrs. Edna B. Haden was formally elected Chairman of the Committee, a post she has actually filled for many months. At the same time two new members of the Committee were elected, Mr. Arthur B. Foye and Mr. Percy M. Haight. Mr. Foye, a partner in Haskins & Sells, also was elected Treasurer. Mr. Haight is Secretary-Treasurer of International General Electric Company.

In connection with the transfer of the Treasurership to Mr. Foye, an audit was made by Haskins & Sells, of receipts and disbursements of the Committee since its inception. A copy of this statement will be mailed to anyone who requests it. Mr. Cotton, who for several months acted in the dual capacity of Treasurer and editor of the news letters, will now devote his attention to the news letters.

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The following list of names is included solely for the purpose of obtaining names and addresses of the nearest relatives of whom we have no record. Lack of space necessitates this being done in alphabetical sections. In furnishing information, please state relationship of the names within family groups.

"E" (continued)"C"

BROWNE, H.	CADD, Miss Agnes
BROWNE, L. E.	CAIN, Claude Oliver
BROWNE, Mrs. Miriam	CAIRNS, Mrs. J. W.
BROWNE, Robert A.	CALACCI, Dominic
BROWNE, Robert Tecumtha	CALACCI, Felesa
BRUEN, D. A.	CALDWELL, William Addison
BRUMMETT, Max Walter	CALGAN, Hugo A.
BRUMMETT, Miss Tania	CAMACHO, Miss Nicolasa Livera
BRUNDAGE, Jack	CAMERON, Constance
BRYAN, Edgar Robeson	CAMMACK, Larue
BRYAN, Mrs. Winifred	CAMPBELL, Mrs. Alyce Dreyfus
BUCHANAN, John Franklin	CAMPBELL, Leo L.
BUCK, James	CAPEN, Morrie Noel
BUCKBURROUGH, Mrs. R. A.	CARBERY, Charles
BUDLONG, Vinton Alva	CAREY, Clarence Vernon
BUELER, Rowena Milagros(child, 6) (BUTLER - ? -)	CARLSON, Mr. Clinton Floren
BURK, John (BURKE - ? -)	CARLSON, Mrs. Florence Goddier
BURKMAN, Charles Harris	CARLSON, Ray & Imogene
BURNS, Dan William	CARMEN, Mr. & Mrs. E.M. & family
BURRELL, Louise Grant	CARMICHAEL, Daniel
BURRELL, Nick	CARPENTER, Thomas
BURRIS, Miss Myra Virginia	CARRERO, Miss Sylvia
BURTON, Mr. & Mrs. James E.	CARSTEN, Mrs. Flora
BUSH, E. S.	CARTER, Charles Albert
BUSH, Mrs. Ada	CARTER, Mrs. Emily
BUSH, Charlie	CARTER, Mrs. Irene
	CARTY, Mrs. Eleanor May

BUSH, Mary

BUSS, Mrs. Adeline Dora

BUTLER, B uddy

BUTLER, Charley

BUTLER, Mrs. Eliza Walker

BUTLER, Mrs. Linnie M.

BUTTERY, Mr. & Mrs, John W.

BUTTFIELD, L. F.

BYDE, Eric John

CARY, Wilson

CASANAVA, Andres Escay

CASPELICH, Gasper James

CEASE, F. L.

CHAMBERS, Bunnie Jack

CHAPMAN, Mrs. Dolores; Carol Susan(4)

CHAPMAN, Miss Doreen Ellen

CHAPMAN, Mary Frances

CHAPMAN, Thomas Talbot

CHAPMAN, William John

CHARITON, Frank
CHARNOCK, M.B.; Mrs. Ivy;
Kathleen; Mavis
CHATMAN, Littleton
CHENOWETH, Arthur Thomas
CHESTNUT, James E.
CHEW, John Hamilton
CHILDERS, Ralph Leroy
CHRISTENSON, James
CHRISTIAN, F.
CITEMAN, Charles R.
CLARK, Mrs. C. H.
CLARK, Mrs. Lola Gertrude
CLARK, William Charles
CLARKE, Mr. & Mrs. L.C.
CLEMENTS, Mr. Earl; Alice (daughter)
COBB, Laura Mae
COEN, James H.
COFER, Neston
COFFIN, Clifton Stanley
COGSWELL, Mrs. Gladys Jessie
COLE, Mrs. Birnie
COLE, George Edward
COLLETTE, Alfred Boatin
COLLINS, Joseph Cavis
CONNER, William
CONNOR, H. B.
COOK, Edward
COOK, Jack
COOK, Mr. & Mrs. John H.
COOK, Mrs. Pauline

COX, Claud Giles
COX, Kenneth Evan
COYNE, James Matthew
CRAIG, Samuel Edward
CRIST, Mrs. Ann Bennett
CRIST, Lynn L.
CROCKETT, Elmer L.
CROISANT, Everett Albert
CROSBY, Miss Elizabeth
CROSS, C. F.
CRUMP, Miss Patrica
CUMMING, Pat
CUMMINGS, Ernest
CUMMINGS, Milton Weston
CUNNINGHAM, J. M.
CUSTER, Theodore Hart
CYSNER, J.

"D"
DAHLKE, Gustave and Inga
DALTON, Miss Mildred Jeannette
DANG, Donald Ming
DANIE, Amelia & Bud. (H.A.)
DANNIE, A. J.
DARGIE, David & Mary
DAUGHERTY, Rafael Matthew
DAUGHERTY, William Edward
DAVID,
DAVIDSON, Arthur Dewain
DAVIDSON, Miss Maude Campbell
DAVIS, Miss Maureen Niel
DAVIS, Roger William

COOK, Mr. & Mrs. John H.

COOK, Mrs. Pauline

COOK, Miss Rosenda Martha

COOKE, G. P.

COOPER, Mrs. G. F.

COPELLO, Thomas

CORBET, Alexander R.

CORFIELD, Miss Gillian

CORKLE, Miss Annie

CORNEBY, G. F.

CORT, Marcus Robert

CORWIN, Alva Catis

DAVIDSON, Miss Maude Campbell

DAVIS, Miss Maureen Niel

DAVIS, Roger William

DEAN, Harry Wilson

DECKER, L.

DEDEGAS, Bill (Basel)

deHANNA, J.

DE LA COSTA, Frank A.

DELPAN, Manuel Fontela

DELPAN, Mrs. Stephanie Mabin

DE MARINI, Miss Louise

DERBYSHIRE, Mr. & Mrs. F.