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NEW ADDRESS

Our organization moves on May 1st to 101 Park Avenue, New York City. Convenient new quarters in the Architects Building have been offered to us through the courtesy of the administration of the Architects Building. The building is near the Grand Central Station, and should be of great convenience to our many out-of-town visitors.

At this time we wish to express our sincere appreciation of the generosity of Starr, Park & Freeman, Inc., who have furnished us office space and considerable equipment since May 1942 in the United States Life Building.

BATAAN ANNIVERSARY

In a statement commemorating the first anniversary of the surrender of American and Filipino forces on Bataan Peninsula, General Douglas MacArthur said:

"A year ago today the dimming light of Bataan's forlorn hope fluttered and died. Its prayers by that time, and it prayed as well as fought, were reduced to a simple formula rendered by hungry men through cracked and parching lips; 'Give us this day our daily bread'. The light failed. Bataan starved into collapse.

"Our flag lies crumpled, its proud pinions spat upon in the gutter; the wrecks of what were once our men and women groan and sweat in prison toil; our faithful Filipino wards; 16,000,000 souls -- gasp in the slavery of a conquering soldiery devoid of those ideals of chivalry which have so dignified many armies.

"I was the leader of that lost cause, and from the bottom of a seared and stricken heart I pray that a merciful God may not delay too long their redemption, that the day of salvation be not so far removed that they perish, that it be not again too late".

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On the anniversary of the surrender of Bataan, no new words of tribute or re-dedication can equal the simple salute broadcast from besieged Corregidor on April 9, 1942, by a young Filipino officer, Lt. Norman Reyes. These were the words that went out from the "Voice of Freedom" transmitter -- words that still echo clear and strong in the hearts of free men everywhere:

"Bataan has fallen. The Philippine-American troops on this war-ravaged and bloodstained peninsula have laid down their arms. With heads bloody but unbowed, they have yielded to the superior force and numbers of the enemy.

"The world will long remember the epic struggle that American and Filipino soldiers put up in the jungle fastnesses and along the rugged Coast of Bataan. They have stood up uncomplaining under the constant and grueling fire of the enemy for more than three months. Besieged on land and blockaded by sea, cut off from all sources of help in the Philippines and in America, these intrepid fighters have done all that human endurance could bear.

". . . Our men have fought a brave and bitterly contested struggle. All the world will testify to the almost superhuman endurance with which they stood up until the last in the face of overwhelming odds. But the decision had to come. Men fighting under the banner of an unshakable faith are made of something more than flesh, but they are not made of impervious steel. The flesh must yield at last, endurance melts away, and the end of the battle must come.

"Bataan has fallen, but the spirit that made it stand -- a beacon to all the liberty-loving peoples of the world -- cannot fall!"

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Some 92,000 Filipino and 14,000 American soldiers were engaged in the entire Philippine campaign.

The 92,000 Filipinos included the total mobilized forces of the Philippine Army, plus the Filipinos in the Philippine Constabulary, the Philippine Scouts, and the Filipino units serving under American commands.

The American forces consisted of the 31st Infantry Regiment of the United States Army; the 192nd and the 194th Tank Battalions, drawn from Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, California, and Washington; and the 200th Coast Artillery, which came from New Mexico. There

were also the Fourth Marines, stationed in Shanghai before the war; several battalions of sailors from the U. S. Navy's bases at Cavite and Olongapo; and finally, some relatively small units of air-corps personnel.

In Bataan, these forces were reduced to 36,853 Filipino and American "effectives" who fought off some 150,000 Japanese for almost four months before finally giving in. Of these 36,853 men, more than 27,000 were Filipinos.

CABLES

We continue to receive word of more cables from Manila. A few of those received are:

To Mrs. Charles S. Dandois... "Interned together. All well... Charles Dandois
To Mrs. J. C. Flanagan from her son... "Both well... Joe".
To Mrs. North; "...Excellent health, comfortably domiciled, government officials in private residence... Reynolds North".
To Miss Kephart... "Sufficient food. All well... Edward Kephart".
To George Ode... "Hinds family and myself well... Carsten Ode".
To Mr. & Mrs. Joseph P. Whitaker from their son Charles, Vice-Consul in Manila, interned at Baldwin residence on Naushon Road...
"All well. Please reply".
To Sterling Products Co., "Advise families both well... Harold Rather".
To Mrs. F. K. Tone, mother of Mrs. E. F. Freeman; "Both well... Eddie".
To Mrs. B. G. Locke; "Health excellent anxious regarding your welfare. Bert".
To William Droste... "All the Christian Brothers are well and happy... Rev. Brother B. John Droste".
To D. C. Newcomb; "Four of us together. Well, love... Helen Everett".
To Otis Elevator Co; "Myself, wife and son well. Also Hertz, and Backman... Kermit Kraus".
To Mrs. Vinyard; "Both doing well, love, write... Dorothy Stirni".
To Col. J. H. Lapham; "All well and together... John Lapham".
To Mrs. William R. Gilfoil; "All well, love... Bill".
Major General Myron C. Cramer has received a cable from his daughter Mrs. E. C. Van Sickle.
A cable from Fred Noble; "Inform family myself Duggleby well, no word Bill one year, love, regards, all acknowledge receipt".

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

Some interesting light on the work of the International Red Cross in Geneva is contained in a letter written last Fall by Cecile Iselin Feer an American worker. It describes the tremendous task of indexing the names, addresses, military grades, regiments and dates of birth of all military prisoners. About 4,000 volunteers help. Of course, it is complicated by the large number of nationalities and languages involved. Difficulty is experienced in lists from countries whose letters represent different sounds than the Latin letters, such as Russian, Polish, Czech, Chinese. Difficulty was also encountered with lists coming from Japan, the Japanese version of American names sometimes being almost indecipherable. In one case "White" was listed as "Ohite". It is easy to understand how misspellings and delays in receipt of lists occur.

NEWS OF THE JESUIT FATHERS

A letter dated January 25, 1943 postmarked Australia gives the sad news of the death of Father Thomas J. Rochs, S. J. in Mindanao. The letter states Father Rochs was killed by outlaws in the hills of Claveria. He was escaping from the Japanese with several companions when they were attacked, and although the others escaped Father Rochs was killed. Before the war Father Rochs was a teacher at the Ateneo de Cagayan, Cagayan, Oriental Misamis, Mindanao.

The letter (which bore a censorship stamp) states that Bishop Hayes and several other American priests have been taken away from Mindanao on a Japanese ship; also that Fathers David Daly, Joseph Reith, Eugene O'Keefe, Hugh Kennedy, Andrew Cervini, John McFadden and Mr. Thomas Brady have been taken prisoners in Mindanao. Most of the Fathers mentioned were acting as Chaplains for the Filipino and American forces during the War.

INTERNEE MAIL

We suggest again that everyone write regularly to their friends and relatives, officially reported, in the Philippines. It is very possible that many of the letters written will be lost and never delivered but remember that each one received will bring great happiness. Follow these suggestions: Typewrite or print your letters; make them short; make them cheerful; keep them personal; repeat good news.

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INTERNEE MAIL CONTINUED

CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS PROHIBIT THE USE OF THE FOLLOWING:-

1. Deletions, erasures, strike-overs.
2. Geographical names in United States or Allied territory.
3. Reference to political, military, business affairs.
4. Mention of defense materials, shipping, weather.
5. Nicknames, abbreviations, description of persons.
6. Reference to Government employment.
7. Mention of money.
8. Mention of means of communications - cable, telegram, airmail, radio---use word "message".
9. Series of personal names - series of numbers.

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INTERNEWS

Copies of "Internews" have been sent to over 200 of the leading Universities and Colleges throughout the United States.

"BATAAN" - PHILIPPINE NEWS MAGAZINE

We have recently received the first issue of "Bataan" published monthly in Washington, D. C. The Editor and publisher is Diosdado M. Yap and Cayetano C. Nagac is Associate Editor. The magazine describes its purpose as follows: "Bataan" intends to serve as an independent Journal in the sphere of Fil-American relations. It believes that now, more than ever before, winning the future for the democratic culture requires plain and clear talk and discussion on all subjects, including Pacific and Filipino-American problems, which this magazine will emphasize".

The Editor has advised us that they would like to distribute copies of this initial issue to those interested. Address: "Bataan", National Press Building, Washington, D. C.

OUR ORGANIZATION

Mr. John Cotton, member of our Executive Committee and Editor of the News Letter, has gone to Washington, D. C. to take up his duties with the Relief for Prisoners of War Division of the National Red Cross. He lived many years in Manila.

DEATH OF AGNES DAY

We regret to report that on April 5th Agnes Day, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth B. Day of Manila, who are now interned at Santo Tomas, died after suffering injuries from a fire in the apartment house where she was living in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She was a student at the University of Michigan, and was married on March 19, 1943 to Dr. Mark C. Gilson of the University.

FINANCES

Sale of "Internews" has helped to cover our expenses recently. However, our expenses continue month by month so that it is necessary for us to receive contributions to carry on our work. We wish to reiterate that no charge is made for this News Letter, or for any of our services. However, gifts to help cover postage, stationery and clerical expenses are always welcome.

CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS

Please let us know if you change your mailing address or if you are receiving duplicate copies of the News Letter or your name or address are misspelled. A postal card will do.

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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:

DERMOTT, Willis John

DYER, Eva and Sister

DERRINGTON, Joseph Betalin

DYER, Phyllis

DeSILVA, Augusto

EARL, J.

DEVAULT, Phillip Loren

EBBESON, Frank Eleazer

DICK, Thomas W.

EEUFN, W. G.

DICKY, Carol E.

ECKMANN, Miss Magdalene

DIETZ, S.

EDMONDS, Rev. & Mrs.

DINSBLER, Mr. & Mrs. R. H.

EDWARDS, G.

DIRKS, Rev. & Mrs. Marvin J.

EDWARDS, H. Kenneth

DIXSON, Ralph C.

EDWARDS, John

DODSON, Mr. & Mrs. T. D.

EDWARDS, Mr. & Mrs. L. E.

DODGE, Mrs. Lou

EDWARDS, Mrs. Mary Constance

DOLAN, James S.

EISELSTEIN, C.

DOLLASON, Miss Kathryn Lee

ELAM, Mrs. Emerald Orbase

DONER, Mrs. & daughters

ELAM, Mr. John W.

DOUGHERTY, R. M.

ELDRIDGE, Mr. & Mrs. P. E.

DOUGHERTY, W. E.

ELIE, Hyman Cohen

DOW, J. Fred

ELLIOTT, Francis

DRAGSET, Ingie

DREYER, Karl Olaf

DRUMMOND, Mark G.

DRUMMOND, W. B. and family

DUCE, Robert & wife

DUCKWORTH, Mr. & Mrs. S. and son Peter

DUDLEY, Mr. & Mrs. Earl (Sue) and Baby

DUDLEY, Mrs. J.

DUFF, Cain

DUGAS, Alfred F.

DULANEY, Frank Lorraine

DUMAS, Mildred

DUNTON, Gerald I.

DURRETT, Miss Sallie Phillips

DURYEA, Philip

DUSDIEKER, Henry

DUSEK, Mr. & Mrs. Danny, legal
name NABORS, W. S.

DUSHEK, John

DWORSKY, Miss Bertha Helen

ELLIOTT, Russell J.

ELLIS, Mrs. Adel Marie

ELLIS, Mrs. E.

ELLIS, Mrs. Ora Madgelane

ELSTNER, Mrs. C.

ELSTNER, Josephine Elmer

ELWOOD, Joseph Donald

EPES, Branch Jones Sr. & Jr.

EPES, Wm. Fitzgerald

ERDMAN, Joseph James

ERVINE, Mrs. N. C.

EVEREST, C. W.

EVERETT, Harrie Sheridan

EWART, George

FAIRCHILD, Miss Adele

FANEUF, Samuel Centennial

FANSLER, Dr. & Mrs. Dean

FARIAS, Alfred Robert

FARLEY, John T.

FARNES, W. Mrs. M. & C.

FARRARON, Mrs. G.

FAWCETT, Alfred Edward, Sr. & Jr.

FEIGLEY, Irwin

FEILER, A. O.

FELDMAN, Nina

FELDMAN, S.

FELDMAN, Mrs. Zena

FELDSTEIN, Mr. & Mrs. Simon

FENSTERMACHER, Thomas Harvey

FERROGCAIRO, Mr. & Mrs. Louis

FIELDS, Mr. & Mrs. Robert

FILLEY, Rev. & Mrs. Harold W.

FISHER, Arthur George

FISHER, Eleanor

FISHER, Lionel

FITZMILLER, Elaine

FLANNERY, Mr. & Mrs. J. L.

FLAVIN, Wm. S.

FOX, Percy

FRANTZ, Daniel David

FREETH, Mrs. L.

FRICKE, Mr. & Mrs. Hermon

FROST, S. K.

FURSTENEURG, Maurice

FUXMAN, Mrs. R., Sally & Ethel & C.

GAGE, Harrison Mahan

GARDINER, Miss Elizabeth Ayola

GARDINER, Wm. Atwood

GARLEY, Tom

GARDNER, Marvin DeCastro

GARNER, Herbert Eugene

GARRETSON, Miss Alice

GARRETT, Elwood Llewellyn

GATES, Mrs. E., Barbara, Wendy

GATES, Miss Marcia Lou

GATES, Wm. Henry

GAVIGAN, Tripp C.

FLEMING, Joseph Lamar

FLEMING, Mr. T.

FLESHMAN, Mr. Robert

FLETCHER, Charles Faulkner

FLETCHER, T. A.

FLOG, Earl Herbert

FLORENCE, Paul Billington

FLORES, Joe Taitano

FLOYD, J. B.

FLUEMER, Arnold William

FOLLEY, Mrs. Mary Addalene

FONTAINE, Gordon Raphuel

FORD, Charles Ragros

FORD, C. J.

FORD, Miss J. E.

FORD, Miss Mary

FORD, William T.

FOSS, C. H.

FOX, James Joseph

GAYRES, Irene

GEBERT, E. A.

GEBERT, Samuel Mitchell

GEE, Miss Betty

GENTRY

GEORGE, Benjamine Bannie

GERSH, Myron David

GERVIE, Mr. & Mrs. C. A.

GIBES, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. (Sofia)

GIBSON, Alvin Harvey

GIBSON, Willard

GILES, Vinton Sela

GILLETT, B. J.

GILLIES, Nettie Hernandez

GILLIES, Catherine Safino

GISPERT, Mrs. & Mr. F. M. (CARMEN)

GITCHELL, Louise?

GLAISERMAN, Mr. & Mrs. J. M. & family

GLENN, Mr. & Mrs. Jim.

GLUNZ, Mr. & Mrs. Charles A.

GOBSON, Mrs. Maria

GOEEL, Mr. & Mrs. Chas.

GOEBEL, Otto John

GOLDIE, Rev. & Mrs. Wm.

GOLEMBEK, Sara and family

GOLUB, Ida

GONZALES, Mrs. Ramon Albert

GOODMAN, Harry

GORDON, Dale John

GORDON, Jerome Arthur

GORDON, M. D.

GOYNES, George Augustus & 5 children

GRANT, Helen

GRAY, Mrs. A. T.

GRAY, Miss D.

GRAY, David Laurence

GRAY, Edward James

GREEN, C. C.

GROVE, Mrs. Alice Dolores

GUIMOND, Philip W.

GUNDER, Jack Harper

GUTERRES, Deanna

HARBERER, Emanuel Julius

HAGANS, J. D.

HAHN, Alice Josephine

HAIGH, Victor & J.

HAIGHT, Mrs. A., Miss Renee

HAILS, H. F.

HAIMOVITCH

HALDANE, Mr. & Mrs. Harold

HALDEN, Gustave & Winifred

HALEY, A. E.

HALEY, C. A.

HALEY, James

HALIF, Joseph

HALL, Dr.

HAMBLIN, Mrs. D. C.

GREEN, E. B.

HAMMETT, Mark L.

GREENE, D.

HAMMON, Alfred James

GREENLAND, Mrs.

HAMMON, H. L.

GREENMAN, G. A.

HAMPTON, James Albert

GREENVILLE, Alonso (Greenwell)?

HANNING, Don

GREENWALT, Euelah Mae

HANNIGS, Mr. & Mrs. Carl

GREENWELL, William Nunoz

HANNIGS, Richard Ed.

GREER, Mr. & Mrs. J. G.

HANSEN, M. G.

GREWE, J.

HANSEN, R. J.

GREY, Doreen

HANSEN, Mrs. Vicki Grieve

GREY, Ruth

HANSON, E. J.

GRIEVE, Miss Helen

HANSON, G.

GRIEVE, J. B.

HARD, Mrs. H. W. (Marie Lucille)

GRIFFIN, Mr. & Mrs. Virgil

HARDCASTLE, C. O.

GRIMES, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Blanchard

HARDY, Beverly

GRIMMANT, D. H.

HARMON, Kenneth Erwin

ROSE, Mrs. Freda (Mrs. D. C.)

HARPER, Arthur Edward

ROSS, Morton Robert

HARPER, E. K.