

Redfields Saw War Damage In Manila

Continued from last week

After leaving Yokohama we ran into a bad storm, raged several days and night—again turning everything topsy-turvy, breaking many dishes. The sea became so rough that the captain ordered ropes stretched along all walkways for people to hold to maintain their balance, as already two passengers had been injured.

We were among the few passengers to make the dining salon for every meal. By the third evening the storm had worn itself out.

April 28 at 6:30 p. m. we landed in Manila, 6537 miles from San Francisco. On our way into the harbor we saw Corregidor, the island was barren except for a few skeleton buildings, demolished by the war. The bay was littered by a number of sunken battleships.

After dinner on the ship, six of us went ashore and took a taxi to the Riviera at Dewey Blvd., where we saw gambling in every form from behind three locked doors. Then on to the beautiful Manila Hotel, with its luxurious lounge, and a huge wing where there was dinner-dancing and an exceptionally good orchestra and beautifully dressed women, and men in evening attire. Here one of the girls in our party met a friend: Mr. M. Farolan, editor and publisher of the *Philippine Herald*.

After introductions, he insisted on showing us the sights and night life of Manila. He took us in his chauffeured car to the Jai-Alai, together its Sky Room, where the

ancient Basque (Castilian) game of Jai-Alai is played. (the J is pronounced H). It is one of the fastest games known, and most exciting.

He then took us into the club room where we partook of ice cream in cantaloupe and watched the dancers, and listened to the music of the top-flight orchestra. He next took us along the brightly-lighted Dewey Blvd., dotted in many places with night spots. From there along a section where there were many schools, universities, and other educational institutions, as well as government buildings.

Among these were interspersed war ruins in which shops had been set up. Next we went through the entrance of the Walled City which was razed by the war. We ended up at the Herald building, where we saw the machinery in action. We completed the tour by going from the main floor up the spiral stairs to the roof, where we looked over the sleeping city of Manila and over to where our ship lay at anchor. We returned to our ship at 1:30 a. m.

Next morning we took the ship tour to Tagaytay City, located on a ridge about 2000 feet above sea level in the southern part of the island overlooking Taal Lake and Taal Volcano, some 60 miles from Manila. We again came to the Santo-Lucia gate, entrance to the Walled City, built by the Spanish in the 16th century, but now a succession of ruins. From there the most desperate fighting of the last war for Manila took place. Many of the adobe walls were crumbled, as well as many of the churches, schools and public buildings. The old St. Augustine, oldest stone church in the Philippines, was the only church that withstood the war, and with exception of its roof, it was practically undamaged. Tin roof now replaces the one destroyed. Our guide took us through this old church and we found it interesting with its lovely religious paintings hanging on the walls, the old organ covered with dust and the worn upholstered pews. Leaving the ruins of the Walled City, we drove out along a concrete road through rich and natural beauty of the country.

Bananas rice fields, coconut palms loaded, mangoes, and papai plantations as well as country villages were seen. Homes were built on stilts with thatched roofs and siding. Living beneath were dogs, cats, chickens, pigs, water buffalo, and all livestock.

In the outskirts of Manila the most unique organ in the world, built in 1818, and located at St. Joseph's church, was seen. It is made of bamboo and entirely by hand. The sister played the ancient instrument and its tone was clear. Also saw a primitive copra plant, taking the oil from the

Many Plan Trips Over July Fourth

With a three-day holiday over the coming week-end, many people of the area have signified intention of going elsewhere to observe the Fourth. This observance is planned in many ways, varying with the family tastes.

Some have said: "We will hunt up a lake, off the highway, camp and fish for the time." Others are intent on visiting relatives in another part of the state, or not too far away. Other attractions as the Gold Beach water sports on Rogue River will attract several who do not wish to make an extensive trip. Crater Lake will attract a few of the newcomers to the state, it has been reported.

At any rate, from all indications, Brookings and Harbor will be pretty much deserted over the coming week-end, but will be so much alive the following week-end when the Lily parade will be held this year.

Most business houses have told the Pilot they do not expect to open Saturday, inasmuch as many of the proprietors, or employees expect to be out of town.

Those stay-at-homes should pro-

cocoanuts.

On reaching the rim you have a scenic panorama view of Lake Taal and the volcano in the middle of the lake. We had lunch at the Taal Vista lodge, served with smorgasbord, with the menu consisting of cold prawns, chicken, roasted suckling pig, steamed rice, mixed greens, ice cream in cocoanuts, fresh fruits of the islands, cookies and tea or coffee.

After lunch the natives had arranged three cockfights. The natives tie need-like knives to the cock's spurs and they surely do know how to use them. In the first fight one cock was killed by its opponent; in the other two fights they fought for a few minutes then ran out of reach of the opponents.

Upon reaching the outskirts of Manila, we stopped for shopping of souvenirs of the Philippine products. Their money was two to our one. Another full day of sight-seeing, and very tired. *More to come.*

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vide groceries for this long week-end, just to be sure of their regular meals.

Couple Steals A March On Friends

Miss LaVerne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Landauer of Harbor, was united in marriage, at 1:30 p. m. Sunday, at the Medford Methodist church, to James Fitzhugh, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Driskell of this place.

The groom was a member of the 1952 Brookings Graduating Class, and the bride was a member of the junior class. The couple is now at home to friends at 459 North Broadway, Coos Bay.

Both bride and groom were active in all school affairs, and the groom was a member of the basketball team four years, winning county honors for three years. He recently went to work as trainman for the Southern Pacific at Coos Bay.

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