

CORREGIDOR BASTION OF U. S. FORCES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (UP)—Corregidor Island, rock-hewn fortress whose guns still seal Manila bay to the Japanese, today stands out as the bastion around which American and Filipino troops will rally for continued defense of the Philippines.

The fall of Manila and the U. S. naval base at Cavite admittedly were serious; but the sting was lessened greatly by the fact that neither Manila bay nor Cavite can be of much use to the Japs so long as Corregidor remains in American hands.

The guns of the fortress, as formidable as Britain's Gibraltar, completely dominate the bay and can spew destruction in abundance up to a range of 15 miles.

War-time secrecy conceals the exact place where the heroic American-Filipino defenders will make a major stand. But there are these possibilities:

1. General MacArthur, a soldier who keeps on fighting when others think the cause is lost, may lead his forces into the mountainous wilds of Luzon island, there to wage prolonged and sanguinary guerrilla warfare.

2. Gen. MacArthur, with as large a force as possible, might retire to Corregidor. The island is only four miles long and a mile in breadth at the widest point and could therefore accommodate only a limited number of men.

3. If MacArthur decides that further resistance in the Philippine theater is inadvisable, he might attempt to evacuate men and materials to the Dutch East Indies, Australia, or Singapore.

Some experts believe Corregidor can hold out indefinitely. The island is 27 miles across water from Manila. Seven miles of water separate it from the mainland to the south, and only two miles from the mainland to the north—all within easy range of its guns.

Provisions and ammunition are stored underground. Corregidor could thus continue to harass the enemy for a long period regardless of developments on the mainland.

Mill Has Tough Time Explaining Newspaper Error

When news gets started, it is hard to stop. That is the opinion of officials of the Crater Lake Lumber and Box company, who complained about a newspaper story the other day erroneously stating the firm needs more men at Sprague River.

The story was corrected, but in the meantime it got into other mediums and more men needlessly applied for work. Company officials said Saturday the company is running on "slow bell" and has its hands full trying to find enough work for its old employees.



Eldora DeMots

CAMP FIRE GIRLS EYE DEFENSE AID

"National defense may give the Camp Fire Girl new interests and duties to perform," says Eldora DeMots, associate field secretary of the Camp Fire Girls for the northwest district.

Tall and friendly, with a humorous twinkle in her eye, Miss DeMots is particularly gratified in these times to be carrying on a program of education in Camp Fire leadership and membership extension.

The second Camp Fire law, "Give Service," holds the spotlight these days for 300,000 Camp Fire Girls, according to Miss DeMots, who points out that by stressing this phase each girl may carry out her regular program, winning honors in the seven crafts, at the same time contributing to the national emergency.

"Our purpose is to provide well-rounded personal development through group experience," Miss DeMots explains. "The girl who enters into the spirit of the Camp Fire program not only should increase her skill, but find enriching experiences."

In line with this constructive aim, Miss DeMots points to a national high school poll carried out by the older Camp Fire Girls this year to determine popularity among their classmates of "The Three-M's," movies, magazines and microphones.

"There is an educational purpose behind all the fun that Camp Fire Girls have," Miss DeMots explains. "We hope to give each member a happy group experience and at the same time teach her cooperative living which forms the backbone of democracy."

We want to bring out creativeness, originality and self-expression. That is why we have such a wide program of handicrafts, citizenship projects, nature lore, study of the home, and so on, covering over a thousand fascinating things to do.

Born in Minnesota, Miss DeMots has behind her a long pioneer ancestry from the Netherlands. She took her B.A. degree at Fresno college, where she majored in health, physical education and recreation.

Later, when she began teaching, she became guardian

DECEMBER BIG COST MONTH, SAYS TREASURY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—The treasury reported today it spent in December, the first month of the war, more than in any other month in United States history.

December expenditures aggregated \$2,557,103,354, including \$1,846,555,311 for direct defense activities. This exceeded by a half-billion dollars the peak spending of the World War, which was \$2,061,000,000 in December, 1918, the month after the armistice.

The December figures were announced as the new war budget, calling for the greatest spending effort in world annals, went to the printers.

The total of direct defense costs in December reflected the sharpest set-up since the beginning of the defense program early in 1940. The December total exceeded November defense spending by \$400,000,000 and was more than three times the size of defense spending last January.

Also, the treasury statement of its finances on December 31 showed results of the first half of the current fiscal year. In those six months, the treasury spent \$11,552,859,863 including \$8,214,186,367 for defense, took in revenues of \$4,165,910,978 and had a deficit of \$7,386,948,885.

The war brought still another record, with the sale of \$536,285,664 of defense savings bonds in December. This was more than double monthly sales figures of other recent months, and eclipsed the monthly record of \$349,818,000 last May when the defense savings program began.

President Roosevelt and Budget Director Harold D. Smith, after working through the New Year's holiday, sent out a few pages of the history-making budget to be set up in type. Those final pages were practically done, too, but were held for possible last minute changes.

Contents of the budget—a book of about 1000 pages of small type—were still secret and guarded to prevent premature disclosure before presentation to congress some day next week.

But the president already has hinted publicly at war costs of \$50,000,000,000 for the next fiscal year (the 12 months beginning July 1, 1942), indicating a total federal budget of roughly \$55,000,000,000 after allowing for non-military activities.

In 1931 she joined the national staff of the Camp Fire Girls. Miss DeMots, who has attended summer sessions of Fresno college, the University of California, University of Hawaii, and Columbia, is alert to modern educational methods and believes that the recreational setting of a Camp Fire group stimulates girls to learn through their own experience.

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Duchess Heads List of World's 10 Best Dressed

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (UP)—The Duchess of Windsor heads the list of the world's 10 best dressed women, replacing Mrs. Harrison Williams who held the place five years, it was announced today.

The duchess last year received only two votes from the 50 designers, fashion editors and stylists who select the list.

Second and third places, tied by Mrs. Stanley Mortimer and Mrs. Byron Foy; 4, Mrs. Harrison Williams; 5, Mrs. Rodman Arturo de Heeren; 6, Mrs. Thomas Shevlin; 7, Mrs. Felipe A. Espil (wife of Argentinian ambassador to the U. S.); 8, Mrs. Robert W. Miller, Burlingame, Calif.; 9, Mrs. Robert Sherwood, and 10, Rosalind Russell.

Rosalind Russell, the only Hollywood name on the list, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Mortimer, Mme. Espil and Mrs. De Heeren, replace such standbys of previous years as Barbara Hutton, Mrs. Gilbert Miller, Gladys Swarthout, Mrs. Harold Talbot, Gertrude Lawrence and Ina Claire, all of whom received some votes.

3819 ATTENDING COUNTY SCHOOLS

Latest figures released by the Klamath county school district Monday, show a total of 3819 students actually in attendance at schools throughout the county. Total registration amounts to 4409, but it was pointed out that this figure probably contains many duplications due to families moving about in the county.

Largest registration was reported at Altamont junior high school, with 422 students in attendance. Smallest school registrations are at Weyerhaeuser camp on the Greer Springs mountain and at Modoc Point, with 10 students registered in each school.

Two Accidents, No Injuries on Klamath List

Two minor accidents were recorded for the Klamath district weekend, but no injuries had been reported. Chiloquin was the scene Saturday evening for a minor collision between Elmer Andrew Peeler and Willard Hull, both of Chiloquin. The accident, which occurred on the main street, was caused by an icy road surface.

Late Saturday night, Floyd L. Thomas of Midland and C. E. Moss of Tennant were involved in a collision near Worden. Icy surface and soft road shoulders were held responsible for the accident.

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FARM INCOME HITS 20-YEAR PEAK IN 1941

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—The agriculture department reported Saturday that preliminary estimates indicated farmers received a total cash income, including government benefit payments, of \$11,600,000,000 in 1941, the highest since 1920.

This estimate compares with a 1940 income of \$9,120,000,000 and with a depression low of \$4,682,000,000 in 1932.

Officials have predicted that

farm income in 1942 would exceed \$13,000,000,000.

Benefit payments in 1941 totaled \$600,000,000 compared with \$765,799,000 in 1940 and with \$807,065,000 in 1939.

The cash income for major commodities for 1940 and 1941 respectively, included:

Wheat \$447,044,000 and \$710,000,000; corn \$369,777,000 and \$330,000,000; oats \$58,590,000 and \$77,000,000; barley \$46,869,000 and \$52,000,000; hay \$69,515,000 and \$90,000,000.

Citrus fruits \$130,870,000 and \$152,000,000; apples \$91,417,000 and \$120,000,000.

Truck crops \$397,776,000 and \$513,391,000; potatoes \$165,062,000 and \$158,000,000; sugar beets \$34,749,000 and \$58,405,000; eggs \$449,233,000 and \$610,000,000; dairy products \$1,526,702,000 and \$1,860,000,000; wool \$110,058,000 and \$143,000,000.

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Dorothy Thompson Granted Divorce

WOODSTOCK, Vt., Jan. 5 (AP)—The marriage of Dorothy Thompson, newspaper columnist, and Sinclair Lewis, author and playwright, has ended in divorce.

She won the decree, which will become absolute Feb. 1, after testifying Friday that she last saw Lewis in April, 1937, and that he had reiterated

at that time a previously expressed desire to terminate their marital relationship. Custody of the couple's 11-year-old son, Michael, was awarded Miss Thompson. No financial arrangements were considered in the court.

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