

# JAP BOASTS END, SAYS SEATTLEITE

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 2.—(UP)—Government officials today completed the process of inspecting and releasing the remainder of some 1,500 repatriates who were returned to their native land yesterday by the Swedish exchange liner Gripsholm after having spent nearly two years in Japanese prison camps.

The Navy disclosed that 30 passengers had been removed to Ellis Island for further questioning. Paul Lutey of Seattle, representative of the American President Line in Japan, said, "I don't recommend jails of any kind, but there are more than 6,000 of our people still out there, and we must bring them home safe before the rest of us can talk."

Mr. and Mrs. Bergman Lee of Seattle, who conducted "The Church by the Side of the Road" near Shanghai, said "at first the Japs were boastful, but now their morale is weakening and many believe they now are losing the war."

Miss Marjorie H. Phillips of Seattle, formerly a teacher at the mission school at Chefoo, China, landed with a group of 26 children, from 9 to 19 years old, from the school. All the children's parents are missionaries in Free China.

Some Books Saved  
Miss Phillips said the children were allowed to take their own school books when they were interned in the Wei-Hsien camp, but that the Japs sold the school library for waste paper at 15 cents a pound to the Chinese. She resumed classes at the Wei-Hsien and said that although the children "didn't get much regular education, because of the poor facilities, they learned a lot of useful things, like housework."

"The boys took to it," she added, smiling at her young charges, who were celebrating their freedom by cavorting boisterously on the pier.

Strange Story Told  
Miss Phillips said that "to give the Japs their due, they like children and were very kind to us."

Roland Harker, 31, Los Angeles, former Methodist missionary, told a strange story of once refusing repatriation so that he could remain and convert the Japanese to Christianity and of then being himself converted to Catholicism while interned in a monastery outside of Tokyo.

When the Gripsholm returned, he accepted repatriation and was put aboard.

"As a Catholic layman," he said today after his release from the ship, "I no longer considered it my duty to remain in Japan."

Repatriates Say Little Of Jap Treatment  
JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 2.—(UP)—Concerned with the welfare of thousands more Americans still interned in Japanese camps, repatriates arriving aboard the exchange liner Gripsholm spoke only in general, guarded tones today of their treatment during the two years of their confinement.

The official caution here to avoid stories of mistreatment was underscored by Miss Ruth Lee, private nurse in Manila before its capture.

"The last thing the Japanese said to me before I left Shanghai," she said, "was to warn me not to say anything which would react unfavorably on my fellow countrymen in the Far East."

Dr. George Thorngate, Seventh Day Baptist Mission chest specialist of Phoenix, Ariz., said the health of American internees in the Japanese camps near Shanghai was generally "pretty good," but added that vitamin deficiency in the food and mental anxiety caused many internees to lose weight.

Dr. Thorngate was a medical officer at the Pootung Camp in Shanghai after his internment early this year.

Long War Ahead  
"It is going to be a long story before the war in the Pacific is over," declared Dr. John Calvin Ferguson, 77, of Newton, Mass., resident of China for 56 years. He said Japan went into the war with full confidence in victory and that "the Japanese still think they can win."

Russell Brines, of the Associated Press Bureau in Manila, who formerly worked in the Tokyo bureau, said on leaving the ship: "I think the Japanese will keep on fighting at least five more years as things are going now. The vital element in the situation is their ability to continue communications and production."

Dr. T. E. Dunn of San Francisco, vice chairman of the American Red Cross in China, who arrived here with his wife and three children, expressed belief it would take at least two years to win the Pacific war.

Two Die on Ship  
Belief that the Japanese are obtaining large quantities of coal and some iron in North China was expressed by Walter W. Davis, a former instructor in mathematics and geology at Yenching University in Peiping.

Some of the returning Americans told of losing up to 45 pounds while in Japanese custody, and of gaining back up to 20 pounds aboard the Gripsholm.

# Filipinos to Stay in War, Says Royal Arch Gunnison

(Royal Arch Gunnison, former Seattle newspaper man and radio commentator, was North American Newspaper Alliance correspondent in Manila and was the last broadcaster to speak from that city before the Japanese seized it. A University of Washington graduate, he is the son of Mrs. Helena C. Gunnison, Exceter Hotel. He and his wife, prisoners since the fall of Manila, arrived in New York yesterday aboard the exchange liner Gripsholm. In this interview he tells of his experiences during internment.)

By A STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
North American Newspaper Alliance  
NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Forty pounds underweight, Royal Arch Gunnison, North American Newspaper Alliance correspondent and the only radio correspondent returned among the more than 1,200 repatriates aboard the exchange ship Gripsholm, yesterday related some dramatic incidents of his two years in Japanese prison camps.

Gunnison was accompanied by his wife, who also was interned by the Japs.

"The Filipinos were in there, fighting alongside the Allies, when we got back to Manila," Gunnison said. "The newspaper and radio group turned Quinsing for this group. The Japanese considered this to be a 100-year war, and we must, when the peace is won, supervise business, cultural relations and all other phases of life in Japan."

Beaten by Japanese  
"I was beaten across the back with Japanese leather belts when the Nips thought I wasn't telling the truth. We ate rotten fish, bad-grade rice and native spinach for months on end in our diet. We spent ten to 15 hours a day without taking a bath. We were promised automobile rides, special favors and recreations if we would write stories or broadcast for the Japanese."

Mrs. Gunnison looks forward to one Christmas present—the luxury of a warm bed. The colorful orchid corsage worn by Mrs. Gunnison was in direct contrast to the set-back eyes and lined face of a woman who stood by her husband and country throughout one of the worst ordeals faced by any married couple.

Gunnison, who passed up an opportunity to leave Manila and go to Corregidor with General MacArthur in order that he could be the last man to send back newspaper dispatches and radio broadcasts to America, told of life in Jap prison camps at Santo Tomas, Manila, and Chapel, on the outskirts of Shanghai, China.

Husband, Wives Separated  
At Santo Tomas, husbands and wives were kept in separate rooms. Once a week they were permitted to talk in the outdoors from opposite sides of a fence built of chicken wire. For eight and one-half months the Gunnisons lived in the Philippine camp where they had to feed themselves. Then they were transferred aboard a Japanese troop ship to Shanghai where they were placed in what the Japs called "restricted freedom." It seems that for more than a year the Japanese by-passed Shanghai, although they maintained military and civil control there.

Gunnison said that he had information that the Japanese were giving up the use of prison camps in but only 5 were carried from the Gripsholm.

Two died en route—the Rev. James Hillcoat Arthur, 58-year-old Presbyterian missionary, and Arthur Wood Turner, 52, a Shanghai representative of the General Electric Company.

Arnold Dewar of San Francisco, Shanghai manager of the West Coast Life Insurance Company, asserted that "the Japanese are pessimistic, now."

"They know," he said, "that Germany is being defeated, and that the time will come when the Allied power can be concentrated against them."

Exchange of Tule Lake Japs For Americans Urged  
SACRAMENTO, Dec. 2.—(UP)—A resolution proposing that Secretary of State Cordell Hull enter into negotiations with the Japanese government to provide for the exchange of Japanese in the Tule Lake camp for American nationals held in Japanese prison camps will be introduced before the State War Council today.

It is estimated the African and Sicilian campaigns alone cost the Germans 280,000 casualties.

# BIDDLE TOLD OF JERSEY 'TERROR'

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 2.—(UP)—James E. Pope, chairman of the City Affairs Committee, announced today the group had filed a petition with United States Attorney-General Biddle charging "the pattern of terrorism that now exists in Hudson County under the dictatorship of Mayor (Frank) Hague has set our city and county apart from the rest of the United States as a fascist unit within our very borders."

Pope said the petition requested an investigation by the Department of Justice of "the persistent suppression of civil rights in Jersey City and Hudson County."

The committee demanded the "relentless prosecution of all guilty persons whether officials or not, who have aided and abetted the setting forth of 'We are confident that the reputed influence of Mayor Hague in Washington will not do a full and complete prosecution by your department.'"

The Civil Affairs Committee was formed several years ago by professional and business men of Hudson County. Hague is a Democratic national committeeman and New Jersey leader of the party.

Miss Lucy Starr Leaves \$30,000, Aids Charities

Miss Lucy Hills Starr, 78-year-old Seattle resident who died November 19, left an estate estimated at \$30,000, it was disclosed yesterday when her will was admitted for probate before Superior Judge John A. Frager.

Miss Starr was the sister of the late Dr. Frederick Starr, nationally famous anthropologist and explorer, who was a faculty member at the University of Chicago for many years. Dr. Starr died in Japan in 1934.

Miss Starr left the bulk of her estate to a sister, Mrs. Helen M. Cobb of Elizabeth, N. J., and five nieces and nephews in the East. She also left bequests of \$500 each to the Seattle Y. W. C. A., Children's Orthopedic Hospital, Seattle Community Chest, Seattle Goodwill Industries and the Seattle Chapter of the American Red Cross. Other bequests included \$300 to the Seattle Art Museum and \$200 to the Seattle Art and Music Foundation.

6-Point Plan To Aid Jews Told By Rabbi Wise

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(UP)—Rabbi Stephen S. Wise today described as "inadequate" a proposal for creation of an American commission to save European Jews from Nazi slaughter and offered a six-point program of his own.

Dr. Wise, co-chairman of the American Jewish Conference, told the House foreign-affairs committee that the major step in his program would call "for opening immediately the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigration." He declared "it is unconscionable that, in this period of crisis, entry into the Jewish national home should be sharply restricted."

"Establishment of rescue camps in neutral countries and within the United Nations."

"Pressure on the satellite countries to facilitate the migration of Jewish populations so that they might escape the retreating Nazis."

"Prosecution of the work by a special intergovernmental agency, working in consultation with Jewish organizations."

"Sending of food and medical supplies through the International Red Cross to Jewish populations in those areas where it may operate."

"Permission to Jewish relief organizations to transmit funds to neutral countries bordering on Axis Europe, from which supplies might be sent to the ghetto populations."

# THE NEIGHBORS

By George Clark



"I'm the guy that joined the Navy just to get out of college!"

# Germans, Expert Burglars, Take Titled Italian's Jewels

By JOHN LARDNER  
North American Newspaper Alliance  
WITH THE AMERICAN FIFTH ARMY ADVANCED FORCES IN ITALY, Nov. 29.—(By Wireless)—(Delayed)—Just behind the lines here is a big stone farm house surrounded by a court. It belongs to an Italian baroness whose name I cannot use because she has relations farther north.

The baroness, her niece and her niece's husband live in a couple of rooms on one side of the court without electric light or running water and with just such food on the table as they can scratch from the ground or buy from the villagers. Another wing of the house is occupied by carabinieri, another by an outfit of British soldiers resting from combat and the fourth by ourselves, three correspondents and a British army film unit.

We have electric light in one room because the film unit carries a generator and the same rare wire. We also have pretty good radio reception now and then, so we invited the baroness and her two kinsmen to dinner last night. They walked around the house to our side of it and the baroness warmly and cautiously thanked us for our hospitality in a room in which she had dined and done the honors for years.

For dinner there was turkey, soup, ham, canned corn, potatoes, canned apricots and lachryma christi wine from Ichia. It was a rare food menu for us and much more so for our guests.

While the Germans were here recently the baroness and her niece locked themselves up in two rooms on the second floor of the southwest corner of the farmhouse and stayed right through the occupation with the farmer's wife as their link with the outside world. The niece's husband repaired to the hills since he, like all able-bodied men hereabouts, was liable to abduction and forced labor as the Germans laid hands on him.

Germans Took Everything  
What astonished the baroness about the Germans was their gift for burglary. She did not see them as murderers as others have done near here, but she knew them in the flower of their larceny. At dinner with us she touched on politics and the monarchy and Italy's physical suffering, but she kept talking with a sort of helpless chuckle of the way of the German soldiers. They were artillery men and missed no bet when they stole.

"They took the rugs, the furniture, the dishes, the silver, the pigs, the chickens, the cows and the horses," the baroness said, smoothing her rusty black skirt with one hand and making rich gestures with the other. "But that wasn't the best thing."

"In the room below us there was a big safe in the wall beneath a picture. We had the key and we

# DISTILLERY BUYS SOFT-DRINK FIRM

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—(UP)—The American Distilling Company has acquired control of the Moxie Company, New England soft-drink concern, it was reported today.

American Distilling recently announced it would distribute its large whiskey inventories to shareholders on a cost basis, an action which focused attention on a spectacular rise in the price of the firm's stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

Alpine Club Plane Hike  
An eight-mile walk from Bothell to Kirkland will be made by the Washington Alpine Club Sunday. Members will meet at 9 o'clock at the Central Stage Terminal, where they will board a bus to Bothell.

South Africa expects to gather 135,000,000 Valencia oranges this season, and as this is 30,000,000 more than is usually consumed, the government will buy the surplus for resale to school boards, natives and others.

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