

Filipinos Eager For Books Of America

By HAL BOYLE
MANILA (AP)—There is a great thirst in the Philippines for American books and magazines. They are the best spokesman for our culture.

The Filipinos like these silent ambassadors, because what is going on in the world, and because they don't get drunk or promise to take Filipinos girls back to the United States.

Daily, scores of residents file into the United States Information Library to read books or to gather technical information on American law and business practices.

It is one of several libraries set up for the use of the State Department's U.S. Information Service—successor to the Office of War Information—to present American achievements and thought as recorded by uncensored books and periodicals.

The Manila library is directed by tall, shy studious Hazel Ferguson of Fayetteville, Ark., who studied at George Washington University, and has been to Australia to help set up the American Information Library there. There are also libraries in London, Boston, Johannesburg, South Africa, Melbourne, Sydney, Wellington, N. Z., and other cities.

Five weeks after President Sergio Osmeña hailed the opening of her Manila library as "a treasure house of democracy and a symbol of our freedom," the Filipinos had clocked in almost 10,000 readers and her staff had answered 400 queries from individuals or firms seeking to know more about America.

SCREWBALL QUERIES

"One of them were quite serious, and we get very few screwball-type queries," she said. Perhaps the most unusual came from a local dentist who wanted two books on how to raise goats.

American army officers and Philippine students are dusty, black-hatted, barefooted boys and girls who patronize the children's corner. There have been a few cases where the Filipina women seem to leave reading up to their menfolk, but some have called to check American freedom changes.

The library contains more than 12,000 books, and regular issues of 75 popular, technical and professional magazines.

"We try as much as possible to fill the gap in material people could not get during a long Japanese occupation," said Miss Ferguson.

Specialized health pamphlets are distributed free to medical organizations, for physicians had had especial difficulty keeping up with developments in their field.

The library was able to help both defense and civilian legal counsel in the recent trial of Lt. Gen. Tomonuki Yamashita, because it had the only copy in Manila of the book on the trial of war criminals.

Homestick American soldiers and sailors are among the steadiest readers.

"Many service people come here and stay here. They work on the library staff so we can stay open evenings."

The young librarian is very serious herself, but plays no favorites among her books. She even has a kind word for the Congressional Record, which is arriving regularly.

She favorite book readers for its oratorical, if rarely eloquent papers.

"Government people here," she said firmly, "are interested in new bills and congressional action."

Belgians Report On Aid Obtained From The U. S.

BRUSSELS (AP)—The Belgian War Relief Society said the United States announced yesterday that the war Americans had donated more than \$100,000,000 in currency, and goods to the Belgian people.

Time, little Suzanne Degnan, was buried yesterday in the greyest church where in life she knew and prayed.

Victim of one of Chicago's most famous crimes, the kidnap-homicide, was born into St. Gertrude's Church in a simple white casket, carried by six boy pallbearers, school boys in uniform, who said, "We're sorry, we're sorry."

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Phone Men Turn Fire Rescuers

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A group of Bell Telephone Co. maintenance workers, kept from work by a Western Electric strike, turned firemen yesterday.

The men were standing near a telephone office watching pickets the word came that persons were trapped in a fire-trap house around the corner.

The men borrowed a blanket, and the spot where the fire-trap house was, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Phillips jumped to safety from the second floor of their home.

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STRIKE GRIPS PHONE SYSTEM

Detectives Seek Kidnapping Clues At Funeral

Search Bogs Down After Leads Fail

But Police Keep Up Grim Hunt

CHICAGO (AP)—Detectors mingled with mourners today at the funeral of Suzanne Degnan, 6, on the chance they might find some clue to the madman who kidnapped, killed and dismembered the little girl Monday.

The plain clothesmen, unsuccessful after nearly five days of Chicago's greatest manhunt, did not rule out the possibility that the perverted mind which carried the fiendish crime might lead the killer to gloat at the last rites in St. Gertrude's Catholic Church or even at the grave in All Saints Cemetery.

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Several Days Before Pearl Harbor

Kimmel Gave Halsey Pre-War Shooting Orders

By JACK BELL and J. W. DAVIS.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Adm. Husband E. Kimmel gave "war orders" to Adm. William F. Halsey when the latter sailed with a task force from Pearl Harbor seven days before the Japanese attack.

Under those orders, Halsey "armed everything and told them to sink every Japanese ship that they found."

These statements by Kimmel were made available today to members of the Congressional Pearl Harbor Committee in volume to testimony given by the 63-year-old former commander of the Pacific fleet before three previous Johnson investigations. They were introduced by the Roberts Commission and by Army and Navy inquiry boards.

Kimmel, who will give his first public testimony in the four year military disaster next Tuesday, was to speak in the bulky record to have made these assertions:

That while Pearl Harbor could not have been defended successfully, he would have given the Japanese a "party" if he had received additional warnings.

If he had had the information available in Washington, he would have sent the fleet to sea and been ready for any eventualities.

If the Army had informed him of the radar plot

made on Japanese planes retiring from the attack, Navy searching units might have found the Japanese carriers.

He "accepted the situation" on keeping the fleet in Pearl Harbor, knowing he had the alternative of putting it as commander.

The Roberts commission charge that he was derelict in his duty was made on the "mistaken belief" that he did not succeed to interpret Japanese messages.

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