

# Destitute Filipinos Sleep In Cemetery

By HAL BOYLE  
MANILA (AP) — Shantytown settlements are scattered throughout Manila and one of the most unsanitary lies in an ancient Chinese cemetery.

These quarters among the dead are homeless Filipinos who have built rude bamboo and palm thatched shelters between costly Chinese tombs.

With no superstitious awe of hidden bones that lie around them, barefoot Filipino children chuck happily in this strange playground while their mothers cook the evening meal, thoughtful of other wives reposing silently under the stones who have foregone life's luxuries and whose household fires long have been cold. Watchdogs bark among the tombs whenever a wayfarer in the cemetery passes near the bamboo huts.

It is an eerie community, but there is no rent to pay. Some quarters actually make money here. They are paid to trim memorial trees and grass lawns on the tombs of wealthy Chinese. Some are able to keep their families by this means.

Manila has a large Chinese population and it has a large and ornate cemetery.

## ELABORATE CEREMONIES

The Chinese bury their dead with more ceremony and expense than is usual in most lands and seem to remember them more in other ways than is customary in America.

No matter how he may have to scrimp to live, the poorest Chinese likes to go to his god, and that of his family can afford. He doesn't want to be empty-handed into the hereafter.

Wealthy Chinese Buddhists are interested in colorful temple style shrines that cost thousands of dollars. Their happy, fat-bellied god laughs from tiled roofs, beneath which are emblazoned hundreds of small figures in friezes of intricate carving and rainbow hues.

Christian Chinese are buried under great stone or plaster slabs surrounded by stone angels or cherubs. Many of these homes are two room, roofed affairs—one room for the dead, one for the living. The latter is furnished with a stone table and chairs. Here on the table are placed food and great meals keep the missing one company. Departing, they leave numerous gifts to be eaten on the tomb by small rocks.

During burial services, family members may be seen to eat the food and listen to music. Gay music.

Recently, two widows of an old Chinese met unexpectedly at his tomb on a holiday. Instead of a memorial picnic, there was an old fashioned hair-pulling. They had argued over his will.

Adjoining Catholic and Protestant cemeteries hold the same romantic fascination for young lovers as do graveyards in the United States at night.

Two young Filipino boys with a girl met at the tomb of a one cemetery. They sat on a tomb and serenaded a parked couple. The girl sat on the tomb and sat on another tomb farther away.

## No Vessel To Sail For U. S. With Empty Berths

TOKYO (AP) — Gen. MacArthur today issued instructions to the United States Navy to release men in the order in which they would next become available for return in order to fill all spaces on all ships.

## Japanese Diplomats In Switzerland Called In

BERN, Switzerland (AP) — A Japanese informant said today that Japanese diplomats in Switzerland had been ordered to return to Tokyo.

# NATIONAL CARBON TALKS SEARCH TAKES

## Ex-Nursery Worker's Being Sought Home's Operator Identifies Ladder

CHICAGO — (AP) — A man once employed at a nursery situated within two blocks of the home of Suzanne Degnan, 6, kidnap-killing victim, was the object of a police search today.

Mrs. Margaret Perry, operator of the nursery home, told the police this man was discharged because of "questionable habits." Investigators also learned he formerly was a mental patient at Mankato State Hospital but had been discharged as cured.

They said he formerly was a practicing North Side dentist.

Inquiry into the identity and background of former employees of the nursery came about when Mrs. Perry identified a ladder found in an alley at the rear of the Degnan home as one which had been left at the nursery two years ago by roofing company employees.

The police believe the fiendish kidnap-killer used the ladder to enter the nursery home early Monday when he took her from her bed, left a \$20,000 ransom note, killed her and dismembered her body.

The child's father, James E. Degnan, Chicago OPA official, told reporters, however, he had seen the ladder in the same location the day before the crime.

ANOTHER SOUGHT  
Another man sought, the police disclosed, was an ex-convict with a record of sex offenses against young girls.

Intensive search for the arms of the body continued, all other parts of the body having been found in four sewer catch basins Monday night.

Policemen carrying ladders looked for a ladder and every other conceivable spot in the neighborhood where the killer might have tossed the ladder.

Although several clues previously regarded as important, collapsed this held for questioning today, police officers hunted for a third ladder, wanted to interconnect in connection with the kidnapping and hearing-dissemination of the child.

HEARING HELD  
Under a ruling by a Criminal Court judge, habeas corpus hearing yesterday, the two janitors, both of whom underwent so-called "detention" tests were released, will be released unless they are charged with an offense.

Chief Justice H. G. Ward ordered the men retained by police for another 24 hours after the question of habeas corpus. Hanrahan and State's Attorney's officials pleaded for more time to question the men.



NEW INDUSTRY to employ 500 or more workers in Charlotte came into prospect when Reconstruction Finance Corp. agency here announced that National Carbon Co. agreed to pay price RFC demands for military battery plant in Hoskins section which this company intends to operate in production of civilian storage batteries of various types. RFC officials forecast that sale of this plant, pictured here, will be approved formally by RFC directorate at Washington tomorrow morning, thus ending several months of negotiations. (News staff photo by Tom Franklin's Studio).

## N. Y. Phone Workers To Walk Out

### Demobilization Picture Auto Raise Report Sent

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Telephone Company today reported that it had received a letter from the War Relocation Authority, which said that the company's demobilization plan was being approved by the War Relocation Authority.

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## Firm Agrees To Pay Price RFC Asks For Industry

### Confirmation Of Deal Awaited

By J. A. DALY  
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The Reconstruction Finance Corp. agency in Charlotte announced this afternoon that it had accepted the price for the Army Signal Corps battery plant in Charlotte, which the company operated for the War Department during wartime.

This announcement was made by John A. Campbell Jr., manager of the RFC agency here, in response to an inquiry by The News. Mr. Campbell said the company formally accepted the price for the plant, which was satisfactory to him and is in the amount which the RFC directorate previously had decided to accept in sale of the plant.

Mr. Campbell expressed himself as being "fully confident" that the formal approval of the RFC directorate will be given by the RFC directorate. He said he had received a letter from the RFC directorate, which said that the company's demobilization plan was being approved by the War Relocation Authority.

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