

helpful to us all. It was heart-warming to find these ancient civilizations of the East did feel that this country in its development was taking on increasing importance in world affairs, and that its influence was always apt to be helpful for stability and peace.

Philippines

In Manila the President, Magsaysay, was also very cordial, as one would expect, and there one did get the feeling that the influence of North American ways had produced greater effects than it had in any of the countries we had previously visited. The President was most cordial. A couple of days before he had a bout of toothache and had two teeth removed. He seemed to be most cheerful and relaxed. Some of his friends told me they had hardly ever heard him make so delightful a speech in such a light and friendly tone. I was quite surprised next morning when they told me that he was rushed back to the hospital as soon as we left to have some more teeth extracted. He certainly had been able to conceal his physical suffering, if there had been physical suffering, and there must have been, because one does not go back to a dentist in the middle of the night to get some teeth extracted unless there is something pretty painful about it.

Korea

We went from there to Korea, and I shall have another opportunity of expressing views about the situation in that country. The morale of all our men is splendid. I was very happy to find that since the actual fighting has ceased they have been able to overcome by their own efforts many of the inconvenient features that interfered with their physical comfort in the surroundings in which they find themselves. But there again, one has the vivid impression that it is the human touch of the officers that contributes largely to this family spirit that you feel between the men and the officers, and this conviction of each and every one of them, that he is a Canadian doing a Canadian job for himself and for his fellow Canadians in this participation in the joint effort to prove aggression to be unprofitable.

I accepted there the hospitality of General Taylor, the Commander of the Eighth Army, for whom our men have, I think, quite as high a regard as they have for their own officers. They told me that he treats all under his command on exactly the same footing, and that there is no difference whatsoever in his regard for those who belong to the Eighth United States army and those who belong to the other units of the United Nations who are co-operating with that army. I went up to see the demilitarized zone, and saw on our side an impregnable defence line, and I was told that what was being done on the other side was just about the same. Their intelligence is that on neither side are there any evidences of preparations for offensives being made, but that on both sides they are very strongly entrenching their existing lines. I hope there may not be any resumption of offensive on either side, because that would appear to be something that would necessarily prove to be very costly because of the condition in which those defensive lines have been put during the armistice period.