

Shultz offers support for plan to reclaim war monuments

CORREGIDOR, Philippines (AP) — Secretary of State George P. Shultz, a veteran of Pacific campaigns in World War II, pledged his support Monday for U.S.-Philippine plans to recapture this historic island's battle monuments from vandals and jungle rot.

Corregidor, a 3-mile-long scar of vegetation and rock at the mouth of Manila Bay, loomed large in America's consciousness in the winter of 1942 when its garrison — huddling in a concrete complex called the Malinta tunnel — held out against advancing Japanese armies.

Photographs of the era showed Gen. Douglas MacArthur standing at the giant mouth of the tunnel, which housed his beleaguered headquarters and a 1,000-bed hospital. MacArthur vowed, "I shall return," and American troops recaptured the island in 1945.

Four decades later, the tunnel, the artillery batteries and the barracks are being victimized by scrap-iron scavengers, souvenir hunters and the encroaching jungle. The rot has hit a memorial and museum commemorating the soldiers on both sides who died on Corregidor.

Shultz, in the first public appearance of a three-day trip to the Philippines, saw evidence of the decay during a tour of the island led by James Black Jr., a Corregidor-born businessman and historian.

Black said a down payment of \$250,000 and annual donations of \$100,000 are needed to repair and maintain the museum and memorial — a circle of stone pillars surrounded by walkways leading to a stylized sculpture representing an eternal flame. Black also wants the

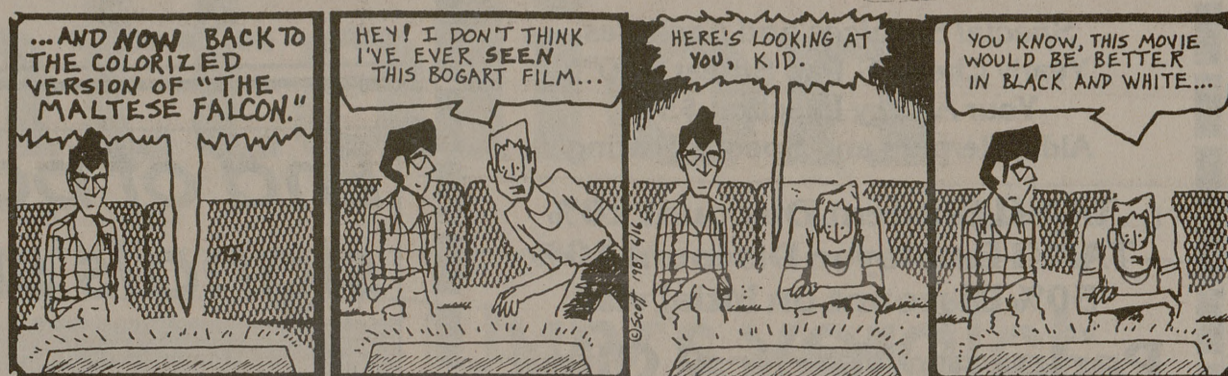
American Battle Monuments Commission to add Corregidor to memorials it maintains.

The Philippine Ministry of Tourism has a more ambitious idea. It has proposed turning the entire island into a theme park and resort that would cater to international tourists. The projected cost: \$75 million to \$100 million.

In a sense, Corregidor's battle sites and memorials are another victim of the Philippine government's economic woes: a low priority to a country that is trying to dig out from a \$26 billion debt and finance a fight against Communist insurgents.

Shultz is scheduled to meet with President Corazon Aquino on Tuesday to sign an aid agreement worth \$175 million and to hear her plans for improving the country's economy and military efficiency.

Warped



by Scott McCullar

Communists lose ground in Italy; Democrats, Socialists post gains

ROME (AP) — Voters dealt a major blow to the Communists in Italy's parliamentary election while the long dominant Christian Democrats and the Socialists scored gains, first results and projections indicated Monday.

Tough bargaining between the Christian Democrats and Socialists appeared likely in fashioning this nation's 47th government since World War II. The Socialists led the last coalition government, but the Christian Democrats have led or dominated every postwar Cabinet.

Two days of voting ended Monday. At stake were the 630 seats in the Chamber of Deputies and 315 in the Senate. Because of Italy's complicated proportional representation system, the breakdown of seats was not expected until Tuesday. Individual winners may not be known for days.

Elections were called a year early after a two-month political crisis that

began in March when Socialist Premier Bettino Craxi resigned at the head of a five-party coalition over a power-sharing dispute with the Christian Democrats.

Projections issued by the prestigious Doxa polling agency and broadcast over state-run RAI television had the Christian Democrats holding their No. 1 position in the Chamber of Deputies with 34.1 percent, up from 32.9 percent in the last parliamentary election in 1983. In the Senate, the Christian Democrats were projected to win 33.3 percent, up from 32.4 percent in 1983.

The projections indicated the Socialists getting 14.5 percent, up from 11.4 percent in the lower house and increasing by a lesser margin in the Senate.

The Communists, Italy's second largest party and the biggest Marxist party in the West, were projected to win 26.4 percent in the Chamber of Deputies, down from 29.9 percent,

and 28.3 percent from 30.8 percent in the Senate.

Communist and other politicians said the party lost votes to the Greens, who were projected to get 2.7 percent in the chamber and 2.1 percent in the Senate in their first parliamentary bid.

The trend was confirmed in early returns.

Doxa projections gave the Christian Democrats 124 seats in the Senate, four more than 1983, and the Communists 99, a loss of eight seats. Socialist seats were projected to remain unchanged at 38.

A caretaker government led by Christian Democratic Premier Amintore Fanfani oversaw the elections.

As the largest party, the Christian Democrats are likely to be asked to form the next government. But the Socialists are also expected to press their claim to the premiership, on the ground they control the swing votes.

General who defected to U.S. puts Cuban deaths in Angola at 10,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Cuban general who defected to the United States last month has told U.S. interrogators that 10,000 Cuban troops have been killed in Angola since 1976, according to senior administration officials.

The estimate by Brig. Gen. Rafael del Pino Diaz is the first authoritative figure the United States has received on Cuban casualties in Angola, but the officials said it was roughly the same as American calculations.

Over the years, Cuba has kept a tight hold on information about casualties in Angola, never referring to the subject publicly.

If the estimate of del Pino is accurate, it would mean that Cuban losses in Angola are proportionately much higher than American manpower sacrifices in Vietnam. There were slightly more than 50,000 U.S. servicemen killed in Vietnam, but the U.S. population is about 22 times the size of Cuba's.

Jonas Savimbi, leader of the U.S.-backed anti-communist rebels in Angola, said last year that the number of Cuban dead in Angola totaled 6,200 as of 1984.

Because of the absence of diplomatic relations with Angola, U.S. information about developments there has always been fragmentary and officials have been hopeful that del Pino would provide them with a full account.

Southern Baptists again grapple with conservative-moderate split

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Southern Baptists, the nation's largest Protestant denomination, will hear a "peace report" at their meeting this week intended to help conservatives and moderates patch up differences. But a spokesman says it could have the opposite effect.

"It may be that the peace report will start a war," said Alvin C. Shackleford, director of the Southern Baptist Convention's news service, the Baptist Press. "It's really hard to say. But one of the things about our conventions is that all of the messengers can stand and say whatever they feel."

A struggle between conservatives and moderates for control of the 14.6 million-member denomination has threatened to split it nearly down the middle. Conservatives believe in a completely literal interpretation of the Bible, while moderates believe there is room for other viewpoints.

The fundamentalists, who gained a slight edge at last year's convention in Atlanta, are looking to consolidate their gains this year, and a greater split could develop at the annual convention, which runs Tuesday through Thursday.

The Rev. Charles Page, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., said he is going to St. Louis with "a feeling of grave concern."

In years gone by, he said, before the power struggle arose, delegates, or messengers as they are called, looked forward to the annual meetings because they would find fellowship and an emphasis on mission work.

Shackleford said the Peace Committee report probably will be one of the most con-

troversial items to be dealt with by delegates.

More than 40,000 people attended last year's meeting and more than 45,000 attended in 1985. Less "drum beating" by both sides and the relatively small facilities of the St. Louis convention center may hold attendance down to 28,000 or less, a church official said.

Besides the issue of interpretation of the Bible, the battle is also for control of the denomination's 26 national agencies, seminaries and other institutions with budgets totaling about \$400 million a year.

The Rev. E. Glenn Henson, a leading Southern Baptist scholar who advocates splitting the denomination, said: "Two groups are hopelessly polarized. One is fundamentalist to the core, equating their way with God's way. The other is committed to traditional Baptist concern for freedom, cooperation and acceptance of diversity."

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