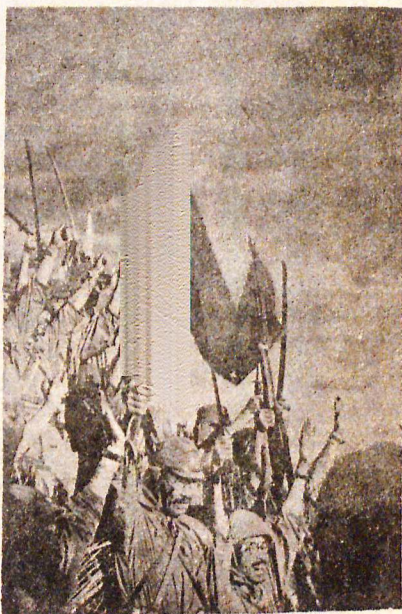


DOM to the world. The VOICE was the radio station of the Fil-American defenders broadcasting daily within the safety of Malinta Tunnel, Corregidor.

By the time Wainwright took over the command of the USIP, the Philippines was the only Allied rampart in East Asia still resisting Japan's mighty hords. Hongkong, British fortified colony in China, had fallen on Christmas Day, 1941. Singapore greatest naval base of Great Britain in the Orient, surrendered on February 15, 1942. Three weeks later, Dutch East Indies fell. Only the Philippines fought on, delaying the enemy, and gave Australia more time to strengthen her defenses.

On April 3, 1942, Good Friday to the Christians and *Jimmu Tenno-Sai* (Commemoration Day of Emperor Jimmu) to the Japanese, General Homma unleashed the full fury of an all-out Japanese offensive in Bataan. Thousands of Japanese infantry men,

supported by artillery barrages and tankfire power, pounded the Fil-American lines. Overhead the *Wild Eagles*, pride of Japan's air corps, soared and bombed the foxholes, hospitals, and ammunition dumps of Bataan. From the sea the enemy warships poured lethal shells on the defenders' positions. Bataan was doomed. The defenders, weakened by hunger, disease, and fatigue, fought fiercely, and many of them died as heroes. The crack divisions of Generals Lim and Capinpin were torn to bits, and all over the bloody peninsula of Bataan the enemy swarmed like a tidal wave.



Fall of Bataan, April 9, 1942
Japanese soldiers shouting,
"Bansai!"