

At the start of a new year the Diplomatic Corps in Paris pays a call upon the President of France /- in this magnificent Chamber of the Elysee Palace they are received by M. Lebrun. The new year brought for M. Daladier a trip abroad --- the Prime Minister with an escort of warships visited French Colonies and Dependencies. ^{From} ~~On~~ the cruiser Foch he arrived at the island of Corsica and the enthusiasm of ~~the~~ ~~the~~ the welcome that was accorded him left no doubt in any mind that Corsica was happy in its association with France. M. Daladier in his turn made it quite clear that France would ~~never give up any~~ ^{defend to the last} ~~territory to a foreign power.~~ ~~A little later the French Premier was in Bastia, and here he made equally plain his determination to defend Corsicans, which of course includes Corsican ladies /~~ In a triumphal march through the town, all the cheers were intended for the man from Paris --- a fact that was genially acknowledged by the local big shot. When M. Daladier left Corsica to continue his tour he had cleared the international air quite considerably --- he had ^{indicated} ~~shown~~ that France could and would defend herself and her ~~possessions~~ possessions. ^{against any Foreign Power} /