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## EDITORIAL

### WASTING THE LEGION'S EFFORTS

**WE** seriously doubt if the crusade against the filth and corruptions of the movies being waged by the local chapter of the Legion of Decency will result in concrete accomplishments. In America, yes. There the Legion can be a potent factor for good in elevating the moral tone of screen productions. But in Manila, what can the Legionaires do but publish a sort of black and white list of the current films exhibited in local theatres?

It is for this reason that we believe the Legion can do a lot more by diverting its efforts to the other evil influences that are fast degrading the morals of our people.

Let us take the members of the Legion to a visit of some of the "interesting" places in and around Manila. First, to the so-called "decent" hotels and eating joints which are in fact no different from the ordinary Chinese lodging houses. In a private room over a cup of coffee, X is whispering words of love to Mrs. Y. It is not so licit a company, of course, but isn't this the modern age in which married women take it as a sport to go around with men other than their husbands and vice versa? Hasn't the *querida* system become an established institution in this country, an honorable institution at that in the estimation of many people? Before we notice them they have disappeared, and the only clue to where they have gone to seek solace and peace is the hotel register book.

We proceed to a cabaret in the suburb. We find a business magnate playing rival with a P. U. driver for the hand of a dainty *bailarina*. Students, professionals, legislators, married and unmarried, rubbing elbows together as good sports. In one corner is Mr. B, prominent member of the bar, embracing a girl he wouldn't allow his daughter to associate with. In another, Mr. C has in his arms one of those cute painted dolls, too young

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# "BIG SHOTS" WITH OVERDUE ACCOUNTS IN BUREAU OF LANDS

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List Includes Gen. Aguinaldo, Legislators, And Department Secretaries

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**I**F you, Mr. Juan de la Cruz, owe the government some money on taxes or some other obligations, better brace up and settle it as soon as possible. Don't think that because the government is rich it is more considerate to its debtors and that it can afford to wait at your pleasure or until you get the cash. You may just wake up one fine morning to see the sheriff confiscating your properties, or to receive, like this writer, a letter which reads more or less like this: "Your property has been forefeited to the government for non-payment of taxes and penalties as indicated above x x x x."

It is altogether different of course if you are an influential guy, a big shot. In that case you can rest at ease, assured that no authority would dare come along to grab your properties without your consent. You will now and then receive letters reminding you of your obligations, but you can easily write back a nice reply invoking the hard times and asking for extension of time to pay. If you think what we say here is not true, take a look at the list we are publishing herewith.

By way of explanation on some of the personalities included therein. Foremost of them all, in personal greatness and in amount of obligations long overdue to the government, is General Aguinaldo. Do you remember how the old general was pressed for payment of his accounts some years ago when he crossed swords with President Quezon? Of course you do. Have you heard of any similar official action taken lately on the same question? No of course. He is now in tune with the

majority faction, you know, and that's that.

On the other hand you must have read in the papers how Commissioner Osias' salary was ordered confiscated recently to satisfy his pending obligations to the government. There was no politics in that however. It is only a coincidence that Commissioner Osias is a "pro"

As you will see in the list below the debts of these high government officials are many years overdue. But no serious efforts were made to effect their collections until Insular Auditor Jónes assumed his position some months ago. Auditor Jones is not hard-hearted; he knows how tight almost everybody finds himself these days, but he cannot escape the responsibility of protecting the public coffers. In the opinion of Mr. Jones it will be for the good of the debtor-officials themselves that their accounts be settled one way or another. "I don't think they are happy with all these obligations pending against them," he said.

In enforcing the collection of those accounts, Auditor Jones has adopted a "consistent, aggressive, intelligent and realistic" policy. By consistent is meant a continuous pressing for payment; by aggressive, the withholding or confiscation of salaries of debtor-officials when circumstances demand; by intelligent, a judicious consideration of the official's situation, as his financial condition, his investments on properties purchased from and mortgaged to the government; and by realistic, considering whether tak-

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## HEARD 'ROUND TOWN

The skipper of a "Maritima" boat who is noted for his daring on sea, listens in on no other radio programs but those of the KZIB. And how he chuckles the moment a certain Miss starts crooning, reports his cabin boy. Don't lose your gear, Cap!

It was Senator Clarin who first caught the low-number fever. His own Hudson (not the Packard No. 2) which formerly bore plate No. 31 now displays No. 2, too. Now another Boholano Secretary Torralba of the Senate, has also his car bearing plate No. 2-D. There really ought to be a law to check this—well, what's getting to be an *epidemic* with Bohol Big Shots.

A well-known handsome lawyer downtown, very recently in the limelight, is attending the movies at the Metropolitan Theater religiously. Almost every Sunday he is there *squirring* a stunning university beauty from a rice province in Central Luzon. It's possible she is getting material for her thesis which may be entitled, "Reactions to Movie Kisses, Vertical and Horizontal". From experience, you know there's nothing like learning from experience. His rich charming wife does not mind this, too, as she has her hands full with her own "diversions".

Here's a "Design for Living" for a very beautiful modern woman operating a small laundry business in Sampaloc, a doctor in a govt. hospital, and a lawyer with offices on Plaza Moraga. Doc loves Woman. loves Doc. Lawyer loves Woman. Woman loves Lawyer.

The latter, a widower, was decided to "walk the aisle" with her—was about to do so when he discovered that there was a medicine

man, who is married with five children, in her life supplying the cash. She's simply not the one-man woman kind, the lawyer learned, but to show his broadmindedness, he is helping her to stay that way. Mind, Doc?

A smart co-ed of a private university is basking under the protecting wings of a Big Shot of the same U. He gave her a job in his office (professional, not school) but her "best work" seems to be outside when they step out till the wee hours of morn.

Last vacation she posed having been in the provinces when in reality she was enjoying life in Manila with the B. S. There seems to be treachery in the house, however, for she steps out too with a Mr. E. and a Mr. N., both of the same U. Know this, "Daddy"?

A Kid-about-town whose car recently tried to amalgamate with another car has moved his hitching place to Pennsylvania Avenue, at the house of two hotcha mestizas employed in a downtown office. With another old-timer sportsman who runs a business near the bay, the foursome could be seen nights in a low-numbered sedan speeding through Rizal Avenue or the Boulevard.

Perhaps, you'd better hold your horses, Kid, because the natural laws of a body in motion meeting another body, unlike cops, do not have a prejudice against low-numbered cars.

THE MANILA MORPHINE RACKET—a smashing exposé of one of the most pernicious vices infesting Chinatown. How some Filipino physicians have amassed fortunes from the racket and other sensational facts will be told next week.

# THE ICONOCLAST'S SECTION

By Juan Matapang

## HYPOCRISY

**W**ITH this issue of SCANDAL, I am inaugurating a column of my own. For years I have written for a number of local periodicals but circumstances beyond my control have compelled me to devote my energies to other activities foreign to the writer's craft.

We are living in an age of transition, both in national and international affairs. Great changes are expected to take place during the century that we are facing. Because of the self-evident instability in human affairs at the present time, corresponding evils come to the surface. And it is but natural that in an age of stress and storm, all the malignant qualities of human nature become patent. In our limited Philippine world, for example, in view perhaps of the vitiated social and political atmosphere in which we are living, the philosophy of the double-cross is quite dominant in the relations between men. I will make it my task to discuss these evils in this column from time to time, to expose them wherever found, and to condemn the Pharises that have desecrated the temple of the people and to suggest possible remedies.

This country is rather unfortunate in several respects. Despite the rich heritage of Latin culture and tradition which the three centuries of Spanish domination made possible for us; notwithstanding the almost improvised invasion of Anglo-Saxon ideas and forms of conduct and the amalgamation of the various moral, religious, and intellectual currents in the Philippine Islands, we remain a people weak in character, servile to those who find themselves in high places, no

matter how vile and corrupt they may be, and indifferent to the insistent clamors of the public conscience for a government of laws and not of men.

It will be my privilege to expose my views in this column and to point out specific names of the crooks and scoundrels fattening on the hard-earned taxes of the people. But before doing so, I can assure the readers that these future exposes will be based on facts and nothing else but facts, uninfluenced by considerations of any kind.

There are so many so-called loyal and faithful public servants in this country, constantly fond of preaching good government and civic purity before enthusiastic crowds, but who secretly plunder the public treasury in connivance with other minor crooks whom they use as willing tools.

There are many so-called guardians of the financial interests of Juan de la Cruz who, in public, preach the advantages of thrift and economy, but who in private, throw away thousands of tainted pesos on lovely prostitutes and expensive limousines, pesos that they have stolen from the pocketbooks of private citizens through the employment of the thieving technique of high-class bucaners. Such animals are contemptible and they will have a share of my whipping.

There are so many oratorical patriots who are accustomed to speak on the subject of defending the Fatherland from the depredations of the foreign invader, but who, in their heart of hearts, should they have the opportunity would sell their country to the highest bidder.

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# INVESTIGATION OF JUDGE RASUL ASKED BY PROMINENT MOROS

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**H**OW can a government employee with but a little over ₱100 a month in salary and without other visible means of income afford to live in the style of the rich—supporting an American wife and four or five other wives with children, smoking quality cigars, drinking high-priced cocktails, etc.?

The foregoing is one of the questions that a group of prominent Moro citizens will ask the higher authorities in a petition they will shortly send to the department of justice and the governor general, asking for the investigation of Gulamu Rasul, justice of the peace of Jolo, Sulu.

Young Rasul is the romantic figure of Moroland who not many years ago broke into the newspaper columns in the United States when he posed as the son of the Sultan of Sulu. He is not in any way related to the Sultan, but knowing the fascination royalty has among the Americans, he pulled that stunt to attract attention. That he succeeded was shown by the amount of newspaper space that was devoted then to his supposed colorful personality in the metropolitan dailies, and the further fact that a young American lady succumbed to his charms. Coming back to the Philippines after two years of studies in America he acted for some time as secretary to his father, Hadji Butu, former ap-

pointive senator. It was during those years that Rasul again came out in the limelight when, through clerical error, his name was included in the list of successful candidates for the bar examinations. He had actually taken the oath of a full-fledged attorney but his license was naturally revoked when the mistake was discovered. Shortly afterwards he was appointed auxiliary justice of the peace of Jolo.

According to our Jolo correspondent, there is an insistent clamor among the masses of the Jolo Moros for an investigation of Judge Rasul with the view of either removing him from his position or transferring him to another locality. The lower classes of people there have lost faith in him because of his partiality in deciding cases brought to his court for trial or amicable settlement, it is alleged. There have been cases in which he was accused to the higher authorities in Jolo for alleged graft and bribery.

"If an investigation will be ordered by the insular authorities," writes our Jolo correspondent, "plenty of sensational revelations will come out that will justify the resignation or at least the transfer of Judge Rasul. The investigator should be however from Manila as the Moro judge has the protection of the governor's office which has time and again ignored many complaints against Rasul."

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I believe that the unmasking of these social and political scoundrels will be a distinct public service, and to the measure of my capacities, I will perform this task.

The above are but a few of the things that I intend to do in this column. "With malice toward none and with charity to all", I make this initial bow to the readers of this paper.

# WITH THE EDITOR

"The trouble with many of us Filipinos," said a friend the other day, "is that we all want to be *capitanes*." That's just the plain truth which finds instances in our everyday life. Look at our legislative moguls. After Senate President Quezon left some time ago, there was a rush of some majority leaders to a Malacañang conference to show "who's who". Even among the National Volunteers everybody wants to be major, colonel, or something higher. If all could only afford the price of an officer's insignia, as Brigadier General Clarin, there would be no more privates in that corps.

"Moncado At A Glance", reported to be under preparation by Pedro de la Llana former newspaperman now book salesman, should be a welcome addition to our biographical works. So much has been said and written about the be-degreed Cebuano, yet so little is known of his mysterious personality. We are assured that plenty of hitherto unpublished facts about Moncado will be revealed in the book, although we don't know whether they are for good or for worse—for the doctor. In either case, however, we expect Pete to rake-off some good cash.

We agree with Senator Clarin that

the total abolition of the bureau of labor as proposed by the house committee on appropriations is unjust. Suppressing that office simply because it has proved useless under the direction of an incompetent chief will be like closing the P. G. H. for the legalized murders committed therein through the inefficiency of Dr. Calderon. The existence of the two entities is a public necessity. The ones who should be eliminated are their directors, to give way to better and more capable men.

The arrest of the Lindbergh baby kidnapper more than two years after the crime was committed shows that "truth always out" and that there is no such thing as a perfect crime. It's only Manila that boasts of perfect crimes on record. Some of them: the Martin Reyes case, the Mabel Tait "suicide", the Navas mystery, the Gozar murder, and a half dozen others. They had been so "perfectly" executed that it is doubtful if they would be ever solved.

As we go to press we are informed that Director Calderon will resign from the hospital in December. This, we understand, is in accordance with his understanding with the Hayden committee which has  
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## EDITORIAL

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to be his grand-daughter. And other similar scenes revolting to the sight and conscience of respectable and decent people.

We switch our way to the houses of pleasure. If there are unfortunate souls who need most a helping hand to rescue them from the mire of disgrace and perdition, these poor creatures are. In perpetual agony they exist; in continuous moral and physical torture they pass the days and months and years, ever hoping for really kind hearts, that seldom come, to pull them out from the pit to which they have fallen. Who are the patrons of these places? No different from the regular cabaret habitués; many of them, the very men who are loud in their preachings of morality in student meetings and college convocations. Men who, by reason of their position in society, should be models of clean living.

We continue our round to the gambling houses. Around a *monte* table are the so-called representatives of the people—members of the senate and the lower house and delegates to the constitutional convention. On a stack of cards they stake their career, their future and that of their families. These are the types of husbands who consider it an expensive drain on the family purse to spend fifty pesos for the wife's or children's dresses but don't mind throwing away hundreds for an hour of pleasure with other women or thousands for a night's game of cards.

Would not the Legion be rendering greater service to the community by helping reform the conditions pictured above?

More power to the Legion. Heart and soul we are for its noble cause but let its efforts be directed to things that would give practical results rather than to the useless task of supplying us a guide of the best shows in town. The latter sounds more like a box-office proposition.

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Jose Avelino, Senator ..	₱7,000	₱7,000.00	₱119.78	₱7,119.78	5-22-33
Jose V. Bagtas, Under- secretary, Dept. of Pu- blic Works & Commu- nications .....	7,680	768.00	211.63	979.63	3-3-33
Lope Consing, Provincial Fiscal, Cebu .....	9,500	1,500.00	902.88	2,402.88	12-2-34
-do-	6,500	6,500.00	310.41	6,810.41	4-4-32
Dr. Jose Eduque, P. G. H. Julio Francia, City As- sessor .....	6,750	6,750.00	321.48	7,071.48	6-14-33
-do-	1,800	1,800.00	27.60	1,827.60	9-22-33
Nicolas E. de Guzman, Bureau of Lands .....	1,330	1,330.00	117.53	1,447.53	11-23-30
-do-	5,250	5,250.00	1,332.08	6,582.08	6-15-33
Jose Lopez del Casillo, National Library .....	11,155	11,155.00	516.35	11,671.35	9-30-32
Pablo Lucas, Director of Printing .....	906	906.00	36.04	942.04	2-27-34
Alejo Mabanag, Senator Camilo Osias, Resident Commissioner .....	9,000	9,000.00	686.10	9,686.10	10-6-30
-do-	1,200	1,200.00	9.53	1,209.53	6-13-32
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Alejo Mabanag . . . . .	11,916	4,258.00	2,502.36	6,760.36
Camilo Osias . . . . .	1,032.60	1,032.60	10.33	1,042.93
Arsenio Roldan, Judge Mun. Court . . . . .	28,795	19,179.00	8,838.37	28,017.87

ACCOUNTS OF GEN. AGUINALDO AS OF JUNE 30, 1934

San Lazaro Loan Account No. 246—Contract Expired Sept. 29, 1932: Capital—P18,008.03; Amt. due—same; Interest—P50,005.88; Total—P68,013.91.

Friar Lands (including Paliparan Lands) Capital—P218,320.47; Amt. Due—P129,363.47; Interest—P72,627.57; Total—P201,991.04.

Grand Total—P236,328.50; Installments Due—P147,371.50; Interest—P122,633.00; Total Overdue—P270,004.50.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Beginning next week the name of this periodical will be changed from "Gossips and Scandals" to SCANDAL. The reason for this change is our desire to impress on the public mind that the contents of this paper are not merely gossips heard around town, calculated to satisfy sensation-mongers, but that they consist of true stories based on actual facts.

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ing hold of an employee's salary, for instance, is worth while considering the amount of his debt. Illustrating the last point, Auditor Jones mentioned as an example the case of General Aguinaldo in which it is very apparent that withholding the latter's pension of P1,000 a month will not substantially help the settlement of his obligations of nearly P300,000.

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founds his administration far from ideal. Nothing can be a nobler act of a noble man than that.

A reminder to delegates advocating lower remuneration for government officials: graft and corruption abound despite the prevalent high pay. How much more if you further slash salaries?

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## EDITORIAL

### MALGASTANDO LOS ESFUERZOS DE LA LEGION

**A**BRIGAMOS serias dudas de que la campaña que esta emprendiendo aqui contra las peliculas indecentes e inmorales el capitulo local de la Legion de la Decencia va a conseguir sus fines. En América, si. Alla la Legion puede ser un potente factor para elevar la moral en la produccion cinematografica. Pero en Manila que pueden hacer estos legionarios mas que publicar una lista negra de peliculas inmorales?

Es por esta razon por lo que creemos que la Legion podría hacer mas extirpando otras raices que estan minando considerablemente nuestra moral.

Vamos a conducir a los miembros de la Legion a algunos de los pintorescos alrededores de la Ciudad. Primero a los hoteles que se dicen decentes y que en primer lugar no dejan de tener la apariencia de un ordinario "lodging house". En un cuarto reservado, frente a una taza de cafe, el Sr. X esta declarando a la Sra. de Tal. No es claro esta una compañía licita, pero acaso no constituye ya una nota aceptada de modernismo el que una mujer casada vaya a ciertos lugares indecorosos con un hombre que no sea su marido o vice-versa? Acaso el sistema de "queridas" no se ha convertido en una institucion establecida entre las gentes en Manila? Antes de que pudiesemos observarles, ambos se eclipsaron y lo unico que dejaron atras fue el libro registro del hotel.

Vamos a un cabaret de los suburbios. Vemos a un magnate de la banca haciendo de rival de un chofer de P. U. por las gracias de una linda bailarina. Estudiantes, profesionales, legisladores, casados y solteros, codeandose como camaradas. En un rincon esta el Sr. Z prominente miembro del foro abrazando a una chica con la que tendria mucho cuidado de evitar que su hija intimase. En otro rincon el Sr. C tiene en sus brazos a una de

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# ALTOS FUNCIONARIOS CON DEUDAS VENCIDAS EN EL GOBIERNO

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## La Lista Encabezada Por Secretarios Departamentales, Legisladores Y Otros Peces Gordos

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Si usted, Sr. Juan de la Cruz, deseara que se le diese algun dinero al gobierno, seria mejor que la salde cuanto antes. No cree que porque el gobierno es rico es mas considerado para sus deudores y que puede esperar a gusto de usted. Corre usted peligro de despertarse una mañana viendo al sheriff confiscandole las propiedades o de recibir, como el que escribe este articulo, una carta que dice poco mas o menos esto: "Sus propiedades han sido confiscadas por el gobierno por el no cumplimiento de su deuda por impuestos, etc."

La cosa varia, naturalmente, si se trata de un pez gordo. En este caso usted puede descansar tranquilamente seguro de que ninguna autoridad se atreveria a arrebatarle las propiedades sin su consentimiento. Recibira usted de vez en cuando algunas cartas recordatorias y usted puede facilmente devolverlas con una solicitud de extension de plazo. Si no cree en lo que aqui decimos, eche un vistazo a la lista que reproducimos en las paginas 8 y 9.

A modo de explicacion de algunas personalidades que estan incluidas en la lista: El principal entre ellos, por la cantidad y por el rango, es el General Aguinaldo. Recordara como el viejo general fue agobiado por su deuda cuando cruzo su acero con el del Presidente Quezon? Naturalmente que si. Ha oido usted de cualquiera otra tentativa reciente de obligarle al general a pagar su deuda? Naturalmente que no. El esta ahora a tono con los de la mayoria, usted sabe, y esto es todo.

Por otro lado ha leido usted en los periodicos como el sueldo del Comisionado Osias fueron confiscados recientemente por sus deudas pendientes al gobierno. No ha habido nada de politica en esto, sin embargo. Es sencillamente una mera coincidencia de que el comisionado Osias sea un "pro".

Como vera usted en la lista de abajo, muchas de las cuentas de estos altos funcionarios del gobierno han vencido ya desde hace mucho tiempo. Pero ningun esfuerzo serio se ha hecho para cobrarlas hasta que el auditor insular Jones asumio el puesto hace algunos meses. El auditor Jones no tiene el corazon duro, sabe cuanto apretado anda todo el mundo ahora, pero no puede evadir la responsabilidad de proteger las arcas del pueblo. La opinion del Sr. Jones es que precisamente para bien de los mismos deudores-funcionarios las cuentas deben ser saldadas de una manera o de otra. "No creo que sean felices con tantas obligaciones sobre su alma" declaro.

Al apresurar la cobranza de estas cuentas el auditor Jones ha adoptado una actitud "consistente, agresiva, inteligente y realistica." Consistente quiere decir una instancia continua de pago; agresiva quiere decir la confiscacion de los salarios de los funcionarios cuando las circunstancias asi lo demandasen; inteligente, una consideracion juiciosa de la situacion de los funcionarios en lo que respecta a sus condiciones financieras, sus inver-

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# RINCON DEL ICONOCLASTA

Por Juan Matapang

## HIPOCRERIA

CON este numero de ESCANDALOS, inauguro una columna propia. Por muchos años he estado escribiendo para varios periodicos locales, pero circunstancias fuera de mi alcance me han obligado a dedicar mis energias a otras actividades.

Vivimos en una edad de transicion, en asuntos nacionales e internacionales. Grandes cambios estan llamados a acontecer durante el siglo que tenemos delante. Debido a la probada inestabilidad de los asuntos humanos actualmente, una serie de males, en proporcion, vienen a la superficie. Y no es mas que natural de que en una edad de tempestades, se patenten todas las malas cualidades del hombre. En nuestro limitado mundo de Filipinas, por ejemplo, en vista quizas de la atmosfera escandalosamente viciosa en que vivimos, la filosofia del "double-cross" (traicion) parece predominar en nuestras relaciones mutuas. Voy a imponerme la tarea de hablar de estos males de vez en vez en esta columna, de exponerlos siempre que los descubra, y de condenar a los fariseos que profanaron las gradas del templo y de sugerir los remedios posibles.

Este pais es desafortunado bajo muchos conceptos. Apesar de la rica herencia de la cultura latina y de las tradiciones que no han llegado tres siglos de dominacion española; no obstante la casi improvisada invasion de ideas anglosajonas y la amalgamacion de religiones, moral y preceptos intelectuales en las Islas Filipinas, continuamos siendo un pueblo debil, servil para aquellos que estan en el poder, no importan cuan viles u corruptos sean e indiferente a los in-

sistentes clamores de la conciencia publica por un gobierno de leyes, no de hombres.

Sera un privilegio mio exponer en esta columna y señalar los nombres especificos de los malhechores que engordan con el caudal del pueblo. Pero antes de hacerlo, puedo asegurar a mis lectores que esta futura exposicion estara basada en hechos, nada mas que hechos, sin ninguna influencia extraña ni consideracion.

Hay tantos de los llamados servidores publicos en estas Islas, dispuestos constantemente a predicar un buen gobierno y una pureza civica ante muchedumbres entusiasmadas, pero que secretamente desbalijan el tesoro publico en combinacion con otros sujetos menores que se ofrecen como instrumentos.

Hay muchos de los llamados guardianes de los intereses financieros de Juan de la Cruz, quienes en publico predicen las ventajas de la economia del ahorro, pero que en privado tiran pesos a millares, pesos que han robado de la cartera de ciudadanos particulares. Estos seres son indignos de consideracion y contra ellos ira dirigida mi fusta.

Hay tantos patriotas de oratoria que estan acostumbrado a hablar en defensa de la patria, pero que en lo mas profundo de su corazon buscan la oportunidad de vender el pais al mejor postor. Creo que el desmascarar a estos canallas sociales y politicos sera un servicio al publico y a la medida de mis fuerzas, emprenderé esta tarea.

He aqui unas cuantas de las cosas que intento introducir en esta columna. "Sin malicia hacia nadie y con caridad para todos", me inclino reverente ante mis futuros lectores.

# INVESTIGACION DEL JUEZ RASUL PEDIDA POR MOROS

## PREEMINENTES

COMO un modesto empleado del gobierno con algo mas de P100 de sueldo mensual y sin ninguna otra fuente de ingresos, puede vivir al estilo de los ricos—manteniendo a una mujer americana y cuatro o cinco otras mujeres, fumando buenos cigarros, bebiendo costosos "cocktails", etc.?

Esto es lo que un grupo de preeminentes ciudadanos moros preguntara a las autoridades en una peticion que va a someter muy pronto al departamento de Justicia y al gobernador general, solicitando la investigacion de Gulamu Rasul, juez de paz de Jolo, Sulu.

El joven Rasul es la romantica figura de la Morolandia que no hace muchos años atras aparecio en las columnas de los periodicos de Estados Unidos como hijo del Sultan de Sulu. No esta de ningun modo emparentado con el Sultan, pero conociendo la fascinacion que la realeza ejerce sobre los americanos, ideó en esta estratagema para llamar la atencion. Su exito se comprueba por la cantidad de espacio en los periodicos que logro obtener su supuesta personalidad. Regresando a Filipinas despues de dos años de estudios en los Estados Unidos, actuó por algun tiempo como secretario

de su padre, Hadji Butu, ex-senador por nombramiento. Fue durante estos años cuando volvio a ponerse bajo la luz de las sbaterias cuando por un error del escribiente, su nombre aparecio entre los de aquellos que se habilitaron en el foro. Se calificó como abogado pero su licencia fue revocada cuando se descubrió el error. Poco despues fue nombrado juez de paz auxiliar de Jolo.

De acuerdo con nuestro corresponsal en Jolo, hay un clamor insistente entre las masas de moros de Jolo por una investigacion del juez Rasul con vistas a removerle de su cargo o trasladar a otro distrito. Las clases bajas han perdido su fe debido a la parcialidad con que decide los asuntos que llegan hasta él. En ocasiones fue denunciado a las autoridades por graft y corrupcion.

"Si las autoridades insulares ordenan una investigacion," nos escribe nuestro corresponsal. "muchas revelaciones sensacionales van a hacerse que serviran para remover o trasladar al juez Rasul. El investigador, sin embargo, debe ser de Manila puesto que el juez Rasul cuenta con la proteccion de la oficina del gobernador provincial que siempre ha ignorado las denuncias presentadas contra el primero."

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siones en las propiedades compradas e hipotecadas al gobierno; y por realistica si el apoderarse del salario de un empleado es un paso que merece la pena de darse. Como un ejemplo de esto ultimo, el audi-

tor Jones menciona el caso del General Aguinaldo en el que es aparente que confiscando la pension de P1,000 mensuales de este, no podria ayudar substancialmente al pago de sus deudas, que ascienden a unos P300,000.00.

# OJOS Y OIDOS

## DEL REPORTER

Un conocido abogado de Manila que se puso recientemente a la luz de las baterías asiste religiosamente a las funciones de cine del Metropolitan. Casi todos los domingos el esta allí esperando a una belleza universitaria de una rica provincia arrocerá en el Centro de Luzon. Quizás ella esta recopilando material para su tesis: "Reacción al Beso Cinematografo, Vertical y Horizontal." Por experiencia, ustedes saben que nada hay mas valioso que eso. Su rica y encantadora esposa no se mete en esto, puesto que esta muy ocupada con otro sugeto.

He aquí un *Deseño de Vida* para una muy moderna y hermosa mujer que esta manejando un pequeño negocio de lavandería en Sampaloc, un doctor de un hospital del gobierno y un abogado con oficina en la Plaza Moraga. El medico ama a la mujer, la mujer ama al medico, el abogado ama a la mujer, la mujer ama al abogado.

Ese ultimo, un viudo, estaba decidido a casarse con ella, pero que podía hacer cuando descubrio que había por entre medio un medico casado y con cinco hijos y con dinero? Ella no es de la clase de mujer "para uno" segun supo el abogado, pero para demostrar su amplitud de criterio, la sigue ayudando. Que le parece, Doctor?

El capitán de un barco de la "Maritima" que se distingue por su bravura en el mar, no goza otra cosa mas que oír el radio a través de la estación KZIB. Y como se deleita oyendo cantar a la Srta.... Este nos informa su muchacho... No pierda la cabeza, Capitán...

Fue el senador Clarin el primero que cogió la fiebre de los números bajos. Su propio Hudson (no el

Packard No. 2) que antes llevaba el 31 ahora tiene el No. 2. Ahora el secretario Torralba, del Senado, lleva en su coche el No. 2-D. Debía haber una ley que pusiese coto a esta epidemia que parece predominar entre los grandes políticos de Bohol.

Una elegante coed de una universidad privada esta cobijada bajo las alas protectoras de un pez gordo de la misma universidad. El le dio un trabajo en la oficina (profesional, no escolar) pero su mejor trabajo parece estar afuera, en horas no laborables.

En las vacaciones pasadas ella hizo como que se iba a provincias pero en realidad paso un buen rato con su amigo en Manila. Parece sin embargo que el asunto huele a traición porque ella alterna con el Sr. E. y el Sr. N. ambos de la misma institución. Lo sabra el papa?

El automovil de un joven "sportsman" que recientemente quiso fundirse con otro coche ha trasladado su nido de amor a la Avenida Pennsylvania, en casa de dos mestizas "hotcha" empleadas en una oficina de la Capital. Con otro antiguo sportsman que tiene su negocio cerca de la bahía, los cuatro van por las noches en un berlina por la Avenida Rizal o el Boulevard.

Mejor sera que te refrenes, joven, porque las leyes naturales de un cuerpo en movimiento que choca con otro cuerpo, a diferencia de los policías, no guardan prejuicio contra números bajos.

La lluvia es realmente una bendición para un profesor y una dormitoriana en Sampaloc—ya sabeis, esas cortinas cerradas en una carromata, cuando esta lloviendo. En días claros ellos cogen un autobus.



## CON EL EDITOR

“Lo malo que tenemos los filipinos” comentó un amigo el otro día, “es que todos queremos ser capitanes”. Esta es la pura verdad con respecto de muchas fases de nuestra vida diaria. Fijense en nuestros mogules legislativos. Cuando el Presidente Quezon se marchó hace algunos meses, inmediatamente hubo una avalancha de visitas a Malacañang de parte de algunos líderes de la mayoría para demostrar “quien es quien”. Aun entre los Voluntarios Nacionales todos quieren ser comandante, coronel o algo más alto. Si todos pudiesen costearse las insignias de oficial, como el brigadier general Clarin, no habrían soldados.

“Moncado A Grandes Rasgos” se dice que esta en preparación por Pedro de la Llana, experiodista y ahora agente de libros. Esto va a ser una valiosa adición a nuestra bibliografía. Tanto se ha dicho de este famoso cebuano y sin embargo tan poco se sabe de su misteriosa personalidad. Estamos seguros que muchos detalles sobre Moncado, hasta ahora ignorados van a ser revelados aunque no sabemos si buenos o malos para el doctor. En ambos casos, sin embargo, esperamos que Pete gane bastante.

Convenimos con el Senador Clarin que la total abolición de la oficina del Trabajo como propuso el comite de presupuestos de la Camara, es injusto. Suprimir esta oficina por el mero hecho de que parezca inútil bajo la dirección de un jefe incompetente seria lo mismo que cerrar el Hospital General por los asesinatos legalizados cometidos por la ineficiencia del Dr. Calderon. La existencia de ambas entidades es una necesidad publica. Los que deben ser eliminados son los directores para dar paso a otros más eficientes.

El arresto de los secuestradores del hijo de Lindbergh dos años después de cometido el delito prueba que la “verdad siempre se abre paso” y que no existe eso que llaman crimen perfecto. Probablemente es solo Manila la que puede vanagloriarse de contar con crímenes perfectos. He aquí algunos: el caso de Martin Reyes, el de “suicidio” de Mabel Tait, el misterio de Navas, el asesinato de Gozar y otra media docena más. Han sido estos tan “perfectamente” cometidos que es dudoso que puedan ya resolverse.

Estando en maquinas ya llega a nosotros la noticia de que el director Calderon va a dimitir en diciembre. Esto, según tenemos entendido está de acuerdo con su convenio con el comite de Hayden que hallo que su administración esta lejos de ser una ideal. Nada puede haber más noble de un hombre noble que hacer lo que el va a hacer.

Un recordatorio para los delegados que abogan por menor remuneración para funcionarios del gobierno: el graft y la corrupción campean por sus respetos a pesar de los grandes sueldos. Que tal si los sueldos se reducen?

El fiscal de la ciudad siempre ha sabido que el decir la buenaventura con miras de lucro siempre es ilegal. El ó por lo menos algunos de sus auxiliares habrán leído los anuncios en un periodico local de un americano que parece como un místico hindu, y ofreciendose a leer la suerte por cierta cantidad. Y sin embargo solamente se tomó acción contra el mismo cuando uno de los ofendidos acudio a presentar una denuncia ante la fiscalia. Que pasaria si un policia ve cometerse un crimen y no interviene hasta que alguno presente una denuncia?

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esas pintadas muñecas de carne y hueso demasiado joven para no ser su nieta. Y otras escenas que matarian el entusiasmo del Presidente Bocobo.

Ahora vamos a las casas de mala reputacion. Si hay algunas criaturas que merezcan mayor compasion y proteccion de la sociedad, son estas que reinan en los salones de la prostitucion. Viven en una perpetua agonía; torturas morales y fisicas incontables pesan sobre ellas, siempre ansiando una mano salvadora que las saque del cieno donde se revuelcan un día tras otro día, un mes tras otro mes, un año tras otro año. Quienes son los patrocinadores de estos lugares? Los mismos que acuden a los cabarets; aquellos que vociferan en favor de la moral en catedras y tribunas, aquellos que por el puesto que tienen en la sociedad deben ser ejemplos de pureza.

Seguimos nuestra recorrida visitando casas de juego. Alrededor de una mesa estan los llamados representantes del pueblo—miembros del senado y de la camara y delegados a la asamblea constituyente. Sobre unas cartas ponen su honor, su futuro y el de su familia. Allí estan esos maridos que no vacilan en negar a su mujer veinte pesos para un vestido pero tiran cien sobre una carta.

Acaso la Legion de la Decencia no puede ayudar mas a la comunidad tratando de currar algunas de estas llagas que acabamos de exponer?

Mas poderes a la Legion. De corazon nos adherimos a ella, pero que sus esfuerzos tiendan a conseguir fines practicos, no a suministrarnos una lista de las mejoras peliculas que se exhiben. Esto sueña a una publicidad gratuita para los cines.

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The city fiscal has always known that telling fortunes for profit or gain is illegal. He, or at least some of his assistants, must have read the "ads" in a local paper of an American posing as a Hindu mystic, offering to forecast anyone's fortune for a certain amount. Yet, action was

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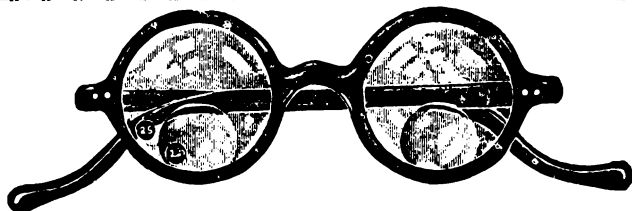
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