

"BIG SHOTS" WITH OVERDUE ACCOUNTS IN BUREAU OF LANDS

List Includes Gen. Aguinaldo, Legislators, And Department Secretaries

IF 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 forfeited 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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SAN LAZARO LOAN ACCOUNTS

	Total Principal or Installments Out- standing-July 31, 1934	Amounts Already Due As of July 31, 1934 Cantidades Vencidas Ya el 31 de Julio de 1934	Date of Expira- tion of Contract on Loans
	Principal Total ó Plazos Devenga- dos-31 de 1934	Loan principal or installments Principal ó Pla- zos de los Pres- tamos	Fechas de Venci- miento de Cen- tratos Sobre Prestamos
Jose Avelino, Senator ...	₱7,000	₱7,000.00	5-22-33
Jose V. Bagtas, Under- secretary, Dept. of Pu- blic Works & Commu- nications	7,680	768.00	3-3-33
Lope Consing, Provincial Fiscal, Cebu	9,500	1,500.00	12-2-34
	6,500	6,500.00	4-4-32
	6,750	6,750.00	6-14-33
Dr. Jose Eduque, P. G. H. Julio Francia, City As- sessor	1,800	1,800.00	9-22-33
Nicolas E. de Guzman, Bureau of Lands ...	1,330	1,330.00	11-23-30
-do-	5,250	5,250.00	6-15-33
Jose Lopez del Casillo, National Library	11,155	11,155.00	9-30-32
Pablo Lucas, Director of Printing	906	906.00	2-27-34
Alejo Mabanag, Senator Camilo Osias, Resident Commissioner	9,000	9,000.00	10-6-30
Cirilo B. Santos, Prov. Governor, Bulacan ...	1,200	1,200.00	6-13-32
	10,500	10,500.00	10-10-32
		₱119.78	
		211.63	
		902.88	
		310.41	
		321.48	
		27.60	
		117.53	
		1,332.08	
		516.35	
		36.04	
		686.10	
		9.53	
		2,844.17	
		₱7,119.78	
		979.63	
		2,402.88	
		6,810.41	
		7,071.48	
		1,827.60	
		1,447.53	
		6,582.08	
		11,671.35	
		942.04	
		9,686.10	
		1,209.53	
		13,344.17	

SALES OF FRIAR LANDS

Pedro F. Espiritu, Prov. Governor, Cavite	4,195	4,195.00	2,308.35	6,503.35
Rufino Luna	1,522	1,522.00	60.88	1,582.88
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?