

Activities Of The Local Governments And Their Officials

*Minutes of the Conference of Provincial Governors and City Mayors
held in Manila from October 4 to 9, 1948
(Continued from May number)*

NO. 29.

WHEREAS, this Body is cognizant of the numerous differences relative to the appointment of teachers in the Public School System between the Division Superintendents of Schools on one hand and the Provincial Governors and/or City Mayors on the other hand;

WHEREAS, to efficiently carry out the purposes and aims of the public school system, it is imperative, that Governors and/or City Mayors should work in a spirit of mutual help and cooperation, if not as one;

WHEREAS, to iron out such differences or to forestall subsequent differences that may arise, a policy in the matter of appointing teachers be adopted;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises, the Conference of Provincial Governors and City Mayors has

Upon motion by Governor Felipe Azcua of Zamboanga

RESOLVED, as it hereby resolves, to request the Honorable, the Secretary of Education, Manila, to instruct the Division Superintendent of Schools to get the recommendation of the Provincial Governors and/or City Mayors relative to the appointment of teachers in their respective divisions.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to forward copy of this resolution to the Honorable, the Secretary of Education, Manila, for his information and appropriate action, furnishing copies hereof to all Members of this Convention.

Carried.

NO. 30

WHEREAS, in order to fully achieve the aims of which this Convention was called and to fully carry out the plans of this Convention as embodied in each resolution, a Committee need be formed for the purpose of working for the approval of all the resolutions passed

during the 1st convention and of this convention;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premise, this Body has

Upon motion of Mayor Esteban Mayo of Lipa City

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to create a Committee to be called "Committee on Action" to work for the approval and carrying out of all the resolutions passed during the first convention and those of the present convention of Provincial Governors and City Mayors.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the committee thus created shall compose of the following:

Governor Enrique Braganza of Pangasinan, Chairman; Governor Sixto Antonio of Rizal, Member; Mayor Ponciano Bernardo of Quezon City, Member.

RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish copies of this resolution to the Chairman and Members of the Committee on Action created by this resolution for their information and guidance.

Carried.

NO. 31

WHEREAS, that on the morning of September 15, 1948, while the Provincial Governor of Laguna was in the office of Mr. Jose C. Aguila, Division Superintendent of Schools, for the purpose of conferring with said official on matters affecting school affairs, and while the Governor was making query relative to some school problems, the Division Superintendent was apparently very discourteous in his reply, so the conference developed into a heated discussion;

WHEREAS, in the course of the discussion, Mr. Aguila uttered insulting remarks to the Governor which offended not only the humble person of the Governor but also the majesty of the authority of the Chief Executive

of the Province, and then and there Mr. Aguila attempted to draw his revolver, but cooler heads intervened and prevented the premeditated criminal design against the person of the Governor;

WHEREAS, such behavior of the Division Superintendent of Schools shows lack of courtesy in his dealing with his fellowmen, much less with the Chief Executive of the Province, a showing of his unbecoming a respectful public official—such act evidently cannot be tolerated;

WHEREAS, with the present state of affairs existing between the Governor and the Division Superintendent of Schools in the person of Mr. Aguila, the cooperation, unity and harmony, so indispensable in the accomplishment of the fundamental objectives for which this administration has been devised cannot be achieved, and based on this fact, these two responsible officials cannot stand side by side with the other officials of the province and work and cooperate together for the benefit and welfare of the whole province of Laguna, consequently one must step out to preserve the cooperative spirit, harmony and unity among the officials in the execution of a common plan;

WHEREAS, the Governor being elected by the people, and by the dictates of the law, he must stay until his term of office expires, and so the only alternative in a conflict of this nature is the one who holds office by the grace of an appointment must necessarily step out for the good of the service, so much so, that the people may be fortunately blessed with peace and the full promise of real security and genuine stability;

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the foregoing considerations the Conference of Provincial Governors and City Mayors has

Upon motion of Governor Felipe Azcuna of Zamboanga

RESOLVED, as it hereby resolves, to request as it hereby earnestly requests the Honorable, the Secretary of Education and the Director of Public Schools, Manila, that for the good of

the service, Mr. Jose C. Aguila be immediately transferred from the province of Laguna.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this Body renew as it hereby renews its pledge of cooperation and loyalty to your program of sound and good government in dealing with the public school system.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished the Honorable, the Secretary of Education, the Director of Public Schools, Manila, and Honorables, Congressman Barretto and Fernandez of Laguna, for their information and action.

Carried.

NO. 32

WHEREAS, alien properties such as land, buildings, and other improvements, have been confiscated from the enemies during the last war and turned over to the Philippine Government;

WHEREAS, Provincial and City governments in whose jurisdiction those alien properties are situated, have urgent and important uses for them;

WHEREAS, housing facility for the poor and under-privileged is now a recognized function and responsibility of the government; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of provincial governments to subdivide these alien lands, if acquired, and distribute them at reasonable prices as lots to the poor and the homeless, or to construct low cost housing on them to be either sold at low installment payments, or rented to poor and low income employees or residents;

WHEREAS, it has come to our knowledge that these alien properties are being sold to private parties through competitive bidding thereby making it necessary for the provincial or city governments to purchase these lands from private parties, or acquire other land at a high price whenever acquisition becomes necessary;

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the foregoing consideration the Conference of Provincial Governors and City Mayors has

Upon motion by Mayor Ponciano Bernardo of Quezon City, be it

RESOLVED, as it hereby resolves, by the Convention of Provincial Governors and City Mayors now assembled, to request His Excellency, President Elpidio Quirino, to donate any or all alien properties confiscated from the enemies of the last war to the provincial or city governments concerned.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to forward copies of this resolution to His Excellency, the President, thru the Honorable, the Secretary of the Interior, Manila, for proper action.

Carried.

No. 33

WHEREAS, the economic stability of the country depends in large measure upon the development of infant industries and strengthening of industrial establishments designed to help rehabilitate the economic life of the people;

WHEREAS, the Rehabilitation Fin-

ance Corporation was founded among other things to extend loans to industrial establishments needing financial help in order to enable them to stand on their own feet and be able to contribute to the general welfare of the people;

WHEREAS, the present policy adopted by the said Rehabilitation Finance Corporation regarding loans granted to industrial concerns is very severe in that it allows only a maximum period of five years within to pay such loans granted in addition to impossible requirements;

WHEREAS, the short period of five years is not enough to put industrial establishment into profitable enterprises or develop infant industries into successful business concerns that can help promote the economic welfare of the people;

WHEREAS, the said Rehabilitation



Corporation is granting long term loans to private individuals for the construction of their homes or their houses designed for rent;

WHEREAS, we find no justification for the Rehabilitation Finance Corporation to adopt stern measures on industrial loans which discourage development of infant industries;

On motion by Governor Perfecto Faypon of Ilocos Sur, the Conference of Provincial Governors and City Mayors

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to request the Board of Governors of said Rehabilitation Finance Corporation to revise its adopted policy by granting more liberal and longer term of loans to industrial establishments in order to accelerate the economic development and industrialization of the country and in order to avoid the suspicion that said bank is discriminating against small industrial ventures.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to furnish copies of this resolution to His Excellency, the President of the Philippines and to the Honorable Members of the Board of Governors of the Rehabilitation Finance Corporation for such action as they may wish to adopt in an effort to encourage the development of infant industries and industrial establishments requiring help from the government.

Carried.

No. 34

WHEREAS, this Body is cognizant of the acute unemployment problem that presently grips the whole country;

WHEREAS, the Government should find a way to ameliorate such situation by providing work for those who are unemployed;

WHEREAS, one of the ways by which the Government can provide jobs or work for the unemployed is by the undertaking of public works projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises, this Body has

Upon motion of Mayor Ponciano Bernardo of Quezon City, unanimously

RESOLVED, as it hereby resolves, to request the Honorable, the Secretary

of Public Works and Communications, Manila, to release all funds for public works.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to forward this resolution to the Honorable, the Secretary of Public Works and Communications, Manila, for his information and favorable consideration.

Carried.

No. 35

WHEREAS, this Body is cognizant of the fact that our native industries are not receiving sufficient protection from foreign competition;

WHEREAS, it is fully imperative that our native industries should be developed to the fullest extent, a condition necessary to have a balanced national economy;

WHEREAS, to achieve these ends native industries should receive impetus in the form of an association the sole purpose of which is the protection of such industries;

WHEREAS, before the last World War there has been an association formed for the above-mentioned purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises this Body has

Upon motion of Governor Faypon of Ilocos Sur, unanimously

RESOLVED, as it hereby resolves, to request the Honorable, the Secretary of Commerce and Industry, Manila, to revive the National Economic Protectionism Association (NEPA).

RESOLVED FURTHER, to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honorable, the Secretary of Commerce and Industry, Manila, for his information and kind consideration.

(To be continued)

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