

Philippine Safety Council

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IN connection with Civil Defense and Disaster Organization matters, the Council is pleased to report that it has been named as a member of the National Advisory Council on civil defense on the National Government level. On the City of Manila level, your writer has been appointed as Technical Advisor on Civil Defense Matters, with special attention to be devoted

to business firms, utilities, transportation groups, and security and traffic factors. This will of course provide an even closer liaison between the "Cee-Dee" movement and commercial and industrial companies.

In response to urging by the Council and others, the dormant National Traffic Commission has been reactivated, but under the same organizational plan as before. The group is still advisory in nature and is composed largely of representatives of non-technical groups. The Council Board is meeting frequently to formulate its program in connection with the Commission activities. The

Council President represents the body.

Safety inspections of 22 Manila movie houses, all members of the Manila Theater Association, have begun. Particular attention is paid to fire-protection factors, emergency evacuation, training of personnel in fire- and panic-control, and prevention of overcrowding. The public will note much on this program in the near future.

The first week of March is "Fire-Prevention Week". All Council and Chamber members are asked to observe suggested rules which will appear in the press and will be distributed to firms by mail. Our technical staff is available to conduct a "Fire-Protection Rally" for your employees on your premises without charge, upon request.

Members continue to express keen interest in security matters. As a result, many firms have greatly improved the efficiency and reliability of their guard forces. Special lectures are being conducted several times monthly on vital phases of security-guard duties. This phase of safety has shown definite promise wherever management has taken special interest.

Several firms have recently enrolled in the safety movement, including Manila Gas Corp., Tide Water Associated Oil Co., Selecta Restaurant, Shriro (Phil.) Inc., Bireley's California Orange, Ltd., Philippine Amusement Enterprises, Filipro (Nestle's Products) Inc., Pacific Engineering Corp., A. C. Esquerro & Co., and Mr. Ray Higgins.

The Council urges the support of the 1955 Fund Drive of the Philippine National Red Cross, a PSC honorary member, which has greatly assisted the "national safety movement." A vigorous Home-Safety Campaign will get underway next month in conjunction with the PNRS, PTA groups, women's clubs, and scout troops.

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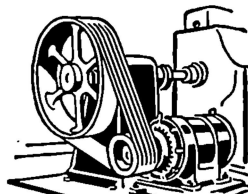
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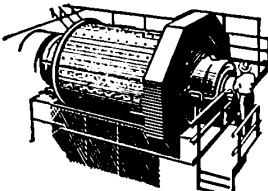
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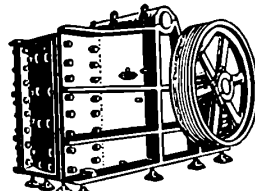
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The Director of the Civil Defense and Disaster Organization for the City of Manila has appointed Mr. Frank S. Tenny as Technical Adviser and as Chairman of the *Commercial and Industrial Firms Protection Committee*. Detailed data on the work of this Committee, of importance to all Chamber members, will soon be distributed.