

P600 for Our Short-Story Writers

Amount May Increase; Watch For Announcement

One of the purposes of *The Nation* is to encourage national literature in all the language vehicles existing in the Philippine Islands. But as English is the language of this magazine, for the present, encouragement is offered to the revival and development of the Filipino short-story in English.

The managements of *The Nation* and *The Filipino Observer* have joined to set aside the sum of Six Hundred Pesos to be used in payment of and given in prizes to the best short-stories submitted to both magazines from the month of June, 1945, up to December 1, 1945.

All stories published by both *The Nation* and *The Observer* will be given compensation at regular rates. On December 3, 1945, all manuscripts submitted, both published and unpublished, will be turned over to a Board of Judges who will make a decision as to which are the prize-winning stories. The remainder of the P600 appropriation not spent in payment of published manuscripts will be apportioned to the first three best short-stories of the year.

Efforts are being made towards increasing the prize fund by soliciting the aid of Filipino and American philanthropists and literati. If the prize purse should reach an appreciable amount, either the first prize will be larger or more manuscripts will be given prizes.

We are soliciting the aid of the public in suggesting as to who would be interested to donate to the prize fund and as to how the prizes should be distributed. There is much time yet before December, 1945. Write us what you think.

Manuscripts already received:
The Story of a Meeting, by Emilio F. Constantino (*Observer*).
Your Eyes Are Old, by S. Lioanag (*Observer*).

Behind the Shimbu Line, by Geronimo D. Sicam (*Nation*).

Between Two Worlds, by Amado Q. Viray.

Leticia, by Gerardo S. Dy.
Whisky, by Pacifico Canlas.
Father, We Are Hungry, by Oscar de Zuñiga.

Any theme in relation to the Filipino or the American, except the low and the indecent, is acceptable. No bars are put against form. Substance and moral and spiritual background are required without prejudice to art.—

New Job For Stettinius

Washington announced that the President has accepted the resignation of Edward R. Stettinius jr. as Secretary of State who in turn accepted his new appointment as United States representative in the United Nations when the new organization comes into being. President Truman highly praised the services of Stettinius in the State Department and in the recent Uninations Conference in Frisco.

Board Exams Held Valid

The different Board of Examiners for Engineers and Architects recently appointed by the Executive have decided that the Board examinations held during the Nip occupation are valid. The Board of Medical Examiners and the Supreme Court are expected to announce shortly their decision in the case of physicians and lawyers who took the corresponding examinations in the same period.

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