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bureaucracy remain unattended and unremedied," Senator Roxas declared.

In explaining the measure, Senator Roxas declared that since in a democracy the bureaucracy exists for the citizens, his rights and interests are both ensured and enhanced when bureaucratic weaknesses are brought to official and public notice through the instrumentality of a truly independent and competent investigator with sufficient access to relevant and vital information.

The Office of the Citizen's Counsel, which is patterned after the Office of Ombudsman in Scandinavian states, shall have jurisdiction to investigate on a complaint by any person or on his own motion, any administrative act of a government agency when he has reasons to believe that such act may be (a) unjust, unreasonable, oppressive or improperly discriminatory even through in accordance with law; (b) under a mistake of law or fact, partly or wholly; (c) without adequate statement of reasons; (d) based on grounds that are improper or irrelevant; (e) done inefficiently; (f) in conflict with law; or (g) otherwise erroneous.

"Similarities can be seen between the office herein proposed and the offices created in the past under the Office of the President through executive orders but unlike the latter previous offices, the Office of the Citizen's Counsel shall be a permanent and independent office that will not be under the Office of the President nor of any other office," Senator Roxas emphasized.

He added that the experiences of the Integrity Board of President Quirino, the PCAC of President Magsaysay, the PCAPE of President Garcia, and the PAGCOM of President Macapagal, offices which were created by their respective administrations and later abolished, shows that insulation from politics is basic to the efficient and effective performance of these various government agencies.

In sponsoring the measure, Senator Roxas stated: "Two considerations, at least, stress the great need for the Office which this bill seeks to create. The more evident of these is, of course, the very prevalent problem of graft in the government. The stench of immorality blights many parts of the governmental structure. Covetous bureaucrats continue to deprive the citizen of the kind of government service he needs and deserves.

"The other consideration goes even deeper than the problem of graft. It arises from the greatly involvement of the affairs of the citizens.

"Today, administrative agencies, because of the vastly expanded demand for government services, have grown in number, powers and functions. Set against this growth of the bureaucracy, the exist-

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FROM THE HILLTOP



Libre'ng Pilipino (5)

"So live that you can look a man straight in the eye."—Pres. Elpidio Quirino.

Editor's Note: — The Libre'ng Pilipino is a picture of the contemporary local scenery and life, transcending social change and idealism of the past to the present. From time to time under the series will be presented libid biographies of government and private executives, professionals as well as laymen who one way or another contribute to the uplift of the Pilipino environment.

The Irony of Our Heritage — Three hundred years of dominant Spanish rule and half century of American tutelage in the field of education and the art of self-government did accomplish the desired two objectives, namely, from the Spaniards — the rich religious enlightenment and its fatal fanaticism ingrained in the Pilipino soul and from the Americans — our flare of the English language and our taste for foreign standards.

The jeans, the minis and what will it be next? You may have it coming, the topless? Of course those night clubs have all these darn bellicose unusual circumstances going all along. And the movies — the uncensored striptease and burlesque is a usual fantastic delight. And then the hippies — a year ago I was getting the run of stories about college students who se thirst for the 'unknown' — the mitigating facts to discover Darwin's "Theory of Evolution."

I was jolled into believing that the western "transplants" have made unlimited 'joy rides' into the vast scheme of things. We are approaching the saturation point wherein desultory antics and crime upsurge have join hands to forsake our independence to inter dependence.

Year, year and year-out — our hard-boiled politicians have turned to Uncle Sam — the perennial Santa Claus all the year thru to dole out to friends and satellites from mechanized civil action paraphernalia and all about other problems in commerce, trade, the military from internal to regional security and the chaf of worldly economics.

For the daring to outdo the classical performance of greatness — we are confronted with the most serious imbalance in our political career. There is really the alternative to stave off disenchantment on the part of the populace to reconcile the 'performance issue' with the desired practical results.

This is now our greatest worry. A few more years and three is a long time, our Asian big neighbor — Communist China will have developed its nuclear capability and for sure a nuclear blackmail will follow.

There are signs that our "brand of nationalism" will really come to clash with "American isolationism." In an American pull out to a safe perimeter, will leave the Pilipino the master of his own idiosyncrasy and of his land of a thousand islands.

4-H Club Provincial . . . (Continued from page 1)

show which will be participated by selected 4-H Club members representing the 200 clubs throughout the six provinces with a total membership of 6,451 in and out-of school youth with age ranging from 12 to 21 years old.

In Camarines Sur, the provincial rally will be held at the Camarines Sur High School Assembly Hall with Governor Armand B. Cledera as Guest Speaker, and City Mayor Vicente Sibulo as Keynote Speaker during the Opening Program. Board Member Nicanor Oriño will induct the newly elected officers of the Adult Leaders Association of Camarines Sur.

"Only a handful of cases of maladministration could well be investigated by Congress; indeed, Congress could not attend to more of such investigatory work without impairing its essential function of legislation. Redress through the press is itself reserved usually for the more serious bureaucratic misbehavior."

The provincial rally is a culminating activities of all 4-H clubs as part of the evaluation of different projects undertaken by the members for the whole year. Winners in the various contest will represent their respective provinces to the National Rally to be held at the Araneta University this coming May.—(tv

"The Star Witness"

By ELIX ABEJERO



Dai Paglingawan An Hagyan Mong Sinakatan

Dakol na an nakakareparo sa mga bagong gaw-gawe kan satuyang mga bagong lideres kan gobierno local. Igwa akong naheheling diyan na garo nang nabuburat kan kadikit na poder na itinao sa iya kan banwaan. Kudakol na an mga bisis na saiyang nangungungnan sa labi-labing paghidale na makaabot gayod sa boot niyang padomanan. Garong dai siya minatobod sa soanoy na kasabihan, na "an dai magsalingoy sa pinaghalian dai makaka abot sa saiyang padomanan".

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Nagkakapera na an sakuyang naheling na nadesgracia, nin hule sa pagsikod 'o pagkalingaw kan hagyan na sinakatan sagkod na makaabot sinda sa kaitaan. Lalong makolag an pagshulog kun lalong halangkaw an 'ugor na nahulogan.

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An sarong bagay na inoimaw ki Gobernador Cledera kan mga tao na nagkaigwa nin tuyo sa iya, iyo an pagkisincero dai kan Gobernador. Maray na minangad an sabihan ka tolos nin claro kun puede 'o dai, an bagay na hina-hagad mo nin favor — kan pilawon ka sana nin daing kamugtakan. Sa gawing ini ni Munding lalong padadañgaton siya kan banwaan — orog na kan saiyang mga katood na binubucason niya kan saiyang daghan.

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Mag-d dakol an naghaha'dit na tibaad daa mangyari man ki Gob. Munding Cledera an saro pang soanoy na kasabihan: "na an minaroot sa bakal (lansang) iyo mun sana an sadiring katawang 'akla)". Awot pa man lugod na dai man mangyari ini; maski ngani igwa pu nin sarong soanoy na pilosopiya na — "an maabot daa siempre maabot", Que sera-sera".

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An pagkontra 'o pagoyon sa paggibo nin ciudad kan banwaan na Iriga koipuhan na liwanagon na maray kan mga oficiales na nanonongdan. Ta kun dai, minalowas na garo bagang karahayan-personal sana an rason kaidtang mga minaoyon. Sering man-garo bagang karahayan-politicallymente sana man an rason kan mga mina-kontra. Lalong maray kuta kun an mga tao asin namamanwaan mismo an magtao nin decision sa bagay naini — total sinda man sana an kahuri-huriti na makarga kan gabos na gabot asin consecuencias; maski ngani dai ninda masosolo an pag-ani kan mga kasuronod asin katanggap na karahayan sa paggibong iyan nin ciudad kan saindang banwaan.

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Oyon ako sa sinabi na Senador Aquino, na dapat hingo haon kan administrador kan Philippine Charity Sweepstakes na ma proteger an pagtobod asin paggalang kan mga tao sa dignidad asin cantidad kan tiket sa sweepstakes- siring kan pagtobod asin paggalang niaro sa cantidad asin dignidad kan satuyang "Peso". Horophoropa baya kun ano an mangyari sa PCS kun omabot an panonon na dai na magtobod an tao sa mga ginigibo kan agenciang iyan; lalo na kun dai na maaraman kan tao kun arin an "tunay", asin arin an falsificad sa mga tiket na pigpapabakal kan mga agente kan PCS.

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Sa isay an . . .

No Fake . . .

sa juzgado nin primera instancia sa Manila an caso ng ini. Dai na man mahahaloy ilalagda na sa pahayagan an saindang mga gnaran gabos, lalo na pagvista canini.

An totong acusado na nacocolong iyo sa Gregorio Binamira, 40 años an edad, taga banwaan nin Sto. Domingo, Albay na sinasahotan na iyong nagbadil; Pedro Zuniga, 39, taga Bato, Catanduanes, sinasahotan na iyong nagbabantay kan pagbadil; icatobol iyo si Gaudencio Martinez, 39, dai nasabi

ned and burned four days before each respective draw. Unsold tickets are also burned two days before the respective draw, he explained.

Andolng, likewise, justified the publicity expenses of the PCSO and the use by the management of the uncollected and forfeited prizes.

kun taga sain ini. An pito na saboot calabot asin mga cabesa pensantes, binugtacan sana ngona nin gnaran na John Does. Dai pa sinda inaarestar alagad aram na can mga nag-iin-vestigigar can caso na ini an saindang mga ngaran.