

May 14th Suffrage Rallies Under the General Council of Women

SUFFRAGE RALLIES IN THE PROVINCES

UNDER the auspices of the General Council of Women composed of representatives of the different women organizations of the Philippines, the first anniversary of the women's vote at the Constitutional plebiscite was celebrated with parades, programs, and meetings in the various districts of the city, and in the provinces. Leaflets urging the women to vote in the coming plebiscite were distributed.

In Manila there were six meetings held. They were led by enthusiastic women leaders and attended by thousands of women. The speakers were: Mrs. Rosa Sevilla de Alvero and Mrs. Edilberto Parolan in Tondo; Mrs. Concepcion Rodriguez in Sta. Ana; Mrs. Belen E. Gutierrez in Bambang; Miss Alejandra Antonio in Sampaloc; Mrs. Salvadora Perez in Plaza Guipit; and Mrs. Trinidad Alvero in Santo Sepulcro.

Pangasinan Parade

Under the leadership of Miss Maria Magsano, president of the *Pangasinan Provincial Federation*, a huge parade with about 2,000 club-women from all over the province participating was staged in Dagupan. The following were the speakers during the meeting that followed: Miss Maria Magsano, Miss Soledad Pulido, Mrs. Nieves Lozano, Mrs. Ruperta Galvan, Mrs. Felipa Gulay, and Attorney Jose Camilim. After the program, they had an open forum where the following participated: Miss Isabel Alisangeo, Miss Macaria Cantama, Mr. Pablo de la Cruz, Mr. Miguel R. Acosta and Mrs. Lourdes Jacinto.

Prizes were awarded to the towns having the largest representation in the parade. The Bayambang delegation headed by Mrs. Dolores Romasanta won the first prize. Rosales headed by Miss Macaria Cantama, and San Nicolas by Mrs. Felipa Gulay copped the second and third places, respectively. In the barrio delegation from Dagupan, Calmay won the first prize, Pantal second, and Mayombo, third. Other towns represented in the parade were: San Fabian headed by Mrs. Dorothea P. Mejia; Mangataram by Miss Concepcion Soriano; Agno by Miss Modesta Nano; Sual by Miss Corazon Fernandez; Sta. Barbara by Miss Felisa Bautista; Urdaneta by Mrs. Remedios Arzolan.

In Misamis, Occidental Misamis, more than one thousand suffragettes of the province met for the rally. A parade was held under the leadership of Miss Carmen Resano, well-known leader of the suffrage movement. Governor Bernards, Mrs. Julia Yapsuteo, and other women leaders spoke. The

rally showed that the women of this province are overwhelmingly in favor of suffrage.

Under the leadership of the members of the *Legaspi Women's Club*, the women paraded in 50 decorated automobiles. The cars bore placards which proclaimed that the women are united for suffrage. The parade was followed by speeches at the public plaza delivered by prominent feminist leaders. Among those who spoke were Governor Jose Imperial Samson, Judge Manuel Calleja, former Senator Alejandro de Guzman, Miss Aurora Diño, Mrs. Maria Agdamag, and Mrs. Genoveva Tiansay.

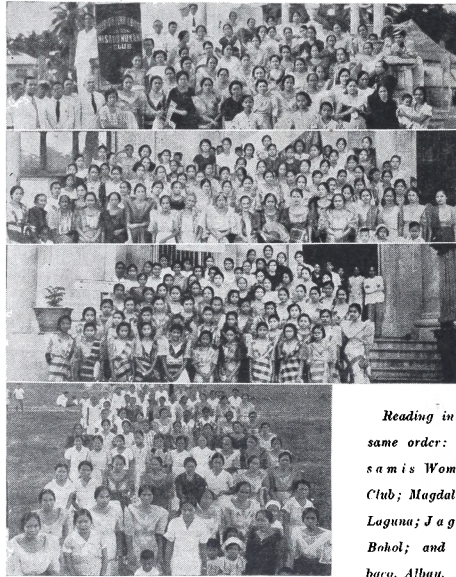
Meetings

The *Naguilian, Isabela*, Woman's Club held a parade and a meeting on that day with the following participants: Miss Amparo Taguba, Miss Amparo Danno, Miss Isabel



Top to bottom: Naguilian, Isabela; Piddig, Ilocos Norte; Janiway, Iloilo (left); and Bani, Pangasinan (right).

MORE PICTORIALS OF CELEBRATIONS



Reading in the same order: Misamis Woman's Club; Magdalenas, Laguna; Jagna, Bohol; and Tabaco, Albay.

Simon, Miss Marcelina Ver, Atty. Dominador C. Mina. The Electa and Amorosa Clubs, and the municipal officials cooperated in making the parade a success.

In *Abucay, Batavia*, the celebration was under the initiative of Miss Valentina Punsalan, a Junior Club woman. There was a parade and a program. The following took part: Miss Valentina Punsalan, Rosario Pabustan, Mrs. Gomez, Miss Ulpiana Punsalan, Mr. G. Garcia, Mr. Tolentino and Mr. J. Santos.

In *Tigbauan, Iloilo*, a parade was held also with almost all the women of the town participating. They were all dressed in "balintawak." After the parade a meeting was held in the plaza and a big crowd was present. The whole-hearted cooperation and interest of the women on this occasion demonstrated their determination to help secure woman suffrage.

Magdalena, Laguna, had a parade also and a well-attended public meeting sponsored by the Woman's Club.

In *Jagna, Bohol*, the speakers of the day were Mrs. Micaela Ll. Casañas, wife of the ex-governor of Bohol, Mrs. Maria C. Pajo and Mrs. Basilia A. Besas, president of the woman's club.

In Mindanao

The *Jolo Woman's Club* under the leadership of Mrs. Trinidad C. Caro, president, had their rally on May 12 in connection with the Hospital Day because more people were in town then. A big crowd was present. The speakers were: Mrs. Caro, Mrs. Anatolio Cruz, and Miss Lydia Razul, daughter of ex-senator Hadji Butu, who spoke in

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the men spoke also. He wrote that the general tendency of the women both Christian and non-Christian seemed to be in favor of suffrage, and they have high hopes that during the plebiscite Jolo will cover the quota required.

Jaujany, Iloilo, held a colorful parade attended by the town and barrio women, municipal officials, and barrio lieutenants. There were floats depicting the activities of the women of that town. After the parade a program was held. The following delivered speeches: Miss Mercedes A. Senador, Mrs. Soledad G. Tionko, president of the woman's club, Mr. Pedro T. Barranco, municipal president, and Atty. Simeon Barranco.

In **Jaro, Iloilo**, a very big crowd was present during the meeting. A platform decorated with plants was built on the corner of Ledesma and Mabini streets, and a loud speaker was installed. The meeting which started at about seven o'clock lasted till after nine. Among those who spoke were: Governor Consing, President Garganera, Board Member Ledesma, Mrs. Josefa Jarama-Martinez, Mrs. Lim, Miss Emma Gonzales. Mrs. Mesa was toastmaster.

Bilán, Laguna, had the following speakers: Dr. Encarnacion Alzona, Mrs. Flora A. Ylagan, Mrs. Beatriz Ronquillo, Mrs. Antonio R. Gonzales, president of the woman's club, and Mr. Pedro Vergara.

Bato, Camarines Sur: The parade scheduled was called off because of a heavy rain, but the public meeting was continued.

The **Bani Woman's Club**, one of the newly organized clubs of Pangasinan had a very successful celebration of May 14 headed by Mrs. Escolastica U. Fernandez, president. The Pangasinan Federation believes that in the western part of the province the barrio women can be counted upon to have a very strong rally during the plebiscite. The speakers were: Mrs. Escolastica Fernandez, Miss Paciencia Sagun, Miss Florangel Urhano, Mrs. Irene Gonzalez, and Mr. Juan Castelo, municipal president.

In **Piddig, Ilocos Norte**, the parade headed by the Boy Scout troop and accompanied by the local band was very well attended. The speakers during the program which followed were Miss Enriqueta de Peralta, president of the Ilocos Provincial Federation, Mrs. Foustina S. Pandaraoan, adviser of the High School Students' Circle, and Atty. Pedro Valentin.

In **San Joaquin, Iloilo**, the speakers were Mrs. Maria G. Garingalao, president of the woman's club, Mrs. Purificacion Serdeña, Mr. Amadeo Sartorio, Rev. Gedeon Sonecuya, Mrs. Jesus Servento, Judge Esteban Siva, Mr. Modesto Sane, and Mr. Jesus F. Diez

Campaign for Peace is Being Conducted by Women in Many Countries

THE Women's International League for Peace and Freedom sent Mrs. Lim a letter regarding the People's Mandate to End War. This campaign for peace which is now underway in every part of the world aims to express such overwhelming public opinion for peace that Governments will not dare to consider war as a way of settling conflicts. 50,000,000 signatures to the Mandate is the goal, 12,000,000 of these to be secured in the United States. The People's Mandate was initiated by the Women's International League on September 6, the birthday of Jane Addams, the founder and International President of the League. In two months, the Mandate has been put into circulation in 50 countries including such widely scattered ones as:

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Columbia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ecuador, France, Haiti, Honduras, Japan, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Philippines, and Uruguay.

The Mandate is being signed by men and women—anyone above the age of sixteen may sign. A European committee has been formed with seven nations represented. In the United States signatures are being secured through organizations by house-to-house canvassing; in markets, shops, and theatres, among employees of factories and corporations, at mass meetings, churches, labor unions, clubs; in response to articles in newspapers and magazines. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt is Honorary Chairman in the United States.

Mandate Movement In The Philippines

On March 7, representatives of different women organizations in

Manila met at the Federation Headquarters. They were unanimous in their support of the movement. A committee, composed of Miss Anne Guthrie, Mrs. Josefa J. Martinez and Mrs. Josefa L. Escoda, was appointed to revise the original mandate so that it will conform to the actual situation of the Philippines. Happily, the Philippines is perhaps one country in the world which has originally incorporated in its Constitution an article on Peace. Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution provides that the Philippines renounces war as an instrument of national policy and adopts the generally accepted principles of international law as part of the law of the Nation. Copies of the revised mandate adapted to meet local conditions, were sent to Washington and Miss Vernon said that they were extremely good.

Intensive Campaign

As word has been received from Miss Mabel Vernon, Campaign Director of the People's Mandate whose headquarters are in Washington, that the campaign for signatures has been extended, the Mandate Committee in the Philippines at its meeting on June 4th decided to launch an intensive campaign from June 23 to July 4. The intensive campaign is planned to give the public a better idea of the movement. Publicity materials received from Washington, D. C., will be circulated and efforts will be made to enlist the cooperation of schools, labor organizations and other clubs in securing signatures. The goal set by the Committee is 200,000 signatures throughout the Philippines, but efforts will be made to go beyond the goal so that the Philippines will not be far behind the other countries supporting this cam-

paign.

As anyone above the age of 16 may sign; the schools will be canvassed by the school committees to be formed as well as by the Junior Women's Club already organized.

Before June 23 signatures of leaders in all lines of endeavor will be secured by members of the Committee and these signatures will be announced at the opening of the campaign.

Committees Organized


All available avenues of publicity will be taken advantage of during the intensive period of the campaign to bring the objectives of the movement to the people. Radio programs and daily newspaper publicity are being planned.

About thirty names have been chosen by the Mandate Committee of the Philippines to be asked to serve as Advisory Committee. They represent distinguished leaders in all lines of endeavor.

The organizations that have pledged themselves to the campaign are the NFVWC with its five hundred clubs, the Catholic Women's League with 300 units in the provinces, the Y. W. C. A., the Asocacion de Damas Filipinas, the Philippine Association of University Women, the American Association of University Women, the Filipino Nurses' Association, the American Nurses' Association, Fortnightly Club and the Catholic Club. Each of the organizations is given a definite group to canvass to avoid overlapping. The expenses necessary to carry on the campaign will be defrayed through the contributions of these different women organizations and others who may be equally interested in the project.

The members of the Mandate Committee in the Philippines are: Mrs. Pilar H. Lim—Chairman, Mrs. Manuel N. Tuason—1st Vice-Chairman, Miss Anne Guthrie—2nd Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Beatriz-Ronquillo—Secretary-Treasurer, Members of the Committee:

Mrs. Sofia B. de Veyra—Manila Woman's Club, Miss Manuela Gay—Catholic Women's League, Mrs. Flora A. Ylagan—Y.M.C.A., Mrs. Laura Lindley Shuman—American Nurses' Association, Miss Bessie A. Dwyer—N. F. W. C., Miss Ursula Urichanco—Philippine Assn. of U. W., Mrs. Josefa J. Martinez—Y. W. C. A., Miss Maria L. Tinawin—Filipino Nurses' Assn., Mrs. Sarah M. England—American Assn. of U. W., Mrs. Mosher—Fortnightly Club, Mrs. P. C. Ellis—C. W. L., Mrs. Josefa L. Escoda—N. F. W. C., Miss Minerva P. Guysayk—N. F. W. C.



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