

A LINE FROM CORTES

(EDITOR'S NOTE: *At our request, Mr. Cortes, 1939 National Pistol Champion, will give impressions of his trip in the pages of THE MARKSMAN. We are sure our readers will find them extremely timely and interesting.*)

R.M.S. Empress of Canada

June 25, 1939.

Dear Mr. Flores,

Kindly thank the Board of Directors of the N.R.P.A. for the many attentions they gave me and particularly for the lovely bouquet of flowers they sent aboard on my sailing.

The trip, with the exception of two or three days of bad weather, has been splendid with movies, horse-races, sweepstakes and deck-games to keep one busy. I have been unable to do any snapping with my revolver as the roll of the ship makes it difficult to keep oneself steady.

It might interest some of the members to learn the differences of weapons used by the various police organizations in the last ports we have visited as compared with our own local police: In Hongkong the police use the Wobley .455 revolver slung in Sambrowne belts on the left side; in Shanghai the Chinese police are armed with the Colt .32 Auto, the English with the Colt .45 Auto, and the Sikh with the .455 Webley revolver all slung on the left side. In Honolulu the police, (all Americans) use the S & W M & P model .38 Special with 6" barrel in open holsters slung on the right side.

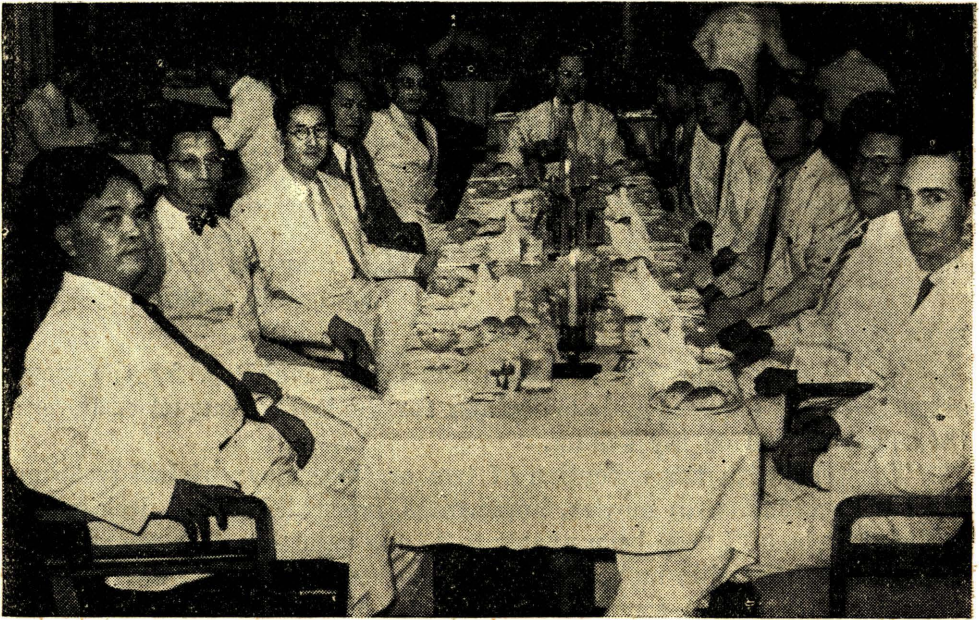
All the above organizations have the revolvers outside. In Japan the police are armed with short daggers hung on the left side; no revolvers. In Hongkong, the police apparently did not carry spare cartridges, but in Shanghai and in Honolulu they carried one reload; in the latter town they also had handcuffs on the left of the belt.

I did not have an opportunity of seeing closely the rifles used by the Japanese sentries in the Japanese occupied territory in Shanghai. We were warned about trouble there, so my wife and I were the only daring ones to land in Japanese territory, all the others went by ferry direct to the International Settlement. We did not have any trouble but we certainly saw the effects of the bombings and shell fire havoc done on the Chinese district of Honkew (now Japanese occupied territory).

With best regards to the family, and all good wishes to the members of the club.

Yours sincerely,

FELIX CORTES

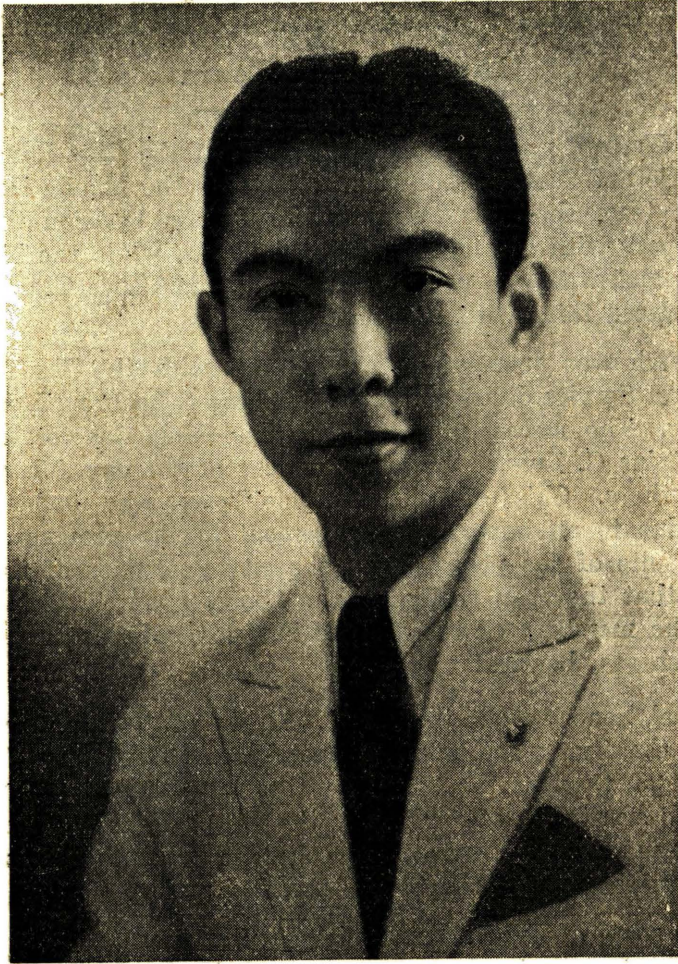


A farewell party was held by the Board of Directors and Committee Members of the NRPA, on June 2, 1939, in honor of Mr. Felix Cortes, who left for abroad on a vacation. From left to right: Capt. G. Lugtu, Mr. A. N. Floresca, Mr. P. Mabanta, Sec. V. Manuel, Mr. E. J. Carballo, the guest, Mr. Felix Cortes, Lt. C. Quirino, Mr. E. Katigbak, Mr. Mod. F. Flores, Mr. V. Baltazar, and Mr. J. de Lange.



Winners of the Kneeling Rifle Match held by the Association on June 11, 1939.

From left to right: Lt. H. Nielson, second, Mr. R. Villamor, first, and Teddy Kallaw, third.



JOSE TEEHANKEE, JR.

Mr. José Teehankee, Jr., a young gun enthusiast of the NRPA, who made the Manila Police Pistol Team shoot possible, and donated the beautiful Farmacia Central Trophy for the winners in this event. Mr. Teehankee is a Filipino citizen, son of Dr. Jose Tee Han Kee, Sr. He is the manager of the Farmacia Central. Mr. Teehankee is a good pistolman. Lately he was awarded a silver medal and diplomas as prizes for his promotion to sharpshooter class in pistol after having fired the prescribed Classification Course.