

# REPLY TO PPSTA RESOLUTION REQUESTING SPEEDY ISSUANCE OF BACKPAY CERTIFICATES AND INSURANCE POLICIES

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Sir:

The resolution adopted by the 1951 convention of the representative assembly of the Philippine Public School Teachers Association on June 9, 1951, "requesting His Excellency, the President of the Philippines, to cause the GSIS and the Bureau of the Treasury to facilitate the issuance of insurance policies and backpay certificates," has been referred to this Office for appropriate action by the Secretary of Finance to whom it had previously been similarly referred by the Office of the President. We understand that the General Manager and Actuary of the System had been sent a copy of the resolution by the office of the Executive Secretary.

We would like to inform the Association, thru your goodself, that this Office has been and is doing its level best to expedite, with its limited personnel and facilities, action on the applications for potential back pay rights that have been filed with us by the around 300,000 officials and employees, past and present, of the entire government establishment and its instrumentalities and on the issuance of certificates of indebtedness solicited on Back Pay Form No. 3 by those to whom certificates of acknowledgment of such rights have heretofore been already issued, for the payment by them of obligations allowed to be so paid under the provisions of Section 2 of the Back Pay Law, Republic Act No. 304. It should be perfectly understandable that the necessarily careful scrutiny and processing of each and everyone of these applications take, needless to say, quite a time. In fairness to all concerned, we have adopted in this processing work the "first come, first served" norm of procedure, honoring at the same time as much as it may be humanly possible cases that are for some reason or other, as is to be expected, now and then pressed upon us for out-of-the-ordinary attention.

In the face of the above facts, we would, under the circumstance, address ourselves to the indulgent and understanding patience of our army of public school teachers, as well as to the rest of our co-workers for the Republic, assuring them that we are giving and will do give them the full measure of that public service that is justly expected of us.

Meanwhile, let us hope that in the forthcoming regular session of Congress, we shall further be allotted funds to relieve, at least in a measure, this situation.

Very respectfully,

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Treasurer of the Philippines