

Philippine Safety Council

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IN accord with the dictates of the times, the Philippine Safety Council has joined practically every other association or club in pressing a lobby in favor of its pet issues with the new Administration. The general optimism and confidence felt by the public is shared by the Council, which feels that matters affecting public and industrial safety will be greatly improved in the near future.

Among the current factors being vigorously pressed are:

1. Formation of "public safety committees" in the national and city governments, and in both houses of Congress;
2. An increased tempo in the collection of justified traffic fines as a means of meeting current budget difficulties;
3. Strengthening of the Fire Prevention Board program, with special emphasis on counter-arson activity;
4. Drastic change in the approach and attitude of the Motor Vehicles Office toward its responsibilities in the examination of drivers and vehicles before issuance of annual licenses.
5. General improvement in police administration and the creation of more and better police-training schools.
6. Coordination of the activities of both government and civic safety entities, stressing less self-serving publicity and more actual accomplishment.
7. Seeking of material aid for safety in the form of UNESCO, FOA, and foreign foundation assistance.
8. Many other factors, all recently publicized and made a matter of record by the Council.

Council technicians will this month make a round of Coca-Cola plants and San Miguel Brewery installations in the Visayas and Mindanao. Other out-of-Manila activities include safety inspections or classes in Dagupan, San Pablo, and the Benguet and Larap mines.

Safety conditions in several companies continue to be endangered by labor disputes. Strike-minded employees are hardly safety-minded, and the possibility of fires, crimes, and accidents is greatly enhanced.

A distinguished visitor in the safety field this month is Mr. Charles F. Alexander, head of the industrial-safety activity of the National Safety Council. He is visiting the Philippines as a guest of the Philippine Air Lines. The Council is handling certain phases of his tour.

Proof that crowds can be safely handled was again recently demonstrated when the Rocky Marciano Exhibition Bouts were staged in the Rizal Football Stadium. In spite of the many complicating factors present in such an event, there were no incidents of injury, theft, disturbance, fire, or accident.

New Safety Council firm members are the U. S. Tobacco Corp., the Security Delivery Service, Inc., the Westminister Tobacco Co., the Metropolitan Investigative Agency, Inc., and several members of the Philippine Gold Producers Association, Inc.

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