

TYPHOON KILLS 260 PERSONS

IN THE PHILIPPINES

MANILA. — Presidential Secretary Emilio Abello yesterday reported 260 urban deaths in a disastrous typhoon which struck the Isabela Plain of Negros Island, November 12, and unofficial estimate placed the total as high as 500.

No deaths of American personnel were reported.

The Manila Bulletin said at least 500 persons were missing and feared drowned, as heavy floods followed the terrific winds. Some villages were demolished.

Many sectors of the Isabela Plain remained under water yesterday.

MARINES CLEARED BY FILIPINO INQUIRY

MANILA, Nov. 17 — The presidential palace today published a report by Representative Ramon Magsaysay supporting Filipino charges of manhandling by United States Marine guards at Olongapo Naval Base but stating that "these were isolated cases, not following any set pattern."

The representative, who conducted an investigation, had found three Filipino civilians who said they were handled roughly by the Marines but that they had not brought it to the attention of American authorities.

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COOS BAY, Oregon—Five ministers, and a missionary from West Africa went fishing in the bay. They did not even get a nibble. "Sirs, you don't live right," has been the good natured taunt from the members of their flock.

18,000 FILIPINOS DIE YEARLY OF BERIBERI

Dr. Robert Williams, guest scientist of the Philippine government, revealed that 18,000 Filipinos die yearly of beriberi in his speech made recently at the Philippine Central College, at Jaro, Iliolo, Philippines. Dr. Williams declared, "that the lack of vitamin B1" is the root of the trouble. Dr. Williams is investigating for the Philippine government a method to fortify the vitamins in rice.

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