

At the time of the liberation our Camara was presided over by Don Antonio Porta, of Porta Pueo & Company, who died recently in Spain. This sorrowful event was registered at the last meeting with the affection which Mr. Porta deserved; to him we pay the tribute of these lines.

We think it is desirable also to acknowledge here our gratitude of the protection and support we have received from the Spanish Representatives in the Philippines during these years after the war when we have been struggling back to normalcy. We can not but express our appreciation of the patronage of such detached personalities. The experience has been a tonic to our spirit. We wish to extend our full cooperation toward the renewed development of the commercial relations between the Philippines and the old metropolis.

To conclude these lines, we may say with complacency that we reached the end of the year 1947 with a number of new members who have recognized the advantages of the contacts this membership affords them in rebuilding Hispano-Philippine trade relations.

J. M. ROSALES, *Secretario.*

Philippine Safety Council

FRANK S. TENNY

Director, Philippine Safety Council

THE Philippine Safety Council will become a non-stock, public service corporation during this month. Elected Board President was Benito F. Legarda; Vice President and Treasurer, Louis P. Croft; Executive Director

and Secretary, Frank S. Tenny. Board members are Solicitor-General Manuel Lim and Manila Railroad Manager Sergio Bayan. Other directors may be V. A. Brussole and Primo Villar.

The Board authorized Major Tenny to continue the company safety programs which are in progress in several local organizations for six months into 1948. These companies as of this month are Manila Electric Company, Elizalde and Company, San Miguel Brewery, and Ang Tibay. Including subsidiaries, this makes a total of 16 safety programs in operation.

Having concluded its instruction of the Rizal City Police Department, the PSC moves on to teach the men of the new Customs Patrol Service, under Col. Terry Adevos. Police-safety-traffic matters will comprise the course.

The Safety Council this month begins a new emphasis on fire-prevention activity. This is being incorporated into the safety programs, the publicity, and all plans. Cooperating are the Manila Fire Department, the PHILRYCOM Fire Marshal, Liberty Motors, Erlanger-Galinger, and Universal Trading Corporation.

Complete joint civilian-military safety plans for 1948 were formulated at a meeting last month under PSC auspices. Safety Directors of PHILRYCOM, COMNAVFIL, HPA, and 13th AF took part.

The new driver and vehicle tests now going on at the Motor Vehicle Office under Chief Primo Villar are PSC inspired. A better driver and a safer vehicle should result. This program will be gradually enlarged this year, both in scope and geographically. In some cases new legislation is needed.



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