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Since the early American occupation wave after wave of pensionados were sent to the United States and some to other countries.

The benefits are there of course. But what, for whom and how much worth for the country. First it goes to the pensioners: He or she sees the world or part of it. Some enjoyed it extensively body and soul depending upon their pocket, other with less means had it mostly to their eyes' satisfaction only.

Self satisfaction and gratification are personal and individual. With this the purpose of pension is not served. If ever there is the country's benefit, it is very insignificant and this can only be derived from the exceptional few who are really meritorious.

The bulk of our pensioners specially these days are political proteges and the rest are those who, in one way or another, know how to grease their office bosses. If the latter group happens to achieve some worthwhile achievements in the office in order for their Chief to consider their efforts by way of sending them abroad, it is but a matter of gratitude to the recipient and not precisely for office benefit or improvement. How many belong to this category? About 90% of them. For observation, they have a stint of 3 to 6 months, for training and study, 1 to 5 years. Some of them who are really meritorious, aggressive, and dedicated acquired additional knowledge on their specialties, but majority who are abroad take things for granted.

Many of our doctors are only mere observers in the hospitals in the United States. Seldom if ever are they allowed to prescribe medicines and much less permitted to operate minor surgery cases even in free wards. Yet, when they return home, their first concern is to order a bronze plate for specialist's inscription, bragging that they have specialized in some illness for years in hospitals so and so.

Some government pensionados for technical studies in foreign lands may be at par and have their country in mind in the venture, but, with due regard and respect to a few who are presently applying that their alleged knowhow acquired from abroad, about 90 to 95% are disillusioned, most of them have to return to their former desk work.

The government has no funds to get the necessary materials, equipments, or goods whereby the introduction of these pensioners' alleged acquired knowledge for innovation can be made of use. They become the arrogant idles in our officialdom whose mind is more busy in recollecting their adventures, than for the government to gain some advantages of their pretended superiority. Imagine the disappointment of our tax payers with all the money spent abroad by the pensionados doing nothing but resting on their superiority complex? There are also such things as conferences, conventions, seminars, etc. where the country derives

nothing but having in our midst these well-travelled privileged few in the government. Travel must be for private persons who can afford the same and not a handout by a poor government.

Except in some regional and international conventions and conferences, these seminars, training and observations abroad are luxuries, to say the least, if they are not mere junkets and tours for the members of the delegation or representatives.

On account therefore of these trainings, specialization and/or seminars of government officials and employees, their expenses abroad are too much a drain against the treasury that, if this luxury is stopped and converted instead to more practical endeavors like the increase on palay, corn and other productive seeds and fertilizers for farmers, we would not be in want but in abundance in cereals.

After all the intelligent and genius men who have gone thru college need not go abroad to improve their knowledge. The country is creating enough to produce wonders and their going abroad for further studies is but a luxury. This is another manifestation of colonial mentality. Most great men in any country did not go to other countries to learn more. We had in our country Quezon, Osmeña, Roco, President Roxas, Justice Diokno to cite a few among lawyers; Gagerio Singian, Jacinto Meneiano, among surgeons; Baldemero Roxas, Lu's Guerrero, Pedro Lantim, among doctors; Mandel Roxas, Gregorio Sara, Tomas Cuta, among scientists and many others from other professions. College after college conferred them degrees, meritorious cause. If ever others who have gone abroad also become great they become so on their own native ingenuity and not because they took higher degrees somewhere. The whole world bows to the Germans and the English in matters of human achievements. Can anyone cite a German who went somewhere to acquire more knowledge or any Englishmen who went to Germany or elsewhere for specialization? Even Americans did not. Therefore, the primary need in our country are for the sacrificing and dedicated men and women to do their utmost in researches and studies in the laboratories of their land, for the government and private

Community Development Seen Project For ASA

KUALA LUMPUR— Ernesto Maceda, Presidential Assistant on Community Development visiting rural and community development projects here, says his country could adopt some of the Malaysian modernization techniques.

The Philippine official was the leader of his country's delegation to the Association of Southeast Asia (ASA) working party conference which wound up its work here April 30.

Following the meetings, he accompanied Malaysian Acting Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak on a tour of the Ipoh area.

Mr. Maceda said rural and community development should be an ASA project. The working party conference in its final communique, recommended priority action by Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand on 10 projects in economic cooperation; eight projects in technical cooperation and research and 11 projects in agricultural, social and cultural fields.

The joint working party will hold another session in Bangkok in July prior to the third meeting of the ASA foreign minister there.

Mr. Maceda said the proposal to consider rural and community development as one of the additional ASA projects will be brought up at the July conference.

American Red Cross sends \$15,000 to Indonesian Flood Victims

WASHINGTON—A disaster grant of 15,000 dollars for flood sufferers in Indonesia has been announced by James F. Collins, American Red Cross President.

The aid, 5,000 dollars of which is earmarked for children, was given to the League of Red Cross Societies for the Indonesian Red Cross Society, to help relieve the suffering of victims of mid-March floods in the Surakarta-Wonggiri-Klaten area of Central Java, where over 200,000 persons were reported in dire need. The Indonesian Government has declared

Sen. Aytona

committee headed by Senator Manuel P. Manahan.

The Bicol legislator declared that to the charge of Castillo that he is acting as accuser, prosecutor, and judge all at the same time, he emphatically pointed out that the accusation was a smoke screen "to divert public attention from the truth."

All I can say, Aytona declared, is that now that the illegality of Mr. Castillo's notions have come to light through the legal process of legislative hearings, Mr. Castillo cries foul.—jac

patriotic citizens to help and encourage their countrymen to improve in their native land, and not to send pensionados abroad who return here only to find that his government and people have no place and means whereby to apply their know-

The Star Witness

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lunteer, remained standing for quite sometime before additional seats could be secured.

Vice Governor Odiamar's predicament is far worse than that one experienced by our witness. It seems Odiamar finds himself between the proverbial "devil and the deep blue sea"; wherein the inevitable consequence is—"damned if he does, damned if he doesn't". For choosing to be right than popular, and for protecting the greater interest of the greater number, he is being lambasted and vilified by those who have axes to grind against him.

The "uprear" of course would be worse should Odiamar choose the line of the legendary "3 little monkeys", who could see no evil, hear no evil, and speak no evil.

Our witness observes however, that to be a successful politico nowadays, one has to resort only to the simple principle of "you scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours". So few are those who prefer to lead a lone fight, than to be dishonest to their own conscience.

There is no truth to the rumor that the people of Camarines Sur are soon to reimburse a five thousand-peso expenses incurred in the entertainment of Pres Macapagal during his last visit there 5 days before the last election.

To Revitalize Bicol Nutrition Council

Miss Catalina Narvaez, Nutritionist of the Nutrition Foundation of the Philippines announced recently, that the different nutrition councils in the Bicol Region will be revitalized to cope with the policies of the present administration in the intensified program on nutrition-education. This will be done through the assistance of the personnel of the Agricultural Productivity Commission, Rural Health Unit, civic and social organizations in this region.

Miss Narvaez, who is at present in Masbate with Mrs. Socorro V. Nieves, Actg. Reg. Supv. HED of the APC, said that there is a great need for revitalizing these existing nutrition councils in order to facilitate the implementation and carrying out of the different programs to be undertaken in the six provinces of this region. According to her, the Philippines are very much behind and deficient in the standard intake of food based from the individual nutritional requirement which is necessary for a healthy body. She put the blame on the slow acceptance of our people especially those in the rural areas in following the practice of eating "balance diet" which

Important to Car Owners and Drivers

Acting Land Transportation Commissioner Romeo F. Edu yesterday urged owners of motor vehicles to comply with the provision of law requiring that the certificate of registration of motor vehicles must be carried at all times in the vehicles. Edu said that thousands of motor vehicle owners and drivers, knowingly or unknowingly, fail to have with them the registration certificate whenever their vehicles are on the road.

The importance of this certificate, he said, is that it is the owner's or driver's only evidence of the registration of the vehicle in accordance with law. It is also a "companion" document of the papers of purchase or acquisition of the vehicle, he added. Any bona fide deputy or agent of the Land Transportation Commission or authorized police officer, is empowered to compel an owner or driver of a motor vehicle to produce the registration certificate for inspection, Edu said.

The recent discoveries of rampant issuance of fake registration certificates, the

has the basic six food requirement being taught not only by nutritionist, but also the home economics demonstrators of the APC assigned in the barrios.

The Nutrition Council aims to promote nutrition consciousness among the people through nutrition education; promote measures that will insure availability of nutritious food to the people through specific examples and demonstrations; and help in the implementation of government nutrition measures upon realization of nutrition problems and their scope. Membership to the council is open to professionals, civic groups; scientific and trade societies interested in the problems of nutrition and help solve them —L.V.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Extra-Judicial Settlement has been entered into by and among the Hrs. of the Late Nazario Baldoza & Hipolita Gasalun, namely: Aquilino, Rufina & Teodora, all surnamed Baldoza, adjudicating unto themselves in undivided equal share the property situated at Barrio San Miguel, Bula, Camarines Sur, with an area of 7,6938 has., embraced by OCT. No. 7028, said deed acknowledged before Not. Pub. H. Espano of Canaman, Cam. Sur per Reg. No. 960; Page 57; Book XIV; S. of 1966 on May 12, 1966

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NAMARCO... Important to...

d total new retailers and distributors.

Atty. Briones said that, that is against the policy of the new administration that of having more distributor and retailer of Namarco goods for the benefit of the masses who want to avail of the lower cost of Namarco goods.

Briones opined that as long as a would be distributor or retailer complies with the requirements of the new Namarco rules and regulations, he would be named as distributor or retailer of Namarco.

He also said that for the present the sales of Namarco goods in the Bicol region is bigger than that of Cebu. He bared that the weekly sales here is between P50,000 and P100,000. He added, that a Namarco distributor

great numbers of 'bot' cars still "on the loose" and the illegal use of motor vehicles for purposes other than what they were registered for. Edu said, require a more intensified inspection of registration certificates.

Edu said that he had circularized all LTC registrars and other officials to effect enforcement of the law requiring registration certificates to be carried at all times in the nearly 400,000 motor vehicles all over the country.

who buy goods from the Namarco bodega here is given the privilege to open the boxes or crates to find out if the goods are as declared in the invoice. This is done to avoid a complaint later that the articles have been changed with old or different stock.

Land Reform...

Topics discussed in the information drive are:

1. Legal aspect particularly the shift to voluntary leasehold and the fixing of rentals
2. credit assistance under the Land Reform Code
3. Extension assistance, including farm management, home management, youth clubs, and 4-H activities, and 4. land acquisition and operations of the Land Authority and Land Bank.

It would now appear that the Land Reform Code is being implemented in the Bicol Region thru Voluntary leasehold operations. (Reported by Atty. Salvador Pico Chairman - Director, Regional Land Reform Committee)

Labayo's story...

practically every day supervising the construction, where was Mr. Labayo?

4. Mr. Labayo's father (former Finance Undersecretary Jorge Labayo) was then member of the BTII (Bicol Tourist & Travel Institute). Why was Ramon (a BTII Regional Coordinator) purposely bypassed by BTII in all construction and development projects in Bicolandia?

5. Mr. Labayo belittled the resthouse in Buluan Lake. Why does he not compare the P40,000 spent for that project with other constructions of the BTII in other provinces. Let him go abroad and compare accom plishments. Engineer Anacion, who is also from Sorsogon, takes high pride in his first project in his home province. Why does Mr. Labayo not bring an engineer to evaluate the project.

6. What tangible contribution has Mr. Labayo done to develop tourism in Bicolandia?

Very truly yours,

JOSE D. DESTURA
President, Sorsogon
Tourist & Travel Assn.

CSHS Team

Week on May 1-3, 1966. The CSHS team, composed of ten students and one coach competed with eight other teams representing Legazpi, Davao, Lucena, Cebu, Dumaguete Cities and two teams representing Greater Manila.

A trophy was awarded to the team plus certificates and other gifts during the closing ceremonies last May 8 with Col. Querubin Mabugat, chief, Trafton, PC, as guest speaker Benjamin Ojias, Director and Trade Relations Manager of Shell Refining Company gave the closing remarks.

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Sec. 1, Rule 74 of the Rules of Court, notice is hereby given that an extrajudicial settlement of the intestate estate of the late Victorio Abresinos who died on November 7, 1960 in Tinambac, Cam. Sur, was executed among his heirs; namely, his widow, Luisa Bariso and his children, Publia, Juanita, Antonia, Cesario, Gomer, Mamerta, Maria, Villa, Daniel and Job, all surnamed Abresinos, to the effect that all the abovesaid children renounced their shares, claims, interests and participations, respectively, in the real property covered by OCT No. 1741-Cam. Sur, under Tax No. 6269 located in Tinambac, C.S., in favor of their mother, Luisa Bariso.

The instrument was acknowledged before Notary Public Tomas Salcedo in Tinambac, C.S. on May 11, 1966 as per Doc No. 251 Page 52, Book 11, S. 1966

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Stable Peace in Southeast Asia Continues U. S. Goal

UNITED NATIONS—"The essence of United States policy in Southeast Asia... is the restoration of peace and stability in that area," U.S. Ambassador Arthur Goldberg says.

"At the request of the countries concerned," he said in a message to Secretary General U Thant, made public April 14, "the United States has undertaken to furnish assistance which may be necessary to repel aggression and to preserve the principle that all peoples should have the right to choose their own future free from armed coercion and terrorism. Only if this principle is upheld will conditions be created in which the peoples of Southeast Asia can prosper and develop as they themselves wish."

Mr. Goldberg's letter added: "The United States has been... and will continue to be... a strong supporter of the efforts both in and outside the United Nations to

establish these conditions of peace and ability and to encourage economic and social program which benefit all the peoples of Southeast Asia."

The Ambassador coupled his statement of U.S. objectives with a categorical denial of Cambodian allegations of U.S. "complicity" in recurring incidents along the border between Cambodia and Thailand. The denial referred to general Cambodian charges and specifically accusations made last March 8 and March 9 that the U.S. was aiding the so-called Khmer Serei in alleged attacks against Cambodia. Charges and counter-charges about border violations have been exchanged at the U.N. between the Cambodian and Thai representatives for many months.

Mr. Goldberg's letter stated that "the United States government furnishes no support or assistance whatsoever to the so-called Khmer Serei."

The Case of the Baby Girl With the External Brain

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Recently exactly 5 A.M. at 107 Queson St., in the capital town of this "oatle and copra" province a queer-looking baby girl was born to Casiano Verano, 49, a Bureau of Telecom. engine man and Apita Isopra, 40, all normal and healthy-looking residents hereat. The abnormal child; the eleventh in the family, lived for only 4 days and 1 hour for at 6 P.M. thereafter she died. The attending midwife during delivery is Mrs. Eliza Comal-Tiwan of the local puericulture center and the attending priest during death and burial is Fr. Pio Camposano of the local parish. The cause of the child's death can be attributed to the fact that no human being hitherto, as far as science is concerned, has ever been born with her brain unenclosed and exposed.

Baby Jeana Verano, was indeed a rarity and in the language of zoologists, she is what can be aptly called a "human freak". She was like any normal child except for one reason: she was born with her cerebellum and cerebrum outside the head, or precisely outside of the cranium. In other words, the brain was practically out and for that matter anybody can actually touch and feel it to be the real thing, wet substance.

According to Anita Verano

The CSHS team that represented Naga City was the team that won the championship during the contest held in this city last November 15-20. This team was the best among the 46 teams that participated in the contest held here.

The members of this team are Wilfredo Basual, Cesar Hidalgo, Shulan Primavera, Luciano Bahagaya, Danilo Caimag, Benjamin Jardinal, Meville Gonzales, Delia Bustamante, Nelly Mata and Geovannie Torres. The coach is Quintia E. Catura, member of the CSHS faculty. The sponsor of this team is the ALATCO transportation company. Sgt. Vicente Santiago of the City Police Department (Traffic Division) also helped in giving instructions to the team.—QEC.

she gave birth to that "odd and queer-looking child" not because of any abominable characteristic handed down to her husband or to herself from the past. Neither can it be said that the child inherited from its parents the abnormality for the latter are typically healthy and normal Filipinos. However, she is very vocal in her belief that more or less the case can be directly attributed to her intense liking for "GOC", hero of Mara Ravelo's Tagalog novel serialized in the local comics magazines. From the time she was conceiving up to the moment immediately prior to delivery she had been both an avid reader and admirer of Ravelo's 'bida' portrayed as one with enormous supply of the brain stuff. Ravelo, as well as the child's mother did not, by way scratch of the imagination, surmise that in reality there can be born in this country, one in a million, a child conceived and patterned to such a literary creation. And it is indeed a persistent superstitious belief among our local inhabitants that a woman in the family way may give birth to a child more or less exactly the same as the thing, object, or person she likes or dislikes while on the stage of conception; Men of science especially psychologists, give credence to this fact. And now the case of Baby Jeana Verano can be a remarkable example.

Rep. Felipe

First District Camarines Sur causing untold suffering to farmers who depend on earabags for farming. Please instruct PC to conduct intensive campaign against rustlers in the province of Iligan. Spsocot, Luni, Ragay, and Del Gallego, Regards and thanks, "Congressman Ramon Felipe, Jr."

Acting on the suggestion of Felipe to President Marcos in Malacañang, Executive Secretary Rafael Salas last May 4, sent to Felipe the following telegram: "Congressman Ramon Felipe, Jr., Congress, Manila. Reurs twenty eight, ultimo. Chief of Constabulary directed to investigate matter immediately take appropriate action and submit his report at end. Secretary Salas."

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