

Pictorial

PVL Convention



The Philippine Veterans Legion held recently its annual national convention and election of officers in Baguio City. Defense Secretary Balao is shown above addressing the legionnaires. Photo below shows part of the legion delegations on parade. Alfredo Bustamante, chief of the Veterans Affairs Division, Department of National Defense, was elected national commander of the Philippine Veterans Legion this year.

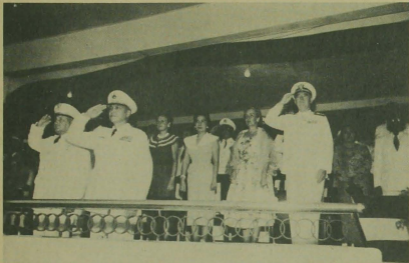




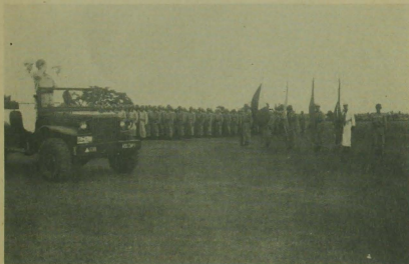
Delegates from the various chapters of the PVL all over the country attended the convention. Conventioneers posed for a photo (above). Below they are shown with AFP officers and guests during luncheon. Bustamante is shown seated at center in background.



JUSMAG Chief Honored

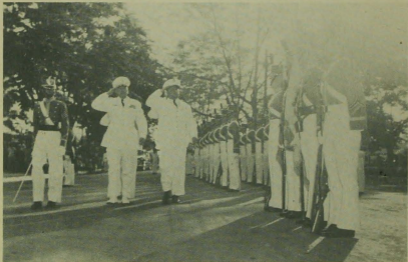


The Armed Forces of the Philippines honored on May 18 Maj. Gen. Wayne Smith, outgoing chief of the Joint United States Military Advisory Group in Camp Murphy, Quezon City. In photo above Gen. Smith (left) is shown with Lt. Gen. Jesus Vargas, AFP chief of staff, as honoring troops paraded before grandstand. Officer at right is Rear Admiral Mendell Switzer, commander of U.S. naval forces in the Philippines. Photo below shows Gen. Smith in the company of Gen. Vargas as they inspected the troops.





Gen. Smith (photo above) congratulated the troop commander for a very splendid "pass in review" of the troops after the parade as Gen. Vargas looked on. In photo below Gen. Smith (right) is shown with Gen. Vargas inspecting cadets of the Philippine Military Academy who came all the way from Baguio City to honor the outgoing JUSMAG chief. Mentioned as his successor is Maj. Gen. Joseph Harper, until recently commanding general of the infantry school at Fort Benning, Georgia, U.S.A.





American and Filipino armed forces top brass and their wives felicitated Gen. Smith (with cap off) after the parade. Later a banquet was held in honor of the outgoing JUSMAG chief at the Camp Murphy officers' clubhouse. Among those seen in photo below are Admiral and Mrs. Switzer, Defense Secretary and Mrs. Eulogio Balao, Gen. and Mrs. Vargas, and Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Pelagio Cruz of the Philippine Air Force.

