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FROM THE SMOKE: — The anti-dummy board dispute might help clarify the agency's status.

Justice Secretary Alejo Mabanag's recommendation: Abolish the anti-dummy board, for it's useless. Board member Raul Roque's retort: Mabanag wanted the board abolished, as his recommendees weren't accommodated. Question: Who's telling the truth? Let's look at the board record, which shows that: (1) Only 18 of the 158 docketed cases in 1959 were recommended for prosecution—the rest were dismissed; (2) only two cases have been successfully prosecuted since the board's organization five years ago (this fact is admitted by Roque). However: R o q u e blames the Justice Department for this poor record. His claim: The Department had been filing prosecution briefs which sounded like memorandum for the defense. On the other hand: Mabanag pointed at the board officials' constant absences as the cause of its failure. He cited a board member who has spent more time abroad than in Manila. But if this is so, why does Mabanag want the board abolished—not merely reorganized? Surely, there's no sense in abolishing an agency just be-

cause it's infested with inefficient personnel. Bear in mind: The anti-dummy board is a key office in the prosecution of the Administration's nationalistic policies. This agency: (1) Acts against aliens who subvert our national economy by possessing properties thru Filipino dummies; (2) stops alien manipulators from making wealth on illicitly operated commerce and industry. But this must be admitted: The board hasn't been a success. Although a sober examination of the facts in the dispute would help prove whether the board could help weed out alien principals and dummies. This could help clarify whether the board should exist, or be abolished with its functions given to some other government agency. Out of the dispute might well come out ideas that could effectively prosecute alien principals and Filipino dummies. (*The Manila Chronicle*, Manila 12/17/59).

HARSH STEP:—Why abolish an agency when the crying need is to strengthen it?

An obscure government office: The anti-dummy board. People don't know: (1) Where it is; (2) how it functions; (3) how effectively it has disposed of the dummy cases brought before it. Recently: Justice Secretary Mabanag visited the agency, found it deserted. His consequent proposal: Abolish



CPG AND A FOREIGN MINISTER
Certain nationals like dummies.

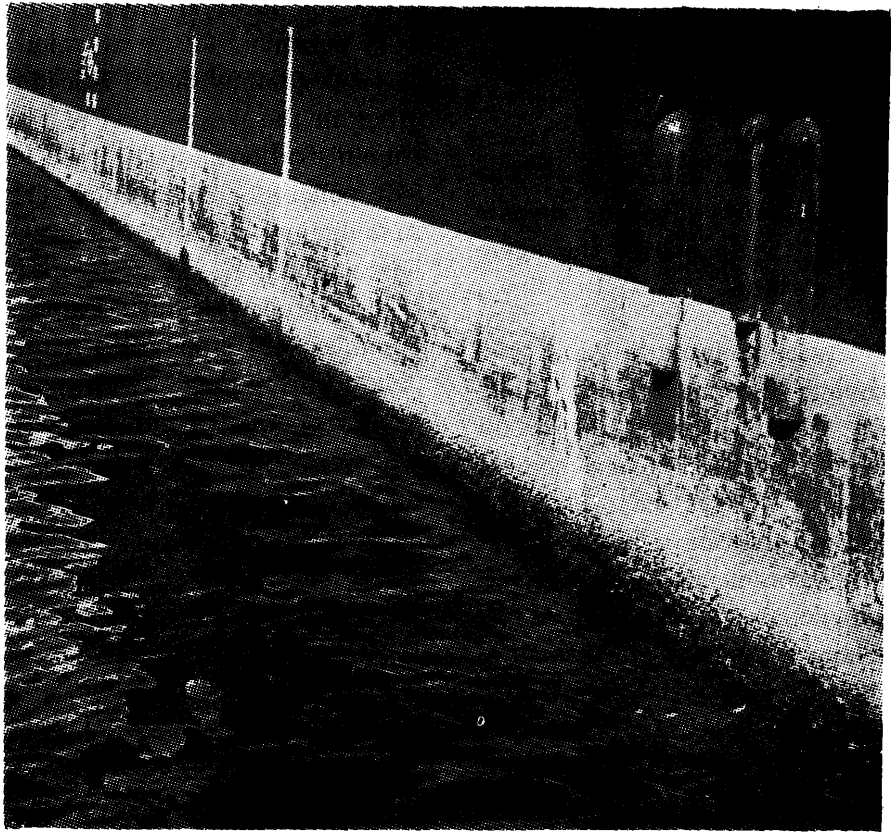
the board. *Manila Times'* position: Offices aren't abolished just because of one disappointing visit, or on an impulse. For one thing: The board is understaffed and poorly financed. It's been systematically ignored by the department under which it functions. Let's remember: The board is essential in executing nationalistic economic policies. There's alien domination of our economy because of "fronting" by unscrupulous dummies. Therefore: It would be fatuous to abolish the board, when the crying need is to strengthen it. But Mabanag may want to reorganize the board preparatory to strengthening it. In that case more than one surprise visit would be necessary to get at the facts and lay the basis. (*The Manila Times*, Manila, 12/19/59).

FILIPINO FIRST: — Filipino medical science can be of the best.

Commonplace: A Filipino patient going to the US for medical care. News: For a blind American physician to come here for surgical surcease. This unique event hit the headlines. The story: Dr. Michael Gosis had been blind for nine years. He went to the best US ophthalmologists — vainly. Finally: Texan Dr. Ronald Burnside told him his eyesight could be restored only by a PI ophthalmologist—whom Dr. Gosis sought. He underwent operation at the North General Hospital and within a fortnight, his eyesight was restored. His only regret: Medical ethics forbade his identifying his benefactor. What this points out to: Filipino medical science and research can be of the best. Here's a singular scientific achievement that should be recognized. While Legion of Honor medals are awarded often this government seems unmindful of the medical researcher—who recoils at publicity. But his name can no longer be keep secret. He is Dr. Jesus Tamesis. (**The Daily Mirror**, Manila, 12/15/59).

“CANNED POLITICIAN”: — The floating canneries may well end up our fish importation.

Revoked by the reparations commission: The ₱4-million shipping fleet award to an Iloilo



BARNACLED REPS SHIP M/V ESTANCIA
What's to be done about it?

farmers' cooperative. The coop had neither money nor the know-how to operate it. People now wonder: Why wasn't the award revoked long ago? Two floating canneries and six fishing vessels have been allowed to rust—while we imported \$8 million dollars worth of canned fish last year. The reps commission's problem: What to do with the valuable equipment. There are two offers from private concerns, who want to remove the canning machinery, then turn the vessel into passenger ships. This would defeat the reps allotment's purpose—RM's pet

project. The canneries are the most modern advancement in the fishing industry. They're complete factories for processing fresh fish and completing the canning operations on board. They can remain for weeks at distant fishing sites while the vessels fish. Naturally: The machinery's operation needs specialized crews for ship and factory. Large initial investment, expert foreign advice and training are a must. But considering its advantages, the undertaking is well worth its while. (**Manila Daily Bulletin**, Manila 12/17/59).

**MALODOROUS: — Valuable
reps goods are rotting—
thanks to fast buck artists.**

House good government committee's latest discovery: Valuable reparations goods are rotting here and in Japan. Explained the committee: These goods were solicited by traders who felt they could make money thru overpricing. They didn't feel their responsibility extended to putting the goods to actual use. Now, reps investigations are being readied. The Council of Leaders is planning its own probe. The good government group will be doing a good job if it pays special attention to the rotting goods. (*The Manila Chronicle*, Manila, 12/16/59).

**APOLOGIA:—One won't dare
deny there have been reps
anomalies.**

Reparations Commissioner Rodolfo Maslog's apologetic statement: If there have been irregularities, or if there have been overnight millionaires who had struck it rich in the reps scheme, blame it on the reps law loopholes. And forthwith, Maslog indicated he'd propose amendments to plug the loopholes. Observation: Maslog is right. Solons themselves admit their vaguely-provisioned creation hasn't worked well for

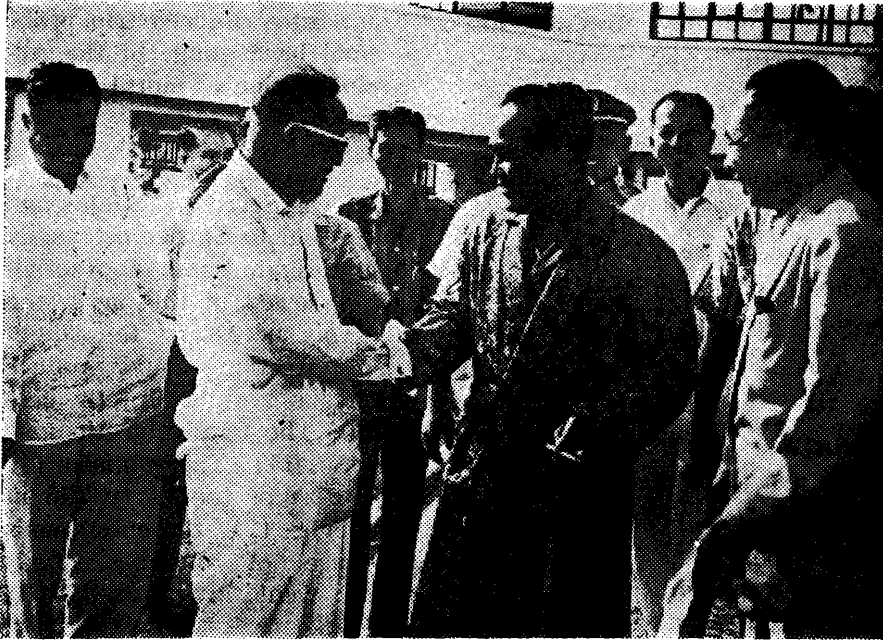
our country's interest. But Maslog could have brought this to Congress' attention long ago. We hope he did it—otherwise, he is likewise to be blamed for the reps losses. Obvious: Properly managed, the reps program could greatly boost our economy—instead of turning out financial tycoons overnight. The same result should have been obtained from the surplus properties left by the Americans just after the war. But it seems we haven't profited at all from experience. (*The Evening News*, Manila, 12/18/59).

**REFLECTION:—The outcome
of Santos' Borneo trip probe
could be a gauge of the Ad-
ministration's moral stand-
ards.**

Defense Secretary Santos and party went to Borneo ostensibly to investigate smuggling activities. Viewed in this light, the trip was necessary for smuggling operations could produce disastrous results to our economy. The trips' objectionable aspects: (1) The unnaturally large size of the party (45 in number); (2) the entourage's purchase of dutiable goods which went in untaxed; (3)



WATERFRONT CARGO IN A STATE OF CONFUSION
Some are rotting.



CPG BIDS REPS. GUSTILO AND ABORDO BON VOYAGE
 "While CPG worries . . ."

failure of the vessel to obtain quarantine clearance before and after the trip. Clearly: The last two charges—if true—violate customs and quarantine regulations. They shouldn't be dismissed too lightly. Government officials should be the last ones to infringe upon the laws. For what can prevent others from mocking these laws if those who have sworn to uphold them are the first to disregard the same? Hence: A full dress, impartial inquiry is in order. This is a chance for the Administration to give authentic direction to its much-ballyhooed "fight against graft and corruption in the government." (*The Evening News*, Manila, 12/15/59).

IN THE BRINK:—Corrupt administrators have ruined the Accfa RM so painstakingly built.

The year's understatement: "The public has lost confidence in the Accfa." Adds House special committee probing Accfa mess chairman Lucas Paredes: Accfa "failed in its functions" of helping the small farmer, a fact aggravated by adverse publicity. Comment: Paredes' claim is correct—but incomplete. What P a r e d e s should have added: Accfa was on the way up—until the Mount Pinatubo disaster. Shortly thereafter, Accfa's failure began. Some facts about Accfa:

It was doing fine until mid-1957. *Philippines Free Press'* 1956 observation: Accfa was smoking out usurers and unnecessary middlemen. Said RM in his 1957 State-of-the-Nation message: "Two principal factors have contributed to the moral and material uplift of the people in the rural areas, namely, the rapid organization and dynamic operation of farmers cooperatives and the speedy implementation of the rural health program . . . We should now extend the proven benefits of cooperative organization throughout the country." When CPG took over, however, the decay began immediately. In the 1957 elections Accfa funds were used to buy palay at exorbitant prices. After the palay anomaly came the tobacco mess. Forcing RM-appointed Accfa governors to quit on March 27, 1958 in protest over a dubious barter deal involving 14 million pounds of low grade tobacco. Later, the Auditor General confirmed rampant tobacco misgrading in Accfa plants. After which CPG appointed new board directors. Said columnist Teodoro Valencia (*Manila Times*, 1/27/59): "While President Garcia worries about his yacht and his new airplane, the Accfa directors already provided themselves with cars. One was given a 'Thunderbird,' another has a 'Mercedes,' a third has been assigned a 'Kharmanghia' and the fourth has an 'Oldsmobile.' They're the directors with personally assigned cars." Natural result: Small farmer's confidence in Accfa turned to cynical contempt. Something registered sharply in repayment rates. Under RM, Accfa loans repay-

ment varied between 87 to 90%. Today, it dropped so sharply. Disclosed management survey team Arthur Little Inc.: Roughly 80% of Facomas are "on the brink of bankruptcy." A fact admitted by CPG's own chief prober—Justice Ocampo. Adds Ocampo: ₱64 million in Accfa loans have not been paid. What's heartening: That the Senate BR committee is probing Accfa. While we believe this probe will turn up more anomalies, we feel a legislative investigation is hardly the answer to Accfa mess. For the RM era shows Accfa is basically sound, what shoved it into the gutter are the men who run it today. To be sure: The key to Accfa mess lies in CPG's hands. Either he fires corrupt Accfa officials or betrays small farmer's confidence. Whither is it going to be, Mr. President? (Ang Katarungan, Cagayan de Oro City, 12/5/59).

"UGLY FILIPINOS": — Our country can't win respect if its foreign office is peopled by misfits.

CPG and foreign affairs officials have finally recognized the need for reorganizing our foreign service. A commendable move—if only to make up for loss of prestige and rebuffs which the country has suffered due to foreign service personnel bunglings. The *Evening News* recommends these steps: (1) Reassess our foreign policy's

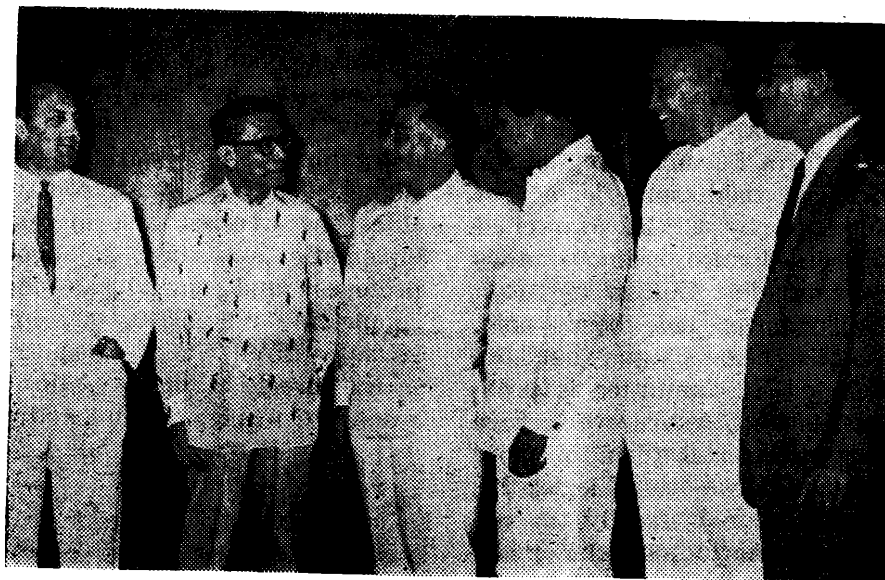
guiding principles; (2) adopt necessary changes concomitant to contemporary international politics' demands and shifts; (3) reorganize foreign office personnel. The last factor constitutes the weakest link in our diplomatic structure. Political proteges and lameducks—incompetent and misfits—are invariably given choice sinecures in the foreign service. Natural result: Outrageous diplomatic

fauxes pas. Who ought to be in the foreign office: Only competent, dedicated and trained personnel. And this could only be achieved if an immediate foreign office revamp is made. "Ugly Filipinos" who have damaged our country's reputation abroad should get the axe. For if they continue to stay the revamp will just be a farce. (*The Evening News*, Manila, 12/16/59).



SERRANO CHATS WITH JAP AMBASSADOR YUKAWA
Personnel revamp is in order.

DEFINITION OF FUNCTIONS: — It's Cabinetmen's duty to help the President—not vice-versa.



BUSINESSMEN AT CLOTHING MANUFACTURERS' MEET
The needed sterling qualities aren't there.

Post 1959 polls question: What are CPG's reelection chances? Answer many: Bleak! The last election results show the Opposition has gained much ground. Opposition's most effective and disastrous weapon: Graft and corruption issue. But is CPG already a dead duck? Definitely not. For he has still two years more in the saddle. Meaning: He has ample time to reverse the political situation. How? By instituting dramatic, sincere and sensible reforms. After all: He has all the powers to lick graft—the most lethal issue against his reelection. But he has to fight it early—now and everyday until 1961. How can CPG convince the people he means business in his anti-graft drive? Revamp the Cabinet and government corporations! Let's face it: CPG knows many of his lieutenants don't have a sterling reputation for probity, intellectual brilliance. In most cases, they've been appointed on political considerations alone. As a matter of fact, 80% of CPG's problem is these men around him. Ergo: He will solve 80% of his troubles by removing these men and enlisting honest and competent people. He can derive a lesson from RM. RM's appointments inspired public confidence. There were Pedro Tuason, Filemon Rodriguez, Fred Ruiz Castro, Manglapus, Manahan, Binamira, Ferrer, Mondoñedo, Villegas, Velasquez, and others. True:

They didn't have political capital. But they are men of known probity and unassailable character. And they didn't give RM any problem. RM didn't have to oversee them; he didn't have to defend them as CPG has done many times—sticking his neck too far out. What we're afraid of: CPG seems afflicted with the same ailment that destroyed Roxas—a soft heart. What CPG should know: The presidency is no place for soft and sentimental people. All the time, the president is called upon to choose between friends and public interests. Tip to CPG: Look around for justices and judges—and appoint them to responsible positions. For they're about the only men who aren't corrupt today. (*The Baguio Mountain Sentinel*, Baguio City, 12/12/59).

"I AIN'T GUILTY":—Filipino businessmen blame everybody but themselves for their failures.

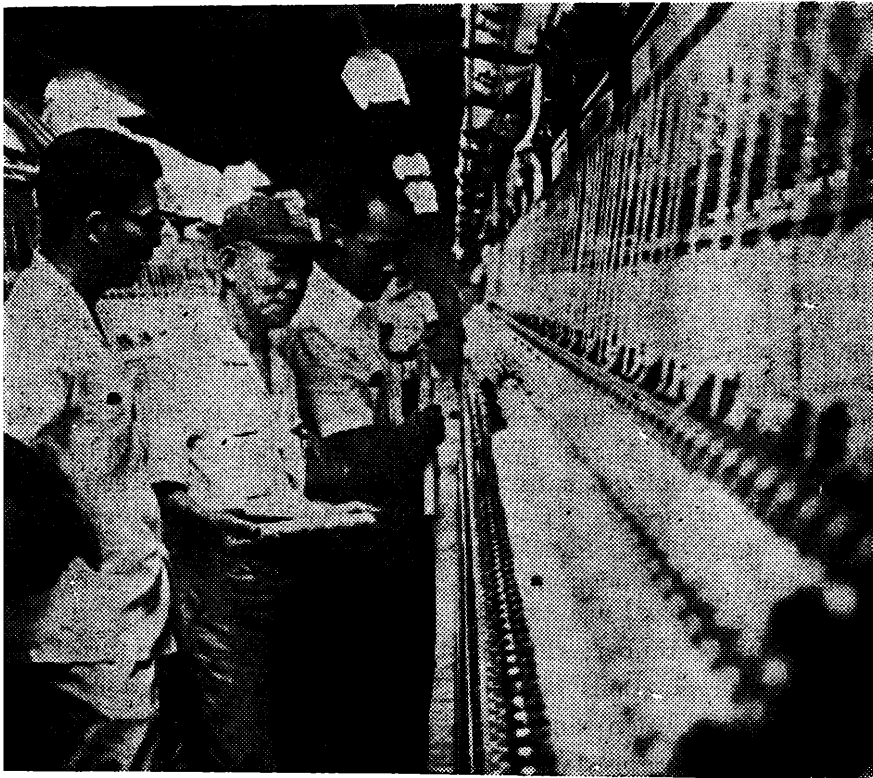
Declared Development Bank chairman Gregorio Licaros in a UP speech: Filipinos can wrest control of business in their country from alien businessmen. But first, Licaros compared Filipino businessmen and their alien counterparts' attitudes and motivations. Said he: The alien's ability to distinguish between political propaganda and economic realities and between immediate hardship and future gains is what makes him a better businessman than the Filipino. Whereas the Filipino easily gets discouraged by initial or monetary set-backs and immediately thinks of giving up, the alien businessman would

display resourcefulness, patience and courage. Also: The Filipino runs to his government for help at the first sign of difficulties. And if help doesn't come immediately, he blames everybody but himself for his failure. On the other hand: Alien businessmen assist one another, thereby assuring each other the success of his undertakings. Meaning: Filipinos are individualistic and wanting in cooperative effort spirit. Observes Licaros: Aliens venture into new fields, Filipino investors enter a new field only after it has been proven profitable by alien investors. Then: They would assert and attempt to edge out alien competition by clamorously raising nationalization banner. Question: What can be done about this? Answers Licaros: "No amount of

civic spirit, as well as legal administrative sanction of the government can assure permanent Filipino dominance in business better than the sterling qualities that make one a real businessman regardless of nationality." True: Licaros' view of the Filipino in business is harsh. And his opinions will definitely not endear him to rabid Filipino Firsters. But who can say Licaros is wrong? Of course: There are Filipinos who have made good in business and industry by their patience, resourcefulness and dedication. But they're the exception, not the rule. The general run of Filipino investor is timid and overly dependent on government support. (*The Daily News*, Cebu City, 12/6/59).

GHOST:—Some new and unnecessary industries are neither new nor necessary.

The presidential fact-finding committee is on the warpath against ghost industries. Malacañang graft-buster Marcelino Calinawan has placed under strict surveillance some "new and necessary" industries. Recalled: Government's crack-down on "new and necessary" industries sometime ago because of their failure to heed government regulations. Withdrawn were tax exemption privileges from 92 bogus firms. The charge: Certain tax exempt industries were no more than luxury item-importers and dollar allocation-peddlers. Reports Calinawan: Only 300 out of 890 "new and necessary" industries are legitimate. Unscrupulous businessmen disguised themselves as "new and necessary" industries operators, then raked in fat profits siphoning CB dollars into the blackmarket. Result: Depleted local dollar reserves—which means legitimate industries robbed of foreign exchange. Thus, the Administration's move to clean up is welcome. Altho it has yet to drop the axe on some 600 fly-by-night business establishments. Truth to tell: Unless the government launches a sustained drive against ghost industries, honest entrepreneurs will remain in foreign exchange-peddlers' and dollar marketeers' merciless grip. What's worse: Bogus firms will hasten our wobbly dollar structure's collapse. Imperative: That the government finish its job before



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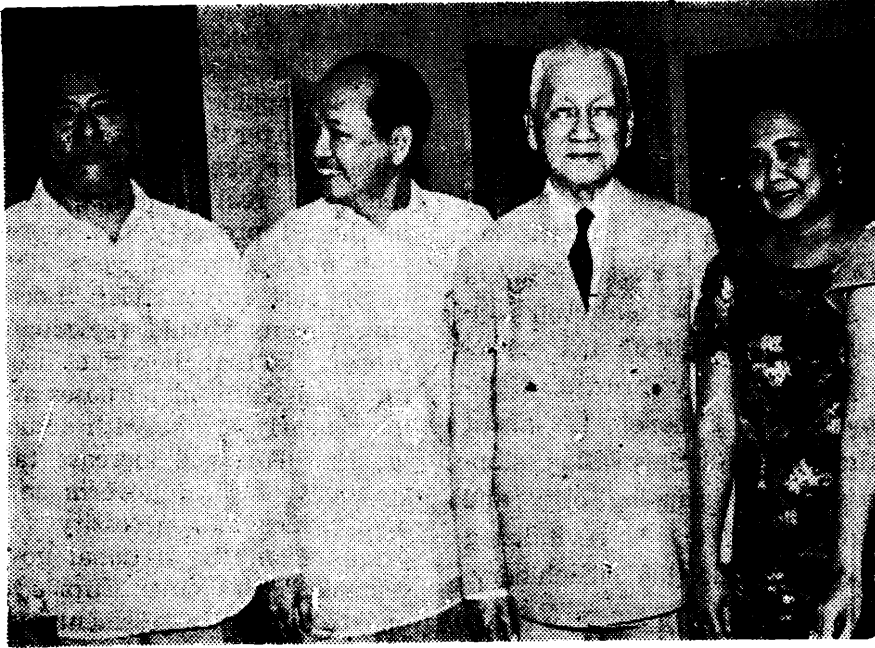
bogus "new and necessary industries" can do any more harm. (**Baguio Midland Courier**, Baguio City, 12/13/59).

SAD AWAKENING:—We don't have as rich forest reserves as we think we have.

One national assumption: We have vast, inexhaustible forest reserves. This simply is no longer true. Updated forest figures furnished by Society of Filipino Foresters' Nicolas Lansigan tell the story. We have only half a hectare per person while the world average is

more than one and a half. And we are reducing our forest resources at the rate of three billion board feet a year. Lansigan's estimate: With our present forest depletion rate our timber stock in 1980 will be the same as Greece's and Mexico's—two most notoriously deficient countries in timber resources. Indeed: The story is a sad one. And it all adds up to government neglect. Consider: (1) Many of our forest reserves have been under exploitation for years and are almost cleaned out of timber; (2) we have forest regulations but inadequate supervision and enforcement; (3) reforestation is losing out to deforestation by a 3-1 ratio; (4) **kaingin** accounts

for P10-P15 million annual loss with erosion adding more millions in damage to property and productive land. Forestry people's gripe: RM did a disservice to conservation by releasing 63 **kaingeros** from jail. This act served as go-signal for uncontrolled **kaingin** making. Forestry people agree: The situation isn't much appreciated by the government. The forestry bureau hasn't been bolstered with funds it needs to police our woods. But they're grateful for the NEC for drafting a bill which would set aside forest reserves from public land and preventing their settlement or sale. If only the legislation would be enforced. (**Manila Daily Bulletin**, 12/21/59), Manila).



SECRETARY SANTOS WITH THE OSMEÑAS
 Many good men are outside the government service.

FREE HAND:—CPG should be given the widest leeway in his protracted Cabinet revamp.

CPG has demanded that every member of his official family resign. But unlike the 1958 Cabinet revamp when some RM Administration hold-overs were retained, the present revamp promises to be a thorough one. Obvious: The move is designed to establish perfect teamwork in keeping with CPG's policies. Undebatable: Need for competent, fearless and active administrators to help CPG. Swivelled-chair straddlers who leave their departments to assistants and subordinates shouldn't have a place in the new Cabinet. CPG's men should be trustworthy. Above all: He must have Cabinetmen who fully subscribe to

his views and policies. They should be CPG's character and virtues' extension. They should know how to differentiate right from wrong. Of course: The search for high calibered men will be tough and hard. But the President should explore all government and private sectors in the search. We hope the search will lead somewhere. (The Bohoi Chronicle, Tagbilaran, Bohol, 12/6/59).

BIG IF:—Many good men are willing to serve provided there's no political interference.

Many Cabinetmen and government corporation heads have submitted their resignations. Aim: Give CPG a free hand in

reorganizing his official family. A good move indeed. For it's time the deadwoods and the inefficient were weeded out, the honest and the competent retained. Of course: There are many able, honest and competent NPs. And they're ready to serve. The condition: They be free from political interference. Memo to CPG: Draft all these good men into public service. Consider the public good as the noblest motive. (Pangasinan Courier, Dagupan City, 12/13/59).

MESS:—Under the present Administration, the SWA has become a publicity tool.

Senator-elect Ferdinand Marcos' plan: Work for SWA abolition. Then, grant government subsidy to the Philippine National Red Cross. Columnist's opinion: The move will certainly be a distinct contribution to the return of morality in the government. Of course: The Marcos move will encounter rough-sailing. What we should admit: SWA was born with the noblest of aims and intentions—for the needy and the underprivileged. But under the present Administration, SWA had been converted into a propaganda machine, an entity to entice and bribe the people. Davao example: Mayoralty bet Tiongco was afforded SWA provincial office

facilities. SWA rice—intended for indigents—became Tiongco's award for political support. What's worse: Rice found its way into alien bodegas and the mayoralty bet's private warehouse. What's encouraging: That Davaoños woke up on time, consigned Tiongco to the loser's pit. Friendly advice to the Administration: Clean up SWA—or poetic justice is going to come to it. And Marcos is going to be the poet. (*The Mindanao Pioneer*, Davao City, 12/5/59).

OBSOLETE:—Our real estate tax assessment system is antiquated.

Declared CPG recently: He's against any plan to increase present tax rates. Warns he: Don't crank out revenue-raising legislations—reorganize and improve the country's tax collection machinery instead. Comment: Right move! It's about time the Administration stopped its tax-slapping orgy and earnestly started revitalizing our tax-collection machinery.

How? By updating our tax assessment system. The system has failed miserably in adequately tapping a principal revenue source. Observation: Ninety per cent of US tax revenues are real estate tax, while in the PI property tax represents only 20%. Suggests ICA tax expert Ray Davis: "Local governments should reevaluate property so that the values used for tax assessment purposes are more nearly in line with actual values. This will increase tax revenues of local governments and reduce the necessity for grants from the national government." Of course: Efforts to update our tax assessment methods will go a long way in fully harnessing our tax revenue potential. Local tax exports findings: "The property tax on the 'average' parcel of real estate in the Philippines is only 42% of what it would be if the statutory requirements for assessments were observed. Otherwise stated, the property tax in the 'average' province or city can produce approximately two and one-half times as much revenues as it now produces with no increase in present tax rates." Evident: There's a need for (a) adopting an improved tax assessment method, (b) keeping an adequate tax assessment records. As it is: Real property duplications, over-declaration, or underdeclaration plus confusion in property description have crippled local tax authorities efforts in correctly appraising real property and in intensifying real estate tax collection. Thus: CPG has come up with the right proposal. Tax collection machinery reorganization and improvement—not



POLL BRASS SIGN WINNERS' PROCLAMATION CERTIFICATE
Marcos has a plan.

new tax legislations—will turn the trick. Question: Can CPG whip up enough support in Congress? Considering it's peopled by not a few landlords and hacenderos? (**The Baguio-Mountain Sentinel**, Baguio City, 12/12/59).

TAKING OVER: — Must the government compete with private industry?

Fact: We have (a) abundant raw materials, (b) men with ideas, (c) men willing to invest and work. Yet our economy is lopsided. Why: The Administration's investments policy is too vacillating and variable. Thus not only foreign capital but also domestic investors are afraid to invest. For instance: Why pour in capital, when profits realized won't accrue to your favor? Why go into business when—aside from non-protection and lack of encouragement—the government also goes into business and competes with private capital? Is this the Administration's idea of letting "private enterprise take over whenever it's capable?" (**Mindanao Times**, Davao City, 12/5/59).

FOUNDED FEAR:—We can't blame poll inspectors for keeping mum.

Popular clamor: Revise the Election Code. The paper's

stand: Good. But pass a companion measure to make our police agencies trustworthy peace and order instruments. Last elections example: Towns and cities under commission control. Meaning: Police forces in these places were simply inefficient. Common knowledge: Many town and city cops get their job thru political connections. And in many cases, they're the first to break peace and order. Of course: To put additional safeguards to the ballot's sanctity would be going one step better. But what use would these be if people entrusted with running that machinery aren't assured of protection from dangers. A city or town may be placed under commission control during elections, but what assurance do inspectors get that they won't be partisan police members reprisal victims after elections? Will these cops protect poll inspectors from political terrorism inspired by the same politicians who appoint them as cops? To be sure: It's only when poll men are assured of equal protection from lawless elements by cops that they can reasonably be expected to discharge their duties. Without that guarantee, you can't blame inspectors for "seeing nothing, hearing nothing, telling nothing" about elections. (**The Bicol Examiner**, Naga City, 12/12/59).

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MYSTERIOUS SILENCE: — Is there a tie-up between fake bill artists and some Administration men?

Aside from creating nationwide economic chaos, bogus bills have also turned suspicious eyes towards some Administration men. Why? Because the whole affair is too big for ordinary counterfeiters. And the damage too great to command just more than "brushing off" explanations from CB and other authorities. Many people suspect some candidates who spent millions in the last elections had something to do with the spurious bills. Else, why are responsible government officials silent about move against fake bill passers? The government has done nothing important enough to be considered a major move to solve the problem. Question: Who is going to be hurt if some people sound off? (*The Mindanao Pioneer*, Davao City, 12/5/59).

GOOD IDEA:—A Manila subway is possible but not practicable.

City Health Officer Mariano Icasiano's suggestion: Construct a subway for Greater Manila. Comment: An excellent proposal. But its expected benefits must be considered against the attendant cost—estimated at ₱5 million per kilometer. At this rate, the proposed subway would cost the city some ₱150

million. Whereas: Road widening and setting up an inter-municipal transport system including bus terminals would cost far less than that. And as Public Works Secretary Florencio Moreno has pointed out: Even the flood control system has had to be delayed due to fund lack. This is certainly a more urgent project than the subway. Another project needing immediate attention: Developing Tondo shorelines for housing projects. Tondo and other blighted areas are Manila's shame. They should be rehabilitated before any other major project is undertaken. If the idea is to enable Manila to catch up with other leading world cities in modern improvements, the last thing is a subway. (*The Daily Mirror*, Manila, 12/18/59).

THE TOPIC OF CANCER:—

The Philippine Cancer Society counts on the man on the street for its existence.

Cancer is among the most dreaded words in the medical language. But we seem to know little of its dangers. To correct this deficiency, the Philippine Cancer Society is conducting an educational, membership and fund drive. What's needed: Public support for the fund drive. For only popular contributions maintain the anti-cancer fight. No government appropriations is available for the work, and no subsidy from private quarters has been offered for the purpose. The society has to count on the man on the street for its continued existence. What has the PCS done to merit spirited public support? Firstly: It has enlisted members who impress the dangers of can-



PUYAT HANDS IN A ₱50,000 CANCER FUND CHECK
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cer upon our people. Secondly: It treated 3,000 cancer patients the past year. Of course: The PCS has much more to do. It still has to establish a modern and adequate diagnostic center. And it has to carry on its educational and membership campaign to the provinces. How can the PCS achieve its objectives? By waging a successful fund drive. This year's drive started with a P50,000 donation from businessman Gonzalo Puyat and P1,000 from CPG. But the PCS still has to gather momentum and really get enough money to serve its noble purpose. (The Manila Chronicle, Manila, 12/19/59).

ARTIFICIAL: — Government employes need a living wage —not fanfare and publicity.

Government Employes Week aim: Direct a little more attention to men (a) behind the desk, (b) out in the field, (c) serving the people, (d) attending to chores that make the government machinery tick. The Week is a measure of recognition. An expression of appreciation and regard. Undeniable: The intention is good—but fanfare and publicity aren't what the government employe needs. He can go along fine without radio programs, press releases, model employe contests, etc. But he can't go without something more practical and tangible—a living wage. Memo to the government: Implement RA 2083. It corrects WAPCO reorganization Plan

No. 2-A. National government employes assigned to provinces receive a lower salary with this plan. Congress has already done its part; it has passed RA 2083. Appropriated P10,800,000 to cover salary adjustments. Its effective date was June 14. But to date, the law remains untouched. Until probably next year when Government Employes Week comes around again. (The Bicol Mail, Naga City, 12/13/59).

OUCH!:—Those who maltreat others deserve commensurate punishment.

There are forms of maltreatment the law doesn't adequately

ly punish. That's how many people feel about the beating a Pasay City mother administered her two-year old boy. Other cases where the law is too weak come to mind. Among them: Inhuman employers maltreating their servants—who can be only meted punishment prescribed in ordinary maltreatment cases. Imperative: That maltreating young kids, servants and other defenseless household members be made a qualified offense with commensurate penalties. Heavy penalties consistent with modern penology can deter inhuman treatment. The community will be grateful to the solon who tries to fill this need. (The Daily Mirror, Manila, 12/



CIVIL SERVICE EXAM APPLICANTS TROOP TO BUREAU . . . uncertainties notwithstanding.

Order Relief For Typhoon Victims

President Garcia Monday acted swiftly to provide immediate relief to victims of typhoon "Gilda" in Samar, Masbate, and Leyte. He authorized Naric to open its Laoang (Northern Samar) bodega for requisitions of rice by SWA and Red Cross; directed SWA Administrator Villamor to meet immediately with the presidential relief committee to gather relief supplies; made available RPS Lapu-Lapu to transport relief supplies; and, called Budget Commissioner Dominador Aytona to a conference about numerous requests for financial releases received from different provinces along the typhoon-stricken areas.

Last Tuesday, upon the President's instruction, a Philippine Air Force plane ferried Speaker Daniel Z. Romualdez to Leyte, Congressman Emilio Espinosa to Masbate, Congressmen Valeriano Yancha, Felipe Abrigo and Eladio Balite to Samar, SWA Administrator Villamor and members of the President's contingent fund committee to help supervise the distribution of relief supplies and make a rough estimate of the damage wrought by the typhoon.

An estimated number of 40,000 persons were rendered homeless by "Gilda". Samar legislators informed the President that approximately 30,000



FISCAL ULPIANA SHOWS INCRIMINATING LETTERS TO RIBBONERS
An anti-graft bill ought to pass this time.

persons had been rendered homeless while many public and private properties were destroyed. Masbate Governor Jesus Almero reported that his province suffered an estimated P2-million damage to public and private properties. In the capital alone, he said, approximately P500,000 was lost and 2,000 persons rendered homeless. Almero requested for the expeditious release of funds to help his province "get back on its feet."

**Accelerate New Industries,
Projects**

The Binga Hydroelectric Project in Mountain Province will have a trial run this week. The

President was informed that the project is expected to solve the Meralco brownout in Manila and suburbs. It will have an initial output of 50,000 kilowatts. President Garcia was pleased to note that of the \$21 million borrowed from the World Bank to meet the dollar requirements of the project, only \$18 million was spent.

President Garcia said that with the completion of Binga Hydro-electric plant, the government will give top priority to the construction of the Angat Hydroelectric project, the biggest in the Philippines. This project is expected to provide Manila and its suburbs with 150,000 kw. It will also supply power to new industries to be established soon by Shell, Stan-

vac and Filoil refineries, and the Bataan Paper and Pulp mills.

Establishment of the integrated steel industry in Iligan City by next year was the subject of the discussion between the President and Central Bank Governor Miguel Cuaderno. Two European groups were willing to finance the project which is estimated to need \$70 million for the purchase of machineries and equipment. He told the CB governor to study the feasibility of the government maintaining control of the industry during its initial stage but under private management.

Public Works Secretary Florencio Moreno also called on the President last week to discuss with him several projects to be undertaken with a loan to be secured from the Development Loan Fund.

Probe Of Commercial Agents Ordered

Some 90 commercial agents of the bureau of commerce face investigation for refusing to turn in their used accountable forms to the central office of the bureau in Manila. The President ordered the Pcape to look into the cases of these 90 commercial agents when Commerce Secretary Pedro Hernaez and acting Commerce Director Rizalino Pablo became suspicious over the firm refusal of the commercial agents to return triplicate copies of official receipts issued by them since 1951. These receipts were issued for collections representing registration of firm names, fees for bonded warehouses, and copra inspection fees which ran into millions from 1951 to 1953.

Acting Director Pablo disclosed that audit and check-up of discrepancies in the accounts of the agents will be completely disrupted by the absence of the triplicate copies of some 600 booklets consisting of 50 official receipts per booklet. These triplicate copies are used by the central office for verification purposes.

As there is no way of verifying discrepancies in the agent's collections, the bureau of commerce in its Circular No. 6, issued in 1955, made such non-remittance subject to administrative action and stoppage of pay of the officers concerned.

Severino Ortega, administrative officer of the bureau, told Pcape probers that he had made repeated demands on the agents to return the accountable forms to the bureau but that they said some provincial auditors called for them whenever the officers submitted their monthly collections.

Ortega, however, claimed that the officers would not explain why they would not surrender the forms after the provincial auditors had been through with them.

Meanwhile, Press Secretary Jose C. Nable said that President Garcia is renewing his bid to Congress for the passage of the anti-graft bill which was a portion of his state-of-the-nation address to Congress during its regular session last January.

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INTERNATIONAL

DIFFERENT APPROACH:—

Bulganin and Khrush went to the Indian government; Ike went direct to the people.

There's a marked contrast between the Indian visits of Bulganin and Khrushchev and that of Eisenhower. The reason lies in both mission's objectives and purposes. The Russians came to make a sale—to gain an important recruit to international Communism. Ike's visit was related to the plan to keep India on the Free World's side; but his approach was different. Ike came to tell Indians that US is prepared to back them in their efforts to maintain their way of life. Where the Bul-Khrush visit was to extend the Commie tenet (and chains), Ike just reminded Indians they had a friend in the US. A friend who sought no material gain but only to perform a wealthy nation's inherent obligation to the less fortunate. Indians' reception to Ike evidenced the success of the US way. Bul-Khrush tried to gain the same end by going to the government — Ike's approach was direct to the people. And the Indians reacted as any free people might be expected to react to a tender of friendship. (**Manila Times, Manila, 12/15/59**).

WISHFUL THINKING:—A UN membership for Red China won't make her "more responsible to world opinion."

Democratic Party "Titular Leader" Adlai Stevenson has joined the do-gooders who bat for Red China's admission into the UN. He starts with the proposition that the only road to world peace is thru general disarmament—which can't be attained without taking Red China as a UN member. He argues: As a UN member, Red China would be "more respon-

sible to world opinion." What seems to have been forgotten: The Sinred delegation which sat in the UN during the Korean war did nothing but hurl invectives against the US and other Free World countries. Evident: If Stevenson really believes Peeking would submit to having its armed potential reduced for world peace's sake, he's too naive to be titular Democratic Party head. A UN seat for any but peace loving powers would only convert the world body into a forum for aggressors with axes to grind and sabers to sharpen. (**The Sunday Times, Manila, 12/20/59**).

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PROVINCIAL

SESSION ADJOURNED:—Naga City dads always have an excuse when session time comes.

The city's third municipal board is one of the "queerest" boards the city has ever had. It hasn't had any session for several weeks. Reason: Lack of quorum. What we can't understand: Why every time a session is called some councilors are either "indisposed" or "out of town." Present example: One is in Manila on an undisclosed mission; another in Legaspi on "official business," and the city treasurer (board's ex-

officio member) is in Manila on official business. To be sure: The board's failure to call sessions regularly is certainly a big slap on the city administration. It's therefore hoped everything turns out fine before our people's patience runs out. (Naga Times, Naga City, 12/12/59).

SQUATTERS: — Unscrupulous politicians abet squatter problem in exchange for votes.

Baguio City's foremost problem: Squatting. Squatters don't seem to fear the law anymore; they just go ahead and build on any vacant public land. Of course: They know it's illegal. But they aren't afraid. Why?

Because politicians always interfere on their behalf. Observe: Squatting usually happens during election campaigns. Resulting in the problem of (a) sanitation; (b) public safety; (c) peace and order; (d) beautification; (e) easements, etc. Yet politicians abet—at times protect — squatters. They're really not to blame. For the fundamental problem is there—no land for the landless. And a politician can't do much harm—a demagogue only accentuates the problem. Memo to the incoming city administration: Locate the squatters. And drive them out! (Baguio Midland Courier, Baguio City, 12/13/59).

PROBLEM:—The government isn't doing its share of the increase-rice-production bargain.

Palay planters are again faced with rice-selling problem. Because Naric has been reported to be short of cash. And therefore cannot assume its primary responsibility. The government thus appealed to farmers: Increase rice production and stabilize palay price. Our farmers responded, altho it meant more expense. It's now the government's turn to help farmers. Success hinges on cooperation of both. (The Examiner, Cabanatuan City, 12/23/59).



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ROUND-UP _____

THE MINDANAO PIONEER

—Davao City: Inspired by politics than anything else, Davao City dads elected defeated council bet Gonzalo Latorillo as city secretary. Thus ousting incumbent Milagros Nartatez. But Mayor Porras isn't sold on the idea. He has assigned some legal minds to study the city charter provision. Calling the panel: Decide fast. Before the confusion gets more serious. (12/2/59).

ZAMBOANGA TIMES—Zamboanga City: Malacañang tapped some provincial and city governments official for contribution to its Christmas Festival. Forgetting these places have their own projects. Is the oversight intentional? (12/3/59).

SPORTS _____

NCAA Stars Repulse Japanese Quint

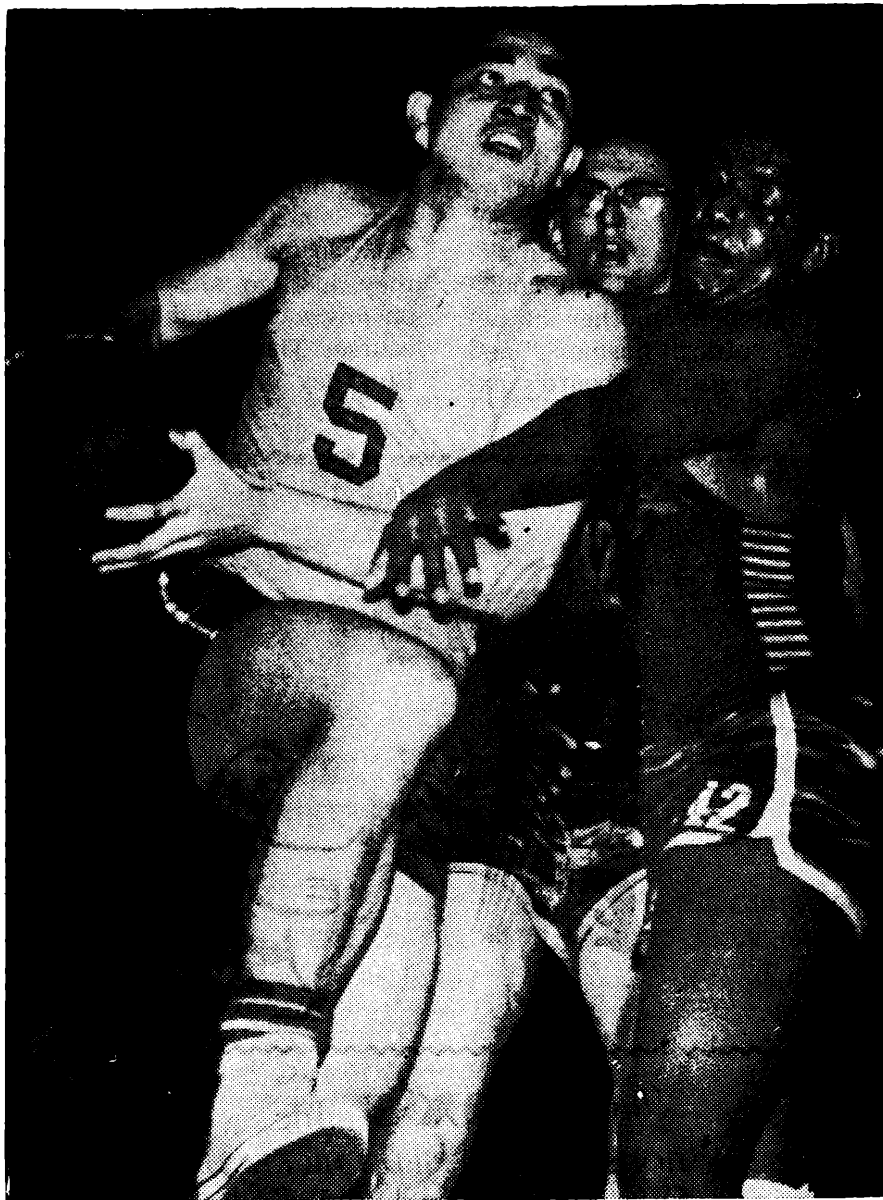
Coach Kiko Calilan's NCAA selection trounced Japan's Collegiate All-Stars last Sunday to hand the visitors their fourth defeat in the seven-game series sponsored by the Peace and Amelioration Fund Commission.

The Rizal Memorial Coliseum cage tussle, which ended at 66-63 for the local five, evened up

the score for the two teams which had dueled to a 1-1 card in Tokyo months ago. In their first Manila encounter, the Nippon cagers came on top, 70-68.

The visitors' other wins were registered over SBC Red Lions and MIT Cardinals, while their other losses were administered by LSC Archers, UE Warriors and JRC Heavy Bombers.

For the first time the PI national team, which will compete in the forthcoming Asian Basketball Conference, made its public appearance in a game preceding the NCAA Stars-JCAS setto. Coached by Luli Rius, the nationals whomped their adversaries — Clark Air Force Base dribblers—in a convincing fashion, 118-72.



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The Marvex Wheelers outraced the Visayan Bicycle aces Sunday to capture the second round pennant of the 1960 Philippine racing championship.

Powered by Jose Moring, the first round champions Marvex racers breezed past their arch rivals in the showdown held at the Quezon Memorial Stadium in Batangas. Moring pedaled the 50-lap event in 32 minutes and 49 seconds.

In the same day Benjamin Buitre smashed the Philippine Cycling Association's 10-lap amateur record by covering the distance in six minutes and 36.5 seconds. He himself had set the previous mark of 6:43 in Manila.

In the junior division, the Makati Invincibles easily sped away to leave the General Auto Supply team behind.

Aggies Cop Mountain Province Championship

Trinidad's (Benguet) Mountain National Agricultural School amassed 171 points to bag the general championship of the Public Schools Provincial Athletic meet.

The four-day joust closed Saturday at the Burnham Athletic Bowl, Baguio City.

Defending champions Lepanto High School and Bontoc Elementary School were pushed down to third place with 89

points. Athletes from the Mountain Province High School and Ifugao, Kalinga and Apayao Elementary Schools clinched the second spot with 95 points.

Occupying the cellar position with 65 points were athletes from Baguio City High and Baguio Elementary Schools.

The MNAS unit scored heavily in all games and events except in the girls' track and field. The delegation, along with selected athletes from the other three units, will represent the Mountain Province in the Northern Luzon Athletic Association meet to be held in Bangue, Abra January 25-30 next year.

PI Open Golf Championship

The 1960 PI Open Golf Championship will take place January 21-24, PI Golf Association tournament sponsors announced.

A 36-hole qualifying round for local pros and amateurs not automatically qualified will be played January 9-10, with 18 holes each day. January 7 is deadline for entries in the qualifying phase.

Exempted from the qualifying round are the following:

Past and present Open champions, present amateur champion, foreign pros and amateurs invited by the PGA, local and foreign pros and amateurs who qualified in the Seventh Far East Open, and members of the PI team who played in the first World Amateur team championship at St. Andrews in 1958.

CIT'S Torralba Beats Ignacio

Cebu Institute of Technology's Edlin Torralba humbled San Jose's Sammy Ignacio Jr. recently in the Cebu Open Intercollegiate Tennis Championship. The score was 6-1, 6-4.

Other results: Arturo Sayson (UV) defeated Antonio Buhia (CIT) with a score of 7-5, 6-1.

Lazaro Gumboc also of CIT will play against Edlin Torralba.

Society ---

PTS Plays Santa To Indigents

The Philippine Tuberculosis Society played Santa Claus by distributing gifts to some 800 indigent families afflicted with tuberculosis at the Manila Jockey Club last Saturday.

The gifts included clothes, textiles, powdered and canned milk, rice, sugar, canned goods, candies, biscuits, plastic combs and shoes.

Assisting in the gift distribution were Doña Julia Vargas Vda. de Ortigas, Conchita Sunico and members of the Anti-TB Fund Drive special events division.

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Jokoans At Piano Recital

Ma. Corazon Opao Lanaria of Jolo, Sulu presented her students at a piano recital recently.

The repertoire included: Swans on the Lake (J. Thompson) by Josephine Alipuddin, Malagueña (L. Sugarman) by Christina Francisco, Glow Worm (L. Sugarman) by Ofelia Nazario, Saya sa Ilaw (F. Buencamino, Sr.) by Lorraine Luchan, Life in Spring (B.R. Anthony) by Amelita Alipuddin, Il Bacio (L. Arditi) by Thelma Tay, Over the Waves (J. Rosas) by Ferdaucia Carpizo, Glissando Mazurka (C. Bohm) by Nancy Hassan;

Serenade (G. Lange Op. 90 No. 11) by Fe Francisco, Valse (A. Durand) by Olivia Nazario, Nocturne (Fr. Chopin Op. No. 2) by Delora Nazario, Tinikling (F. Buencamino Sr. duet) Susie Ang and Nieva Francisco, Czar-das (V. Monti) by Teresita Alipuddin, My Soul's Lament (F. Buencamino Sr.) by Albertina Luchan, Duet—Swaying Daffodils (A. R. Overlade) by Olivia and Delora Nazario, Dream of Olwen by Nieva Francisco, The Joyful Peasants (S. Harte) by Emmeline T. Escudero, and Se-guidilla and Artist's Life (J. Thompson (by Susie Evelyn Ang.

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