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## The "LET YOUR HAIR DOWN"

### Column

MRS. Willimont, Executive Vice-President of our Chamber, recently received a letter from Mr. Richard A. May, President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (Tokyo), informing her that Mr. Robert C. Story, of Seattle, had been appointed Executive Secretary of the Chamber. Manila businessmen will recall that Mr. Story was a member of the delegation from the Seattle Chamber of Commerce which visited the Philippines last year. The letter follows:

Dear Mrs. Willimont:

"The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan is pleased to advise you that Mr. Robert C. Story has become our Executive Secretary.

"Mr. Story has come to Tokyo from Seattle where, for over six years, he was an executive in several departments of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, more recently serving as manager of the World Trade Department. His varied experience in the chamber of commerce field, coupled with his years in the business world, admirably qualify Mr. Story for his key position in post-war Japan.

"Under Mr. Story's guidance we look forward to the continuance of our cordial relations with your organization."

We have received a number of appreciative, and appreciated, letters from *Journal* advertisers recently. One of them, from Mr. R. S. Davis, Resident Manager of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company of the Philippines, Ltd. stated in part:

"We have always considered the *Journal* one of the best of all the media in the country..."

Mr. George H. Fairchild, one time President of the Chamber, writing to the editor on a personal matter, said in part:

"I have read every issue of the *Journal* since my return to Manila. Your editorials in particular have been most interesting and instructive to an old-timer who hopes to avoid 'fading away' until the Republican Party takes over again and who hopes also that the leaders of that Party have not deviated from the Alexander Hamilton conceptions of republican government..."

Having received a "second follow up" order for a renewal subscription to the *Journal* from the "Four Continent Book Corporation" of New York City, acting for a library in Moscow, which order ended with the sentence, "If this order was not accepted by you for any reason, please advise", we replied as follows:

"We regret that we can not accept any new or renewal subscriptions from you for the U.S.S.R. for the American Chamber of Commerce *Journal* (Manila).

"You may take our decision as in line with the general embargo policies of the United States and the United Nations.

"Very truly yours, etc."

"This deliberate restriction of the circulation of the *Journal* anywhere", said the editor, "certainly goes against the grain, for we feel very deeply that the primary function of the press is to disseminate information. But the Kremlin has been so clearly demonstrating its implacable hostility to the United States and the Philippines that we feel that to send any information to Russia today would be to aid an enemy. We have no way of knowing just how valuable the *Journal* might be to the Kremlin, but obviously the *Journal* is wanted and that is enough reason not to oblige. We have quite a large

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exchange list with publications from other countries, but subscriptions sent to us for Russian government offices are always paid for in cash; there is never any suggestion of any exchange of information.

"I recall," continued the editor, "that before the war we sent the *Philippine Magazine*, of which I was the editor and publisher, to a number of Russian libraries and other government institutions. This monthly publication always contained quite a full summary of current world news. Later I learned from an American friend who held a scientific position in Leningrad for some years that he always read the *Magazine* while there, but that many sections were regularly blacked out by some Russian censor, including all references in the news summary to Russia itself, favorable or unfavorable!"

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"In response to your appeal in the June issue of the *Journal*, I hasten to make a modest contribution to your drive for Fuel for Thirsty Editors, trusting that it will help replenish your stock of adjectives in your usually very adequate comments on Governmental Controls.

"In spite of its label, this will do you no more harm than any other whisky. The only dangerous ingredient is about 50% water.

"An Ardent Reader  
(for security reasons unsigned)"

The editor grinned, but he well knew that not everybody likes editors, and, despite that apparently friendly, but anonymous note, it might still have been sent to him by some one, perhaps even a control official, who wished him no good. The bottle was unsealed and he unscrewed the cap. He sniffed. There was no odor of bitter almonds.

He glanced up and saw that the young man who had delivered the bottle was still there. "Who", he demanded sternly, "has sent me this?" The boy looked uncomfortable but as the editor continued to stare at him as if he could look him through and through, he finally whispered a name, Mrs....., one well known to all of us. Smiling a winning smile, he then asked the boy to wait as he wrote the following note of thanks:

"Dear Mrs. ....

"I think I have found out who you are, although perhaps I should not have. However, I am thus pretty sure the bottle does not contain poison. You see, I have to be rather careful. If it is as I think, I am very grateful for your kindness, and I promise to give you an expert opinion on the contents soon.

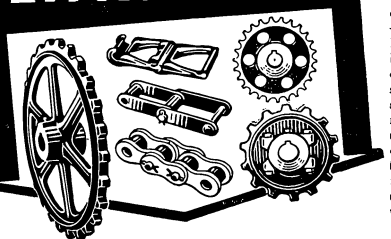
"With regards,

"H."

"You see," said the editor to us, "there are women and women. The one last month [referred to this column] was seemingly only curious as to whether I was a drunkard or not, but here is a fine woman who, somehow, senses a need (that reference of hers to to 'drive' surely was a

slip of the tongue), and supplies it, although, obviously, she has no "cellar" or any large supply for if she had, she would have sent me a sealed bottle with the original label, or perhaps even a case. No, she got herself a nice, clean bottle, and filled it by decanting from some other bottle or bottles, producing what is probably a blend of blends. Then she went to the further trouble of typing a nice label for it and on top of that she writes me an appreciative and encouraging note. Her sympathy and concern, you see, do not take a merely mental, emotional, or verbal

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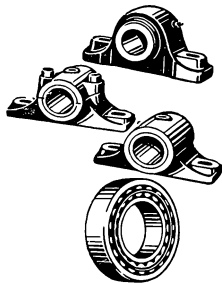
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Those interested in English idiom, or in the development of language ability in children, will like this: A little girl asked her father for a treat of some kind, and he said he'd see about it, meaning, of course, that he would take it under consideration. But the little girl took it more literally. A while later she asked him, "Have you looked already?"

## Office of the President . . .

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June 27—The President gives a luncheon at Malacañan in honor of Rear Admiral Francis P. Old and of his successor, Rear Admiral Einar H. Cruzen, as commander of the United States naval forces in the Philippines; Admiral Old is scheduled to leave the country June 30.

The President confirms the sentence of life imprisonment imposed by the Military Commission on Lt. Gen. Shigenori Kuroda, former commander of the Japanese army of occupation and head of the military administration, for atrocities committed by men under his command.

The President receives Francisco Dalupan on his return from a trip aboard and urges

him to continue his studies on taxation and to assist the Government in finding means to avoid the overlapping of taxes on the country's industries.

The President issues Proclamation No. 262 designating the period August 19-September 19 as "Anti-Tuberculosis Month" and authorizing the Philippine Tuberculosis Society to conduct a national fund and educational drive during the month.

Announced by the Philippine Council for U. S. Aid that an ECA grant of \$603,000, and an approximately equal amount contributed by the Philippines will provide for a low-cost housing project in Kamias, Quezon City, for some 1,112 families or around 7,500 people; the duplex (two-family) houses will cost around ₱7,600 and rents will range from ₱3 to ₱41 for the residences and from ₱90 to ₱115 for commercial buildings; work will be begun before the end of the year.

June 28—The President approves the General Appropriations Bill with the exception of a few items, the amount of ₱386,171,490 remaining almost the same with a reduction of only ₱7,200.

PHILCUSA announces that the Bureau of Mines with ECA assistance will shortly begin a survey of strategic mineral deposits.

Announced that in accordance with a Presidential directive, Secretary of Education Teodoro Evangelista ordered the stop of the use of Gregorio Zaide's "Philippine History for Catholic Elementary Schools" as it allegedly contains inaccuracies and was neither submitted to nor approved by the Board on Textbooks.

June 29—Announced by the Department of Foreign Affairs that 135 sunken Japanese vessels in Philippine waters have been transferred to the Government by James McL. Henderson, Philippine Alien Property Administrator. Of the approximately 400 vessels sunk, beached, or damaged during the war, the ownership of 207 was vested in the United States Government, while the rest could not be identified and automatically became the property of the Philippine Government. Of the 207, some were sold to private individuals, leaving a remainder of 135. Proceeds from salvage will go to the Philippine Government except those from vessels in the San Fernando Bay area which will be turned over to the PAPA for the satisfaction of pending claims against the former enemy owners.

June 30—The President issues a statement expressing his great sorrow over the death, from a heart-attack, of Dean Francisco Benitez of the College of Education, University of the Philippines.

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