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of habitation of which he is the head, into which he must receive the child, such receiving to be with the consent of his wife, if he be married. The brothers and sisters of deceased, who never lived with him in California, constituted no part of his "family" within the meaning of that section.

"The testimony in this case was sufficient to prove a public acknowledgment by the father, but insufficient to prove that the father received the illegitimate child into his home, or settled place of habitation of which he was the head. The domicile of the father is in the State of California and his home and settled place of habitation of which he is the head must also be in that state, and not in China, because, if his home and settled place of habitation was in China, his domicile would likewise be there, and the statutes of California could have no application. It seems to us that it would be going too far to say that the home and settled habitation of the father was in China, a country he has visited but twice in nearly 25 years, and but once since the birth of the appellant some 13 years ago.

"There was, therefore, no competent evidence of legitimation, and the judgment must be affirmed. It is so ordered."

On the question whether or not the requirement that children born without the United States who continue to reside abroad upon reaching the age of 18 years, must record at an American Consulate their intention to become residents and remain citizens of the United States, and must take the oath of allegiance to the United States upon attaining their major-ity, is applicable to children born of an American father in the Philippine Islands, we are advised by Malacanang that no machinery has been set up here for such recording, and that Malacañang does not require evidence of such recording in order to establish the American citizenship of such children who have passed their eighteenth year.

As has been noted, however, American citizenship does not descend to children whose fathers never resided in the United States. This means that if a son of an American father and a Filipino mother born in wedlock in the Philippine Islands never resides in the United States, his Islands never resides in the office, children, being grandchildren of the American, de not enjoy American citizenship. The result do not enjoy American citizenship. The result is that many old timers in these Islands have grandchildren who are not American citizens, and cannot become American citizens unless prior to their birth their fathers resided in the United States.

The reader will understand that questions arising affecting Americans and their families in the Philippines that concern the state department are subject to interpretations and rulings by that department; nothing more than the general law can be stated until the state department rules.—Ed.

Philippine Economic Conditions—March,

Summary of official radiograms forwarded to the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. Prepared by E. D. Hester, American Trade Commissioner, 410 Heacock Building, Manila, with assistance of Government and trade entities. S. R. 34/76.

Philippine economic and business conditions continued in the same general character as February, i.e. low prices for principal export materials causing further declines in provincial purchasing power. The copra, coconut oil and sugar markets were practically demoralized due to uncertainty pending final decision by Congress on the Jones-Costigan Sugar Bill and the Coconut Oil Excise Tax. Banking and finance were particularly disturbed and new sugar crop advances were denied or reduced in many districts.

Provincial movement of textiles was considered especially good due to the Easter holy days and fair peasant income realized from the rice harvest. Foodstuffs turned weaker. Tinned fish has long suffered the effects of excellent native catches of fresh fish and improved inland transportation. Automotive lines reported very good sales. Construction activity was unsatisfactory with Manila Building permits valued at \$\mathbb{T}250,000 compared with \$\mathbb{T}947,000 for March 1933.

Power consumption during March totaled 10,300,000 K.W.H. compared to 9,400,000 for March 1933.

Internal revenue collections in Manila during the month showed an increase of over 20 per cent compared with the same period last year.

Transportation

Cargoes: All highees berths, excellent: Orient interport and interisland, both good. Passengers: outward, very good; inward, fair.
Mapila Railroad average daily metric freight tonnage, 13,400 for March compared 14,000 February and 13,200 a year ago.

Overseas Trade, February

The value of exports in February (exclusive of gold) was \$31,061,586 as compared with \$19,715,019 in February, 1933. Imports were \$18,225,131 as against \$28,608,505 a year ago. The resulting visible balance was + \$212,836,455 as compared with a year ago. + 711,106,514.

frade with the principa	d countries	was:	1934	1933
United States: (a) Exports to			P28,196,737 13,343,850	P17,666,021 4,435,956
		* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	+ P14,852.887	+ ₱13,230,065
Japan: Exports to Imports from			P 435,422 2,168,625	P 451,721 1,231,841
Balance China:			—₱ 1,733,203	—₽ 780,120
Exports to Imports from			T 184,292 617,834	7 88,265 734,637
Balance Great Britain:			- P 433,542	-↑ 646,372
Exports to Imports from			7 352,217 297,014	P 282,090 260,128
Balance			+ P 55,203	+ P 21,962

The substantial gains in trade with the United States continued to wipe off the losses from Oriental markets, especially with Japan and China, and left a reserve in favor of the Philippine Islands.

The value, in pesos, of the principal imports for February and the cumulative comparison for two months:

J			Total for tw	o months
	Feb. 1934	Feb. 1933	1934	1933
Iron and steel and mftrs	2,814,035	785,099	4.834.704	2,638,152
Cotton cloth	2,490,129	1,199,710	4,504,043	2,368,883
Cotton mitrs., except cloth	1,017,677	747,819	1,899,102	1,583,395
Meat and dairy products	992,758	422,759	1,730,924	840,461
Automobiles and parts	866,937	208,539	1,521,628	813,603
Wheat flour	587,340	228,112	870,880	605,203
Paper and products	816,228	159,207	1,155,031	493,814
Leather and mftrs	384,426	119,341	606,031	279,880
Others	8,255,601	4,737,919	15,463,292	11,278,720
Total	18,225,131	8,608,505	32,585,635	20,902,111

(a) Includes Hawaii, Guam and Puerto Rico.

The value, in pesos, of the principal exports for February and the cumulative comparison for two months:

Total for two months

	Feb. 1934	Feb. 1933	1934	1933
Abaca	1,262,163	805,980	2,644,642	1,677,326
Sugar.,	23,602,690	13,887,108	40,592,276	25,227,832
Coconut oil	1,516,633	1,588,828	2,553,013	2.526.751
Copra	1,080,211	778,331	2.037,972	1.766.722
Copra cake	155,558	207,672	348,178	274,981
Cigars	671,243	408,310	1,308,321	697.543
Leaf tobacco	532,101	455,685	693,660	943.014
Others	2,240,987	1,583,105	3,972,749	2,803,867
Total	31.061.586	19.715.019	54 150 811	35 918 036

Detailed imports of automotive goods for February, 1934:	Number	Pesos
Passenger cars: United States,	370	378,594
Great Britain	1	1.600
Germany Japan	1	3,597 1,225
Total	376	385,016
United States and total	257	242,051
Motorcycles: United States	1	798
Japan	ī	698
Total	2	1,496
Parts: United States		225,373
Great Britain		7,483
France		35
Germany		1,916
Italy		2.760
Japan		2,292
Total		239,870
Tires:		294,140
United StatesFrance.		498
China.		33
Japan		3,203
Canada		1.759

Total

Detailed imports of cloth for February, 1934:

Total.....

United States Great Britain. Spain. Switzerland. China. Japan. Denmark	664	70803 316,694 4,571 188 29,284	68,697 5 124,658 100 1,104,362 435	Pesos 416,726 21,238 2 31,224 260 211,195 435
Total	. 1,979,172	350,737	3,032,877	681,060
	Dy	લ્લે	Prin	ted
United States	Sq. meters 2.101.890	Pesos 595,122	Sq. meters 1,418,798	Pesos 366,975 274
Great Britain		47,357 564		274
BelgiumGermany		809		_
Switzerland		8.561		3,368
China		13,675		1,053
Japan	. 1,039,714	241,985	762,792	178,569
Total	. 3,346,658	908,073	2,205,993	550,239
	Silk		Rayo	on.
100 0 2 0	Sq. meters	Peaos		Pesos
United States		44.423		58,225
Germany		123 129		
Spain		120	2.452	513
China		8.754		1.110
Japan		16,742	708,519	250,992
France	· —		20,865	9,468
Siam			21.2	82
Singapore		္ခ		_
British East Indies		5 5 5	_	_
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Detailed Imports	Cust i		Wrought		Stee	1
United States Great Britain Belgium Germany. Hongkong Japan	Kilos 422,456 20 34 544	Pesos 61,615 29 17 475	Kilos 557,966 25 11,389 30	Pesos 100,462 2 1,669	Xilos 30,059 24,633 50	Pesos 6,023 2,873 4
Total	423,054	62,136	569,410	102,134	54,742	8,900

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Detailed imports of petroleum products,	February 19 Crude		Gasc	line
United States	Liters 11,683,871	Pesos	Liters 4,934,520	Pesos 312,964
Total	16,254,979	211,865	4,934,520	312,964

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		Kerosen		Lubricat	ing_oil
United	States	. 26,854	Pesos 1,905	Litera 241,478	Pesos 24,143
German Japan		: =	=	16,518 455	2,680 151
Dutch I	East Indies	7,387	219	194,606	9,146
Tot	al		2,124	453,057	36,120
		Grease Kilos 1	Pesos	Minera Kilos	l wax Pesos
United Great B	States	. 142,094	24,274 289	103,455	22,031
Dutch I	East Indies	. 2,324	211 76	51,301	8,588
Japan.				370	143
Tot	al	. 146,351	24,850	155,126	30,762
Detail	led exports of cordage, February	1934:		Kilos	Pesos
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		356,324 372,914	138,885 95,100
	al			729,238	233,985
				,	200,000
	led exports of coconut products,	reordary 1934	•	Kilos	Pesos
Сор	United States			695,858	550,870
	Germany	. 		229,100 353,207	200,943 10,988
	Italy	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1,	203,200 016,000	10,273 48,078
	Spain			473,200 19	87,000 9
	Japan Mexico		3,	463,058 ,007,504 213,360	20,899 140,489
	Turkey in Europe		_		10,668
_	Total	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	21,	654,506	1,080,211
Coc	onut oil: United States			334,587	1,482,418
	China			259,465 945	23,311 165
	Singapore			287 4,090	42 906
	Hongkong			14,369 544	1,600 144
	Dutch East Indies			14,238 15,864	2,513 5,534
	Total		14,	644,339	1,516,633
Сор	ora meal:		,	626 024	22.049
	United States	• · · • · • • • · · · · · · · ·		636,034 22,176	33,042 479 2,090
	Germany		4,	125,580 513,197	85,930
	Natherlands	 .		594,301 100,062	12,711 1,592
	Sweden		1,	404,831 49,784	18,569 1,145
_	Total		8,	445,965	155,558
Des	iccated coconut: United States		1,	911,170	332,234
Detail	ed exports of sugar, February	1934:	_		n'
Cen	trifugal:			Cilos	Pésos
Refi	United States and total				20,864,092
D-1-21	United States and total		10,	922,472	2,738,598
	ed exports of tobacco products, I	ebruary 1934:	F	Ciloa	Pesos
Lea	Belgium			24,426	8,000
	Netherlands		· · ·	5,886 2,717 627,295	2,128
	Spain	.		2,163	213,787 464
	Japan			159,302 18,445	49,566 5,719
	KoreaFrench Africa			072,496 14,220	247,957 4;080
	Total		2,8	327,950	532,101
~ 1			Nu	mber	Pesos
Cigs	United States			68,092	620,327
	Hawaii			249,810 193,250	11,423 3,791
	France			2,300 2,300	1,429 245
	Netherlands		· · · ·]	20,000 125,000	4,298
	China. Singapore British East Indies	. 		382,975 44,225	14,026 2,250 1,258
	Dutch East Indies			28,975 30,100	950
	French East Indies			4,500 133,150	204 6,146
	Australia			2,000 26,000	$\frac{120}{1,211}$
	Denmark. Portuguese China			10,000 5,000	248 173
	Siam			5,000 5,000	522 331
	British Africa			45,000 2,000	1,414 77
	Total			02,377	671,243
Cies	arettes:				,
J.86	United States			65,000 60,000	572 504
	British East IndiesDutch East Indies			2,000 950	10
	French East Indies Switzerland.			8,000 1,050	29 6
	Portuguese China Egypt	. 		90,000 6,000	150 21
	Total			233,000	1,295
					_,,

Scraps, stripped filler and cigar ends:		
United StatesBelgium	69,220 1,230	25,073 400
Gibraltar	4,650	1,200
Total	75.100	26,673

The market for U.S. T.T. from the third week of March to April 3 for sellers was at par; from April 4 to 10, at one-fourth percent premium; from April 12 to 15, one-half percent premium with buyers consistently quoting at one-fourth percent under. Total exchange sold by the Insular Treasurer for March totaled \$200,000 of telegraphic transfers, none of demand.

Banking showed further declines in loans, discounts and overdrafts although increases were reported in total resources, investments and deposits. A further radical decline was noted in net working capital of foreign banks which dropped from 77,000,000 last month to 74,000,000 for March 31. Comparatively no change occurred in circulation and average daily debits to individual accounts. The Insular Auditor's report for March 31, in millions of pesos, follows:

•	Mar. 31	Feb. 24	April 1
	1934	1934	i933
Total resources	244	240	229
Loans, discounts and overdrafts	101	102	108
Investments	58	40	49
Time and demand deposits		132	119
Net working capital, foreign banks		7	14
Average daily debits to individual accounts, five			
weeks ending	4.3	4.2	3.4
Total circulation	127	127	127

Credits and collections

The credit situation was further contracted and some banks and financing companies were reported to have suspended sugar finances while others were reduced by from 40 to 60 percent of applications. Collections, however, were reported good.

The sugar market opened weak at P7.25 per picul with sellers disinclined to dispose of their holdings. The market further weakened as the month progressed, closing at P6.00 to P6.65. Transactions were limited throughout the whole month. Unseason-able weather in Negros continued to adversely effect recoveries. Favorable weather for the 1934-1935 crop is expected to result in a bumper crop although quota legislation in the United States is causing considerable concern among local interests as to the future prospects of the industry.

Warner, Barnes' export data follows:

Long Tons

77 O AN 47	Nov. 1, 1933 to March 31, 1934	Nov. 1, 1932 to March 31, 1933
U. S. Atlantic: Centrifugal	681,704 5,895	533,420
U. S. Pacific: Centrifugal	23,514 35,798	17,505 28.015
Totals: Centrifugal	7 0 5,218 41,693	550,925 28,015
Centrifugal and refined	746,911	578,940

Coconut products

The copra market was very weak following stagnation of exports pending the excise tax legislation. Due to the approval of the Tydings-McDuffie Philippine Independence Bill, there was a slight optimistic trend towards the end of the month based on reports that Congress would fail to enact the excise tax. Oil crushing activity was fair but sales of oil futures were impossible. Copra cake and meal was fairly active throughout the month. Data from Leo Schnurmacher, Inc., follows:

ошен.	Data from Dec Schmarmacher, Inc., 10110WS.			
Cor	*o'	Mar. 1934	Feb. 1934	Mar. 1933
	atimated arrivals:			
_	Manila, sacks	273,236	312,584	215.693
F	Cebu, sacks	316,076		
	All countries	29,395		
E	United States		,	• •
P	metric tons	62,485	71,520	25,323
	High	3.90		
	Low	3.60	3.60	4.89
Coc	onut oil:			
E	stimated exports, metric tons:			
	All countries	8,542		
É	United Statesstimated stocks, Manila, end of month,	8,279	14,324	11,145
	metric tons	20,090	13,932	20,222
_	High Low	0.10 0.0875	0.10 0.095	0.115 0.11
Cop	ra cake:			
Ē	stimated exports, metric tons:			
r	All countries United States stimated stocks, Manila, end of month,	7,401 2,118	8,870 1,689	6,171 154
	metric tons	4,254	2,511	6,529
P	rices, f.o.b. Manila, pesos per metric ton:	17.50		24.40
	Low .,	17.00	18.30	24.10
Des	iccated coconut:			
E	stimuted exports, metric tons:			
	United States	2,242	1,946	1,310
aca (Manila hemp)			

The local market eased off during the first week due to protracted absence of demand with trading fair but weakened at mid-month due to large receipts. However, dealers continued resisting buyers' ideas in spite of the heavy stocks. The month closed quiet with prices at lower levels than at opening. Saleeby's statistics, in bales, follow:

	Mar. 1934	Feb. 1934	Mar. 1933
Estimated receipts	146,197	103,997	84,632
Estimated exports:			
All countries		115,856	104,107
United States and Canada	45,409	37,162	23,424
United Kingdom and Europe	51,146	52,944	43,802
Japan		25,715	32,301
Estimated stocks, P. I. ports	132.479	123.514	150.691

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Week-end prices, f.a.s. buyer's godown, Manila, pesos per picul, for various grades:

Grade	Feb. 24	Mar. 3	Mar. 10	Mar. 17	Mar. 24	Mar. 31	Apr. 7
E	11.50	11.25	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.25
F	10.50	10.25	10.00	9.75	9.75	9.50	10.00
1	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.25
J-1.,	6 50	6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.25
J-2	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.00	5.25	5.25	5.25
K	5.00	4.75	4.25	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.75
L-1	4.50	4.50	4.00	3.75	4.00	3.75	4.25

Tobacco

Cutting of the new crop started with quality of leaf very good at about the same volume as those of the preceding year. Local market movement was insignificant and exports were very small. Alhambra's export data covering rawleaf, stripped filler and scraps follow:

China	6,875
Germany	5,985
Hongkong	28,650
North Africa	20,400
North Atlantic (Europe)	56,659
Straits Settlements	1,190
Tonkin	52
United States	57,810
Total	177,621

Cigar shipments to the United States declined slightly at 17,550,000 pieces compared to 19,808,092 (Customs final) for February and 10,380,251 (Customs final) for March 1933.

Rice
The rice market was fairly active and considered better than the same period last year. Harvest was completed during the month. Inquiries from the United States continue active. New paddy quotations ranged from P1.80 to P2.20 per sack of 44 kilos, cars, Cabanatuan. Rice arrivals in Manila totaled 174,000 sacks compared to 214,000 sacks for February and 190,000 for March 1933.

Automotives

Sales of both cars and trucks were reported especially good considering available stocks which were very low for low-priced cars, low for medium-priced cars and heavy for light trucks. Arrivals were slightly subnormal in cars, normal in trucks. The used-ear market was brisk at lower prices. Sales of parts and accessories were good. Collections were very good. Comparative import and registration data follows:

Registration:		M ar 1934	Feb. 1934	Mar. 1933
Cars. Trucks.		156 173	224 125	239 61
Importe:		282	376	53
Trucks		229	257	25

Tires Tire orders for March were above last year with arrivals heavy, sales good, stocks relatively high, and prospects seasonally good to the end of May.

Orders were fair, arrivals good, stocks normal, offtake normal, prices generally unchanged, and prospects fair.

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Foodstuffs.

The foodstuffs market for March was quiet with country demand dropping off due to the reduction in purchasing power.

Flour.—The market was more than ample with demand lagging. Prices were unchanged from February with arrivals as follows:

	Macks
United States	192,477
Canada	
Australia.	13,831
Japan	3,060
Total	. 235.128

Sardines.—Demand improved; U. S. stocks ample at P5.50; Japanese scarce.

Mackerel.-Demand good; U. S. stocks short side at P5.20 to P5.50.

Salmon,—Demand light, U. S. stocks very little at P9.00; Canadian ample at P8.60 to P8.80.

 $A\,pples,--$ Demand good, U. S. stocks small due off season, arrivals small, prices P6.00 to P7.50; some Japanese apples available at P4.20 to P4.50.

Oranges.—Demand fairly good, U. S. stocks ample, arrivals plenty, prices P9.50 to P11.00.

Lemons, +Demand normal, U. S. stocks ample, arrivals ample, prices $\,$ P8.00 to $\,$ P8.50 for half-boxes, $\,$ P15.75 to $\,$ P16.50 for full 300's.

Grapes.—Still off market.

Onions.—Demand normal, U. S. stocks ample at P4.75 to P5.00 per 100-lb. sack, Egyptian ample at P4.30 to P4.50 per 110-lb. bag; Japanese none.

Polatocs.—U. S. stocks small at P4.60 to P5.00 per 100-lb. sack, Japanese plenty at P2.60 to P2.70 per 100-lb. crate; Chinese out of stock.

Cabbage, -- U. S. not available, Baguio at P0.12 per kilo.

Milk.—Milk demand was normal with arrivals of condensed and sterilized low, evaporated heavy on account of the hot season demand. Prospects were good. March arrivals and prices follow:

Arrivals

Prices

	(Cases)	(Pesos)
Condensed.	10,374	
United States		10.00-13.60
Japan.	 	7 60- 8.00
Evaporated.	 40,917	
United States Sterilized.		5.70 - 6.30
Standard brands.	 1,778	0.00 11.50
Odd brands	 	9.00-11.50
CORE DIAMES	 	17 00

Tertiles

Demand was seasonally good with provincial movement much better than March last year. Imports were stronger in the stock business while indent business was increasingly difficult. Japanese competition showed increasing spread into new lines. British orders were reported very fair especially in printed voiles.

The Bureau of Customs report on imported cotton piecegoods on the basis of square meterage showed the following percentages:

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January:	1934	. 1933
United States	43	73 21 6
February: United States Japan. Other countries	29	73 16

Grey sheetings,—Orders very small, arrivals heavy, offtake slow, stocks heavy, prices lower due to overstocks, prospects at present prices difficult; Japanese arrivals small, Chinese merchants fearing decline U. S. prices.

Bleached sheetings.—Orders nil, arrivals very small, offinke slow, stocks low, prices unchanged, prospects nil; Japanese goods regular with offinke improving.

Grey drills.—Orders very small, arrivals small, ofitake slow, stocks heavy, prices slightly lower, prospects doubtful; prospects Japanese goods stronger.

Colored yarn drills.—Orders good, arrivals small, offtake good, stocks low, prices up slightly, prospects good for better grades; Japanese competition stronger especially on cheaper cloths.

Heavy chambrays. - Orders fair, arrivals fair, offinke good, stocks low, prices slightly

up, prospects fair.

Light chambrays.—Orders nil, arrivals nil, offtake very slow, stocks fair, business entirely Japanese.

Denims.—Orders nil, arrivals heavy, officate slow, stocks plentiful, prices five percent down due local competition and heavy Japanese arrivals, prospects nil at present prices; Japanese arrivals and movement good, Japanese used exclusively in ready-made trousers.

Percales.—Orders fair, arrivals good, offtake good, stocks fair, prices unchanged, prospects fair; Japanese somewhat losing in competition with U. S. seconds.

Khahis.—Orders very small, arrivals small, offtake good, stocks low, prices good, prospects fair; British unchanged; Japanese improved but not yet generally accepted.

Plain toiles.—Orders nil, arrivals heavy, offtake good, stocks fair, prices considerably lower, prospects nil at present prices with great fear of Japanese competition.

Printed roiles.—Orders small and for stock lots only, arrivals fair, offtake good, stocks sufficient, prices lower, prospects fair; British selling at 12 percent under U. S.

Rayon and sitk.-Unchanged except for few orders of U. S. better grades.

Broadcloth.—Orders small and principally for better grades, arrivals fair, offtake fair, stocks fair, prices lower, prospects on low grades nil due Japanese competition, good U.S. qualities still predominant.

Addendum on Insurance

Dear Mr. Robb:

I have read with a considerable degree of satisfaction your article on fire insurance as it affects the insuring public. However, I might perhaps be permitted to point out one error in your article. It is not a fact that if one company has put up the required deposit the other companies represented by the same agent are exempt. The true position is:

a. Local companies (i.e., companies incorporated in the Philippines) are all required to have paid-up capital of P250,000 within a stipulated period.

b. Foreign companies (i.e., American) are exempt from the deposit requirement.

c. Alien companies (all others than the above) must deposit P100,000 each, 50% of which may be approved securities, the certificate of which is held in the United States by the chief of the bureau of insular affairs at Washington.

Attempts have been made from time to time to make it obligatory on the foreign and/or alien companies to increase the fixed deposit to 1250,-000, equal to the minimum capital required of local companies. One such bill has been vetoed and strenuous opposition made to any suggestion to increase the deposits required of companies engaged in the insurance business locally. The objections to increasing the local deposits are numerous, chief among them being that it is necessary for the benefit of the insuring public throughout the world that the companies' available funds shall be in such form that any large sum may be quickly and easily available for payment of losses of unusual magnitude. An example is the San Francisco conflagration. Further, P100,000 is more than sufficient guaranty for the amount of local business written, and precludes any company from willfully refraining from payment of just losses.

If the insurance commissioner is not satisfied about the stability of a company, he has the right to stop the company from operating here. If, as has been argued, the desired increase of the deposit is to protect the local insurer, we feel that the better weapon is in the hand of the insurance commissioner—in the power just stated.

Incidentally, if each and every foreign and alien company were to comply with the requirement it would mean an increase of an estimated sum of \$P5,000,000\$ for investment; an amount which, together with present deposits, would exceed the premium income presently deriving from the country. Furthermore, the country is not advanced enough to attract any such sum as \$P5,000,000. Nor would it be possible to find local bonds and stocks in such an amount, which could be easily and readily liquidated in case of need. Fluidity of funds is the premier requirement of any insurance company, as is also the case in connection with banking. This has been

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