

Pictorial



COMMAND CONFERENCE

Philippine defense and armed forces officials held late this month their annual two-day command conference in Camp Murphy, Quezon City. Opened by Lt. Gen. Jesus Vargas, AFP chief of staff (standing, above), the parley had for its subjects the fight against dissidents, the reserve training program, the problems of intelligence and logistics, plans and operations, the budget, and other such matters of paramount importance. The significance of the meeting of the high-ranking defense and armed forces officials was easily gleaned from the participation of the President (seated third from left), who left other state business to join the conferees. Others shown above are from left, Maj. Gen. Alfonso Arellano, AFP vice chief of staff, Defense Secretary Eulogio Balao, Col. Diosdado Rodriguez, AFP deputy chief of staff, and Brig. Gen. Pelagio Cruz, chief of the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency.



Photos on this page show the top brass at the height of the parley. From left above, seated in foreground, are shown Brig. Gen. Alfredo Santos, chief of the War Plans Division, Gen. Arellano, Secretary Balao, and Gen. Vargas. Behind them are military assistants and reporters. Below, wider shot of the conference chamber shows members of the general staff, military area commanders, and unit leaders.

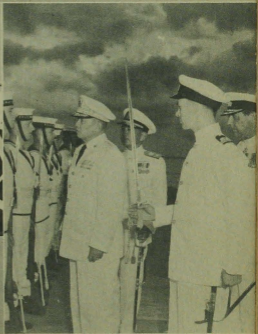


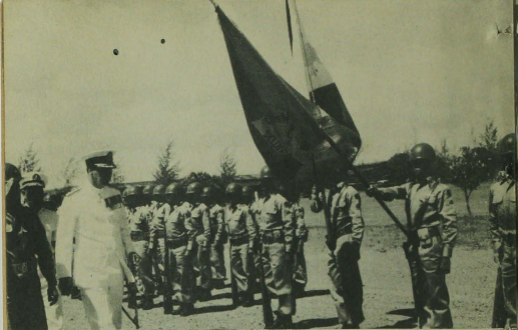


SEATO-sponsored Operations Albatross was successfully conducted by member nations. Shown above is part of fleet at anchor in Manila Bay after the maneuvers.



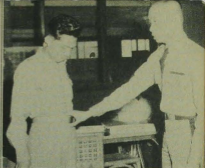
Fleet commanders headed by Australian Admiral D. H. Harries are shown above disembarking to pay a courtesy call on P.I. officials. At right is shown Lt. Gen. Jesus Vargas, AFP chief of staff, and Commodore Jose Francisco, P.I. Navy chief, inspecting Australian honor guard aboard Admiral Harries' flagship.





Top photo: Admiral Harries inspect a complement of Filipino troops in Camp Murphy, Q.C. Bottom photo: The Admiral talks with Defense Secretary Eulogio Balao on the encouraging results of Operations Albatross.

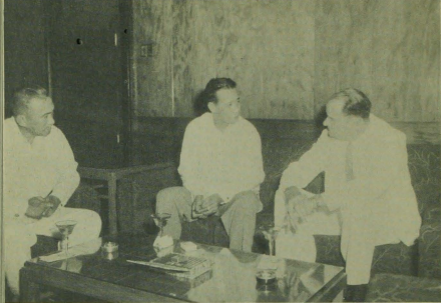




Agripino Duran, a Filipino released recently by Red China, is shown in left photo above being interviewed by Capt. Carmelo Quiban of the PWO. Top photo at right above: PMA cadet Doreza demonstrates hazing to Lt. Col. Gunabe, chief defense counsel in the hazing case. Bottom photo at right above shows two Huks surrendering to Lt. Gen. Jesus Vargas.



Joni James, famous Hollywood singer, who had a singing engagement in the Philippines, toured recently the Veterans Memorial Hospital to entertain patients.



U.S. Ambassador Albert Nufer (right, above) is paid a return courtesy call by Defense Secretary Eulogio Balao (center) with SEAMAO Chief Col. Mamerto Montemayor at the American Embassy in Manila. Below, pioneer graduates of the AFP dental officers' basic course receive awards.

