

"As of the close of business on October 22, 1951, the National Treasury had a cash balance of ₱51,675,190.78. To this should be added the amount of ₱2,263,275.06 which has been reported by the provincial and city treasurers as already collected but not yet remitted to the National Treasury. The General Fund cash is, therefore, ₱53,938,465.84. The unexpended balance of ₱1,801,835.89 out of the loan of ₱62,200,000 obtained from the United States Treasury in 1950 is, however, included in this General Fund cash so that the Treasury still has ₱26,136,630.95 representing the residue of government revenues after considering receipts and disbursements from July 1 to October 22, 1951. It should be understood that the Government simultaneously collects and disburses public funds. The operation is not the red."

"Due to the enactment of new tax laws and the upward revision of the rates in old ones, income from taxation during the first quarter of the current fiscal year is approximately 15% greater than that realized in same period of the last fiscal year. This increased income will take care of the increased ordinary expenses this fiscal year."

"All the government agencies: the Central Bank, the Budget Commission, the General Auditing Office, and the Department of Finance are actively cooperating with one another to bring down disbursements. Such amounts as are absolutely necessary for the proper functioning of the Government consistent with service efficiency."

Oct. 24—The President approves the extension of the registration period of voters in a number of places where for one reason or another the registration was held or not completed.

Gen. J. Lawton Collins, United States Army Chief-of-Staff, arrives in the Philippines from Indo-China on an inspection tour, en route to Japan and Korea. He has visited Europe, including Greece, also Turkey.

Oct. 25—The President entertains General Collins at a breakfast attended also by ranking local American and Philippine officials.

The President holds a breakfast conference with General Collins attended also by ranking American and Philippine diplomatic and military officials.

Oct. 26—In a conference with Secretary Romulo, the President decided on the membership of the Philippine delegation to the Sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, to open in Paris, November 6, as follows: Chairman, Secretary Romulo; members, Ambassador Elizalde, Senator Vicente Madrigal, Representative Diosdado Macapagal, and Senator Eulogio Rodriguez.

The Cabinet, on recommendation of Secretary Romulo, approves the immediate creation of the UNESCO National Committee in the Philippines, to be composed of representatives of 8 agencies of the Government, 12 non-government organizations, and 2 members at large.

The President receives the members of the Import Control Administrations who consulted him on the difficulties they are meeting in financing its activities.

The President signs Executive Order No. 479 fixing new ceiling prices imported and local foodstuffs, including flour, canned fish, eggs, milk, and canned vegetables, and also for certain building materials and school supplies. He also signs Executive Order No. 478 providing for the collection by the Collector of Internal Revenue of the tax on the annual sugar production levied by Republic Act No. 632; the order requires that no sugar quodans or warehouse receipts be released to the sugar-cane planters and sugar centrals unless the tax has been paid.

Oct. 27—The President issues Proclamation No. 283 designating the period November 16 to January 31, 1952, for the third annual fund campaign of the Community Chest of Great Manila, and authorizing government personnel to accept fund-raising responsibilities in the drive.

Secretary Romulo, accompanied by Mrs. Romulo, leave Manila for the United States, en route to Paris. The other members of the Philippine delegation to the United Nations General Assembly meeting will leave later.

Oct. 28—Announced at Malacanan that the Board of Trustees of the Government Service Insurance System approved the reinsurance treaty between the System and the Pacific Union Insurance Company at a meeting held on the 23rd.

Oct. 29—President Quirino visits the government low-rent housing project at Bago Bantay, Quezon City, where 2,090 units, housing about 14,000 people, are already completed. The houses are rented to low-income government employees who, after 5 years, will be allowed to start buying them on the instalment plan if they so desire. For the time being, the rent ranges from ₱31 to ₱41 a month. Other houses are to be constructed to rent at ₱24 a month.

The President accepts an invitation from a group of civic organizations to speak at a rally to be held at the Rizal Memorial Stadium on November 5, beginning at 4:30 p.m., the President to "appraise our people on the burning questions of the day, among them: (a) What are the plans of our Government to insure clean elections? (b) How can terrorism during elections be avoided?" (c) What steps will be taken to protect the voters?"

Oct. 30—The President informs the Cabinet in connection with the signing of the credentials of Paris Charge d'Affaires Octavio Maloles as alternate delegate to 6th session of the United Nations Assembly, that he and Secretary Romulo have an understanding that the Secretary will return to Manila after delivering his address at the opening of the session as there are many important matters pending in the foreign Affairs Department.

The Cabinet, on recommendation of Public Works Secretary Sotero Baluyot, approves the reduction of the air mail rate to foreign countries from ₱1.20 to ₱.90 per 15 grams and the domestic rate from ₱.50 to ₱.30 per 15 grams.

The President appoints Dr. Agérico B. M. Sison ad interim Director of the Philippine General Hospital, effective November 1, on

recommendation of the Board of Regents of the University of the Philippines.

The President receives Mrs. Dorothy Cowen who arrived in the Philippines yesterday; she informs him that she and her husband, the American Ambassador, are scheduled to leave for the United States on November 14.

The Philippine Embassy in Washington informs the Foreign Affairs Department that beginning November 1 no entry of Philippine cordage will be allowed without prior approval of the Customs in Washington in view of the approaching filling of the Philippine quota of 6,000,000 pounds; as of October 20, 5,775,953 pounds had been imported from the Philippines.

Oct. 31—The President disapproves the action of the Commission on Elections cancelling the registration of voters in a Cavite province precinct and ordering a new registration; the President states that while anomalies were committed there, it is not necessary to cancel the entire registration and that alleged violators are already being dealt with according to law.

The President receives the officers and crew members of the United Nations hospital ship, *Julfandia*, who were accompanied to Malacanan by Consul Gustav Halberg of the Danish Consulate.

The President signs a proclamation reserving an area of some 5,750 hectares of land at Saug, Davao, for the use of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

## Banking and Finance

By G. R. HUTCHISON

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### COMPARATIVE statement of condition of the Central Bank:

|  | As of<br>Dec. 31<br>1949 | As of<br>July 31<br>1951 | As of<br>Aug. 31<br>1951 | As of<br>Sept. 28<br>1951 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                          |                          |                          |                           |
| International Reserve  | ₱ 460,689                | ₱ 534,213                | ₱ 542,313                | ₱ 522,467                 |
| Contribution to International Monetary Fund                  | 30,000                   | 30,000                   | 30,000                   | 30,000                    |
| Account to Secure Coinage                                    | 113,306                  | 107,570                  | 107,570                  | 107,570                   |
| Loans and Advances   | 77,047                   | 29,608                   | 39,608                   | 25,168                    |
| Domestic Securities  | 92,197                   | 231,760                  | 231,206                  | 231,193                   |
| Trust Account—Securities Stabilization Fund                  | —                        | 6,848                    | 6,848                    | 6,848                     |
| Other Assets   | 20,390                   | 71,461                   | 77,055                   | 82,813                    |
|  | <u>₱ 793,629</u>         | <u>₱ 1,011,460</u>       | <u>₱ 1,034,600</u>       | <u>₱ 1,006,059</u>        |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>   |                          |                          |                          |                           |
| Currency — Notes   | ₱ 555,576                | ₱ 611,406                | ₱ 588,994                | ₱ 579,305                 |
| Coins  | 74,384                   | 93,616                   | 93,515                   | 93,460                    |
| Demand Deposits—Pesos  | 117,682                  | 210,170                  | 254,564                  | 231,225                   |
| Securities Stabilization Fund                                | 2,000                    | 6,848                    | 6,848                    | 6,848                     |
| Due to International Monetary Fund                           | 22,498                   | 496                      | 496                      | 496                       |
| Due to International Bank for Reconstruction and Development | 2,389                    | 2,383                    | 2,383                    | 2,383                     |
| Other Liabilities  | 2,636                    | 64,190                   | 64,322                   | 67,747                    |
| Capital  | 10,000                   | 10,000                   | 10,000                   | 10,000                    |
| Undivided Profits  | 6,464                    | 8,662                    | 9,788                    | 10,905                    |
| Surplus  | —                        | 3,689                    | 3,689                    | 3,689                     |
|  | <u>₱ 793,629</u>         | <u>₱ 1,011,460</u>       | <u>₱ 1,034,600</u>       | <u>₱ 1,006,059</u>        |

The increase of about ₱8,000,000 in the international reserve in August as compared with July, 1951, was more than offset by a decrease of ₱19,846,000 at the end of September, 1951, as compared to the previous month. No official figures of foreign exchange holdings of banks other than the Central Bank have been published.

Loans and advances in September decreased by ₱14,440,000 as compared to August. The downward trend in circulation continues with ₱672,765,000 outstanding at the end of the month as compared to ₱682,509,000 at the end of August.

The cash position of banks remains tight and this condition is also apparent in the business community although collections are satisfactory and inventories show a healthy increase and turnover. Interest rates are unchanged.

Early in October, it was announced that ₱11,500,000 had been made available from public funds for the redemption of guerrilla currency issued by underground units during the occupation and emergency notes of the Philippine National Bank released during the war.

THE Import Control Commission has rescinded its resolution providing for the issuance of import licenses only on a C & F basis. Reports indicate that this requirement had had an adverse effect on business relations between the Philippines and the United States. Licenses now may be issued on a F. O. B., C. I. F. or C & F basis.

## Manila Stock Market

By A. C. HALL

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September 22 to October 19

THE International Monetary Fund action in removing restrictions on premium sales of processed gold by producing countries, caused an advance in gold mining shares in American and Canadian markets. This improvement extended to Philippine mining issues traded in San Francisco, and was also followed, in this market, by a sharp rise which carried the mining share average up as much as 10 points at one time in active trading.

The sharpness of the advance, however, has impaired the internal position of the market, and prices have relinquished a part of their gains during the past few days. It is likely, in the period immediately ahead, that the market faces a time of consolidation and digestion. In this process, prices may have to recede somewhat further before reaching a base from which the major up-trend can be resumed.

The price of fine gold in the local free market has experienced a fair degree of fluctuation during the period under review. From ₱120 per fine ounce a month ago, the price dipped to ₱110 before attracting substantial support and is now quoted approximately at ₱115.

In the commercial and industrial section demand for investment-grade of equities continues good, but fixed interest securities have weakened as some individual holders have liquidated in order to switch to equities.

## COMMERCIAL SHARES

| 1951 High | 1951 Range Low | High   | Low    | Close   | Change  | Total Sales |
|-----------|----------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-------------|
| —         | —              | —      | —      | —       | —       | —           |
| 171.00    | 152.00         | —      | —      | 30.00a  | —       | 210         |
| 105.00    | 100.00         | —      | —      | —       | —       | 165         |
| 45.00     | 30.00          | 165.00 | 165.00 | 165.00  | Up 5.00 | 400         |
| 320.00    | 320.00         | —      | —      | 110.00b | —       | 167         |
| 27.00     | 27.00          | 45.00  | 45.00  | 45.00   | Up 5.00 | 53          |
| 0.36      | 0.27           | —      | —      | —       | —       | 400         |
| 4.35      | 3.80           | —      | —      | 27.27   | —       | 5,000       |
| 0.315     | 0.25           | —      | —      | 4.20b   | —       | 3,000       |
| 0.12      | 0.085          | —      | —      | .30     | —       | 1,000       |
| 0.12      | 0.085          | —      | —      | .13a    | —       | 10b         |
| 105.50    | 100.00         | —      | —      | 101.00  | 101.00  | Off 3.00    |
| —         | —              | —      | —      | 150.00b | —       | 2,008       |
| 0.75      | 0.50           | —      | —      | .60     | .60     | 20,000      |
| 20.50     | 20.00          | 7.50   | 7.50   | 7.50    | —       | 100         |
| 7.50      | 7.00           | —      | —      | —       | —       | 210,000     |
| 0.0525    | 0.012          | —      | —      | .035    | .023    | Off .01     |
| 1.46      | 1.30           | —      | —      | 1.42    | 1.42    | Off .04     |
| 37.00     | 26.50          | —      | —      | 37.00   | 36.00   | Up 1.00     |
| 100.00    | 94.00          | —      | —      | 98.50   | 96.00   | Off 2.25    |
| 105.50    | 102.00         | —      | —      | 103.00  | 103.00  | Off .50     |
| 16.00     | 15.00          | —      | —      | 15.00   | 15.00   | —           |
| 7.00      | 6.50           | —      | —      | —       | —       | —           |

—Ex-Dividend  
T—Bond sales reported in units of ₱100

## OVER-THE-COUNTER

| Company                                 | High   | Low    | Close  | Total Sales |
|---|--------|--------|--------|-------------|
| Gold River Mining Co.                   | ₱0.01  | 0.01   | 0.01   | 50,000      |
| Philippine Electrical Manufacturing Co. | 100.00 | 96.00  | 100.00 | 232         |
| Philippine Iron Mines, Inc.             | 100.00 | 80.00  | 95.00  | 688         |
| Polo Coconut Plantation Co.             | 900.00 | 900.00 | 900.00 | 5           |
| Realty Investments, com.                | 8.00   | 8.00   | 8.00   | 1,000       |
| Tayson Gold, Class "A"                  | 0.001  | 0.001  | 0.001  | 43,850      |
| Victoria Milling Co., Inc.              | 175.00 | 175.00 | 175.00 | 150         |

## Electric Power Production

(Manila Electric Company System)

By J. F. COTTON

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1941 Average—16,316,000 KWH

KILOWATT HOURS

|           | 1951         | 1950        |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| January   | 40,713,000   | 37,661,000  |
| February  | 37,066,000   | 33,828,000  |
| March     | 40,117,000   | 38,107,000  |
| April     | 39,197,000   | 35,378,000  |
| May       | 40,405,000   | 37,611,000  |
| June      | 40,712,000   | 37,529,000  |
| July      | 42,041,000   | 38,774,000  |
| August    | 42,817,000   | 39,872,000  |
| September | 41,852,000*  | 38,751,000  |
| October   | 44,042,000** | 40,657,000  |
| November  | —            | 39,268,000  |
| December  | —            | 41,099,000  |
| Total     | —            | 458,576,000 |

\*Revised  
\*\*Partially estimated

Output in October jumped over the 44,000,000 KWH mark, a new record. There was an increase of 3,385,000 KWH's or 8.3% over October, 1950.

A new peak-load of 111,000 KW was registered on October 9 and a new daily record of 1,524,300 KWH's was set on October 25. The Rockwell Station gross output of 28,080,000 KWH's was also a new high, representing approximately 60% of the total system production.

It is interesting to note that the average hourly loading of the system for the month was just slightly above one-half of the highest peak-load. This indicates that if

## MINING SHARES

| 1951 High | 1951 Range Low | High   | Low    | Close     | Change  | Total Sales |
|-----------|----------------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| 115.75    | 88.11          | 115.75 | 105.02 | 112.69    | Up 7.92 | 20,392,465  |
| 0.32      | 0.16           | 32     | 29     | 305a Up   | .02     | 494,000     |
| 0.0775    | 0.028          | 0.075  | 0.025  | 0.075 Up  | .0225   | 895,327     |
| 0.39      | 0.21           | 285    | 23     | 24 Up     | .02     | 914,000     |
| 0.14      | 0.08           | 14     | 1225   | 135 Up    | .025    | 575,000     |
| 2.80      | 2.00           | 2.50   | 2.50   | 2.50      | —       | 2,180       |
| 0.0035    | 0.002          | 0.0036 | 0.0032 | 0.0035 Up | .0002   | 4,732,500   |
| 5.30      | 4.00           | 4.80   | 4.65   | 4.65 Off  | .10     | 8,720       |
| 0.10      | 0.026          | 10     | 0.875  | 0.95 Up   | .005    | 955,000     |
| 0.021     | 0.011          | 0.21   | 0.155  | 0.205 Up  | .0045   | 6,855,000   |
| 0.275     | 0.16           | 27     | 245    | 26 Up     | —       | 500,000     |
| 0.165     | 0.075          | 165    | 145    | 165a Up   | .01     | 466,000     |
| 0.655     | 0.031          | 0.655  | 0.41   | 0.65a Up  | .015    | 368,000     |
| 0.80      | 0.59           | 80     | 71     | 77 Up     | .08     | 798,490     |
| 0.05      | 0.024          | 0.05   | 0.038  | 0.049 Up  | .012    | 1,090,000   |
| 0.43      | 0.295          | 375    | 315    | 335 Up    | .035    | 780,000     |
| 0.017     | 0.011          | 0.014  | 0.014  | 0.014     | —       | 100,000     |
| 0.105     | 0.06           | 105    | 0.95   | 1.05 Up   | .015    | 40,000      |
| 0.315     | 0.17           | 315    | 21     | 28 Up     | .06     | 53,000      |
| 0.355     | 0.22           | 355    | 34     | 35 Up     | .005    | 156,000     |
| 0.035     | 0.025          | 0.026  | 0.026  | 0.026 Up  | .004    | 29,000      |
| 0.13      | 0.05           | 13     | 115    | 13 Up     | .0275   | 330,000     |

—Ex-Dividend