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MARSMANS RETURN TO MANILA, REPORT GROWING INTEREST IN P. I.

A growing sentiment in the United States favoring some sort of protection for the Philippines even after 1946, was reported by Mr. J. H. Marsman on his return to Manila on May 5th. Mr. and Mrs. Marsman arrived on the "President Coolidge" after a business trip to the United States. They received an enthusiastic welcome, starting with a fluvial greeting as the ship approached the breakwater. A large number of employees of the various Marsman companies went out to meet the "Coolidge" in a launch, while another group sailed around the "Coolidge" in the yacht "Nadiros".

Mr. Marsman reported that more and more interest is being shown in the Philippines in the United States, particularly in the Western section. "While the Middle West and Eastern parts of the United States are not so well acquainted with the Philippines and the opportunities here as they might be, Americans in general are coming to realize that the Philippine Commonwealth is a bright spot in the Far East today," he told reporters on arriving. Mr. Marsman told the news-

men that plans for several new industries in the Philippines were under consideration by his executives. While he did not reveal the nature of these industries, he indicated that should they materialize they will be of real importance to the economic future of the Philippine Commonwealth.

Mr. Marsman reported that labor conditions in the United States were steadily improving. Labor unrest which has been so noticeable on the Pacific Coast is being cleared up, he said, and in general the whole country is showing improvement.

Unsettled world conditions made it necessary for Mr. and Mrs. Marsman to spend some time in the United States adjusting their various interests in conform with such conditions. Because of these adjustments, however, Mr. Marsman believes that both he and Mrs. Marsman will be able to settle down in the Philippines for some time now. Miss Anne Petronella Marsman is finishing her school term in San Francisco, and will return home to Manila via Clipper in June.



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