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WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (UP).—The U. S. Department of Agriculture made public today a summary of the 13 principal recommendations made by the recently returned Philippine-American Agricultural Mission.

The mission's conclusions are:

1. the appointment of a technical planning board which will be needed to advise the Philippine government on all phases of national planning;
2. the rehabilitation and improvement of facilities for the production, processing and marketing of agricultural products, both farm and factory, should have priority from both the national government and the War Commission;
3. four agricultural products — sugar, abaca, copra and tobacco — provided the major source of export revenue before the war and appear to be the most promising source of revenue for the immediate post-war period;
4. The Philippine government should place great emphasis on resettlement projects for economic and farm units, having in mind the mechanization and diversification of farming in both areas;
5. The urgent need for improvement of

the production of rice, and corn, for which the following steps should be taken—(a) mechanized production, (b) improvement of varieties through plant breeding, (c) introduction of leguminous crops into rotations with rice and corn, (d) more extensive use of fertilizers;

6. Effort should be made to increase the number of agricultural products both for export and home consumption, such as roselle, ramie, derris, cocoa, coffee, peanuts, citrus and other fruits;
7. Water resources should be utilized more extensively both for power and irrigation, with especial attention to drainage in new systems;
8. The livestock industry should be supported by: (a) a livestock improvement program of the Bureau of Animal Industry and a breed development program of the College of Agriculture of the University of the Philippines, (b) expansion of the livestock research program to include disease and parasite control, pasture development and range improvement, and (c) encouragement of private livestock breeders;
9. Greater mechanization of agriculture is desirable but it should be pursued cau-

tiously in a country in which labor is abundant, but fuel is scarce and farm units are small;

10. It appears advisable to consolidate the national commodity corporations and the national cooperative administration into a cohesive organization for the improvement in marketing of farm products;
11. Every encouragement compatible with democracy should be given for the development of industry;
12. Measures should be taken to strengthen education and research and the extension of other essential government services; and
13. There should be a three-fold plan of collaboration between the Philippines and the United States, thusly, (a) the loan of an experienced extension administrator to the Islands to aid in setting up and implementing an extension service, (b) the establishment of a service training program to enable the Filipinos, who are now employed in responsible agricultural agencies, to participate in the United States' agricultural programs in their respective fields, and (c) the establishment of a collaborative research program at the College of Agriculture, U. P.

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moment, these to be determined by the association concerned. Suggested forms of assessment are that of levying equal

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amounts from the members; that of assessing on the basis of gross volume of business turned in by each member; that of basing assessment on duration of the membership; etc.

To illustrate, suppose the XYZ Rice Growers' Cooperative Association has been operating for several years on a profitable basis. Because of present exceedingly hard times, however, it finds itself in a situation in which its assets are all tied up for the moment. Not that it is on the verge of bankruptcy, but that there is an immediate liability which it cannot meet without liquidating portion of its assets. It so hap-

pens that it could do this only at sacrifice prices. To avoid such course, the association decides to levy an assessment on the members to raise the needed sum. This  
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