

Panoramic Talks

Solicitor General Ozaeta revealed the existence of Filipinos of the upper class who have allowed themselves to be used by aliens in securing rights and privileges which are strictly limited by Philippine laws to citizens of the Philippines. One way resorted to has been to lease to aliens lands obtained by these mercenary Filipinos from the government, aliens not being allowed to acquire public lands. Another device has been to register fishing boats in their names and then employing aliens in the fishing business. The real parties in interest in the business and, in fact, the organizers are the alien so-called employees. If these things are true, the Solicitor General should not merely make speeches about them. Let the mighty traitors suffer.

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Secretary of Finance Roxas deplores the laziness of many Filipinos. The lazy poor are a public charge; the lazy rich are a public nuisance. Roxas says that the low wages of many laborers, who are lazy, are already too high a compensation for the insignificant service they render. In other words, an underpaid laborer who is lazy is really overpaid. This is no amazing revelation to some Filipinos. Roxas should have discovered this evil a long time ago; but it is a comforting thought that he, as Secretary of Finance, makes this discovery now. So, let us now stop talking about work and let us get down to work.

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