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YES SAYRE

The stand of the new United States High Commissioner, Francis B. Sayre, expressed soon after his arrival in Manila October 21, to the effect that any alteration in the present provisions of the Tydings-McDuffie Act must result first from a request from the Filipino people and then from Congressional action, again leaves no doubt as to the prelude and modus aperandi for change.

Recent events in the Far East have made it obvious to all who are in touch with the situation that certain of the conditions of the independence act should be amended. If such amendments are to be made for the joint benefit of the Commonwealth and of the United States, they must origin in the Islands.

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that his job is to be one of administration and of cooperation with the Commonwealth, and that any "reexamination" or readjustment of trade factors must come from those most vitally concerned. He implied that while the independence act must be carried out, the American government would not be unsympathetic to a discussion of the situation based on the present-day state of affairs.

It is clearly up to the leaders in the Philippines, civic, political, and business, to concentrate their efforts on the successful solution of the problem—a problem which, as the new commissioner put it, is "beset with innumerable difficulties and complications but the fundamentals... seem clear."

The Marsman organization welcomes Commissioner Sayre to the Philippines, and adds its heartiest best wishes to the retiring Acting High Commissioner, Hon. J. Weldon Jones.

