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If President Quezon had not obeyed the dictates of his heart he would have been back in Malacañang Palace in Manila long ago and the Philippines would have been saved many, many thousands of dollars.

If President Quezon had considered the miserable life of the Filipino masses and their abject poverty he would not have lived in the United States after the fashion of the multi-millionaire maharajas of India.

If President Quezon hadn't been so racist he would not have surrounded himself with Spanish Filipino mestizos who are not known for their brains and knowledge of American and world affairs.

All the members of the Quezon delegation, including President Quezon himself, took lessons in dancing in New York. They went to dancing school religiously. They learned new steps, invented new ones and improved old ones. President Quezon is said to have discovered heretofore hidden steps and therefore novel movements on which patents may be taken. With the leaders turned into good and graceful dancers, it is expected that the Philippines

will enter into an era of peace, progress and prosperity.

Primitivo Lovina, future agent or representative of the Philippine National Bank, in New York, is preparing himself for the position socially and otherwise. He took up dancing lessons at accredited dancing schools. He got acquainted with pretty girls and entertained them. He went to cabarets, night clubs and other legs shows. He wrote to a friend in Washington the "bad news" that the New York burlesque theaters have been closed.

Gil Montilla, the speaker of the Philippine National Assembly, is probably one of the very few Filipinos who holds a world record. He is about the quietest speaker on earth. This is confirmed by all the Filipino government officials whom we met, and we met the most prominent of them.

The hearing held in Washington by the Joint Preparatory Committee was an absolute flop. They elicited no interest outside of a half people who do business in the Philippines. The speakers spoke with half-hearted interest. The numerous attendance on the part of the public was 10 persons, Manuel Roxas was

the one who asked many sensible questions. After the hearings Roxas said that his purpose was to make the record more interesting. Joaquin M. Elizalde tried to ask questions, but most of them were pointless. He could not be well understood because he spoke in staccato tones and got his grammatical construction mixed up. Jose Yulo, secretary of justice and favorite of President Quezon, asked questions in a high-pitched voice sounding like a prima donna. Quintin Paredes, resident commissioner, was indifferent. The newspapermen who covered the hearings were disappointed at the lack of action. "This is the duldest and the most asinine hearings that I have attended," one newspaperman said.

Madame Manuel L. Quezon has dignity, poise and wisdom, and the Filipino people are justly proud of her and give her their accolade of admiration and affection.

Major-Domo Manuello Nietotati is understood to be thinking of taking out a patent on a group of dance steps which the Il Duce Filipino has stumbled upon one evening when he overdid the light fantastic and tripped.

Quezon does not like native Filipinos. He would only step out in New York City and Washington with mestizos. Sophomoric and fustian editor Romulo and other full-blooded Filipinos in his entourage stay home to run His Majesty's household and to await His Majesty's arrival.

Former Senator Harry Hawes believes with us that the appointment of Joaquin

M. Elizalde as resident commissioner in succession to Quintin Paredes would be a reflection on the reputation of the Filipino people as an intelligent and patriotic people. This opinion is shared by every 9 Congressmen out of every 10 that we asked. That "Mike" would be lavish in his spending when he becomes a resident commissioner would just reduce his influence in Congress to near zero.

Mr. John Foley, manager of the New York branch of the Philippine National Bank, has been of great service to the Quezon delegation, according to one of the members. In fact, the members adopted the policy of "Let Foley Do It," while they went about their never-ending social rounds.

In Manila Buencamino has been filling the newspapers with accounts of his "work" in London and the United States. The biggest joke was to call Buencamino as "the Benjamin Franklin of the Philippines," Quezon is hard and relentless in his condemnation of Felipe Buencamino for deserting his post in London when he was sent there as a delegate for the Philippines to take part in the World Sugar Conference.

Porfirio U. Sevilla, sitting in his well-appointed office in New York is trying hard to forget the past. Porfirio is a modest person and he does not want his past raked up and aired. Through sociable Porfirio Filipino government officials met American ladies of beauty and happy disposition.

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