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the Secretary, by order, provides that no person engaged in the industry investigated may pay lower wages than those recommended. The Act provides that there may be a differentiation in wages between one locality and another.

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The Act contains other provisions relating to payment of wages in legal currency directly to the employee, notification of the employee of the terms of his contract and his rights under the law, and various provisions for administering and enforcing the Act.

THE Supreme Court, on April 28, 1951, handed down its decision in the case of Legarda vs. Miaihle wherein the Court upheld an agreement made for valuable consideration not to pay a pre-war obligation during the Japanese occupation. Of basic importance to the business community, however, was the dicta of the Court indicating it would have upheld as valid a consignation in court of a sum in military currency paying a pre-war obligation contracted and payable in Philippine currency. The Court also upheld as unenforceable during the occupation a provision in the contract allowing the creditor the right to require payment in British currency.

Philippine Safety Council

By FRANK S. TENNY Executive Director

OFFICERS for the next twelve months were elected by the Board of Directors of the Philippine Safety Council at a special meeting held on April 22. They are

President: Joseph A. Thomas
Vice-President: Dr. Romeo Y. Atienza
Secretary: Miguel Ortigas
Treasurer: Francisco Delgado
Executive Director: Frank S. Tenny

A special committee was formed to contact the Secretary of Public Works and Communications and the Chief of the Motor Vehicles Office in regard to suggested improvements in the testing of drivers and vehicles. Members are Executive Director Tenny, Secretary Ortigas, and Treasurer Delgado.

The Executive Director was instructed to contact the M.G-M. film exchange in regard to wide distribution of the current safety film, "Traffic With the Devil", now showing in a downtown theater. Activities of the Fire Prevention Board were also discussed at length at the meeting.

New members of the Council are the Philippine Packing Corporation and Gonzalo Puyat & Sons. The matter of control by the Public Service Commission over bus companies and their drivers was also discussed in detail.

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