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Philippine Electorate Will Go to Polls Next Tuesday

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Manila, P. I., Dec. 4 (UPI)—The electorate in 48 provinces of the Philippine Commonwealth goes to the polls next Tuesday to elect provincial governors, and the governors they will elect are all members of President Manuel L. Quezon's Partido Nacionalista.

Philipines, Inc., is to be put to a scattered after-battle of the mother country, but unlike the United States the Philippines does not enjoy a really good bipartisan show in election years because of the absence of a vigorous opposition party.

In the Philipines, there is no such thing as a "political situation" when this is taken to mean which party is the stronger. "Political situation" in this country means which Nacionalista party candidate is the stronger. Thus throughout prelection weeks and months to a few days before election day in a majority party bigwigs were kept busy not because of any serious oppositionist threat but because of bitter squabbles between Nacionalistas office-seekers themselves.

In Pampanga, old, Gandhi-looking Pedro Abad Santos, the Commonwealth's No. 1 Marcial, is accorded a fighting chance against wealthy, rotund Sotero Baluyot, the incumbent governor who is as rightist as Abad Santos is leftist.

Don Pedro Abad, for his shrewdness and boldness, has a large section of the masses, but Pampanga is a province of rich sugar barons and big property owners who cannot risk having a Communist leader in the gubernatorial chair. Although the Communist movement has strong roots in Pampanga, it is only a number of towns where the movement is really strong. Almondoy Baluyot has long been "boss" in his province, and his political machine is considered unbeatable.

In Nueva Ecija, however, the Popular Front is also giving Abad Santos a wide margin of victory. The opposition candidate is Jose Robles, Jr., a colorful leader of the masses. But his opponent, incumbent Governor Aurelio "Erong" Cecilio, is also a man of the masses who, in addition, counts with the support of the proprietorship (property owners).

In Ilocos Norte, Popular Front candidate Emilio Medina is running against the incumbent governor and, like his fellow oppositionists, is conceded small chance of success.

Today's election marked the first time the opposition was led by the Commonwealth's Executive. From June, Sumangil's "experiments" in virtually every province, The Popular Front named candidates for governor in 23 provinces and for lesser provincial posts in many other provinces.

This increased Popular Front activity showed that the minority party made some real effort at organization to oppose the dominant Nacionalistas Party in the provincial elections.

The opposition was also increasingly militant this year, and Commonwealth President Manuel L. Quezon, as always, was principal target of its accusations. The pro-quezonists' anti-communism policies, particularly what it called the "reckless spending" by the Quezon government, and the concentration of vast extraordinary powers in the hands of the president. Don Manuel was satirically called "His Majesty Manuel Quezon" and the splendor of Malacanang Palace, on which huge sums of money have obviously been spent since the advent of the Commonwealth was vigorously criticized.

LESSONS WORTH REMEMBERING
(By MAURO BARADI)

(Editor's Note: We have requested Dr. Mauro Baradi to pen a few lines for this paper. Dr. Baradi is a member of the Board of Directors of the Philipines Times—two newspapers of the Philippines and it is hoped that we may hear from him from time to time for our readers' benefit.)

The young man who was healthy and wealthy seemed so secure in his situation that he paid little attention to the welfare of his neighbors. To him his personal comfort was of paramount importance. He saw fit to pile his worldly possessions even to the extent of trampling upon the rights of others. "I might as well spend my money as I see fit," he said; and so he did until finally he found he had nothing more for his necessities, much less for his luxuries. With the loss of his wealth he lost, too, his health. It was too late for him to realize that health and wealth can last only as long as certain rules are observed; to enjoy the former, one should be clean and moderate, and to acquire the latter, one should be honest and industrious.

"Whatever you do and wherever you go, you should always stand together and cooperate with one another," said a wise father to his five sons. It was no mere gesture that he did this. His 85 years of earthly existence had taught him over and over again the meaning of unity and significance of cooperation. Adventurous as they were, these sons left their country for foreign lands; together they travelled; when one became weak, the others contributed their strength; in times of discouragement, two or three in the group somehow managed to create an atmosphere of cheerfulness; when want and hunger struck at their door, they refused to be caught napping—instead they stepped out and in a few days there came happiness and satisfaction again. Truly, in days of prosperity or hours of adversity these gallant sons conducted themselves accordingly. It is not surprising, therefore to learn that on their return to their native land, each was a success in himself. They never forgot the injunction given them by their father, and even today people look to this family as one worthy of emulation.

Many among us argue that gambling is a form of recreation and therefore should be tolerated. To uphold this argument is like saying that black is white or to make it clearer—making a wrong act a righteous one. Others hide behind the cloak of influence or wear the mask of authority and prestige in order to gamble. At first glance this vice may appear attractive and profitable; attractive because of enabling a victim to meet and be acquainted with various kinds of individuals; some of them the "big shots" of the town; profitable because of getting somebody's money in so short a time, provided, of course, one always wins and this we know is impossible. By and by the winnings are gone and in a spirit of desperation the gambler conceives and adopts some means—mostly foul—to search for the ill-earned fortune he is lost. Then the tragedy comes—he is caught cheating and brought before the court of justice resulting in his imprisonment and disgrace.

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An Open Letter

Mrs. T. G. BIANO, Editor,
Hawaii Filipino News
Honolulu, Hawaii.
Dear Mr. BIANO:

How inadequate it really is, I wish to take this occasion of thanking you for the generous publicity you gave the Hib Commemoration Day celebration and the reception on our Island for Dr. and Mrs. Camilo Ocasio.

I should like to make particular reference to the part played by Mr. Herman Sesano, of C. Brewer & Co.; Mr. Francisco Laike, my immediate assistant; Mr. A. T. Spalding, Mr. John M. Ross and the Hawaii Island Sun Planters Association. They rendered invaluable service and encouragement in a task at which I was new. To them I wish to extend my deepest appreciation.

Our most profound gratitude goes out to Dr. and Mrs. Ocasio who have done so much to raise our prestige and elevate our standing in the general community by their unquenched ability, their intelligence, charm and personality. Receiving and serving them on our Island was a distinct pleasure.

Lastly, may I congratulate you on the fine work you are doing? Here's wishing you continued success!

Sincerely, A. J. MONTILLA,
Chairman, Committee on Arrangements.

NEWS COMMENTS

With less than a full month remaining before the close of non-citizen registration, as required by the Hib Commemoration Day, it behoves every person of Filipino parentage in Hawaii to meet the law's requirements by registering.

We urge you to delay no longer. There will probably be a last-minute rush of persons to register. Let it be those of other races, rather than we Filipinos, who delay.

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This is the eleventh double digit in your mind as to whether or not you are required to register; we suggest you check immediately with the plantation management. If you are working on a sugar plantation, you will find the management most willing to help you in every possible way.

If there is any slight doubt in your mind as to whether or not you are required to register, don't delay any longer. Remember that all non-citizens living here are guests of the United States government, and as such we should do our very best to live up to the laws of the land in which we have found

such opportunity for an enjoyable life.

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Aliens, 14 years of age and older, must register in person and be fingerprinted.

Alien children, under 14, must be registered by their parents or guardians.

Registration takes place at the post offices.

There is no charge of any kind connected with alien registration.

The Department of Justice warns aliens to beware of racketeers.

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Earl G. Harrison, Director of Alien Registration of the Department, suggests that those aliens who have not yet registered do so as soon as possible and avoid the Christmas rush at the post offices.

All aliens are also warned that, having registered, they are required to report any change in their permanent residence address within five days to the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice in Washington. Forms for this purpose are obtainable at all post offices.

No alien need be unprepared for the questions he will be asked. Sample registration forms which show him exactly what information he will need at registration are available at all post offices.

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