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Methodist Episcopal Conference Meets

National Assembly Starts Investigation of Alleged Racial Discrimination

MANILA, March 8. (UP)—A special committee of the National Assembly has started hearings on cases of alleged discrimination against the Filipino race by American mining firms.

Wilton Owen, master mechanic, formerly connected with the United States army, testified before the committee that the Antamok Goldfields and the Call Horn Mines discharged him because he married a Filipino woman.

Prejudice Indicated

Owen did not make a direct charge against these American companies, but recounted circumstances which in his opinion proved that they discriminated against him because he married a Filipina.

"There is something hard to explain, that makes a white man married to a Filipino realize he is not wanted and being discriminated against," said Owen.

He cited alleged incidents in which an American married to a Filipino was socially snubbed by his fellow Americans and their wives.

Dismissed Without Cause

He said his services were later dispensed with, although he was efficient in his work.

The investigation was started at the insistence of Assemblyman Isidro Vamenta, who charged in a speech on the Assembly floor that the Balatoc Mining Company discharged nine American and European employes married to Filipino women.

Balatoc officials promptly denied the charges, saying each of the nine men resigned or were discharged for other reasons.

Local Author to Go to Mainland To Study T.B.

Invited by the National Tuberculosis Association, New York City, to serve as a junior staff member, Kim Pui Lai, educational secretary, Tuberculosis Association of the Territory of Hawaii, will leave March 17 on the S.S. Matsonia for the mainland.

Mr. Lai will work under the supervision of Dr. Philip P. Jacobs, director of personnel training and publications, National Tuberculosis Association. He will spend most of his time studying educational methods and rehabilitation programs in tuberculosis control.

Lai is also the author of several sociological articles published in mainland journals. His latest contribution is a section entitled "Hawaiian Minority Groups" in the New York University publication "Our Racial and National Minorities."

Mrs. Lai will accompany Mr. Lai. They will return sometime in August when Mr. Lai will assume the position of field secretary with the local association.

Sea Adventurers Meet Pirate Attacks, Shipwreck, Disaster Near Luzon

MANILA, March 8. (UP)—Eleven adventurers of various nationalities including two pretty young Russian women, who would circumnavigate the globe in a remodelled Chinese junk, are preparing to resume their journey which began in Shanghai February 1.

Undaunted by their experiences during the crossing of the China sea, which included three pirate attacks, five storms, water shortage and finally a shipwreck, the adventurers have grimly announced that they will not give up.

Youthful Crew

The adventurers are Captain Ivan Rakich, Yugoslavian; First Officer Leo Rudchenko, Russian, Second Officer Komar Oleg, Russian; Vladimir Daull, Latvian; George Kiraeff, Tartar; Leo Tomashevy, Peter Diatakoff, Gennady Klimburoff, Olga Alkane, and Lidia Schenkikoff, Russians, and Fah Me-yo, a Chinese cook. Their junk is aptly named "Adventure." Most of the them are in their early twenties.

Intrepid Girls Aboard

Lubu and Olga, aged 23 and 22 respectively, were formerly hostesses in a Shanghai night club.

The adventurers first started from Shanghai December 13, but were forced to return when pirates riddled their drinking-water tank with bullets. They left Shanghai again February 1, met pirates again twice, but managed to escape with only a

Program, Dance Honors Officers Of Wahiawa Club

Filipino Community Club Is Headed by Arsenio Octavio and Julio Guzman

With the Filipino Bachelors' Club of Wahiawa honoring the officers of the Filipino Community of Wahiawa, the officers were duly installed at a program and dance recently at the Wahiawa Public School auditorium. A capacity crowd attended.

The officers installed were: A. Octavio, president; Julio Guzman, vice president; L. R. Pagaragan, treasurer; S. Andres, assistant treasurer; Luciano Cruz, secretary; F. Rubio, assistant secretary; Claudio Pizarro, auditor; M. Garcia, assistant auditor, and M. Anchets, sergeant at arms.

Mr. Alfonso G. Avecilla of Honolulu installed the officers. The Camp 9, Wahiawa, Filipino String Circle furnished the music. After the short program a dance followed which lasted until 11:45.

Among the guests from Honolulu were: Mr. and Mrs. Antonio G. Avecilla, Mrs. Eulogia Badajos, Mrs. Lucio Demain, Miss Joyce Banquil, Mr. Patricio Cabreros and Mr. Joe Gahura.

The officers of the Filipino Bachelors' Club that gave the dance in honor of the Community officers are: Antonio Sotero, president; Felix Rubio, secretary; Mac Garcia, treasurer, and Guillermo Alonzo, auditor.

Master of ceremonies was Mr. Antero Equid.

The program was: Overture by the orchestra, welcome address by Mr. Tony Sotero, presentation of the Wahiawa Filipino Community officers, installation of officers by Mr. Alfonso Avecilla, selection by the orchestra, vocal solo by Miss Irenia Villamera, address by Luciano Cruz, piano selection by Miss Balingit, song by Miss Eufimia Reverra, talk by Mr. Pedro Valderrama, and closing remarks by Mr. A. Octavio. Dancing followed.

New Officers Elected By Waipahu Pioneers

Officers of the Waipahu Pioneers recently installed by the Rev. F. M. Santa Ana are: Mamerto Panerio, president; Henry Natad, vice president; Carmelo Caluya, secretary; Isayas Santa Ana, treasurer; Jose Barcelona, sergeant-at-arms; Rigo Miguel and Evaresto Consiva, program committee. Terry Castillo is the adviser.

P.I. Imports Are Surveyed

Machinery for Oil Extraction, Typesetting, Refrigeration and Road Making Increase

"Imports of oil-extracting machinery increased fairly substantially in 1937. Imports came from the United States to the extent of nearly 76 per cent, with the balance, mainly Krupp expellers, from Germany. Expellers of improved design were offered by both American and German manufacturers.

"The total trade in printing machinery increased only slightly in 1937, but purchases from the United States were about 23 per cent greater than in 1936. German shipments totaled only P18,686 (or about half the 1936 figure), all of which came in at the beginning of the year.

Typesetting

"Imports of typesetting machines increased fairly substantially in 1937, owing mainly to sales to Kaman Foces Publications. The trade in both printing and typesetting machinery may increase notably in 1938 to a total value of P500,000. The Bureau of Printing has placed orders for new equipment totaling close to P300,000 in value, while the DMHM Publications have purchased a new duplex press understood to have cost about P100,000.

"A 10 per cent gain was recorded in the arrivals of pumps and pumping machinery in 1937, which as usual were supplied mostly by the United States. Pumps are used in the mining industry, in irrigation and for various miscellaneous purposes. The new cement mill, which the Cebu Portland Cement Company plans to install before the end of 1938, is understood to include some pumping machinery, and it is believed that imports in 1938 will be at least as great as in 1937.

Refrigeration

"A 35 per cent increase was recorded in the imports of refrigerating machinery in 1937, which ap-

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Libby Boxers Win 4 Out of 8 Bouts

The Libby boxers won four of eight bouts on the card of a recent smoker held in the Libby stadium, Maunaloa, Molokai. CPC and the National Guard carried off the other two bouts.

A short concert by the Maunaloa Band under the direction of Professor Mariano Laroya preceded the smoker. Following the fights the Molokai winners left to participate in an inter-island match with Lanai.

The final results of the fights were: Joe Bernal, Libby, TKOed C. Ikaika, National Guard; Luis Adolfo, Libby, decisioned Peter Paschoal, NG; Thomas Lani, NG, decisioned Jack Tobait, Libby; Benito Gerona, Libby, decisioned Jack Soares, CPC; Regino Colatavic, CPC, TKOed Samuel English, NG; Fiorentino Verginiza, CPC, decisioned Julian Sanchez, Libby; Sam Makaiwi, NG, decisioned Estiko Gomez, CPC; Joe Berona, Libby, decisioned H. Martinez, NG.

$100 Is Stolen From Kauai Man

John Torres and Daniel S. Carvalho of Hanapepe were bound over to the grand jury recently by district Magistrate Charles Keahi on charges of assault and battery and burglary. Confessions had been obtained from the two men by Sheriff William H. Rice, according to the police.

According to the confession the men, police stated, entered the home of the Filipino ditchman near the boundaries of the county jail on the evening of January 24. They took $100 from a trunk after having gagged and beaten him.

Honokaa School Enters

The Honokaa High and Grammar school have consumated definite plans to enter The Star-Bulletin oratorical contest. The school, represented by Kelchiro Yamato, took first place in the territorial finals two years ago.

Since Honokaa school has a public speaking course many students are expected to turn out for the preliminaries to be held on February 21.

"The Busiest Conference Thus Far!" They Say

Filipino Ministers and Delegates attending the 34th annual Methodist Conference in Honolulu, March 4th-March 7th, who characterized the conference as one of the most interesting and certainly the "busiest" they have attended. Front row, left to right—Matilde Gorospe, Lydia Villaruz, Rufina Verana, Miss Blaquera, Ruth Mumma, Rev. J. Capanas, Rev. R. D. Umipeg; second row—Severo Primero, Rev. V. M. Lining, Dioadado Avecilla, A. A. Balantac, Rev. T. A. Cabacungan, Mrs. Cabacungan, Mr. Punsalan, S. G. Afalla; third row—Bonifacio Salvador, Rev. Mumma, Rev. Makapagal, Mrs. Mumma, A. Ramos, Mr. Alupay, Rev. J. R. Runes, Eligio de los Trinos, Santiago Quimado, Rev. V. Madayag.

Senator Urges Congress To Abolish Export Taxes Not Amend Independence Act

By JULIUS C. EDELSTEIN
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, March 1. (UP)—Senator Ernest Gibson, Republican, Vermont, recently urged Congress to abolish the entire structure of export taxes provided in the Tydings-McDuffie Act, rather than adopt the Kocialkowski bill of amendments to the Philippine Independence Act.

Senator Gibson, who described himself as very friendly to the desires and aims of the Filipinos, attacked the bill as unsound and insecure, defeating the very purposes it sought to accomplish.

The text of Senator Gibson's remarks, printed in the Congressional Record, follow:

"A few days ago the Senator from Maryland (Mr. Tydings) introduced, by request, a bill (S. 1028) to amend the Philippine Independence Act of March 24, 1934, and various other acts of Congress.

The avowed purposes of the amendments are:

(a) to correct the "imperfections or inequalities" in the Independence Act; and

(b) to formulate a program of economic relations between the United States and the Philippines to function from 1946 through to the end of 1959.

In fact, I fear, if passed, it may multiply and aggravate the imperfections and the inequalities of the Independence Act, thus leaving Congress to grapple in the future with greater problems and more complexities.

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Big Island Workers Receive $350,000 Additional Wages

All Workers Participate in the Benefit Which Is Mandatory for Only Part

Approximately $350,000 in additional wages has just been paid by plantations to employes on the Big Island for the year 1938 according to A. T. Spalding, secretary-treasurer of the Hawaii Island Planters' association.

Some 15,000 workers received the additional wages which included all industrial as well as agricultural workers on the plantations who qualified for the payment.

Mr. Spalding stated that, although payment of additional wages to employes engaged in the production, cultivation, and harvesting of sugar cane is mandatory under the Sugar Act if the plantations are to receive benefit payments for 1938, the plantations have voluntarily gone a step further and included all other workers not actually engaged in the production of cane.

Girls' Volleyball Competition Opens; Series Scheduled

Six plantations have entered the girl's volleyball competition which opened last Sunday under the sponsorship of the Oahu Plantation Athletic association.

The series marks the first event of this nature to be sponsored by the association and teams representing Kahuku, Kawailoa, Waimanalo, Hawaiian Pine, Waialua and Ewa have been entered.

One round will be played and the championship decided on percentage basis. All games will be played Sunday afternoons at 2.

The project will be directed by Miss Marion Garibay who also handled the recently closed girl's basketball league in which Kahuku annexed the title.

The season's schedule as released by Miss Garibay follows:

March 5—Kahuku vs. Kawailoa at Kawailoa, Hawaiian Pine vs. Waialua at Waialua, Ewa vs. Waimanalo at Waimanalo.

March 12—Kawailoa vs. Hawaiian Pine at Wahiawa, Waimanalo vs. Kahuku at Kahuku, Waialua vs. Ewa at Ewa.

March 19—Kawailoa vs. Ewa at Ewa, Hawaiian Pine vs. Kahuku at Kahuku, Waimanalo vs. Waialua at Waialua.

March 26—Kawailoa vs. Waimanalo at Waimanalo, Waialua vs. Kahuku at Kahuku, Ewa vs. Hawaiian Pine at Wahiawa.

April 2—Kawailoa vs. Waialua at Kawailoa, Kahuku vs. Ewa at Ewa, Hawaiian Pine vs. Waimanalo at Waimanalo.

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Visayan Club Elects Officers

The Visayan Hinabangay society of Aiea elected Anacleto Villanueva, president for 1939 at the recent election held at the Filipino clubhouse.

Patricio Ganob was chosen vice president. Others elected were: Nick Laybon, secretary; Felipe Pabingwit, treasurer; Esteban Dagle, auditor; Ambrosio Baradan, sergeant at arms, and Andres Hyson, adviser.

Outgoing officers were: Pastor Llano, president; Anacleto Villanueva, vice president; Patricio Ganob, secretary; Felipe Pabingwit, treasurer; Esteban Dagle, auditor, and Gavino Carbonel, adviser.

Scout Rally Held At Andrews Park

A rally was held recently as a part of the Scout Week celebration by Kahuku Troop 38 at the Andrew Adams park.

Mr. Gordon R. Virgo, personnel director of the Waialua Agricultural Co. presented Kahuku Cub Pack 28 with a national cub flag and a cub pack banner, he also gave a talk on scouting.

Other speakers at the rally were Thomas G. Walker, manager of the Kahuku Plantation Company, Scout Dazal Conklin and Paul Lau, Honolulu scout executive.

For advancement and conduct, Isamu Tatsuguchi and Milton Espiritu were awarded prizes.

Elizalde Predicts Trade Shrinkage in Testimony Before the U.S. Congress

WASHINGTON, March 7. (UP)—Joaquin Elizalde, Philippine Resident Commissioner, today told the Senate territories and insular affairs committee that Philippine-U. S. trade will suffer a serious reduction as the result of elimination of trade preferences.

He added that it is unlikely that the Philippines will be able to compete in the American market, Elizalde testified in the committee's hearing on the pending Tydings bill, which would continue trade ties between the Islands and the United States until 1950.

Elizalde read a 17 page prepared statement dealing with relations between the Philippines and the United States. He said the proposal to decrease tariff preferences during the period after granting of political independence in 1946 would cause a shrinkage in Philippines exports to the United States, with a consequent decrease in Island importation of American goods.

Serious Trade Reduction

"It is reasonable to expect that our present trade with the United States will suffer a serious reduction, but there must be a price adjustment to a non-preferential basis," he said. "It is doubtful whether the sugar industry will be able to absorb graduated duties through the post-independence period. It is not likely that Philippine sugar can continue to come into this country when it has to pay the same or a higher rate of duty than Cuban sugar, because of the longer haul and other factors."

Possible Extension

Elizalde referred to the International Sugar agreement as "illustrative of the ramifications of our economic problems."

He pointed out that the agreement, which was signed both by the United States and the Philippines, expires in 1942. He said in view of possible extension of the agreement throughout the post-independence period "the Philippines under certain circumstances might find it impossible to fill the sugar quota allotted for the U. S. market, and yet by operation of the International Sugar agreement also may be denied a quota in the world markets."

Praises Guardianship

Elizalde said that it was true that the Philippines had asked generous treatment from the United States during the period of transition from dependency to sovereignty, but said that the problem should not be judged merely as a dollars and cents plea.

He praised the United States' guardianship over the Philippines, asserting that American rule had maintained the Islands under Christian religion, had developed the educational system, and laid the economic foundation for the maintenance of democratic institutions.

"These achievements are permanent monuments to America's enlightened experiment in colonial government, and should forever remain sources of honor and pride to the American people for which we will always be grateful," he said.

Paia Organization Has Banquet and Installation

Juan Quitan Is the President, Andres Duldulao Is Vice President of the Club

With Mr. C. S. Childs of the Alexander House Community Association, Wailuku, presiding and administering the oaths, the 1939 officers of the Paia Filipino Laborers' Club were recently installed to their offices during a program held at the Paia Community Clubhouse.

The installation was preceded by a banquet at which typical Filipino dishes were served to the guests who included visitors from all over Maui.

The evening's main address was given by Asa Baldwin, assistant manager of the Maui Agricultural Co., Ltd. Mr. Baldwin was introduced by the Rev. E. C. Yadao, who acted as toastmaster.

The following officers were installed: Juan Quitan, president; Andres Duldulao, vice president; Eusebio Quilinpe, secretary; Martin Mina, assistant secretary; Mrs. E. C. Yadao, treasurer; Santiago Galaci, assistant auditor; Antonio Q. Benitez, adviser; Jose Pias, chief of police; Exequiel Bayudan, Raymundo Corpus, Sergio Tabag, Julian Alamar, Faustino Batoon, and Daniel Laurito.

Those installed as councillors included: Hermenegildo Mamadora, Silvestre Manuel, Simon Rivera, C. Gonzalo, Severo Natividad, Anastacio Ucol, Isidro Benson, Rosario Cuyo, Fabian Espania, Joaquin Reyes, Cleto Gabiton, Francisco Pagay, Dionisio Acupan, Casimiro Supnet, Esteban Pascual, Jorge Gulang, Luis Fabros, Faustino Tablian, Benito Martin, Maximiniano Valdez, Vidal Apostol, Sulpicio Santiago, Vicente Lonzaña, Francisco Salomon, Serverino Matutino, Carlos Corpus, Cesario Valeroso, Wenceslao Esteban, Vicente Bayoy, Adriano Valero, Marcelo Albano, Fausto Bueno, Valentin Carillo.

Kitchen committee: Maximo Abalos, chairman, Castor Ladino and Jorge Gulang. Music committee: J. Segundo Bermudes, chairman, Balbino Pias, Miss Priscilla G. Yadao. Program committee: Rev. E. C. Yadao, chairman, Adolfo Batinga and Antonio Q. Benitez, members.

Manila Sharks Hold Up Steamer Corregidor

MANILA, P. I., March 7. (UP)—En route to Manila, the inter-island steamer Corregidor struck an object which perceptibly showed the speed of the vessel. Investigation disclosed an eight-foot shark draped across the prow and evidently stunned by the collision.

The fish was roped and hoisted aboard and the Corregidor proceeded on her course.

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Huge Cane Harvester

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