

# Philippines Optimistic Over Future; Friends Praise McNutt for Tact

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11 (U. P.).—The Philippine Commonwealth starts its fourth year on Nov. 15 with high hopes for the successful solution of the many difficult problems that attend the evolution to independence in 1946.

In the third year of autonomous existence under the American flag, the Commonwealth maintained the stable and orderly government which Congress has prescribed as the condition of future independence. The insular commerce was strengthened, peace and "normalcy" were maintained in strange contrast to conditions prevalent in many parts of the Far East, and preparatory work was done toward more favorable long term economic relations with the United States.

President Manuel Quezon, occupant of the Malacanang Palace, gained additional political reputation as a statesman bent on realizing the political aspirations of the Filipino people without sacrificing the economic relationships which many impartial authorities hold necessary to independent existence.

While President Quezon made no binding commitments of political character, Washington had the impression that he would lend an ear to any reasonable and clear proposition that might be advanced by Congress either regarding economics or a possible future re-examination of political status. Key to his attitude, observers believed, was a deep personal confidence in the intention of President Roosevelt to maintain a friendly and liberal attitude toward the islands.

High Commissioner Paul V. McNutt was a "headline" throughout the year as political friend and foe appraised all his official and personal acts in the light of the weight they might cast on the balance of his availability as a Presidential candidate in 1940.

Mr. McNutt's friends generally felt that he had gained prestige by his activities in the Far East, particularly by his tactful relations with Filipino leaders, but there was a tendency in some circles here to satirize his Presidential "boom." In any era of fiscal deficits, Mr. McNutt's friends—recalling his Indiana administration—advanced the slogan, "He knows arithmetic."

At Washington, Joaquin M. Elizalde succeeded Quintin Paredes as resident commissioner of the Commonwealth. Mr. Elizalde came here with reputation as an able businessman and careful student of affairs, and Capitol Hill observers eagerly await his technique in the double-barreled task of advancing Philippine interests while fighting off the attacks against Philippine commodities which regularly are introduced at each session of Congress.

As the third year of the Commonwealth ended there was still a big "X" in Philippine-American relations which tended to make obscure the success of any future move to re-examine political status, namely, the undetermined future purpose of the Navy with regard to stations or reservations in the islands. The war on the Asiatic mainland rendered untimely any United States decisions concerning Western Pacific naval policy.

In the absence of any official pronouncement, Army opinion here seemed to strengthen against any defensive responsibilities in the Philippines after the date of independence, while the trend of naval opinion—formerly divided—seemed increasingly inclined to make the Aleutian-Hawaiian-Panama line the strategic frontier of this country.

Today the Philippine destiny seems more than ever at the mercy of Congress. Economic legislation seemed likely to arouse old political rivalries among sugar-producing areas, and the conflicting vegetable oils interests. The big crop of cottonseed means new competition for coconut oil, while sugar prices did not maintain the high levels confidently predicted when the sugar-marketing program was launched.

To a degree, the Philippine case has been aided by the growth of the mining industry in the islands, which has suggested broad possibilities of insular economic diversification, and has created assets other than agricultural products with which to finance purchases of American export products. In many respects, Philippine-American commercial relations are now more complementary than in earlier years.

Unofficial relations between mainland United States and the Philippines made progress during the year. The press, universities, and international organizations here seemed to take an increasing interest in the Commonwealth. The Philippines, in turn, sent an unusual number of students and research workers to the United States.

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A. T. T. Official Defends Law As Basically Sound.

By Science Service

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 11.—To destroy the basic concepts of the American patent system would be to destroy the pattern of present-day industry and bring a return to secrecy of invention, Dr. Frank B. Jewett, vice president of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., declared before the meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers here.

Efforts to change the law so as to alter the theory of a long term monopoly as the reward for disclosing the nature of the invention were termed "eye wash" by Dr. Jewett.

Of the charge that industry deliberately suppresses socially valuable patents, he said: "That the number of unused patents is large goes without saying. That any considerable number of them are of much, if any, value, I doubt, and that any really valuable ones are 'suppressed' I just simply do not believe."

"The explanation is that anyone possessed of a valuable patent... every reason to exploit it before its life blood runs dry and dare not delay the exploitation for fear his competitor will get a better patent. I have no doubt that there are now, as there always have been, valuable patents which are not in use because the art to which they apply is not yet far enough advanced to permit. This is not suppression—all the will in the world could not force use under the conditions."

## FREE POLICE CHIEF IN PICKET'S DEATH

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Nov. 11 (U. P.).—Police Chief Norman Findlay, 34, of Haboro today had been acquitted of a charge of involuntary manslaughter growing out of the fatal shooting of a picket outside the Oscar Beale Hosiery Co. plant in Haboro, Sept. 9.

Chief Findlay testified that he was in charge of a police escort for trucks and that the pickets, members of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, sought to prevent the removal of machinery to the South. He told Judge George C. Carson and the jury that the crowd started stoning him and surged forward.

Seeking to frighten the crowd, he testified, he fired into the ground, the bullet apparently ricocheting and mortally wounding Raymond Cooke, 35, of Prospectville.

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