

Philippines Find Road of Freedom Rocky Traveling

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(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Manila (U.P.)—The Philippine experiment will be four years old on July 4.

As this republic passes from infancy to childhood, it is now possible to assess some of the good and the bad things in its transformation from a United States dependency into a sovereign state.

Because the Philippines was the first colonial country in the far east to gain its independence, it became the test case of the new freedom of Asian area peoples. The Philippines is beginning to provide answers to the question of whether a small, militarily weak country is better off on its own or under the political and economic domination of a big power.

The independence road has been bumpy for the Philippines. Even with much material help and fatherly guidance from the United States, the Filipinos have found that the freedom they fought for did not alone create a utopian state.

No Regrets

Growing pains, however, have not been severe enough to make the Filipinos regret their separation from the parent country. As a people, they are convinced that they were right in breaking away.

Political and economic troubles have beset the Philippines. Rival factions have been bickering. President Elpidio Quirino recognized graft and corruption in the government when he appointed an "integrity board" to investigate and clean up.

A high Filipino official had this to say about the turmoil:

"The Filipinos fought for their independence through centuries of Spanish rule. When the United States took over more than 50 years ago, they kept on fighting for freedom."

"They battled the Japanese throughout world war II. Finally they got their independence and there was nobody left to fight. So they started fighting each other. We hope that a new feeling of nationalism will bring them to their senses soon."

Situation Not Critical

Foreign observers here do not share the fears sometimes expressed abroad that the Philippine government is nearing collapse and that the country is on the verge of revolution. The situation is serious but not critical, they say.

These are the major problems: The Huk—The peasant outlaw organization known as the Huk has terrorized the people of the flat lands of Luzon throughout the life of the republic. Its leaders are reds who have made it a dangerous communist-front army threatening the stability of the government.

The Philippine armed forces have curbed, but not suppressed the Huk. Effective land reforms that would distribute land among the "kasamas," or tenant farmers, are held by many to be the only permanent solution to the dissident problem.

The economy—As the windfall of American aid diminished during the last 18 months, the Philippines found its dollar reserves dwindling and its trade balance extremely unfavorable. Business began to lag. Drastic import and exchange controls were imposed last December.

Leak Plugged

They plugged the leak but economists regarded the controls as only temporary relief. The real answer, they said, will lie in increased export production, development of natural resources and small industries, hard work and austerity.

Politics—The 1949 general elections created a stench that resulted in some loss of public confidence in the government. Charges of election frauds and terrorism were made by both the losing and the winning parties.

Minority groups warned that a kind of dictatorship was emerging. The Quirino administration accused the opposition of political activity detrimental to the country's welfare. Official scandals caused the president to appoint an integrity board.

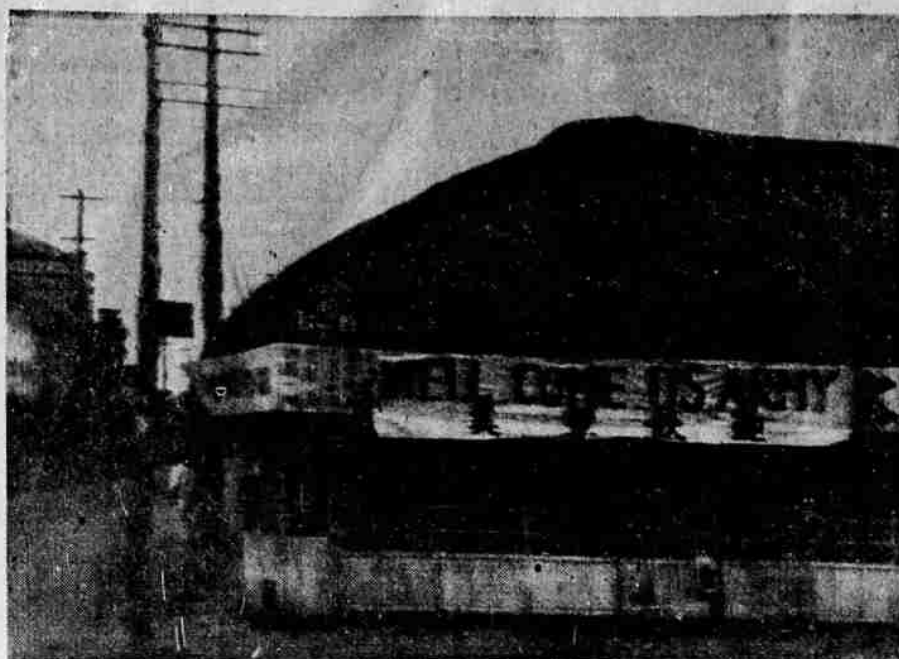
The solution to the entire problem will lie in the government's ability to convince the public that there is honest, democratic government.

On the credit side of the Philippine ledger are the remarkable physical recovery from the war, a higher standard of living than most far eastern countries enjoy, the emphasis on good education, expanding leadership in world affairs and championship of the rights of non-independent peoples, and a continuing fight against communism.

TWO FROM BEND

Of two Bend golfers entered in the state tournament at Eugene, one lost and the other won in yesterday's matches, according to United Press reports. In the championship flight John Prince lost, 4 to 3, to Virgil Snodgrass of Eugene. In the second flight Jim Bushong won from Harry Bates, Portland, 2 and 1.

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DESERTED.—Sign reading "Well Come U. S. Army" calls out to deserted streets of Suwon after South Korean forces fled the city before vanguard of U. S. troops arrived to bolster defense. Suwon fell before 50,000 tank-led North Korean Communist invaders. (NEA Radio-Telephoto)



NAVY CARRIER LOADS AIR FORCE FIGHTERS.—Air National Guard F-51 Mustang fighters, recalled by the Air Force, sit on pier at Alameda Naval Air Station, Calif., for loading aboard the Navy aircraft carrier U. S. S. Boxer (background). The F-51's are believed to be destined for Korea, where they will replace jet fighters, which have been found to be too fast for ground support work. (NEA Telephoto)



FIRST CROSS.—Corporal Donald M. Wilson of Pulaski, Wis., and Pfc. John Walder (right) of Milwaukee drive the first white cross to mark a grave in the newly created military cemetery in South Korea. Photo by Ed Hoffman, NEA-Acme staff photographer.

North Koreans March Prisoners Through Streets

(By United Press)

North Korea sought today to counteract U. S. charges that red troops are killing American prisoners by announcing that the first batch of captured Americans arrived in Pyongyang Tuesday.

It said the Americans were marched along Stalin street in Pyongyang on their way to a prison camp. The Americans were described as "beastly imperialist American soldiers."

Persons lining the road raked the captives with "glances filled with hatred and contempt," the broadcast said.

It said one of the POW's, army Capt. Ambrose Nugent, Merrill, Wis., denounced U. S. intervention in Korea. A man the reds named as Nugent made a similar statement over the north Korean radio yesterday.

Nugent's relatives and fellow officers said if it really was Nugent he must have been tortured. The Soviet news agency Tass said a captured U. S. captain declared at a press conference: "We have seen with what joy the population of the liberated districts welcomes the people's army and have understood that we fought against the liberty of the Korean people."

Tass did not identify the captain except as leader of a battalion of the U. S. 24th division.

Bulletin Classifieds Bring Results

Weyerhaeuser Going to Court

Longview, Wash., July 13 (U.P.)—Weyerhaeuser Timber company officials in Tacoma, Wash., said today they would seek an injunction against striking International Woodworkers of America pickets at its plant here, unless something unforeseen happened.

Meanwhile, the pulp and plywood divisions of the Weyerhaeuser plant here were operating with skeleton AFL crews, despite CIO pickets, local officials said.

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Swiss Group Asks Shelters Against A-Bomb Attacks

Geneva (U.P.)—A small group of Swiss is working to persuade governments to establish security zones for civilians against atomic bombs and other horrors expected if a third world war breaks out.

The areas would be called "Geneva zones" in honor of the city where the Swiss group, as well as the International Red Cross, has its headquarters. The zones would be set up on the outskirts of cities to harbor women, children under 18, people over 60, and the sick.

Henry George, secretary general of the international association for the protection of the civilian population, said attempts to outlaw atomic warfare and provide conventions for the treatment of civilians in time of war are laudable, but insufficient under present conditions. Gov-

Pipe Believed Daniel Boone's

Mobile, Ala. (U.P.)—Raymond F. Younce believes one of his "best smoking" pipes may have belonged to Daniel Boone.

The pipe was found by Younce's father in Tennessee over 40 years ago. It is made of some sort of stone, or petrified wood. On it is carved the face of an Indian and the initials "D. B.—1757," on either side.

The pipe was found near Fish Springs, Tenn. Boone is believed to have explored in that Tennessee area at one time.

One Ohio museum has offered Younce \$500 for the pipe, if he can prove that it actually did belong to Boone.

201,277 Doctors Listed in U.S.

Chicago (U.P.)—Nearly two of every three physicians in private practice in the U. S. are "family doctors," according to the American Medical Directory.

The directory shows there were 201,277 physicians in 1950, 20,781 more than eight years earlier.

Of these, 72,550 are in general practice and 22,976 are in general practice but give some attention to a specialty, according to the directory.

BAKER RITES FRIDAY

Funeral services for Alice Soderstrom Baker, former Bend resident and more recently of Lebanon, who died suddenly Tuesday while driving to Salem with her husband, John, will be held here Friday. The services will be at 1:30 p. m., at the Niswonger & Winslow chapel. Rev. W. I. Palmer will be in charge and burial will be in the local cemetery.

VERMONT WANTS OXEN

Bethel, Vt. (U.P.)—Vermont is in the market for a herd of musk oxen. A state committee of leading citizens concluded after a study that the animals would be perfect to stock sub-marginal hill farms. Their chief product would be a wool softer than cashmere, and longer-wearing because it does not shrink in hot water.

WINNER PICKS HARVARD

Memphis, Tenn. (U.P.)—Harvard should be flattered to enroll John R. Rodman. The 17-year-old graduate of Central high school was offered scholarships from six colleges, with a total value of \$23,000. He chose a \$4,800 grant for Harvard because he wants to study law.

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tains and underground in towns. The cost is estimated at about 650,000,000 Swedish crowns (\$125,482,432).

The international committee of the association recently completed a master plan covering organization of such zones. Included in it are measures for national direction, placement of camps, heating, sanitation and food supply. The plan is being addressed to the United Nations, governments and specialized organizations.

Plans to give protection to certain categories of civilians already have been used, first in the Spanish civil war, later in the Sino-

Japanese conflict, and of course in world war II.

In Spain refugee zones designated to shelter non-combatants were set up near Madrid, Bilbao, and Barcelona. In China, a security zone was established in the southern sector of Shanghai, where, according to George, the lives of 200,000 Chinese were saved.

George said that during world war II results were achieved in France by setting up camps in many regions and supplying lodging centers for women and children evacuated from dangerous areas.

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