

Manila students protest outside U.S. embassy

MANILA (UPI)—About 20 student pickets staged a "mass demonstration" outside the U.S. Embassy today protesting Congress' failure to approve the \$73 million Philippine war claims bill.

A student organization had called for a mass turnout for 2:30 p.m. but nobody showed up until after 3 p.m. As late as 4:30 p.m. only about 20 students had arrived.

About a dozen policemen stood by, watching the picket line. There were no disorders.

A Filipino senator said defeat of the bill had plunged U.S. relations with the Philippines and other Asian nations to its lowest point.

"Asians will consider the fact that the Philippines is the staunchest ally of the United States in this part of the world and yet it does not receive treatment as such," said Sen. Lorenzo Sumulong, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "They will doubt if it pays to be close to the United States."

Philippine President Diosdado Macapagal's decision to postpone his trip to the United States next month won some powerful support.

Spruce-up programs launched

On the day the last snowflake melts and the first bud appears, just about every home - owner starts talking and thinking about what has now become a well-established national custom — "spring cleaning."

Today, "spring cleaning" has come to encompass far more than a strenuous "scrubbing operation." New painting and decorating, new lighting fixtures, new floor coverings, touch-up jobs on siding and roofing, and a host of repair and improvement jobs are all part of a well-integrated program aimed at maintaining a high standard of appearance and livability in the home.

Like any other large and expensive piece of equipment, a home should be inspected periodically if it is to be kept in smooth operating condition. Since the winter months usually do the most damage, spring is the best time for making a seasonal check-up and attending to the necessary repairs and other little jobs about

SMOOTH SPLICE

To splice two pieces of lumber, cut one off at a long, tapered angle, use it as a template to mark off the second piece at the same angle. Join with screws through edge, reinforce with glue.

the house that will make it a better place in which to live.

Make Repairs Promptly

Minor repairs should be made promptly. Failure to do so will often result in more serious breakdowns later on — may even necessitate an expensive major overhaul that might have been avoided.

Here is a convenient guide to a "spring inspection" that will determine how you can step up the appearance and livability of your home.

1. The Outside. This is your home's face to the public. Check roofing and siding. Small cracks, peeling, etc. often require little more than minor repairs or repainting. The new latex paints that cover exteriors with a single coat make it far easier than heretofore to put a fresh, bright sparkle into a weather-worn home.

Moreover, new materials on the market can sometimes make it cheaper to have new roofing or siding installed than to do a patch job.

Money-Saving Features

Among the materials that now include new time- and money-saving features are: (a) fireproof shingles that protect while they beautify, and (b) sidings that provide insulation, retaining building heat and cutting fuel bills. Fuel savings, over the years, can amortize the cost of the installation.

Then there are rot-resistant sidings and shingles that provide longer life and beauty for the home. Some sidings have baked-on decorator colors that never need repainting.

2. Inside the House. A change in the family's size and needs may call for a room addition or inter-

for remodeling. Consider converting the basement to a finished recreation room, or add a finished bedroom or den to the attic to meet expanded family needs.

Effect a "change of scene" in any or all rooms via a new paint job or wallpaper — or a combination of both. Consider new floor

coverings, too!

3. The Grounds. Even a small backyard can become a happy, modern outdoor living area. New patio awnings and shelters can convert a small corner near the house into a suitable area for summer relaxation and barbecue fun.

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