



PLACING RIFLE through "peephole" window, San Francisco Police Inspector Al Nelder (seated) demonstrates for District Attorney Thomas Lynch how Allen Friedman was killed during Albert Belote's trial for slaying of wealthy love rival. (International)

Philippines Government Said Insufficient, Corrupt

Manila, P. I.—(U.P.)—The politically-mature Philippine government forged by early American administrators has become inefficient, expensive and corrupt since this country became sovereign, a noted island jurist charged here.

Judge Guillermo Guevara, prominent Manila lawyer, said in an address to student conference delegates at Baguio that the generation of Filipinos during the preautonomous era seemed to have shown "more maturity than the subsequent generation" despite complete self-government and independence.

Guevara particularly took the civil service to task for being honey-combed with "political interference and nepotism."

He scorned alleged practices of public servants for enacting "coffee money," "pabagsak loans," or plain "bribe money" for performing services for the people that would ordinarily be their duty.

"Be it known to the glory and honor of the American pioneers who trained us in the essentials of self-government and to the credit of the Filipinos of that generation that the shameful practice of receiving or demanding gifts in the performance of official duties was absolutely unknown," he said.

Judge Guevara credited former Governor General William Howard Taft with starting the first step toward Philippine political maturity.

Guevara said the public school system was a huge success during the American administration because of the more than 1,000

American teachers who went into the provinces to teach and spread the gospel of democracy. He attributed similar success by the Americans in the field of popular suffrage.

"Both the electorate and the officials elected showed a credible degree of morality, prudence and patriotism," he said.

First Years Good
"If the fitness for politics or for political maturity is gauged by the behavior of the electorate and the public officials elected in office, then I should say that the Filipinos demonstrated ample political maturity during the first decade of American occupation."

Guevara told the students that the more the Philippines advanced toward self-government and independence, the more inefficient, expensive and corrupt the country became.

He supported the statement with a detailed review of the preautonomous era.

The prominent judge called on the students to swear before God that if they were ever called on to hold office that they would consider their position as an apostleship and not a means for personal aggrandizement.

Private Building Up During Month

Washington — (U.P.) — Private builders, taking advantage of increased materials supplies, started 74,500 non-farm dwellings in February, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Saturday.

The bureau said nearly 10,000 more units were started in February than in January, representing a 15 per cent increase. At the same time, public housing starts totaled 2,500, bringing the total to 77,000 for the month.

An even sharper rise was predicted for March. The bureau said preliminary reports from both urban and rural areas showed a 25 per cent increase in permits to build non-farm dwellings. Most of these will be started in March, the bureau said.

Wall Street

New York — (U.P.) — Railroad shares rose to new high ground since 1931 on the Stock Exchange Saturday.

The rise in the carriers, which was an extension of Friday's sharp advance, moved prices in that group to their best levels

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

New Russian Jet Believed Planned

London — (U.P.) — Two of Russia's leading aviation engineers probably have designed an improved version of the MIG-15 jet fighter plane, well informed sources said Friday.

It was announced in Moscow that a 150,000 ruble nominally \$37,500 "Stalin" prize had been awarded to Artem Mikoyan, Mikhail Gurevich and a group of other designers.

Mikoyan and Gurevich de-

signed the MIG-15. They already had been compensated for that accomplishment in 1947. Hence it was believed the two probably have developed a new plane.

North California—Occasional rain today becoming scattered showers tonight and Sunday; snow in mountains above 2500 feet; temperatures below normal; south to southeast winds off coast.

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Nearly 2,000,000 Persons Sought U.S. Jobs Last Year

Washington — (U.P.) — About 2,000,000 persons, ranging from typists to funeral directors, asked for jobs with Uncle Sam last year. They applied through the U.S. Civil Service Commission.

The commission is the world's largest employment agency—the hiring hall for the federal government. It is a gigantic job because the government employs more than 2,500,000 people in civil service, including almost every type of workers used by private industry.

In 1951 the commission gave more than 25,000 examinations for hundreds of types of federal positions and placed 578,539 workers who qualified — the largest number since World War II. Not all of them were new employees. Some were long-time government workers who got promotions or transfers.

Compete For Jobs

Responsible since 1883 for putting the best workers available into government jobs, the commission today selects 93 per cent of the employees hired by the executive branch of the government through competitive examinations or for "merit and high qualifications." The commission is plugging to get postmasters and internal revenue collectors under its jurisdiction.

Government employees are recruited and employed throughout the country. There are more federal workers in California—10.1 per cent of the total—than there are in Washington, D. C., where 10 per cent are located.

When government personnel is needed announcements of examinations are sent to all first and second class post offices to be posted on bulletin boards.

The names of applicants who rate 70 or above in an examination are filed in order of their scores in a CSC "eligible register." When an agency needs a new worker the commission sends the names of the three top scorers listed in the register and the agency chooses one.

May Hire Directly

When workers are hard to find

and the registers are empty, the CSC gives government agencies special permission to hire directly.

Since outbreak of the Korean War, the commission has had a shortage of typists, scientists and skilled technicians.

The commission gives a special examination once a year to "select the cream of the crop from among young men and women . . . who aim for top administrative positions in the federal civilian service. College training or the equivalent is needed to qualify for the examination."

Those who survive the written quiz are re-examined at a personal interview. Less than one out of seven of the 14,000 who took the test passed even the written part in 1950 and not one in 20 made the grade in 1949.

Contrary to popular belief, the government fires unsatisfactory workers. More than 15,000—excluding loyalty cases—were asked to leave during a recent year. The commission urges the agencies to make better use of their rights to discharge poor workers without hearings or appeal during their first year with the government.

Civil service employees are fired for inefficiency, crime, or fraud, false statements in their applications, misconduct, and insubordination.

Blackout Spells Blamed For Too Many Wives

Gaffney, S. C. — (U.P.) — A youthful Fort Jackson soldier accused of having two wives too many attributed them to "blackout spells."

Charles Mathis, 22, claimed he didn't remember marrying wives No. 2 and 3 when the women confronted him at a preliminary hearing on bigamy charges.

"Must have married them during a couple of my blackout spells," Mathis explained. He was bound over to the next term of general sessions court.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at noon Saturdays.

Changing Times Eliminate Industry

San Benito, Tex. — (U.P.) — Changing times have eliminated a depression-born industry of 15 years ago: Frog hunting.

Woodrow Wilson, owner of a grocery here, recalls he was one of the first persons to get into the frog business. A lot of folks, unable to find work, took to the canal banks to club frogs. They dressed them and bartered the legs to Wilson for groceries.

Wilson found no local market but soon developed a fair trade in San Antonio, where he shipped as much as 1,000 pounds a week. Wilson, for a time, made more out of the frogs than his store.

When World War II came along, however, many of his best frog hunters were drafted. The women and youth of the town fell down somewhat on the frog front, but kept a fair number of legs flowing to Wilson. Prices climbed from 30 cents to \$1.10 a pound.

One frog hunter made enough to buy a small farm.

Then things changed. Wholesale hunting, water poisoning from aerial crop-dusting and spraying and the carnivorous gar fish have made the frogs less plentiful. Also, people don't have the time to go frog hunting as they did during the depression. Now most of them are employed and are unable to stand the fatiguing nocturnal jaunts along the canals looking for croakers.



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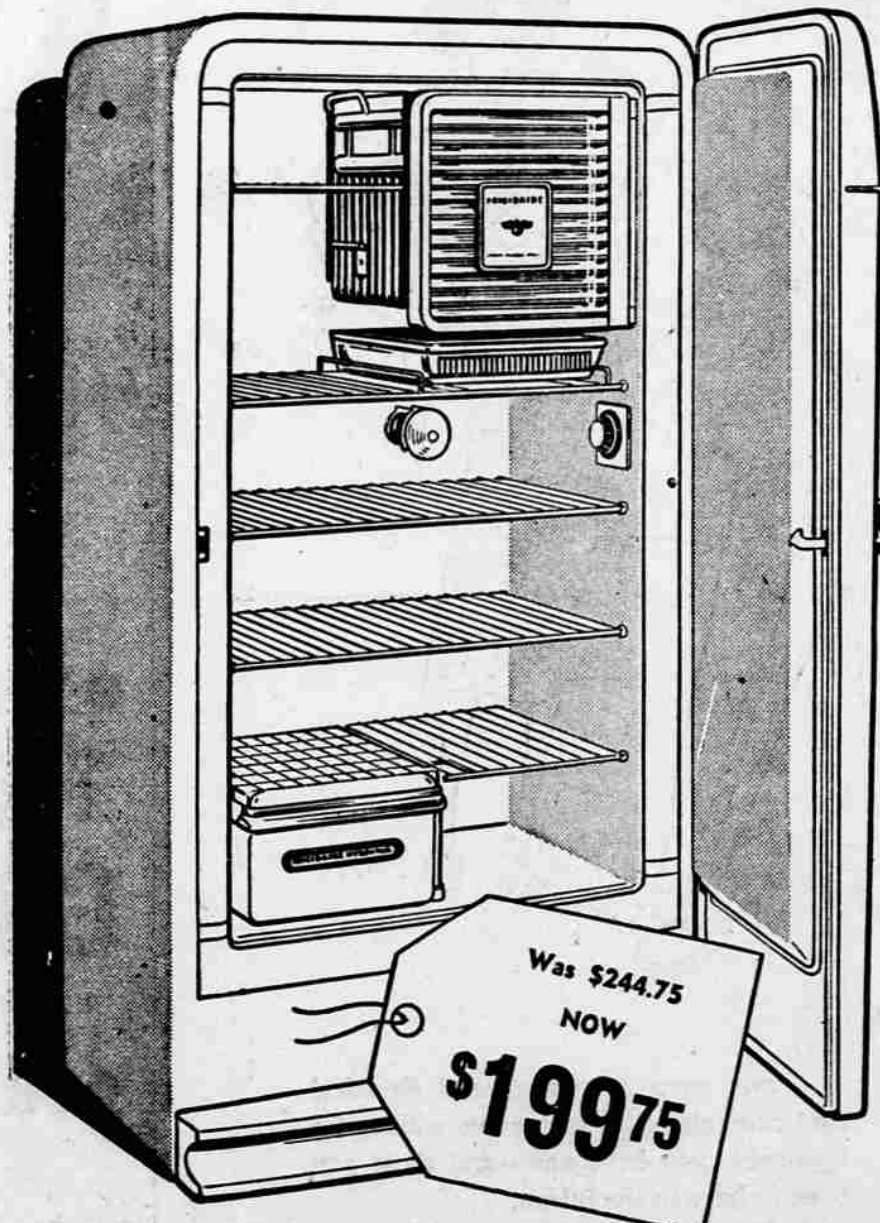
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