

### Climate's Good on All Philippine Islands

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The Philippines Islands, all 7,110 of them, have an ideal climate. It averages 78 degrees Fahrenheit in winter and rarely goes above 80 in summer.

Despite this idyllic environment, however, Filipino political temperatures already are at the boiling point. They probably will stay that way until Nov. 10—Election Day.

The Philippines Republic, which will be seven years old July 4, faces its first major three-way fight for the Presidency.

Until last week it was to be a two-way contest. President Elpidio Quirino, running for re-election on the Liberal Party, was to be opposed by Ramon Magaysay on the Nacionalista Party.

President Quirino brought home Carlos P. Romulo, his ambassador to the United States and one-time president of the United Nations General Assembly. Quirino announced that Romulo would be a candidate for the Philippines Senate. He expected the highly popular Romulo to campaign for him.

But Romulo demurred. He said he was a candidate for the Presidency and resigned his posts as ambassador and U.N. delegate. Unable to bring his name before the Liberal Party convention, the Romulo's followers bolted the convention and formed a new party of their own—the Democrats.

**FIRST 3-WAY FIGHT**  
The campaign is the first three-way fight in the history of the infant republic. It is unique in other ways too. All three candidates were members of the Liberal Party six months ago.

The Philippines Republic was created by the United States and its government is patterned after its American sponsor's. The issues in the present campaign are much the same as those in the U.S. last fall.

Communism is not a big issue since all three candidates are staunch anti-Communists. But domestic policy is. Quirino's Liberal Party has been entrenched in office and there have been charges of graft, influence and corruption in office. There is a cry for a change in national leadership.

There is another striking parallel between the present Philippines situation and what might have happened in the U.S. last fall. The Philippines constitution sets the presidential term at four years but provides that the president may be re-elected only once and serve not more than eight years.

**QUIRINO PRESIDENT ONCE**  
Quirino was Vice President in 1948 when President Manuel Roxas died. He served out two years of Roxas term, was elected in 1949 and is a candidate for re-election. If Quirino is victorious at the polls this November, he will have to turn over the presi-

dency in 1956 to the Vice President.

If Harry S. Truman, who stepped up from Vice President on the death of F.D.R., had insisted on running for a second full term as U. S. President and, if Adlai E. Stevenson had bolted the Democratic National Convention to form his own third party, it would be a situation roughly parallel to that of Quirino and Romulo in the Philippines.

The Liberal Party split between Quirino and Romulo could make it difficult, if not impossible, for either to win the election. When the Romulo forces bolted the convention, Vice President Fernando Lopez went with them.

Ramon Magaysay, the opposition candidate, is no pushover. As Quirino's Secretary of Defense, he virtually smashed the communist Huk rebellion by skilled use of Army units in a long campaign in 1950, 1951 and 1952. The main area of Huk resistance still remains in central Luzon where the rugged hilly terrain is ideal for their guerrilla hit-run tactics.

**MAGAYSAY 'AGAINST' EVIL**  
Magaysay resigned from Quirino's cabinet last February, declaring: "I could no longer swear loyalty to a group that has stood for evil and corruption." He won the Nacionalista nomination in a landslide two months ago. In the last 1951 election the Nacionalistas won control of the Senate from Quirino's Liberal Party.

Romulo too struck heavily at Quirino administration. He called Quirino a "dictator" and said, "We believe the present government is not working for the good of the people. It is in many instances inefficient, corrupt in oth-

ers, unjust and vindictive and in no instance responsive to the people."

Against this criticism, President Quirino cites his record since 1948. He insists that his Administration has purged more grafters and chislers from office than any previous one.

The Philippines capital was shifted to Quezon City in 1948. The suburb, 10 miles northeast of Manila, was once a famous country estate.

It was chosen in 1937 by the late President Manuel Quezon as the site for a new capital. He called it New Manila but the Commonwealth Legislature changed it to Quezon City in his honor.

The shift was made to relieve congestion in Manila, which now has a population of about 2,000,000.



### House May Soon Vote On D'Eward Mining Claims Bill

By JOHN KAMPS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House may vote soon on a bill aimed at stopping widespread abuse of mining claim laws in the West.

The bill had smooth sailing in the House Interior Committee, which approved it last week. Its sponsor, Rep. D'Eward (R-Mont.) has high hope that it will become law this summer.

The bill is designed to end the use of federal land, held under the guise of mining claims, as sites for summer homes, recreation areas, logging operations, filling stations, hot dog stands and similar enterprises.

It would end this, proponents say, by spelling out the surface rights of mining claim locators.

Principal provisions of the bill would: Require that claims be used only for prospecting, mining or mineral processing; subject the rights of the claimant to those of the government or its permittees to use the surface for specified necessary purposes; permit the claimant to cut timber necessary for his work; and prohibit interference by

the government with mining operations.

**HAS INDUSTRY APPROVAL**  
Mining industry spokesmen endorsed the proposal at a recent House interior subcommittee hearing, saying it would clear the industry of blame for invalid claims.

"They contended some of the blame for the mining law abuses should be borne by the government, which they charged has been lax in enforcing the law."

Most outspoken critic of government officials was Julian D. Conover, executive vice president of the American Mining Congress, who told the committee:

"In recent years we have witnessed concerted efforts to cast suspicion upon or to destroy our basic mining laws. The basic policy has obviously been to impose unwarranted obstructions and delays in the granting of mineral patents, and to discredit the system of discovery, location and patent and substitute therefore a leasing system."

"Illegal locations should have

been corrected by action of the Bureau of Land Management, but we believe the bureau has deliberately created a chaotic situation which seems to require consideration."

**INTERIOR DEPARTMENT HIT**  
Sen. Dworshak (R-Idaho), who sponsored a Senate bill similar to D'Eward's, declared Interior Department officials "failed miserably" in enforcing mining laws while trying "to gain bureaucratic control" over miners.

He said in a Senate speech that a housecleaning in the department plus enactment of the bill would end many controversies over use of public lands.

The senator urged the Senate Interior Committee to take up his bill as soon as possible.

Secretary of the Interior McKay approved the bills, saying they would "go far toward eliminating locations made for non-mining purposes by removing the inducement afforded by the control of the surface."

The Agriculture Department has not responded to the House Committee, which was made a month ago. Rep. Miller (R-Neb.), chairman of the committee, said the bill will be offered for a House vote as soon as the Agriculture Department report is received — if the report is favorable.

### 'Conservation Man' Contest Opens

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon Wheat Growers League held Friday that Oregon Counties should select their candidates for "Conservation Man of the Year" by July 1.

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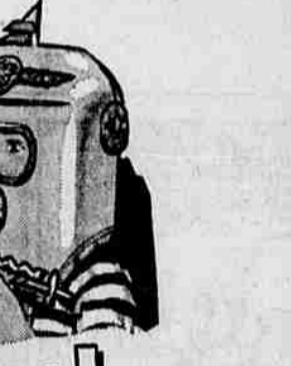
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