

Local Woman Tells How Filipinos Have Attempted to Rebuild Their Nation

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Lake Success, N. Y. Since 1947 I have had the privilege of seeing the Philippines from the "receiving end" of one of the many efforts of the United Nations to build peace through human welfare.

We, in the United States, never have a chance to see the receiving end since we are a "giving" nation. The Philippines, however, is "receiving" on two counts. One, because it is the second most devastated country in World War II and, two, because it is classified as an "underdeveloped" country. The Department of Social Affairs, since 1946, has been authorized to furnish such needy nations technical help or "know-how" in the field of social welfare. This does not mean material relief, but human experience to assist these nations in charting their own plans and resources to meet their own human needs.

International Team
My first United Nations mission to the Philippines was in August, 1947. I was an international team of four social workers from Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Melbourne and the United States, for a period of 16 months. During that time we shared the experience of the Filipinos in trying valiantly, out of ashes and bankruptcy, to bring new social order to their war-distressed millions.

Our major point was to act as "agent scouts", find and screen out their own most talented welfare officials and to send them throughout the world, through the United Nations Fellowship program, to observe and learn the most sound and modern methods of social welfare. These travels took some 24 Filipino fellows to the United States, Canada, Sweden, Denmark, France, Switzerland and England.

While they were gone, we four advisers worked on a coordinated program back in their home country to condition the government, students and general public to move forward on the social welfare front.

School Is Started
We were requested to start a school of social work which we did by giving an introductory course to 600 of the 800 Filipino social workers. We were asked to draft a model Juvenile Court law and an initial social insurance draft. This was asked by the United States to draft a plan for research for social security, to help prepare work-study plans to be used in time of famine—and in the provinces of revolution and unrest, where Mrs. Aurora Quezon was ambushed and killed this past week.

During the period we noted a burgeoning eagerness to bring social advancement to the Philippines. This new little republic is desperately anxious to rid itself of poverty, disease and illiteracy, that it can be a credit to the democratic privileges it has enjoyed.

While we were there three other United Nations agents came. A team of four doctors from the World Health Organization came to give practical demonstrations of the new vaccination for tuberculosis; BOG, to give demonstrations in surgery, to hold clinics. Representatives came from UNESCO to survey the educational aims of the Philippine public schools; also from UNICEF (the children's feeding program with a grant of \$300,000) came supplementary feeding to rid children of malnutrition and beri-beri.

Concrete Steps
Also the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East came to help build a coordinated economic plan for Asia; and FAO to help in technical advancement of the country. ILO to research on matters of workmen's compensation, industrial safety, minimum wages.

In a country like the Philippines, these were concrete steps toward social progress and human welfare in an actual working routine. There is now a new National Nations building in Manila to house these technicians coming and going with the world's best experts, texts and equipment to help a small, poor country lift itself out of the shackles of war and find its future by releasing its own resources.

In the social welfare program of the United Nations, the USA has furnished 19 of the 38 advisers. The other countries giving advisers are USSR, Great Britain, France, three and one each from Canada, United Kingdom, Chile, Denmark, U. S. Africa, Australia and Brazil.

Requests Have Doubled
The "receiving" countries, to date, have been the following: 13, Albania, Austria, China, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Italy, Philippines and Poland. The four countries which have been granted the technical advisory help have been China, India, Philippines and Poland.

In 1949 requests for such technical help have been doubled.

There are now 28 nations asking for "know how" in the human welfare field—or one half of the total membership of United Nations. Thus, one half of the world is asking for experience and help from the other half.

It is gratifying to note that in this non-political field of human welfare, there has been no Iron Curtain. Both sides of the Iron Curtain have shared in exchanging experience which comes to the problem of disease, illiteracy and poverty.

Spaniel Club Will Hold Puppy Match Sunday Afternoon

It is expected that several English Springer spaniel breeders in Birmingham and vicinity will have entries when the Springer Spaniel Club of Michigan holds its AKC sanctioned puppy match Sunday at Howard Menard's, 40545 West 14 Mile road.

There will be four matches held for each sex as follows: two to four months, four to six months, six to nine months and nine months to one year. Best of match and best of opposite sex will also be judged. Awards will be trophies and ribbons for first in each class with ribbons for the next three winners. Trophy and Rosette will be awarded for best of match and best of opposite sex. Judging will begin at 1 p.m.

Dr. F. L. Garmhaus will act as chief judge for the event, with Mrs. Eleanor Garmhaus as chairman. Evelyn Schweitzer will have charge of refreshments with Lucille Strawn handling trophies. The event will be judged by Dr. F. L. Rutherford of Detroit.

Officers of the club are Robert I. Jewell, president; Earl Kane, vice president; Harry G. Chapman, second vice-president; Evelyn L. Schweitzer, treasurer and Thomas G. Stabler, secretary.

Joins SK&B

March Traffic Toll 109 Lives, Police Report

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There were 2,706 persons injured and 10,899 reported accidents. Injuries were down 95 or three per cent, and reported accidents dropped 1,126 or nine per cent.

The continuation in the upward trend in traffic deaths, which began last November, was attributed to 10 unusually bad accidents. Two accidents cost the lives of 13 persons and two were killed in each of eight others.

About the Same
Both the fatality increase and the decrease in injuries and total accidents reported was about the same for rural and urban areas.

The record for the first three months of 1949 shows 302 persons killed, 8,238 injured, and 33,860 reported accidents compared with the same period last year, deaths increased 58 or 24 per cent, injuries dropped 214 or three per cent, 3,276 or nine per cent.

All the fatality increases occurred in rural areas, urban deaths dropping one per cent.

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City Turns Down Housing Petition

Possible violation of three statutes prevents Mrs. Anna Winters, 1333 Cole, from moving into a small building at the rear of her property and renting her home as a means of additional income. City commissioners said it would violate the city building code, zoning ordinance and state housing code.

Since the small building would require about \$1,000 to make habitable, city officials suggested it would be cheaper—and also comply with the law—she built an extra room onto the rear of the house.

Youngsters to Visit Horse Show Saturday

Several Birmingham children will be guests of the Kiwanis club at the Rod-Zaar at the Ivory polo field Saturday afternoon. The horse show and bazaar, first of its kind ever held in this area, will present well known horses from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio, who will exhibit every kind of track and technical riding, including a polo game, during their two-day affair.

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Vliet Reappointed

Clarence Vliet has been reappointed to the Southern Oakland Transportation Committee by Mayor Donald S. Bell.

Doughnut Queen

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