

FILIPINO LEADERS THANK LOVESTONE FOR AID OF W. P.

Express Appreciation Of His Activities

By JAY LOVESTONE.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(By Mail).—"We certainly appreciate the help and publicity that the Workers party of America has given to our independence campaign," said Manuel Quezon and Osmena, two of the leading members of the new Philippine independence mission, to the writer.

The present situation in the Philippines and the conditions leading up to the proposal of the house committee on insular affairs for a continuation of American sovereignty for 20 years longer were discussed at length in my conference with the Hon. Quezon, president of the Philippine house; the Hon. Osmena, speaker of the Philippine senate, and Filipino Resident Commissioner Guevara.

Oppose Compromise.

"We are opposed to the Fairfield measure with its twenty-year provision. We are just as much in favor of genuine national independence now as we ever were and we do not believe that it can be fairly said that it would take anywhere near this time to arrange for a transfer of sovereignty to the Filipino people. This is the only measure which we will accept. Such a transfer of sovereignty and an arrangement to have our people take over their own government would take at most only two years."

It was a reply to my question as to the attitude of the new freedom mission towards the Fairfield proposal, that the Honorable Quezon, who along with Osmena, Bnevara, Roxas, and Gabaldon constitute the leading political spirits of the Island today, declared the official position of the Filipino people in the above clear words.

Workers Party Greetings.

Speaking in behalf of the Workers Party I assured the Filipino representatives that we would do all in our power to unite the working and farming classes of the United States and the Philippines for the achievement of our common goal of complete freedom from all exploitation and oppression. In extending the greetings of welcome to the new Freedom Mission, the writer declared in part:

"Allow me as the representative of the Workers Party of America which has been pursuing a vigorous campaign in behalf of complete genuine national freedom to greet you officially in the name of my organization.

"I take this occasion to transmit to you our welcome and lay before you the attitude and policy of the Workers Party towards the heroic struggle for freedom that your brave people have been waging for many years.

"The Workers (Communist) Party of America conducts its aggressive Filipino Freedom Campaign not as a matter of charity to your nation, but as a matter of duty to our own working and farming classes to whose political leadership we aspire and by whose welfare alone we are animated.

"As followers of the Communist International, we believe that oppression and exploitation of the masses anywhere is a menace to the freedom of the city and rural masses everywhere.

"It is in this spirit that the Workers Communist Party is prepared to go all the way down the line, pursuing the most effective steps provided for in our special Filipino independence program, steps which will hasten the success of our common good, the freedom of your people, and which will develop the solidarity of the working and poor farming classes of both countries for their joint victory over their common enemy, the imperialist capitalist ruling class."

Mission Representative.

Not only is the new mission directed by such able statesmen, experienced fighters for national freedom and determined opponents to American capitalist imperialist aggrandizement as Quezon and Osmena, but it is representative of all political parties and groups in the Island. One of the members of the mission is the Honorable Senator Ricco representing the Democratic Party, which is the opposition political party in the Philippines. No matter what differences the various parties and groups may have, they are all united in their demand for complete national freedom.

Able Moro Spokesman.

Another member of the mission is H. Gulamer Rasul. He is the son of Senator Hadji Butu whom General Wood appointed to represent Mindanao in the Philippine Senate. He is the adopted son of the President Sultan of Sulu and strikes one as very able and energetic.

Rasul is an ardent advocate of immediate Filipino freedom from the American capitalist government. He voices the great demand of the Moros for national freedom. The enthusiasm with which Mr. Rasul made his plea for national freedom belied decisively the repeated allegations of the American employing class government and the kept press that the Moros are opposed to the relinquishing of American sovereignty. Rasul declared: "The Moros want independence. We are not for a continuation of American control. We hate oppression and tyranny. For centuries we have held back the Spanish conquerors who have never been able to overpower our archipelago. We have not drop-

BURNS LOSES IN BA WHEELER BUT "TAKE CARE C

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WASHINGTON, May 12.—Burns' r day that the documents gathered by B the detective bureau in the department of justice in Montana were turned over to Wheeler in Montana were turned over when Wheeler had taken the stand and technical charges made against him b "evidence." Burns quit, or was dismissed, without having the opportunity to chance to report to the Senate and the attack on Wheeler and to publicly d detective.

It is assumed in Washington, on President Coolidge will see that his fr ness way, during the presidential c service men will guard the life and luggage of the chief executive, the republican national committee will provide funds for detectives for various political services, including the running down of clues to stories reflecting on prominent democrats and progressives. This employment will balm the wounded pride of Burns, and prepare the way for a return to his normal activity as a strikebreaking expert.

Large Order.

It has been known to Wheeler's friends that before he came to Washington he had seen so much of the Daugherty-Burns interference on the side of big employers against labor—particularly in the instance of the railroad shop strike—that he determined to do three things in the senate at the earliest possible moment. First, to break the reactionary control of the committee on interstate commerce. He did this by objecting to unanimous consent to the election of Cummins as chairman of that committee and by forcing a long series of roll-calls that led to the choice of Smith, a democrat, by the combined votes of democrats and progressives.

Second, to drive Harry Daugherty from his control of the department of justice, where law had been made a mockery. This he accomplished thru the investigation of the department, made possible by a long fight on the floor in which democrats and progressives again joined forces.

Third, to kick Burns, the gunman spy, out of the department, thereby serving notice to American labor and

Hot Dogs Yelp As They Flee Before Detroit Rent Hogs

DETROIT, Mich., May 12.—Many small business establishments have been driven to move out or quit business altogether by the general exorbitant rent increase here this spring. Even hot dog stands have been forced to close up. Some of the cases are pathetic.

One sign on the Coney Island hot-dog stand on Laffalote near Michigan avenue, pathetically demonstrates how the greedy rent hogs are forcing the small businesses into failure by the score. It says:

"The End. Driven Out. We regret to announce that the landlord forces us out of business. We can renew our lease for 700 dollars per month. This is a 500 dollar a month boost, or 350 per cent. We will not lower our quality by buying much cheaper material. WE ARE THRU. We are quitting May 1st, 1924. We bid you all good-by, thanking our many customers and friends for their patronage which made our small measure of success possible, a success which the landlord seems to enjoy."

As rents increase, unemployment and strikes are on the increase here, foretelling an acute industrial depression in the near future.

ped our love for freedom.

The newspapers are reporting falsely and misrepresenting the attitude and conduct of the Moros, the non-Christian population of the Islands. Most of the little difficulty that has ever occurred has been instigated by the outsiders having special interests in giving the wrong impression of the situation to the American masses."

U. S. Capitalists Seek Rubber.

The territory for whose inhabitants Rasul speaks is that section of the Philippine archipelago especially suited to the cultivation of rubber. General Leonard Wood has recently been making suspiciously frequent visits to this territory, ostensibly with the objective of keeping the Moros in order. However, many people take General Wood's declaration with a grain of salt, particularly in view of the repeated strong efforts being made by the Firestone Rubber Company, (assisted by Wood), cajole the native Filipino government into granting it a concession involving a huge tract of land so that the American capitalist concern might raise a large quantity of rubber.

In this dispute, in the unwillingness of the Filipino people to surrender their natural resources to the American capitalists, lies the crux of the whole Philippine conflict.

Can't Scab on the Lord.

HAVERSHILL, Mass., 12.—Everett Martin discovered that he couldn't scab on the ministers by using the Lord's Day for himself, even to build his own house, without becoming susceptible to a \$50 fine.

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