



INDEPENDENCE TOAST—

After the inaugural ceremonies which ushered Philippine Independence, President Jose P. Laurel was host at Malacañan to a gathering of important personages. Shown in this photo as they offered a toast, are (from left to right) the Highest Commander of the Japanese Navy in the Philippines, Ambassador Syozo Murata, President Laurel, Highest Commander Signori Kuroda of the Imperial Japanese Army in the Philippines, and the former Director-General of the Military Administration.

世紀ノ歡喜
昭和十八年十月十四日聖戰ノ理想結實シテ茲ニ愈々
比津宮共和國其ノ獨立ヲ堂々世界ニ宣言ス、宣言
式終了後歡喜ノ祝ムヲアゲラル。
寫眞ハ向ツテ右ヨリ日軍政監閣下、陸軍最高指揮官閣
下、ラウレル大統領閣下、村田大使、比島艦隊司令官
長官閣下
於マラカニオン、マニラ

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TOAST TO THE FREE PHILIPPINES—

The day after the ratification of the Constitution, on Sept. 7, 1943, the Hon. Jose P. Laurel (extreme left) now President of the Republic of the Philippines, and the Hon. Ramon Avancena (second from right) then Vice President of the Preparatory Committee, were guests at the Headquarters of Highest Commander Sigenori Kuroda (center). Also present is the then Director-General of the Military Administration.

感激ノ祝

昭和十八年九月七日比島特別全島代表者大會ヲ國會
議事堂ニ開催、滿場一致ヲ以テ比律賓共和國憲法草
案ヲ承認、茲ニ比島歴史創成ノ第一頁タル憲法ノ承
認ヲ完了シタルニヨリ翌日八日ヲウレル委員長等ハ
挨拶ノタメ軍最高指揮官閣下ヲ官邸ニ訪問ス。
寫眞ハ祝盃中ノ最高指揮官閣下、軍政監閣下、ラウ
レル委員長、アバンセニヤ第一副委員長、

於軍司令官々邸

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新最高指揮官閣下ノ比島行政府初度巡視
六月一日
(於比島行政府)

HIGHEST COMMANDER HEARS REPORT--

Highest Commander Lieutenant-General Sigenori Kuroda visited Malacañan on June 1 and met members of the Philippine Executive Commission. At this meeting, Lieutenant-General Kuroda received the report of the Commission regarding Malacañan activities and policy.

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PCPI APPOINTMENT CEREMONY AT KAIKO-SYA—

On June 20 the Highest Commander of the Japanese Army in the Philippines ordered the KALIBAPI to form a preparatory committee for Philippine Independence. Photo shows Lieutenant-General Signori Kuroda, Highest Commander of the Imperial Japanese Army, at the ceremony marking the formal appointment of the PCPI members.

比島獨立準備委員會成立式 (其一)
軍最高指揮官閣下ハ六月二十日新比島奉仕團特別全
島代表大會ニ於テ選出サレタル者ヲ以テ構成セル比
島獨立準備委員會ヲ認可シ連カニ比島獨立ニ關スル
準備ヲ開始スベク命ジタリ。

(於最高指揮官々邸)

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JAPANESE-PHILIPPINE AMITY CEMENTED; INDEPENDENCE ASSURED—

After the induction ceremonies at Kai Kosya, Lieutenant-General Sigenori Kuroda Highest Commander of the Imperial Japanese Army, greets the newly appointed PCPI members. Lieutenant-General Kuroda is shown shaking hands with Ramon Avanceña, First Vice-President of the Committee.

比島獨立ノ保證 (其二)
比島獨立準備委員會成立式ニ於ケル最高指揮官閣下
トラウレル委員長代理アヴァンセニヤ第一副委員長
トノ堅キ握手
六月二十日
(於最高指揮官々瑣)

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GREETINGS FROM THE HIGHEST COMMANDER—

After the formal appointment of the PCPI members, a dinner was tendered in their honor, at which Highest Commander Kuroda read his greetings to the appointees.

比島獨立準備委員及「カリバビ」(其三)
各地代表者招宴ニ於ケル最高指揮官閣下ノ挨拶。
六月二十日
(於借行社)

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バンバンガ州ストツチエンバーク方面巡視中ノ最高
指揮官閣下
六月十五日 (於ストツチエンバーク方面)

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL KURODA AT STOTSENBURG—

The Highest Commander of the Japanese Army in the Philippines, Lieutenant-General Sigenori Kuroda made a tour of inspection in Stotsenburg, Pampanga, on June 15. Photo shows him in helmet, third from right.

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PREMIER TOZYO'S SECOND VISIT—

Premier General Hideki Tozjo is greeted by Chairman Jorge B. Vargas on his second visit to Manila on July 10. High officers and officials of the Military Administration and the Philippine Executive Commission greet the Premier at a certain airport.

首相再度ノマニラ訪問（其二）
東條首相ハ七月十日突如〇〇飛行場ニ飛來、軍關係
者及比島側要人ノ出迎ヲ受ク。

（於〇〇飛行場）

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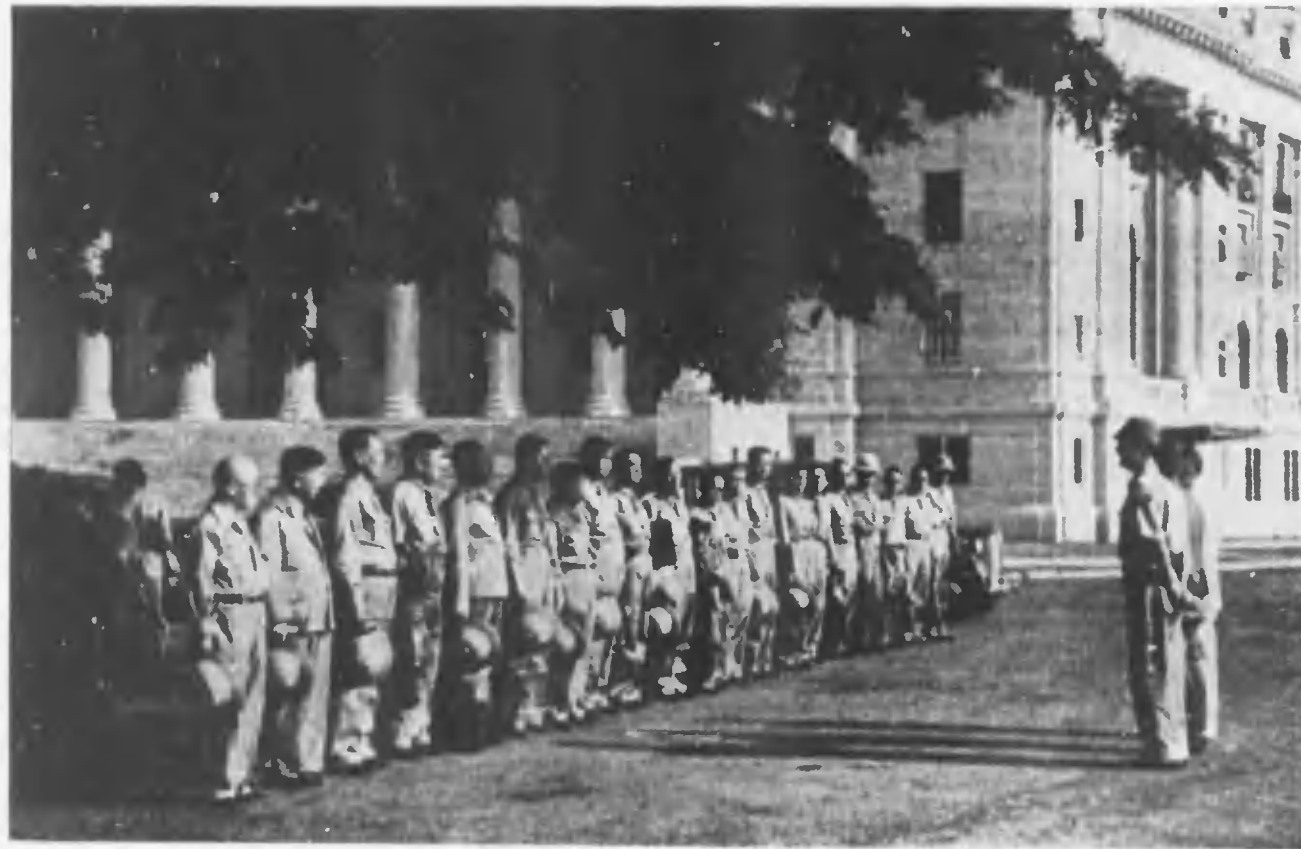


PREMIER RECEIVES PCPI MEMBERS—

Premier General Hideki Tozjo smiles a greeting to members of the Preparatory Commission for Philippines Independence, in the Dao Room of the Manila Hotel. Commissioner Jose P. Laurel, President of the Committee, who stepped out of the hospital for the first time, is sitting, facing the Premier at the table.

(其二)
東條首相ハ比島獨立準備委員長ラウレル氏其他ヲマ
ニラホテルニ招キ懇談ス
七月十日
(於マニラホテル)

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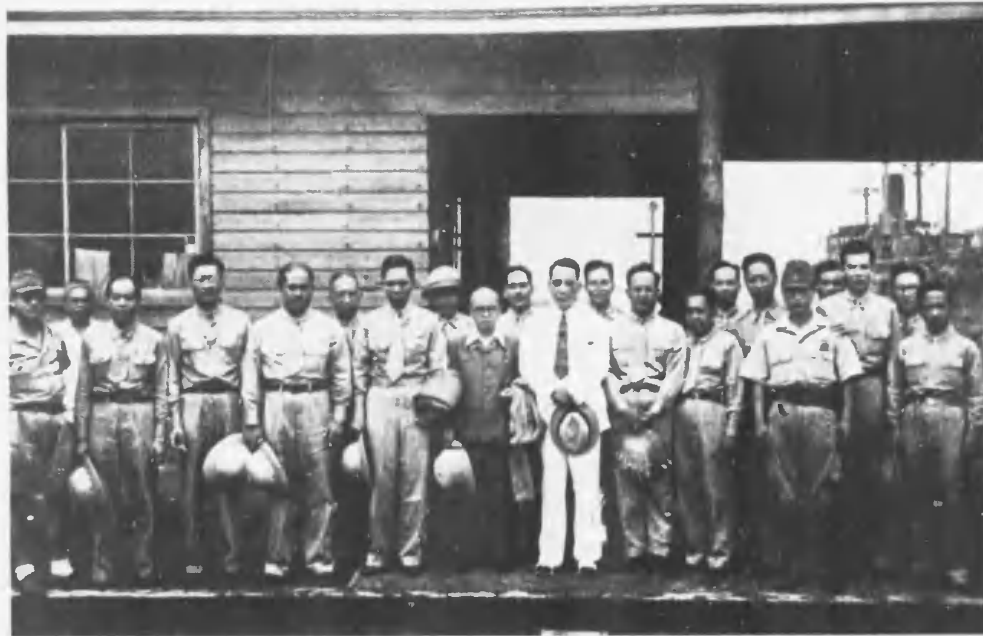


BEFORE THEY SAILED—

The inspection party of 19 Filipino members to Japan is shown in front of the Military Administration building prior to their departure on June 5. They were full of eagerness to witness wartime conditions in Japan and were given full facilities to carry out their mission. They were impressed by Japan's determination to carry out the war to a victorious end.

渡日視察團一行 (其一)
出發前ニ一人一人ガ沸リ湧クヤウナ感激ヲ胸ニ留
メ戦時下日本ノ實相ヲ極メムトノ意氣ニ燃ユ。
六月五日 (於軍政監部玄関前)

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INSPECTION PARTY BACK—

Headed by Hilarion S. Silayan, Director of Plant Industry, the 17 members of the First Filipino Inspection Party to Japan returned to Manila on July 30. The picture was taken at Pier 5, where the party was welcomed by Mayor Leon G. Guinto, center in white suit, who originally headed the delegation.

(其二)
懐シイ日本ノ香リ、戦フ日東ノ實相ニ獨レテ渡日視
察團一行ハ無事歸馬、將來彼等ハ比島ノ逞シキ推進
カトナツテ躍進スル新比島建設ノ爲メ挺身スルノ氣
概横溢セリ。

七月三十日

(於第五號岸壁)

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比島軍政撤廢ニ關スル件布告

昭和十八年十月十四日ヲ以テ比島占領地域内ニオケル軍政ヲ撤廢ス

昭和十八年十月十四日

比島方面陸軍最高指揮官

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軍政公報廢刊ノ辭

皇軍ノ「マニラ」占領後比島ニ於ケル米國ノ主權消滅ト共ニ比島人ノ比島ヲ建設シ其繁榮ト文化ノ維持ヲ目的トシテ宣布サレタル大日本帝國ノ比島ニ於ケル軍政モ施政正ニ一年十ヶ月餘、其ノ間比島側官民ハ軍ノ眞意ヲ体シ、克ク大東亞共榮圈ノ一員トシテノ新比島建設ニ同調協力セリ。

其結果大日本帝國政府ニヨリテ比島民ハ其多年ノ宿望ニシテ崇高ノ目的タル獨立ノ榮譽ヲ許與セララル、ト共ニ昭和十八年十月十四日ヲ以テ共和國トシテ世界國家ノ伍伴ニ列スルニ至レリ。同時ニ我軍政ハ其有終ノ美ヲ濟シテ廢止セラレタリ。本軍政公報モ其目的ヲ達セルヲ以テ本第十三號ヲ以テ最終刊トナス。

茲ニ一言所懷ヲ述ベ以テ廢刊ノ辭ニ代フ。

昭和十八年十月十四日

比島軍政監

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