

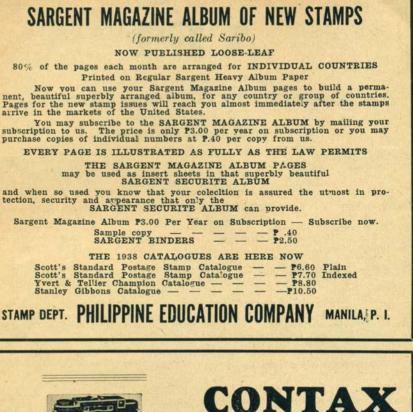
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The first of the series of the Possession Issue of the U.S.A. is due to appear on October 18, and we present here the status quo of this Issue. Scott's advance 1938 Catalog may be partly right in its assertion that the Philippines was "a former possession of the United...granted independence..under certain conditions.. and provides for recognition of Philippine independence after a tenyear transitional Commonwealth Government."

In essence, it appears that way. In form, however, can we consider sonny boy as an independent collector when he is still tied up to the strings of his mother's apron?

If the American Congress construe our present political status in accordance with Scott's allegations, all we can say is Amen. But in the light of this philatelic equilibrium, and as a matter of cold fact, in our very, very, latest issues—the 10 and 20 Peso — still are unmistakably inscribed, "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA", there is reason to believe that Uncle Sam is the same old good uncle of Juan de la Cruz.

Thus, in plain, varsitarian or bamboo English, the Philippines is still a possession of the U.S.A. Otherwise, we must simply contend ourselves that the P. I. is only a possession of the U.S.A. in the way of imposition of taxes and limitations on our exports of coconut oil, cordage, sugar, etc., but when the American Post Office boys talk on philatelic mementos, Good Lord! the Philippines is not a possession at all.

On the face of this Possession Issue, did Uncle Sam virtually forget to give an ice cream soda to the Philippine Islands?

We know he gave only castor oil Guam.

## PHILIPPINE STAMPS ON THE BOOM Fifty-Six Per Cent of Total Issues Under American Dominion Increase in Prices

Per Scott's 1938 Catalog.

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Anxiety on the philatelic position of Philippine stamps in the new Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalog for 1938 was relieved with delights and satisfaction among local collectors.

Out of the 332 stamps issued todate under the American dominion, prices have been advanced on 186 of them, or an average of 56% increase, disgarding the 30 new listings and 4 stamps will unchronicled.

Most spectacular increase made is on the 1931 Imperforates, which for a long considerable time have been "sleepers" in the Scott's catalog: The higher values of this issue—the 1-Peso formerlv priced at 85c now at \$10 the 2-Peso from \$2 to \$8, the 4-Peso from \$3.25 to \$20, and the 10-Peso formerly at \$8 now catalogued at \$40 duly warrant each corresponding advance taking into account the limited number of these stamps.

A striking listing we are happy to (bserve is the reinstatement of 310b (16c Sampson) and simultaneously listed at \$250. P. I. experts can now beam a smile at that, we believe, for in their undefatigable study, research and proofs, they have conclusively proven that good old 310b is a legitimate gem in Philippine Philately. Evidently it is a triumph against philatelic discrimination raised by "dictators" of stampdom.

Another stamp that made a deserving climb is the notorious 18c Pagsanjan Falls. Both mint and used are now catalogued at \$8.50 a piece. Scarcity of this adhesives, undoubtedly deserves this justified increase.

Perforation 10, 20c Special Delivery issue of 1916, formerly boosted at \$17.50 and \$10 mint and used, now commands a price of \$20 and \$17.50, respectively.

Speculation on the P. I. climers blossomed into disillusionment, since the 10 and 30c listed before at \$1 and \$1.50 are now down to 75c each, mint. We feel this will give a little lesson to speculators, altho we sympathize the downward trend this issue has registered in the new Scott's catalog.

On the other hand, the Arnacal airposts made a good record and opinion expressed by investors who were caught unaware is that they did not expect the Arnacal stamps would soar as high as 50c for the 16c blue green and \$1.50 for the green—same denomination.

Word reaches us that some of those who receive advance sheets of Scott's have "cornered" this value—the 16c Arnacal, green. Apparently, in the language of investors and speculators,

1936	Dr. José Rizal Commemorative Issue		-
402	A44 2c yellow brown	Unused	Used \$.04
402	" 6c slate blue		.0
404	" 36c red brown		.5
1936	Manila-Madrid Arnacal Flight 1936		04
405	A40 2c on 4c carmine (BL)		
406	" 6c on 12c red orange (V)		
407	" 16c on 26 blue green (B)		
	(a) 16c on 26c green	1.50	
1936	First Anniversary of The Commonwealth		
408	A45 2c orange brown	.03	
409	" 6c yellow green		
410	" 12c ultramarine		
Automotive Arts Andrews	"Commonwealth" Overprint		
411	2c rose		
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421	1p red orange and black		
422	2p bistre brown and black	1.50	
423	4p blue and black	3.00	
424	5p green and black	3.75	
	icharistic Issue		
425		04	
426	" 6c light brown	06	
427	" 12c sapphire blue		
428	" 20c deep orange		
429	" 36c deep violet		

there looms a good outlook for this new "bet".

From the catalog-pricing point of view, we surmise that P. I. commemoratives and pictorials received the "lion's share". With the exception of Madrid-Manila, however, which for-merly listed at \$423 a set (excluding errors and varieties) now commands a price of \$472 and four items of the Von Gronau issue and the 2c of our regular airmails-all other P. I. airposts remained unchanged - something with which, no doubt, aerophilatelists will kick about.

Altogether 186 Philippine stamps out of the total issue of 332 under the American dominion their catalog values have therefore been advanced. Which, as a matter of course, we are happy to observe.

Nevertheless, no increase was made at all on any single stamp issued under the Spanish rue, and on the contrary the funniest item that caught our eye was the decrease of 50c made on the very last stamp issued under the Spanish regime. Whether the American printers pulled out that Spanish joke, the local boys would not be a poor at that.

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# **U. S. WAR CANCELLATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

### **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

One of the phases of Philippine philately which has not received as much publicity as it should is the one which deals with the hectic days of American occupation during the years of 1898 and 1902. During those years civil authority had not been implanted in the Philippines as yet and the postal administration was under the military. This gave us the so-called war cancellations which some of us know and have seen but of which we know very little.

In a recent issue of the popular "Weekly Philatelic Gossip" of Holton, Kansas, U.S.A., we came across an article which we thought very interesting and authoritative in both text and illustrations. After we had obtained permission to reproduce it our attention had been called to a subsequent issue of the same magazine in which a certain Mr. R. B. Preston of Puerto Rico, had pointed out some "incorrect statements" and "wrong impressions". Mr. Preston referred the author of the original article to the late Col. Geo. S. Goodale's "Cyclopedia of United States Postmarks and Postal History" for the correct atope.

We have since searched heaven and earth for a copy of said book, but without any luck. We have decided, therefore, to reprint the original article "as is" in the hope that some of our readers, specially those of the O. G. (not original gum, but Old Guard) will be able to give us the real low down. We are sure that there are among our club members quite a few who have lived through those hectic days and can give us some light on the subject. Fiat Luz! Here's the original article:

Following the blowing up of the U. S. Warship "Maine" in Havana Harbour, the United States declared war on Spain on April 21st, 1898.

On May 1st of that year Admiral Dewey destroyed the Spanish Fleet in Manila Bay. The American Pacific squadron, under Commodore George Dewey, consisted at that time of the armoured cruisers Olympia, Baltimore, Raleigh and Boston, the unprotected cruiser Concord, the gunboat Petrel, a revenue cutter, the Hugh, McCullogh, and two transports.

While the Forts of Cavite taken the same day as the destruction of the Fleet, Manila itself did not fall until August 13th, meanwhile Cervera's fleet had been destroyed off Santiago, Cuba, in July.

With the fall of Manila, 13,000 Spanish troops within the fortifications surrendered to 16,000 Americans.

Peace was signed between U. S. and Spain a few days later and the islands were finally ceded to the U. S. on December 10th, 1898.

As far back as 1896-97 the Filipinos had caused considerable trouble and a Spanish Army of 28,000 men was engaged in operations against them. This disturbance came to an end on December 27th, 1897, when their leader, Aguinaldo left for Hong Kong.

The arrival of the Americans on the scene was, however, the signal for a fresh outburst and the Filipinos declared their independence on June 12, 1898 and established their capital at Malolos. A Constitution was set up on January 3rd, 1899, with Aguinaldo as President. On February 4th the insurgents attacked Manila but were repulsed and Malolos, the capital, was captured by the U. S. force on March 31st.

In November, 1899, however, guerrilla warfare commenced and it was not until April 16th, 1902 that the natives were finally subdued.

The major operations were conducted at Luzon which accounts for the scarcity of stamps from Military Staticn No. 3 at Iloilo in the Island of Panay of the Visayan group.

Military Station No. 1 was at Manila and the bulk of the correspondence was dealth with here. It is not definitely known that No. 2 station









Fig 8

Fig. 10



Fig. 5





# US Mil Stz. No. 3.8 F. CAL ILOILO, P.I MAR 2 fig.9

was ever opened, but if ony further material can be found there is undoubtedly much more to be known about the Postal arrangements during the campaign.

During the year 1898 the Naval Post Offices on the U. S. Warships appear to have dealth with all the correspondence, while the military stations on shore were set up in 1899, shortly after the New Year.

The mainland base for all operations and for the gathering of troops and supplies was at San Francisco as from the commencement of the war. This was a Naval Postal Station. One type of date stamp (Fig. 1) and one obliterator (Fig. 2) appear to have been in use here. At the commencement these were struck in blue-black ink while later towards the end of 1898, these are found in purple, this often having the appearance as from a rubber stamp. Both the date stamp and obliterator are seen on stamps of the Philippines.

The usual stamps on which this cancelation are found are the 1c. 2c. 3c and 10c, of the current issue of U. S., while as regards the stamps of the Philippines, we have seen the following canceled at the San Francisco station-1c purple-brown, 3c brown, 3c pink, 8c brown, 10c orange, 15c sage green and the 20c chocolate. The date stamp was as often as not employed for actual cancelation.

The first date stamp used at Ma-nila read-"MIL STA. No.1 MANI-LA-PHIL. IS'LDS" (Fig. 3) and while it is sometimes used for canceling it is normally employed with an obliterator of oval bars with the number "1" in centre (Fig. 4). The year is omitted from the date. The earliest date we have seen with this is

Feb. 3rd, and the latest Nov. 17th (Fig. 7). The stamps on which we have seen this date stamp are the 1c, 2c, 3c, 6c, 15c, 50c current issue, and the 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 8c, 10c, 50c \$1 "Trans-Mississippi" as also with the Postal envelopes 1c blue, 2c green, 5c bule.

The second type of Manila date stamp appears to have come into use early in April. This is much larger, the circle measuring 30mm. in diameter and the wording altered to read "MIL. STA. NO. 1 PHILIPPINE IS-LANDS-MANILA". On this date stamp, in the centre, at top, is the month with the day, year and time on successive lines beneath (Fig. 5). This date stamp, also sometimes used for canceling, was in use with a similar obliterator withut number (Fig. 6) and is always in black or greyblack. This was probably in use till the end of the Campaign.

There is a third date stamp used for Registered Correspondence always stamped in purple which is similar in size and wording to the second just described except that the word "REG'D" is substituted for "MANILA" at foot.

There is a sub-type of this stamp with the date above the time. This appears to have come into use early in 1900.

There is also another type of obliterator, used probably for Registered mail or more likely solely for parcels. This is the normal U. S. registered stamp of an "R" in a frame (Fig. 8) with, apparently, the front leg of the "R" broken off, making it appear like a "P". There is curious, but it seems very likely that it was done on purpose to use for a parcel obliterator, the "P" being the initial of "Philippines."

A fourth date stamp is like the second type but has the word "REC'D" at foot in place of Manila and was apparently used to backstamped correspondence received at Manila from Iloilo or elsewhere.

We now come to Station No. 3 at Iloilo.

The earliest type of stamp in use at Iloilo was about March, 1899, and consists of the words "U. S. Mil. Sta. No. 3 S. F. CAL.—ILOILO, P. I." followed by the abbreviated month and day, in two lines, set up from loose type, stamped in blue black (Fig. 9). This tends to show that Station No. 3 was probably only opened in February, and that this was a temporary stamp put into use until a circular date stamp was available.

The circular date stamp (size 26. mm. diameter) reads "MIL. STA. NO. 3 SAN FRAN-ILOILO. PHIL., ISLS." with, in centre, "CAL" over month and day, and the time below (Fig. 10). With this circular date stamp of bars, without either number or circle inside but with a small number "99" at S. W. corner, outside the oval.

#### Record of Philately.

#### NEW POSTAGE STAMPS RECEIVED

The new regular postage stamps of the 10-Peso and 20-Peso denominations have already been received from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D.C., by the Bureau of Posts, according to an announcement made by the Director of Posts on September 24. These stamps are now on sale at the Manila post office.

As we go to press, no official advice has as yet been received from the Director of Posts in regard to our inquiry on the detals of these new stamps.

Meanwhile a personal investigation has been made by one of the members of the Asociación Filatelica de Filipinas and reports his findings as follows:

The stamps were printed on white wove paper in sheets of 100 subjects; perforation 11 and unwatermarked. Color of the 10-Peso value is blue black, while that of the 20-Peso is dark red. The issue consists of 10,000 for each denomination. These details are subject of course to the official confirmation of the Director of Posts.

#### **NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED**

The Secretary of the Asociación Filatelica de Filipinas reports that the following new members have been admitted to the Association:

SOCIOS DE NUMERO: Messrs. José Crisologo, Pedro U. Ponce, Yu Siu Chong, José Fernandez Zarilla and Ludwig von Arend.

SOCIOS CORRESPONSALES: Messrs. A. B. Champlain, Catalino Fernandez, Giuseppe Ronchetti, Pastor Maceda, R. Thomas and Dr. Jesus Azcona.

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	Valley Forge			775 — 3c Michigan	.10	.40
	Molley Pitcher	.25	1.20	776 — 3c Texas 777 — 3c Rhode Island	.10	.40
'649 — 2c		.20	.90		.10	.40
650 — 5c		.50	2.25	782 — 3c Arkansas	.10	
	George Clark	.20	.90	783 — 3c Oregon	.10	.40
655 — 2c		.30	1.25	784 - 3c Susan B. An-		
657 — 2c		.20	.80	thony	.10	.40
	Fallen Timber .	.20	.80	795 — 3c Northwest Terri-		
	Ohio Canalization	.18	.75	tory	.10	.40
	Mass, Bay	.18	.75	3c Constitution	.10	.40
	Charleston	.20	.90	3c Virginia Dare	.15	.60
688 — 2c		.20	.90	SETS		
689 — 2c.	Von Steuben	.18	.75			
690 — 2c	Pulaski	.15	.60	1 set National Park Issues.	2.50	12.00
702 — 2c	Red Cross	.15	.60	1 set National Park Imper-		
703 — 2e	Yorktown	.20	.80	for	3.50	16.00
716 — 2c	Olympic Winter			1 set Washington Bicen-		
	Games	.15	.60	tenials	3.50	16.00
717 — 2c	Arbor Day	.15	.60	1 set Army & Navy	1.10	5.00
718 — 3c	Olympic Summer			EXHIBITION SHEE	TO	
	Games	.30	1.20			
719 — 5c	Olympic Summer			Imperforate Tipex	.90	
	Games	.40	1.80	10c Ashville	.35	
724 — 3c	William Penn	.20	.80	AIRMAILS		
725 — 3c	Daniel Webster .	.22	.90			
726 - 3c	Georgia Bi-Cente-			1306 - 10c Map & Airplane	.35	1.60
	nial	.22	.90	1307 — 15c Map & Airplane	.45	2.00
727 — 3c	Peace Comme-			1308 - 20c Map & Airplane	.60	3.20
	moration	.20	.80	1309 - 10c Lindberg's	.35	1.60
728 — 1c	Century of Pro-			1310 5c Beacon	.25	1.20
	gress	.10	.40	1311 - 5c Winged G'obe	.20	1.00
729 — 3c	Century of Pro-			1315 - 5c Winged Globe Ro-		
	gress	.20	.80	tary	.20	1.00
732 — 3c	N. R. A	.20	.80	1316 → 8c Winged Globe Ro-		
733 — 3c	Byrd Antartic	.40	1.80	tary	.30	1.60
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	tary	.12	.60	1321 - 50c Clipper	1.40	6.40
738 - 3c	Mother's Day			1400 - 16c Airmail Sp. Del.		
	Flat	.12	.60	Blue.	.55	3.00
739 — 3c		.12	.60	1401 - 16c Airmail Sp. Del.		
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On April 4, 1919, almost one year after the World's War, the first page of the history of the air mail in the Philippines had been written. That was Ruth Law, the American aviatrix, who for the first half of her contract with the Philippine Aero Club carried the first air mail in the Islands on an exhibition flight around the City of Manila.

The flight lasted almost one hour but it made so great an attraction that according to an estimate, at least ten thousand people—men, women and children, stood spell bound gazing at the swooping and darting heroine of the sky on the afternoon of April 4, 1919, at the Luneta, Manila.

Mail carried by Ruth, Law on this exhibition flight consisted only of a small bag in which around one thousand souvenir cards were enclosed. These cards were officially numbered, on the face of which, the picture of this American aviatrix bore in the uniform of an American officer sitting down.

Commemorative of this flight, on the reverse side of the cards the following were printed on top: "Aerial Post Card—To Commemorate—The First Aerial Mail Service—In The Philippines", in four lines.

An official cachet in the form of a triangle with red or almost red violet ink had been applied by the Post Office of the Bureau of Posts located in the premises of the Manila Hotel in the Luneta, on these souvenir cards. In a panel around the triangle, the inscription—"The Champion Explorer of The Sky"—reads from the left upward and reading to the right downward. On the base of the triangle in a panel are also inscribed—"MISS RUTH LAW"—in bold letters. Inside the triangle the words, "Aerial— Mail Service—Bureau of Posts—Phi-



Jose Topacio, Director of Posts, handing the first airmail bag to Ruth Law, the American aviatrix.



Ruth Law flying over the Manila Hotel at the Luneta.

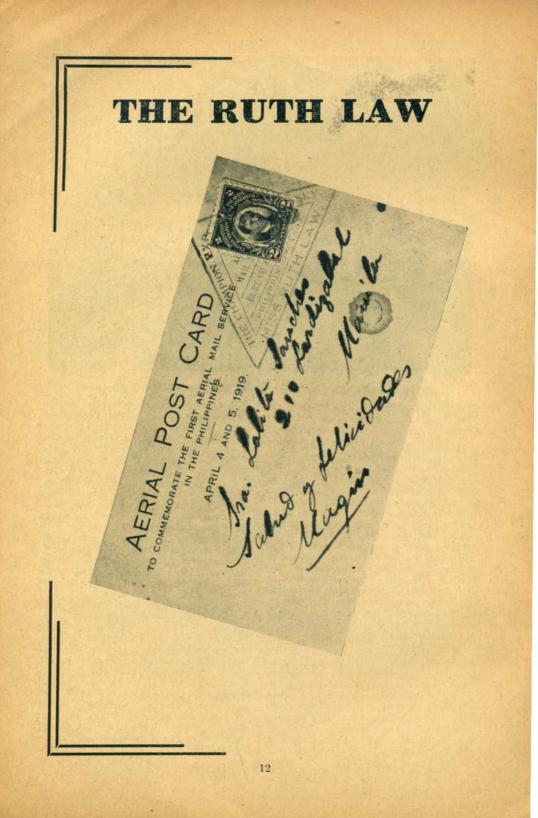
lippine Islands", are written in four lines. With the exception of the word "Aerial", the rest are all underlined.

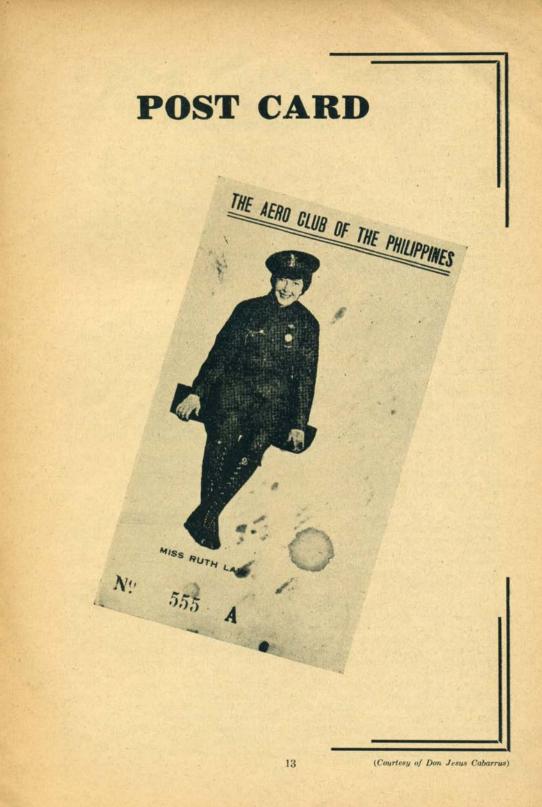
Genuine flown cards of this flight bear the official triangle cachet applied directly over the stamps. Prior to this flight, a large number of these souvenir cards were sold to the Manila public to defray the expenses of this exhibition flight, but they were posted in the ordinary way addressed mostly to persons in the United States, and accordingly not flown. This can be easily distinguished by the cachet applied on the back of the cards. The only contention to be given on this, is that unless the triangle cachet is applied over the stamps, the cards were not flown, although a good number of them were autographed by Ruth Law.

The official flight took place on April 4th, 1919, while that on April 5th, was an unofficial one. There were also covers flown and bore the triangle cachet over the stamps, but without the picture of the aviatrix. Some covers claimed to be flown on April 5th bore a circular postmark in black with the following inscription: "MANILA April 5, P. I. 1919." It must be observed that during those times, people in the Philippines were not so interested neither in stamp collecting nor on flown covers. As a matter of fact, right after the exhibition flight, holders of these Ruth Law flown souvenir cards simply threw them away and which apparently accounts their scarcity now. Scarcity of these souvenir cards naturally explains the high price paid for them at present.

In the way of pricing, standard air mail catalogs list the first day Ruth Law card at \$100 each. Covers flown on April 4th are listed at \$90, while these carried on April 5th are now catalogued at \$50 each.

Day by day I have observed that collectors in these Islands are eliciting an increasing interest not only on stamp collecting but also on flown covers and air mail stamps as well. With this apparent interest, I do not doubt, therefore, that a flown Ruth Law souvenir card or cover would prove valuable to any collection, not only on account of the material value it commands at present but also for the philatelic interest it links—the memory of the first air mail of the Philippines.





# AUSTRALASIAN NOTES

## Conducted By RAY PORTER, Melbourne

October the first saw the appearance of the commemorative set marking the 150th anniversary of the settlement of Australia. The set consists of three denominations: 2d. (vermillion) 3d. (blue) and 9d (purple) and the design which is the same for the three stamps depicts the landing party headed by the first Governor of the new Colony, Captain Arthur Phillip at Sydney Cove in 1788.

A special illustrated and appropriately inscribed official first day cover was provided for the occasion. The covers bore the complete set and were available at all post offices at no extra charge. A charge of 1/2d. was made for the cover if only the 2d. and 3d. stamps were affixed to it. The size of the new stamps 26mm x 36mm. Perforation 13- $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Printed in sheets of 80 on "C of A" watermarked paper by the Australian Note and Stamp Printer (John Ash).

New Zealand also marked the first of October with the issue of the 1937 Health stamp, known also as the Christmas issue. The stamp resembles in size and shape the Anzac issue of that country and depicts a youthful tramper standing on a rocky promontory. Altogether a very pleasing design and a well produced stamp. 1d. (postage) plus 1d. (heaith) -- red.

The New Guinea 2d Coronation value is sold out. Advice received from the Post Master at Rabaul is to the effect that the remaining three values will remain on sale until the 31st. Dec. if supplies are not exhausted before that date.

Latest telegraphic advice to reach me direct from the Postmasters of Papua and Nauro on the 1st and 2nd. October respectively, shows that supplies of Coronation stamps from these two Colonies are still on sale but supplies are low. It is unlikely (this is my own opinion) that reprints will be made if supplies get exnausted.

Of the three sets, I consider the New Guinea the best for the future, although I would not advise to pay fancy prices for this issue while the rush lasts. The prices for them will soon steady down to more normal levels, especially after the 2d. value which seems to be "cornered", is being unloaded. There is the possibility also that no speculating methods have been employed with this issue, but that the shortage of the 2d. value is due simply to the extensive use of these stamps for inland and inter-Empire correspondence.

I prefer the Nauru Coronation set to the Papua because very likely smaller quantities exist of the former. Used sets of all the three issues will be worth acquiring at reasonable figures.

The first day cover craze which is sweeping over the philatelic world and particularly over Great Britain lead to an unexpected rise in their prices, particularly of the Pacific Islands of Gilbert and Ellice and British Solomons. Their prices, although unsteady range from £2 to £5 (20 to 50 Pesos in P. I. currency). First day covers of all other Pacific possessions seem to be on the rise but it is only fair to warn the inexperienced collector and investor, that fancy prices paid for these items may lead him to abandon the hobby in disgust. Although these market activities are a healthy sign of the growth of our hobby, it must be borne in mind that stamp collecting is essential1- a HO-BBY. Speculative methods which have unfortunately been lately introduced will do it more harm than good in the long run. The only remedy for discouraging such methods lies with each genuine individual philatelist.



Mr. Jose Trill, President, Asociación Filatelica de Filipinas, P. O. Box 711, Manila, P. I. Dear Mr. Trill:

It gave me great pleasure to note in the recent issue of the AFF, that you had been elected President of your organization. I was also interested in the small comment about the 3c postage due surcharge, but felt that it did not quite come up to the circumstances regarding this issue.

You will find enclosed herewith a memorandum giving additional information concerning this item. This memorandum was sent to some of the U. S. stamp magazines, where it has created considerable interest. It occurred to me that as a matter of record, ycur magazine should have its information as nearly complete as possible.

If you or of any of your members have anything to add to the summary I have made, I would be interested in hearing about it, as this stamp is quite unique, there being no similar issue in the United States.

You will find enclosed herewith a specimen of the first day cover, showing stamp used for the purpose intended.

Sincerely yours, (Sgd.) F. S. Comings.

## PHILIPPINE POSTAGE DUE STAMP ISSUED JULY 29, 1937

On the morning of July 29, 1937 the philatelic section of the Manila Post Office placed on sale a postage due stamp of a new denomination. This stamp has a new value "3 CVOS. 3" surcharged on the 4c denomination of the current postage due series. The surcharge is printed in dark blue ink and placed so that the new figure of value are printed over the original denomination.

This unusual denomination issued was necessary in order to provide for (Continued on page 18)

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		Mint	Mint	Used
SETS	Cat. No.	Blocks	Set	Set
Madrid-Manila, 2c-10p, 14 val	- 305-318, 318b	P2,850.00		
Madrid-Manila, 2c-4p, 13 val	- 305-317, 318b		295.00	275.00
Madrid-Manila, 2c-2p, 12 val. — — Madrid-Manila, 2c-1p, 11 val. — —	- 305-316, 318b - 305-314, 318b	340.00	155.00 75.00	145.00 65.00
Madrid-Manila, 2c-30c, 10 val. — —	- S05-314, 5180	210.00	45.00	35.00
Legislative Pa ace, 2c-1p, 7 val	- 319-325	72.00	15.50	12.00
Legislative Palace, 2c-24c, 6 val. — Legislative Official 2c-20c 4 val. —	- 319-324 - 701-704	25.00 18.00	$4.25 \\ 4.00$	2.50 2.50
Madrid-Manila, 2c-30c, 10 val. — — Legislative Palace, 2c-1p, 7 val. — — Legislative Palace, 2c-24c, 6 val. — Coil Stamp, 2c green, Pair, 1 val. — Condon-Orient Flight, 11 val. 2c-1p — London-Orient Flight, 11 val. 2c-1p —	- 326	10.00	4.25	2.00
London-Orient Flight, 11 val. 2c-1p -	- 328-338	160.00	35.00	28.00
London-Orient Flight, 2c-30c, 10 val.	- 328-337 - 558-564	80.00 5.00	18.00 1.20	15.00 1.10
Postage Dues, 4c-20c, 7 val Regu ar Issue of 1917-27, O. B., 10 val. Regular Issue 1917-27, 10 val	- 905-914	12.00	2.50	1.50
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Imperforates 2c-10p, 14 val., Blocks -	- 340-353	625.00	325.00	
Pictorials, 2c-32c, 7 val	- 354-360	110.00	18.00	10.50
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Von Gronau, 2c-32c, 7 val	361-367	48.00 8.00	10.00 1.75	8.50 .75
Von Gronau, 2c-32c, 7 val. — — — 1 Peso on 4 Peso, 1 val. — — — 2 Peso on 4 Peso, 1 val. — — —	- 369	16.00	3.75	1.75
F. Rein 2c-30c. 10 val	370-379	40.00	8.50	6.50
F. Rein 2c-30c, 10 val Olympic Games, 2c-16c, 3 val Pictorials, 2c-5r, 14 val	- 380-382	3.20 110.00	.60 22.00	.40 12.50
Comm. inauguration. 20-500 5 val.	- 397-401	10.00	2.25	1.50
Rizal Commemorative, 2c-36c, 3 val. Arnacal Flight, 2c-16c, 3 val. — — Quezon Comm. Anniv., 2c-12c, 3 val.	- 402-404	3.75	.80	.70
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Eucharistic 2c-50c, 6 val	- 425-430	8.00	1.75	1.10
Clipper Initial Flight, 10c-30c, 2 val. —	601-606 607-608 915-924	8.00	1.75 1.50	1.10 1.25
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O. B. Pictorials 2c-30c, 10 val. — — King Alfonso XIII. 1m-2p. 20 val. — Issue of '06 Double Lined Perf. 12c 2c	- 192-211		10.00	12.50
Issue of '06 Double Lined Perf. 12c 2c	-1p, 241-251			4.50
11 val	- 255-260a			5.50
Single Lined Perf. 12c, 2c-1p, 11 val.	- 361-371			3.25
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10p Single Lined Perf. 12. 1 val	- 274			6.50
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Fort Santiago 10c	- 387	1.60	.30	.20
Blood Compact 30c	- 392	8.00	1.50	.90
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Special Delivery, 20c Perf. 12 Single Li	ned 753			.60
Arnacal, 16c Green Special Delivery, 20c Perf. 12 Doubled Li Special Delivery, 20c Perf. 12 Single Li Special Delivery, 20c Perf. 10 Special Delivery, 20c Imperforate	- 754 - 756	24.00	4.50	12.00
Pictorials '35, 2c-30c, val	- 383	12.00	2.50	1.80
Pict. '35 Surch. Comm., 2c-30c, 10 val. Postage Dues, 3c on 4c, 1 val. — —	- 411-420	8.00	1.80	1.20
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# PHILIPPINE POSTAGE DUE ...

the collection of 3c postage due on business reply cards and business envelopes, in accordance with the following paragraph 5(b) of section 228 of the Manual of the Postal and Telegraphic Service:

(b) The postage on business reply cards shall be 3 centavos for each card and the postage on business reply envelopes shall be 2 centavos for every 20 grams or fraction thereof plus 1 centavo for each envelope."

Before the preparation of this new value it was necessary for the Post Office to furnish official receipts as no previous postage stamps of 1c or 3c denominations have ever been issued by the present Government.

The individuals or firms who have obtained the necessary official permits may print and distribute reply cards and envelopes which require no postage stamp if mailed in the Philippines. When these reply cards are delivered, the 3c postage due stamp is affixed and cancelled, indicating that the proper amount has been As this stamp was not valid paid. for ordinary postage and there is no other postal transaction in which this denomination applies, the only legitimate usage of this stamp is when it is affixed to a business reply card or envelope, addressed and delivered to the holder of an official permit.

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No public notice was made prior to this issue except the following small paragraph in the daily paper after the stamps were placed on sale:

"STAMPS FOR SALE. F. Cuaderno, acting Collector of Posts, announced yesterday that a sufficient quantity of the 4-centavo stamp have been overprinted into 3-centavo denomination and are now for sale at the philatelic section, money order division of the Bureau of Posts. These stamps may be used for business reply cards and business reply envelopes."

The director of Posts did not consider the surcharge to be a new issue and made no arrangements for any official first day covers. After considerable "red tape" one permit (The Army & Navy Y.M.C.A.) was allowed to obtain a small lot of first day covers showing the new stamp properly used on a business reply card and cancelled on the date of issue. As the stamps were on sale to the public, some collectors affixed them to ordinary covers in addition to the required postage. Such covers have no postal significance, as the use of this stamp is restricted by regulation.

> FRED S. COMINGS A.P.S. 7105, P. O. Box 1634, Manila, P. I.



#### **TOPACIO CHARGES**

Jose Topacio, former director of the Bureau of Posts, on September 25 revived the misappropriation of stamps amounting to **P**200,000 by Florencio Reyes, former chief of the postal division of the Bureau of posts, when he filed a complaint with the fiscal's office charging Reyes with the falsification of other documents.

The complaint is based on the testimony made by Reyes during his trial or during the investigation of his case by Auditor Rufino Melo.

Fiscal Francisco Albert has notified the Bureau of Posts and the Department of Public Works and Communications about the complaint of Topacio.

#### **CHANGE ON POSTAL WEIGHT**

Effective October 15, a change in postal weight, from the avoirdupois to the metric system, will take effect for all first class mail matter posted in the Philippines for delivery to the United States. This is in accordance with the announcement made by the Director of Posts on September 29.

The rate of 6 centavos for each 20 grams or fractional part of the first class mail will be charged.

#### **CLIPPER FLIGHT COVERS**

Complete and final figures giving the number of covers carried on the first through flight of the extended Trans-Pacific air mail service into Macao and Hong-Kong both eastbound and westbound as announced by the Post Office Department, Washington, D. C. are as follows:

#### WESTBOUND

	Covers	Postmarked
San Francisce to Macao	12,488	Apr. 21/37
San Francisco to Hong-Kong	31,377	" 21/37
Honolulu to Macao	5,853	" 23/37
Honolulu to Hong-Kong	8,049	" 23/37
Guam to Macao	7,023	" 27/37
Guam to Hong-Kong	7,645	" 27/37
Manila to Macao		" 28/37
Manila to Hong-Kong	15,576	" 28/37
Macao to Hong-Kong	9,547	" 28/37

#### EASTBOUND

Hong-Kong to Manila	8,200	Apr. 29/37
Hong-Kong to Guam	5,748	" 29/37
Hong-Kong to Honolulu	5,810	" 29/37
Hong-Kong to San Francisco	20,287	" 29/37
Macao to Manila	9,100	" 28/37
Macao to Guam	6,232	" 28/37
Macao to Honolulu	5,785	" 28/37
Macao to San Francisco	10,988	" 28/37

Comparing the figures given for the Manila-Macao covers (12,303) with those furnished us by the Director of Posts, Manila, and which were published in the May/June issue of this magazine, (the total of which was 12,238), there appears to be a discrepancy of 65 covers. Whether the Post Office Department at Washington, D. C. or the Director of Posts, Manila, made an error it remains to be ascertained.

However, above figures for the Manila-Hongkong covers tally with those given us by the Director of Posts and which were also published in the May-June issue of this magazine.

#### **CARRIER PIGEON**

A carrier pigeon believed to have flown astray was found in Baco, Mindoro, by one Arsenio Zulueta who turned it over to Philippine Army authorities in the town, according to a dispatch received at army head quarters in Manila.

The bird, which is believed to have come from Fort Stotsenburg, Pampanga, had a note tied to each leg. The piece of paper found tied to the left leg had the figures USA 36 and PI-0231 written on it while the other note bears the figures US 36 and PI 0231, San Fernando. Army headquarters wired instructions to the detachment commander at Baco ordering him to ship the pigeon to Manila.

#### **AIR MAIL SOCIETY**

With the ever increasing interest on airmail stamps and flown covers in the Philippines, aerophilatelists of the Islands are considering to establish an air mail society, the first of its kind in this country.

The Philippine Air Mail Society is the proposed name of this new association of airpost collectors in these Islands. A general meeting for all those interested on this line of the hobby has been set on November 3, 1937, at 6:00 p.m. at the Banahaw Building, 330 Carriedo Street, Manila, where the headquarters of the Asociación Filatelica de Filipinas are located. Addenda of this meeting will be as follows:

(1) Promulgation of the first air mail society in the Philippines.

(2) Ratification of the Constitution and By-Laws of the society.

(3) Election of officers.

The idea of the Philippine Air Mail Society has been conceived by Mr. Walter Bruggmann and Don Jesus Cacho, two well-known collectors of these Islands and authorities on airpest stamps and flown covers. Mr. Pablo M. Esperidión is the acting secretary.

Any collector who is interested on aerophilately is therefore cordially invited.

#### \$104,000 WORTH OF P. I. STAMPS SOLD

The office of the Philippine Resident Commissioner at ,Washington D.C. announced on October 14, that collectors in the United States are spending approximately \$6,000 monthly in the purchase of unused Commonwealth stamps. Sales during the past 18 months yielded the Philippine Government \$104,000.

Commonwealth commemorative stamps issued in 1935, are favorites with the collectors. Their popularity is attributed to the transitional status, resulting in Commonwealth surcharges and new stamps.

#### EIDSNESS MEMORAL TROPHY ESTABLISHED

An annual award of a silver plate engraven with the name of the recipient, has been established as a memorial to Michael L. Eidsness Jr., lated superintendent of the division of stamps, Post Office Department, U. S. A.

The creation of such an award was announced at the memorial meeting held on September 8 at the Carlton Hotel under the auspices of the Washington Philatelic Society. The plate will be awarded each year on March 28 the anniversary of Mr. Eidsness' birth-for "helpful service" to philately.

-The New York Sun

#### WOULD SEND ALL U. S. FIRST CLASS MAIL BY AIR

Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York recently introduced a bill in the Senate asking the post-office department to determine by experiment whether it would be practical to dispatch all first class mail by airplane.

The bill suggests that ten established routes be used in the experiment, would also inaugurate air parcel post, reduce air mail rates, and establish air mail feeder lines to all state capitals and all cities with a population of 150,000 or more.

Several nations are now sending all first class mail between certain selected points by air without additional postal rates.

Airpost Journal

#### SHANGHAI MAIL

In view of the suspension of ship calls at Shanghai, the Bureau of Posts is now dispatching mails for Shanghai via Hongkong, it was announced recently.

The Hongkong post office has advised the postal bureau here that only letter-mail for Shanghai is being for-

#### **MORE STAMPS FOR JAPAN**

Further announcements have been made regarding the proposed new Japanese stamps. Following the 4sen, green, postage stamp, which was released on August 1 bearing a por-trait of the late Fleet Admiral Hei-hachiro Togo, and the earlier 2-sen General Nogi stamp, additional values will appear to complete the set. Several of the new adhesives will bear pictures of famous Japanese. Others will represent noted scenic sports. Reproductions of ancient ships and of Japanese life, etc., are also being considered. The whole of the new series will be made from steel engraving, rather than the current lithographing. No changes in stamp sizes will be made, and the designs will be issued intermitently, perhaps one or two a month. The four air mail stamps will also be changed.

#### **ZEPPELIN MAIL REPORT**

The final report on the Hindenburg disaster mail is that there were exactly 357 pieces of mail saved instead of 329 as first reported. Of this number 11 bore American addresses, the rest being German.

John B. Lamiell, director of the division of International Postal Service reports that the original cargo was 17,619 pieces of all kinds, including 13,100 cards, 3,010 packages, 696 registered letters, 598 registered parcels, 213 ordinary letters and cards and two packages of parcel post.

Weekly Philatelic Gossip

## **UNSOLICITED COMMENTS FROM ABROAD**

"I received your copy of the May-June issue of the A-F-F and enjoyed reading it very much.'

D. E. Dworak, Owner and Publisher, Weekly Philatelic Gossip Holton, Kansas, U. S. A.

"The A.F.F. is is an excellet publication .... " Don Houseworth, Editor, Linn's Weekly Stamp News Columbus, Ohio.

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551 Fifth Avenue New York City, N. Y.

"We wish to thank you on the receipt of your very interesting magazine.

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"....are exceptionally well written and should prove valuable to co-llectors of these stamps. I am keeping the A.F.F. magazine for reference." Ridgewood, Brooklyn, N. Y.

"....and receive the magazines regularly. I consider the contributions to the A.F.F. really excellent.

S. Zelenko, Mt. Waverly, Victoria Australia.

"The A.F.F. is really 'going places'". Joel Wing Wrangell, Alaska.

"Your little Magazine A. F. F. is very interesting and I like it very much indeed and hope it will keep up the good work."

C. J. Dale P. O. Box 714

Havana, Cuba.

#### **AUSTRALIA'S 150th ANNIVERSA-RY PHILATELIC EXHIBITION**

Under the auspices of the Sydney Philatelic Club, The Philatelic Society of Australia, and The Philatelic So-ciety of New South Wales, AUSTRA-LIA'S 150th ANNIVERSARY PHI-LATELIC EXHIBITION will be held in Sydney in April of next year.

The year 1938 being the centenary of the issue of the New South Wales stamped envelope, the proposed Exhibition will commemorate that cen-tenary as well as the sesqui-centenary of the founding of the first white settlement of Australia. It is anticipa-ted that there will be very many vi-sitors from other States of Australia, and from abroad on this auspi-

cious occasion.

The Exhibition will be general and competitive and will include albums and philatelic accessories. Special prominence will be given to the issue of the Commonwealth and the six Australian States.

Postage stamps are exempt from Customs duty, but albums and accessories are liable. The Committee will, if desired, effect insurance on exhibits while in their charge. Rates will be quoted in response to particulars of insurance cover required.

Donations in cash and/or gifts of stamps to be sold for the Exhibition funds are invited.

There will be awards and will consist of:-

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- (a) Medals or Plaques in gold, silver-gilt, silver and/or bronze.
- (b) Certificates of merit.

In addition to the Awards offered by the Committee, it is hoped that individual donors will offer special Awards which will be alloted to any particular Section or Sections, subject to the approval of the Committee; and the Committee, on the recommendation to the Judges, reserves the right to apply, with the approval of the donor, any such donation to any other section.

Aside from the above awards, the Executive Committee of Australia's 150th Anniversary Philateiic Exhibiticn will offer an award of a bronze medal for the best article or series of articles appearing in any philatelic journal published in Australasia between July 1, 1937, and March 1, 1938.

Entries in the above Exhibition

will close on December 31, 1937, and exhibits must be delivered before March 21, 1938.

All communications should be addressed to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Hunter McRae, 77-79 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

### TAKING LETTERS FOR NORTHPOLE

According to press dispatches, Soviet scientists who are spending the winter at the North Pole will be able to hear voices of their wives and friends on "talking letters" which are being sent to their camp.

Icebreakers leaving on Arctic cruises are carrying 300 of the letters. These consist of ordinary postcards with recording pasted on them of the voices of children, wive, mothers and close friends of the scientists.

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#### **Un Cuento Filatelico**

# THE VOICE of PHILATELY

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In every collector's life there are joys and tribulations so-
Blessed Fred J. Melville, the dean of international philatelic writers,
Blessed Albert H, Harris, the British admiral of the Philatelic Magazine;
Blessed Ralph A. Kimble, the skipper of The American Philatelist,
Blessed Al Burns, the "broke n' happy" editor of the Weekly Philatelic Gossip;
Blessed Don Houseworth, Linn's general, with sixteen years in the editorial field,
Blessed Willard O. Wylie, captain of Meekel's editorial page;
Blersed Kent B. Stiles, the coach "Of Topical Interest" in Scott's
Blessed Walter J. Conrath, the American pilot of the Airpost Journal;
Blessed V. Clement Hanna, the rib-tickling engineer of Stampland,
Blessed Harry L. Lindquist, the philatelic emperor of <i>Stamps</i> ; Blessed Milton W. Schloss, the marine columnist of <i>Western Stamp Collec</i> -
tor.
Blessed Ray Porter that big nice chap of the Australian Stamp Monthly;
Blessed Frank Del Witt for his breezy wits in the American Stamp Journal,
Blessed Ernest A. Kehr, pal of the "little fellow" in New York World-Tele-
gram;
Blessed all the unpeid and underpaid philatelic writers and journalists, Blessed the enterprising collectors who write but get only rejection slips;
Blessed the London Stamp Review, the largest stamp magazine in the world,
Blessed the <i>Philatelic Press</i> , a journal in the States with only four pages;
Blessed all the slick and pulp magazines that are full of varieties and
straightedges,
Blessed all the sick and sane collectors who answer even the small ads;
Blessed the sixty-one Americans who won gold and silver awards at the
PEXIP, Blessed all the proof-readers who get only the smell of the printers' ink;
Blessed the president of a New York bank who resigned to be in the stamp
business.
Blessed the dealer, who reads only the ads in the stamp magazines;
Blessed the aerophilatelist who finds a Zepp in a mission packet,
Blessed the general collector that swaps airmails against his cheap skates; Blessed the "Hong-Kong Clipper" when it was christened with champagne,
Blessed the Manila-Macao covers when they were sold like Yankee hot cakes;
Blessed Amelia Earhart in her last attempt in the conquest of the air,
Blessed the Hindenburg's crash covers which sell now at twenty-dollars each;
Blessed F. W. Kessler, the house of mint airmails in New York,
Blessed George W. Angers, the world authority on airposts;
Blessed Don Jesus Cacho, for his complete set of "Broken Wings",
Blessed Trifone Stanicich, for his collection of <i>Katipunan</i> covers; Blessed Theodore Champion, the famous stamp merchant of Paris,
Blessed Michael L. Eidsness, Jr., the "Father of The Philatelic Agency";
Blessed the Philatelic Agency for selling us well-centered copies,
But God! Save the postal clerks, who murder our darling commemoratives!

Please mention the A.F.F. when answering advertisements.

# "Asociacion Filatelica de Filipinas"

#### **AVISO IMPORTANTE**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE** 

A) PRIMERA BOLSA A) FIRST EXTRA-FILATELICA EX-**ORDINARY PHI-**LATELIC BOUR-SE: 7th Nov., 1937, **TRAORDINARIA:** NOV. 7 de Nov. de 1937, from 10:00
 12:00 noon
 B) O R D I N A R Y
 MONTHLY GA MUERING, LUNde 10:00 a.m. (a 12:00 from 10:00 a. m. to B) REUNION MEN-SUAL ORDINA-RIA, COMIDA Y **BOLSA FILATELI-CHEON AND PHI-**LATELIC BOUR-CA: 21 de Nov., SE: 21st Nov., 1937, 1937 ,de 10:30 a.m. en starting at 10:30 a.m. adelante C) LAST EXTRA-C) ULTIMA BOLSA Sunday FILATELICA EX-**ORDINARY PHI-TRAORDINARIA:** LATELIC BOUR-SE: 28th Nov., 1937, 28 de Nov., 1937, 10:00 fr m 10:00 a. m. a.m. (a) 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 noon

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# "Asociacion Fiiatelica de Filipinas"

#### **AVISO IMPORTANTES:**

- A) PRIMERA BOLSA FILATELICA EX-TRAORDINARIA: 5 Dic., 1937, de 10:00 a. m. (\$\vec{a}\$ 12:'0 p. m.
   B) REUNNION MEN-
- B) REUNNION MEN-SUAL ORDINA-RIA, COMIDA Y BOLSA FILATELI-CA: 12 Dic., 1937, de 10:30 a.m. en adelante
- C) ULTIMA BOLSA FILATELICA EX-TRAORDINARIA : 19 Dic., 1937, de 10:00 a. m. (*a*) 12 00 p. m.



**IMPORTANT NOTICES:** 

- A) FIRST EXTRA-ORDINARY PHI-LATELIC BOURSE: 5th Dec., 1937, from 10:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon.
- B) ORDINARY MONTHLYGA-THERINGLUN-CHEON&PHILA-TELICBOURSE: 12th Dec., 1937, star-
- ting at 10:30 a. m.
  C) LAST EXTRA-ORDINARY PHILATELIC BOURSE: 19th Dec., 1937, from 10:00 a. m. to 12:0 noon

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