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Summary:

Young Kee Kim reports Minister Cho on the Korean delegations to observe training public administrators and Fifth Assembly of the World Confederation of Organizations of Teaching Profession.

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Dear Mr. Minister:

In regard to the Red invasion of Burma, Brigadier General Pelagio Cruz, chairman of the Philippine SEATO military planners group, said that only protocol states, like South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, aside from the member nations, could ask and be given assistance by the SEATO. Burma is not a protocol state, although it is in the fringe of the treaty area.

Miss Soyoung Lee, an employee of the Chancery who arrived from Korea last June, has been stricken ill with a recurrence of mesenteric lymphonode; and as her illness will take time to get well, she returned to Korea on August 5. I would like to employ a Korean receptionist who can do Korean and English clerical work. I shall be appreciative of any assistance the Forin can offer in the selection of a qualified person (unmarried girl preferred) from the applicants who desire to come here to work at the Legation.

The Korean delegation of five persons, headed by Vice Minister Hyo Sun Shin of the Public Health and Social Welfare, came here at the invitation of the local ICA to observe the method of training public administrators at the Institute of Public Administration, University of the Philippines. During their brief period of stay here, they have been given thorough briefings on the important feature of the public administration courses which will be of great help in the establishment of such an institute in Korea. The Korean observers obtained valuable information on the training of the public administrators for the efficiency and good of the service.

Another delegation of four persons with Vice Minister Kwang Man Ko, Ministry of Education, as chairman and three other Korean educators, came here to attend the Fifth Assembly of the World Confederation of Organizations of Teaching Profession held in Manila from August 1 to 8. One hundred fifty representatives from thirty two countries attended the conference. I was informed that the travelling expenses of the Korean delegation were defrayed by the Asia Foundation in Seoul, while their hotel expenses by the Philippine government.

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The appointments of Dr. Melquiades Gamboa as Philippine Minister to New Delhi, India, and of Minister Jose J. Ingles to head the Philippine Legation at Bonn, Germany, were approved by the President. Dr. Gamboa, an Oxford graduate and a career diplomat, was counselor of the Philippine Embassy at Washington from 1946 to 1956. Ingles has been with the Philippine Mission to the U.N. since the first general assembly in 1946. The Department of Foreign Affairs stated that the New Delhi and Manila diplomatic posts may soon become embassies, in accordance with the mutual desire of the Philippine and the Indian governments.

The Philippines and Nationalist China would soon sign a protocol which would serve as a basis for the conclusion of a trade and financial agreement between the two countries. Among the products which the Philippines is expected to export to Taiwan are lumber, iron ore, abaca and copra. Nationalist China, on the other hand may export tea, camphor, rice, poultry products and vegetables to the Philippines.

A 17-member Jap goodwill mission of the Philippine Society of Japan, headed by former Ambassador Shozo Murata and composed of former residents of Manila, arrived here to discuss the implementation of the reparations pact and exchange of representatives in the field of athletics, education, industry and journalism, with the Filipino leaders. Another 30-member trade and goodwill mission will be coming here next week to survey the local market for Jap wares to be imported by the Philippines. Hereafter, the Jap trade missions will keep on coming to seek fortunes under the pretext of war indemnity payment.

As the special session of the Philippine Congress failed to enact a bill creating a Reparations Commission to implement the rules and regulations governing the agreement, the Philippine Embassy in Japan will be charged to procure the goods, and on the Philippine side the final distribution of reparations goods will be handled through the Office of the President. No definite public policy on the distribution either for the governmental project or private enterprise has been declared. Inasmuch as the reparations goods constitute public property, the question of allocation or distribution faces conflicting needs of the country. The proceeds of the reparations are to be used for economic development of the country in general, as follows: 1) to increase the staple products, 2) to increase export products to bolster the dollar reserve and 3) to expand new industries (cottage industries included) so as to reduce the importation of the necessities of daily life.

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I regret to inform you that we were completely unaware of the arrival of Mr. Hyo Sun Shin, Vice Minister of Public Health and Social Affairs, and Mr. Kwang Man Ko, Vice Minister of Education, who arrived here on different dates for international conferences held in Manila. Had we have known of their arrival, we would have gone to the airport to welcome them. Sometimes, it is very embarrassing for us to confess our ignorance of Korean VIPs' arrival, and I would appreciate if the Formin could notify us beforehand.

Sincerely yours,

Young Kee Kim.
YOUNG KEE KIM

The Honorable Chung Whan Cho,
Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Seoul, Korea.

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