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Rhee**

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Young Kee Kim briefs Syngman Rhee on the Korean navy's visit to Philippines.

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Dear Mr. President:

It was a pleasure and an honor for me to welcome our ROK navy officers, midshipmen and enlisted men to Manila where they were cordially welcomed by the officers of the Philippine navy and the people of the Metropolitan. The day of their arrival happened to be Saturday, the protocol schedule of official calls and returns kept Commodore Young Woon Lee and his flag officers quite busy for all the government offices were closed at noon.

In honor of Commodore Lee and his staff officers, I gave a reception at the Army and Navy Club where over three hundred men and women came and had the pleasure of being introduced to the honor guests. The following evening I gave a Korean dinner for the officers and Korean residents which they all enjoyed. A Filipino dinner honoring Commodore Lee was tendered by Commodore Francisco, Flag Officer of the Philippine navy. On the evening before their departure, a reception given by the Commodore at his Flagship Imjin was well attended by high ranking officers of the Philippine Armed Forces, diplomatic and consular corps, military attachés and civic leaders. The local press was rather liberal in covering the story of our ROK navy's training cruise and visit to Manila.

A public concert offered by the ROK navy band on Sunday afternoon at the Luneta Park was enthusiastically acclaimed by thousands of people assembled there to hear the popular melodies of Korean folklore and some classical pieces. On the morning of their departure, another concert was given at Santa Isabel College. During the three-day visit in Manila, nothing has happened to discredit the traditional good name of the Korean navy, and the commanding officers deserve commendation in enforcing strict discipline for the good conduct and excellent behavior of almost 700 persons aboard the ships.

A collection of photos and newspaper clippings appearing in the local press pertaining to the Fleet's activities in Manila has been compiled by the chancery, explaining the Fleet's activities from the time of arrival in Manila to their departure. I enclose one copy for you might be interested to look them over.

Mr. Cosme P. Garcia, brother of Vice-President Carlos P. Garcia who was a member of the UN advisory council for Somaliland, Italian administered trust territory is back in Manila seeking for a new assignment in the foreign service. After the adjournment of the special session of Congress which will be convened June 20, there will be a shake-up in the foreign service personnel, and it is speculated that the Vice-President's brother might be slated for a position as Philippine representative of the UNCURK which is now concurrently held by Minister de Castro.

The U.S. will extend the Philippines nearly 31 million in aid this coming year, and the Philippines is expected to appropriate an

equal amount in pesos for the following projects: 1) \$7 million for local costs of military construction, 2) \$10 million for credit to Filipinos who undertake small and medium-sized new industries. The money for this fund is to be derived from the sale for pesos of surpluses of U.S. farm commodities, 3) \$7.8 million for equipments and supplies to be used on farms, road, education, health and in support of President Magsaysay's rural self-help projects, and 4) \$5.9 million for technical cooperation projects.

A special session of Congress will be convened from June 21 for a period of thirty days to consider 20 item agenda topped by the Reparations Agreement, Reparations Commission and Public Works Bill. The agenda also includes the provision for the ratification of the San Francisco Peace Treaty and an appropriation for one hundred thousand pesos for the future Philippine Embassy in Tokyo. The Tariff bill, which has been the subject of bitter senate-house dispute, was not included in the agenda. The house vehemently objects to yield to the President the power of regulating tariff.

Faithfully yours,

*Young Kee Kim*  
Young Kee Kim

His Excellency the President,  
Syngman Rhee  
Kyung Mu Dai