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Rhee**

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Summary:

Young Kee Kim briefs President Rhee on the Filipino delegates to the SEATO conference, Vice President Garcia and Dr. Hernandez.

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Dear Mr. President:

Vice President Carlos P. Garcia left Manila for Canberra, Australia to attend the SEATO conference on ministerial rank to discuss vitally serious matters that affect the internal disruption in Thailand and perhaps Sukarno's crisis in Indonesia. The principal subjects to be taken up at the conference would be communist subversion and financing treaty projects such as a collective military force and military exercises contemplated in the treaty region from time to time. Dr. Jose Ma. Hernandez, President of the Philippine chapter of the Asian Peoples' Anti-Communist League joined the Philippine delegation as chairman of the SEATO Committee on information, culture, education, and labor. Hernandez will have an opportunity to meet some of the counterparts of other member nations who will participate in the anti-communist movement in their respective countries.

The three-week major amphibious exercises involving more than 90 ships, 400 aircraft and an estimated 60,000 U.S. navy and marine corps personnel will be held in Luzon starting March 17. U.S. Vice Admiral William Beakley, Commander of the Seventh Fleet, will direct the exercises called "Beacon Hill" under the terms of the US-PI defense arrangement. These exercises will be the largest Far East navy-marine corps land, sea, and air team to be maneuvered since the end of World War II. Eight SEATO nations are asked to send observers to the exercises.

The English text of the President's Samil speech which arrived on March 4 was mimeographed and released to the press. Several papers carried the President's message and comments, although it reached here rather late. Enclosed herewith are some newspaper clippings on the President's speech.

Honoring U.S. Minister Horace H. Smith, a formal dinner was given at the legation residence where Netherlands Minister, Vietnamese and Argentine Ministers, former Philippine Minister to Korea de Castro, former Vice President and Senator Lopez, the Solicitor General, and their ladies were invited. Gradually we return social obligations which we owe them on several occasions.

Your obedient servant,

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