

PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION

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TO MEMBERS:

The tenth year of existence of the Philippine Statistical Association is generally characterized by its normal activities as a professional society that is engaged in encouraging the need for and use of statistics, in establishing a common ground in the solution of statistical problems, and in increasing the contribution of statistics to human welfare.

During the year, six meetings were held by the membership, including the annual election meeting and Christmas Party on December 16th. The first meeting was held on February 25th at which Secretary Manuel Lim of the Department of Commerce and Industry spoke to the members about the expansion program of statistical services of his Department. Dr. Robert Chandler, Director of International Rice Research Institute, was the next guest speaker of the Association on March 25th. He spoke on the functions and objectives of the Institute, and on how statistics would be used in the Institute's research functions.

Ambassador S. Maitra of India was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Association held on August 26th. The economic development planning in India was the interesting subject that he discussed.

Sufficient enthusiasm was generated on the reapportionment of congressional representation because the Supreme Court of the Philippines had declared void the law on congressional reapportionment that was approved in the last session of Congress and which was being put into effect in the coming national elections on November 12th. Mr. Benjamin P. Tienzo, Senior Statistician of the Joint Legislative-Executive Tax Commission, was invited to discuss a comparison and evaluation of the different methods of reapportionment of congressional representation on October 21th.

The first out-of-town meeting and fellowship conference of the Association was held at the College of Agriculture, University of the Philippines, Los Baños, Laguna, on November 18th. This was a whole-day affair. Some professors of the College gave some talk on interesting subjects in which sta-

tistics were applicable. The annual election meeting and Christmas Party, being the last activity of the Association during the year, was very well attended by the members.

In addition to the six meetings stated above, an annual statistical conference, a regular activity, was held on June 24th. The theme of the conference was "Statistics in Economic Development." Six interesting papers were presented and discussed by members. Miss Mercedes B. Concepcion presented a paper on "Economic Growth and Its Demographic Indicators." Rev. Fr. Dr. Michael McPhelin of the Ateneo Graduate School spoke on "Reversing A Vicious Circle About Economic Growth by Means of Statistics." "National Income Estimation in the Philippines" was presented by Mr. Peregrino Reyes of the National Economic Council. Prof. Angel Yoingco, Director of the Joint Legislative-Executive Tax Commission, gave an exposition of their "Tax Consciousness Survey." Director Manuel Buenafe of the Bureau of the Census and Statistics reported on the "Status of Philippine Censuses." Mr. Bernardino Ronquillo, President of the Business Writers of the Philippines, gave his views on "Statistics to a Business Reporter." These papers have already been published either in **The Philippine Statistician**, official organ of the Association, or in **The Statistical Reporter** of the National Economic Council.

In establishing a common ground in the solution of statistical problems, the Association had formed an Ad Hoc committee to look into the basis of public opinion survey conducted by Robot Statistics the results of which were interpreted and published in the daily papers. Mr. George Cohen, President of Robot Statistics and a member of the Association, had extended full cooperation to the committee. The results of the survey were considered statistically correct, but their interpretation by news columnist was not accurate, giving the impression that the results were wrong. In order that the reputation of the Robot Statistics would not be slighted in the eyes of the reading public, Mr. Cohen was urged by the committee to clearly define the concepts used and to give explanatory notes with the results for the benefit of newspaper columnists who are not fully aware of making descriptive interpretation of statistical facts.

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During the year the Association has accepted in principle a proposal of Mr. Dimas A. Maulit, Chief of the Division of Agricultural Economics of the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources and a member of the Association, to the effect that the creation of a Bureau of Agricultural Economics should be recommended.

The growing strength of the Association has been due to an increasing number of quality members. The year was marked by a stronger membership drive after the membership committee was reconstituted and a brochure printed. During the year, 42 new members were admitted into the Association, making the total membership of 220, including 9 life members. In addition, there are 13 active institutional members whose continued support to the activities of the Association has been very effective.

The committee on statistical quality control (SQC) was reconstituted early in the year, and preparations were soon underway for the holding of the second seminar on SQC towards the end of the year. However, not all the invited speakers for the seminar could make the scheduled meetings, forcing the Association to postpone the SQC seminar to early in 1962.

The finances of the Association have remained to be strong. It started the year 1961 with a total of P16,233.34 in the treasury. During the year the cash receipts were P9,084.67 from members, interests on deposits and members' share on luncheon meetings' cover charge. To carry out the activities of the Association during the year, the total cash expenses totalled P9,077.17, including the publishing and printing of the "Philippine Statistician" which alone amounted to P3,591.85. As the year ended, the cash balance in the Association's treasury was P16,240.84. The total current assets amounted to P25,318.01 with membership dues receivable amounting to P1,485.50.

It is acknowledged with gratitude the sustained valued support of the members, the guidance and leadership of the Board of Directors and its committees, and the loyalty and devotion to duty of the Office Staff.

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