

## STATISTICAL PROGRESS

Due to the far-sighted and progressive initiative of the United Nations, and the enlightened policies of the Government of the Philippines, a Statistical Training Center has been finally established in our country. It was officially opened on Thursday, September 23, 1954, by the Hon. Carlos P. Garcia, Vice-President of the Philippines, representing His Excellency, President Ramon Magsaysay, whose scheduled appearance was prevented by unforeseen circumstances.

Dr. Vidal A. Tan, President of the University of the Philippines, introduced Vice-President Garcia, who spoke on behalf of the Chief Executive, and as Chairman of the Center's Coordination Board, addressing a select audience which included Cabinet members, representatives of international organizations, and leaders in various fields of human endeavor.

A response to the Vice-President's address was delivered by Mr. H. G. Keith, Acting Resident Technical Assistance Representative of the United Nations in the Philippines.

Dr. Enrique T. Virata, Acting Director of the Center, outlined the Center's objectives. He also read congratulatory cablegrams on the opening of the Center sent by Mr. Keenleyside, Director General of the Technical Assistance Administration of the United Nations; by the International Statistical Institute at the Hague, and by the American Statistical Association.

The inauguration ceremonies began with an invocation by Rev. Fr. John P. Delaney, and closed with a benediction by the Rev. Richard Bush, Jr. and the singing of the National Anthem. Musical numbers were offered by the University of the Philippines chorus, Miss Elsie Roa, soprano, and Mr. Milo Cristobal, baritone.

The complete texts of the Agreement and the Addresses are printed in this Journal as these are important historic documents bearing on the development and progress of statistics in the Philippines.