

INTRODUCTION

It may be said that one criterion of the social development of a nation in modern times is the number of psychologists it has and the amount and quality of their research. If such a statement is true, there must have been a sudden spurt in national growth and consciousness during the years following World War II.

In 1952, when a first attempt was made to found a professional association of psychologists, there were no more than ten persons with graduate degrees in psychology. When, ten years after this first attempt failed, the Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP) was finally launched in 1962, there were 24 members, almost all clustering around the Manila area. In 1965, when the PAP was accepted into the International Union of Scientific Psychology, there were 44 members. This year, 1968, there are 70 members, who are now spread all over the Philippines.

During the six years of its existence, the PAP has held five annual conventions, which have served as an outlet for research and a source of motivation for continually improving the quality and quantity of research in the various fields of psychological endeavor. The annual conventions on a national level as well as the monthly meetings of the Manila members have been the chief means of mutual encouragement and cooperation to keep the association functioning well.

From the beginnings of the association the need was felt for an official journal with the main purpose of discriminating the members' research. Up to now the association has published one well-read collection of papers entitled *Symposium on the Filipino Personality* (1964). The existence of a public demand for such publications is demonstrated by the fact that the *Symposium* had to undergo three printings and is now in need of a fourth.

But the time has now come to publish an official journal which will come out regularly at least once or twice a year. The *Philippine Journal of Psychology* is the official journal of the Psychological Association of the Philippines and will contain research done by its members as well as of other psychologists who may wish to use its pages to publish their own research. A special invitation is extended to our colleagues in Southeast Asia to send in their papers for publication.

It is with great pride as well as hope in its future that we present to the world community of psychologists this new journal of psychology.

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