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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

*On Thursday, March 19th, 1966, Vice-President Sergio Osmeña, as guest of honor and speaker, after being introduced by Dr. Carlos P. Romulo, President of the Club, gave an epochal address before the Rotary Club of Manila in which he urged vital changes in the educational program of the Commonwealth. This address, his first public utterance after officially assuming the portfolio of Secretary of Public Instruction, may prove to be the keynote for reforms which will help gear educational emphasis to the economic future and needs of the nation, which admittedly has not been sufficiently done in the past.*

Other guests of honor included the members of President Quezon's newly appointed advisory National Council on Education of which Dr. Rafael Palma is chairman. The members of the Council were introduced by Edward L. Hall, Chairman of the Vocational Service Committee of the Rotary Club. Dr. Hall also gave a short address preceding his introductions in which he explained the work the Rotary Club was attempting in cooperation with the Journal of Education, and in the free distribution of thousands of booklets on various occupational subjects to the various schools throughout the archipelago. In particular he also stressed the necessity of a survey for the purpose of prognosticating possible future occupations which could be ascertained from a new census of the population. "This", he said, "is absolutely fundamental and the starting point for any scientific vocational guidance which can and should be offered to the youth of this country. We believe such a survey would also go a long way toward solving the big administrative questions of what kind of schools are needed, or what courses of study should be offered in the future".

Vice-President Osmeña's address follows in full, and is published under the Journal's Vocational Guidance Section because of the very direct bearing it has upon the future of Vocational Guidance in the Philippine Islands.