

UNIT XI

THE PHILIPPINES AS A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OF NATIONS

- I. By what right does the United States control the Philippines?

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1. *Why is August 13 an official holiday in the Philippines?*

(a) Because it is the day when America occupied the Philippines after defeating the Spanish forces in Manila.

- (b) *Does the United States control the Philippines legally?*

1. No, the Philippines is controlled by the United States illegally, strictly speaking, for Spain had no legal right to sell the Islands to Spain.

(a) When the Treaty of Paris was concluded, the Filipinos had already established a Republic, they had their own government, and therefore they should have been consulted before the disposition of the Islands was discussed by the commissioners of the United States and Spain in Paris.

- II. How many of the positions in the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of the Philippine Government are filled by Americans?

1. None practically, for the Philippine Commonwealth Government is thoroughly Filipinized.

2. *Under what offices of the United States Government is the Government of the Philippines?*

(a) Now under the Department of the Interior, formerly under the Department of War.

3. *How does the United States exercise sovereignty over the Commonwealth Government?*

(a) The United States exercises sovereignty over the Commonwealth Government through her armed forces, and through the office of the American High Commissioner.

III. Make a list of the various international organizations to which the Philippines sends delegates.

(a) These are as follows:

1. International Postal Union.
2. Parliamentary Union.
3. International Educational Congress.
4. World's Scientific Congress.
5. World's Engineering Congress.
6. International Bar Association.
7. International Medical Convention.
8. International Prison Reform Convention.
9. International Police Officers' Convention.
10. Far Eastern and Olympic Games.
11. International Missionary Council.
12. Institute of Pacific Relations.
13. Rotary International.

IV. How are the interests of the Philippines protected in the United States? In foreign countries?

1. In the United States, there is a Resident Commissioner whose duty it is to look after the welfare of the Pinoy.

(a) There is also a Commissioner of Labor, to look after the welfare of the Filipino laborers in America, Hawaii, etc.

2. In foreign countries, since we have no consuls and ministers yet, the American consuls and ministers take care of Filipino citizens.

(a) Trade agencies established in America, Paris and Shanghai also have taken care of Philippine business interests in those places.

3. Why do we have a Resident Commissioner?

(a) We have a Resident Commissioner to take care of the interests of our country in America, particularly in Congress.

(b) He can speak in Congress on questions affecting the Philippines, but he has no vote.

4. Why do we have an Inspector-General of Labor?

(a) Because we need one who can investigate labor conditions in various places where the interests of laborers make such investigations or inspections necessary.

1. He has the duty to learn the facts particularly in case of labor troubles, and to find solu-

tions to the recurrent problems of capital and labor.

2. He can also mediate in such cases, to avoid strikes which harm both labor and capital, including the consuming public.

5. *To whom should a Filipino tourist, traveling in Europe, go for assistance? Why?*

- (a) To the American consul in the various cities, who will give him visas or passes, or secure same for him.

1. This official is the representative of America in that particular city, and Filipinos being under American sovereignty and owing allegiance to America, it is only fair that American consular officials should look after them while abroad.

6. *How shall the Philippines carry on its diplomatic service during the period of the Commonwealth Government?*

- (a) According to the Tydings-McDuffie Law; the foreign affairs of the Philippines shall be under the supervision and control of the United States.

1. Therefore, we can and actually send diplomatic attaches to a number of cities where there are American consuls.

2. Diplomatic affairs of the Philippines are actually conducted through the American ministers, or through the Department of State of the United States.

V. List in outline form, the responsibility of every Filipino.

- (1) *Under the Commonwealth, and* (2) *under a Philippine Republic.*

1. These responsibilities are practically identical.

2. Read Community Educator, Lectures Nos. 99 and 100.

VI. Why should every Filipino have reason to expect that the Philippines can maintain an independent national existence?

1. Because as a matter of fact, we now have a completely Filipino government, and we are giving a good showing in self-government.