

**BACK STEP IS SURELY DANGEROUS**

Philippines Must Not Lose What They Have, Says Writer

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Miss Edna Treat O'Neil, American writer, who has been in Manila for several months with unusual opportunities for observing life in the island republic, has emerged just as the American relief commission is preparing to enter the country.

In three articles written for the United Press, Miss O'Neil describes conditions as they are now in Manila. The first article herewith tells of the general American attitude towards the islands.

**BY WM. PHILIP SIMMS**  
Written Expressly for The Star  
MANILA, Aug. 13.—Any step backward on the part of the Washington government in its handling of the Philippine question will be the signal for trouble in the islands.

I do not say there would be an insurrection. Opinion on this seems to be divided. Nobody knows what would happen, but insurrection is certainly among the eventualities which would have to be envisaged.

The Filipinos have been keyed up to so high a pitch, and led on for so long with independence dangled in front of them just out of reach, that the sudden withdrawal of any measure of "freedom" they already possess, would be a fatal blunder.

**WILL WAIT BUT MUST GO FORWARD**

"We'll wait two years, five years—longer if we must—until it is more convenient for the United States to give us our independence," a young Americanized Filipino law yer told me. "We'll do that and there won't be the slightest trouble."

"But there must be no regression. We must not be deprived of any measures of self-government already granted us. What we have

we must be allowed to keep, with independence as the ultimate goal. Deprived of that things I should be among the first to fight."

The Filipino who told me this is a graduate of the University of California, a successful lawyer and candidate for the Filipino senate next June. He talks American slang, dances American jazz, drives an American car, admires American institutions and trusts American ideals.

**AMERICANS AGAINST "FILIPINIZING"**

The "Filipinizing the Philippines" policy of President Wilson was extremely unpopular among American business men here.

They charge that respect for Americans and America has dwindled, and the Philippine government, grown larger as native politicians have gradually taken into their own hands control over insular affairs.

The preamble of the Jones bill, passed in 1916, promising independence to the Philippines as soon as they can establish a stable government of their own was a colossal blunder in the opinion of the Americans in business in the islands, and should be repealed.

They want a restoration of the old order. Filipinos oppose the old order, tooth and nail.

The administration of Governor General Francis Burton Harrison, President Wilson's appointee, is commonly referred to out here as the "new era."

To Americans both Harrison and his "new era" are anathema. To Filipinos both are benign, the be-

**STYLE NOTE**



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gaining of the fulfillment of a pledge.

Under the "new era," says Leandro H. Fernandez, assistant professor of history in the University of the Philippines, "a more friendly and more harmonious relationship grew up between these two peoples."

Professor Fernandez has written a school history of the Philippine Islands. It has been adopted as the official textbook of the public schools. Page 361 says this:

"The rapid Filipinization of some of the more responsible government officers also began during Governor Harrison's administration.

"During the former administration there was a feeling, shared in by most Filipinos, that conservatism prevailed, and that too few Filipinos were given positions of responsibility.

"Since 1913 the policy of Filipinization has been carried out more strictly. Many Filipinos have been appointed to the minor as well as to the more important government offices, including the directorships of bureaus."

"Filipinizing the Philippines quite naturally aroused the ire of Americans. It threw them out of political jobs in the islands and it put Filipinos in their places."

"The United States," says his school history, "has once more proved herself to be magnanimous and just."

Only the "politicos" Americans here told me, want independence. I found it being taught to school children.

In the official history of the islands the Jones bill is given in full, with its preamble promising independence.

I found the Jones bill regarded by Filipinos as Americans regard their Declaration of Independence and Constitution rolled into one.

It may be that the "politicos" or native leaders, were the only ones asking independence to commence with, but it would not be strictly true to claim only the "politicos" want independence now.

The federal party, a political organization whose platform was annexation of the Philippines to the United States, is long since defunct, with no followers on its grave.

The nationalists and the democrats, the present ins and out, both demand independence. No politician can possibly be elected to office in the islands today unless he stands for independence.

Under the circumstances, any reversal of policy in Washington would demand consummate diplomacy if it is to succeed without serious trouble.

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