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Summary:

Minister Park briefs Minister Cho on the visit of Constantine Brown, a columnist of Washington Evening Star, and the second biennial elections of the Asian Anti-Communist League.

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Your Excellency:

On August 8, I received the acknowledging letter from Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs Raul S. Manglapus for Your Excellency's message of sympathy on the occasion of the disastrous flood in the northern part of the Philippines.

Upon invitation from Chinese Ambassador and Madame Chen Chih-mai last August 10, Vice Consul Chung and I attended the concert given by the Chinese Cultural Mission composed of five persons, most of them professors of music at the Taiwan Normal University.

Mr. Constantine Brown, a columnist of the "Washington Evening Star", arrived in Manila with his wife on August 10. Upon receipt of the cable from the Office of the President regarding their arrival, Vice Consul Chung and I met them at the airport. On August 12, I invited Mr. and Mrs. Brown to a luncheon at the Manila Hotel. They will also attend the official reception on August 15 to be held at the Legation Residence on the occasion of the 9th Anniversary of our Independence. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will leave for Taipei on the 16th, proceed to Hongkong on the 21st, and arrive in Seoul on August 29 by Hongkong Airways. They are scheduled to stay in Korea until September 11 at which date they will leave for Tokyo. Accordingly, the Legation has notified the Office of the President, our Embassy in Taipei, and our Consulate General in Hongkong of the respective dates of arrival.

On August 12, the Legation received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the necessary Letters to be presented to the Philippine government at the ceremony for the presentation of Minister Lincoln H. Kim's credentials at Malacañang Palace. I have notified Minister Kim, who is at present in Sydney, of the receipt of the Letters.

Dr. Pedro E. Abelarde, who was with the UNKRA from 1951 to 1955, and is at present special assistant to the president of the University of the Philippines, called on me.

On August 13, I attended the reception given by Vietnam Minister and Madame Cao Thai Bao to introduce Col. Phan-Dinh-Thu, the new Armed Forces Attaché at the Vietnam Legation here.

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The Department of Foreign Affairs on behalf of the Civil Aeronautics Administration sent a letter inviting a unit of the Korean Air Force to participate in this year's celebration of the 10th Annual Aviation Week to be held in Manila from Dec. 15-21, 1957. The Legation has notified the Foreign Ministry of this invitation by a separate official letter.

On August 11, two hundred delegates to the second biennial elections of the Asian Anti-Communist League chose new officers to head the organization for the next two years. This league, founded two years ago by Capt. Feliciano Espina and claiming a membership of 500,000 at present, is a chartered member of the Anti-Communist Council of the Philippines and also belongs to the Asia-wide anti-communist body composed of six SEATO members. Elected president was Atty. Eulalio B. Garcia.

It is reported that the latest move of Japan to encourage the development of the Japanese economy was to propose a Southeast Asian finance ministers' conference to discuss positive measures for the formation of a Southeast Asian common market. This proposal was formally made by Japanese Finance Minister H. Ichimada who stated that he hoped to hold discussions on the matter when he would meet Asian delegates to the International Monetary Fund meeting to be held in Washington in September of this year.

Heads of different veterans organizations have agreed to present a united front in future deliberations of Congress on the \$20 million cash reparations from Japan for veterans, war widows and orphans. A committee will be created to screen all proposals on the distribution of the \$20 million and select what should be presented to Congress in the next session.

Col. Florencio Medina, Philippine delegate to the technical committee of the Asian nuclear center project conference held in Washington, D.C., said here on August 12, that Great Britain and British Commonwealth nations were reluctant to provide financial and material assistance to the establishment of the center in Manila because they had their own atoms-for peace research programs. However, Col. Medina reported that the Washington conference had definitely decided in principle to establish the center in Manila.

Respectfully submitted,


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