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My Dear Family -

My suitcase arrived this morning! They "found" it in Hawaii - seemingly it had not been shipped at all - To be honest I have rather enjoyed "making do" with just the one change of clothes that I purchased on Monday. This evening I washed my white things, hung my suit, coat and other things up and now everything is as it was planned!

I have spent most of the day making arrangements for visits to the 4 campuses where the candidates are located. - Two of them are here in Manila - at the Philippine Normal College and I'm to be there next Monday. Then on Tuesday and Wednesday I will go North - Friday and Saturday South East and Sunday and Monday South. A man from the Department of Public Schools, Mr. Juan Augustine, will go with me on the out of town trips and I am getting anxious to getting out and seeing the country as well as meeting the people. I also hope to get to Baguio - the summer capital - and visit one of the community school - community development projects.

Also I have made plans for Saturday of this week. In the morning I'll ride out to Sangley Navy Base with one of the AIO - Education employees. He has business there so we will leave at 7:30 and be back by 11 am. It is about 45 minutes by car - traveling around the South side of Manila Bay to reach Sangley Point - almost due west of here.

In the afternoon on Saturday I'm taking a "tour" of Manila - I called the American Express and they have arranged for a car to be here at the Hotel at 1:30 pm. The Williams went to go along so we will see part of Manila during the 3 hour tour.

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I believe that I mentioned in an earlier letter that they have been here only two weeks - they have been house hunting and trying to get settled in general and so far have not had a chance to see Mañila.

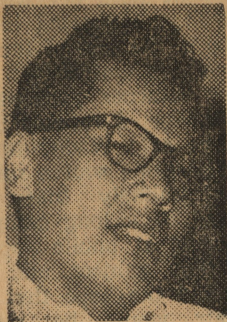
Then Saturday evening I have been invited out to Dinner! I called Father Diman (husband of one of the Winks - you remember remember meeting the out Larsens at Oremuta - Mrs Larsen is Mrs Diman's sister) - he was busy but Mrs. Diman called this evening and I'll be having dinner with them Saturday Evening. Both Betty Giffen and Father Lewis of the Episcopal Church in Stevens Point wrote to the Dimans that I was coming so it will be good to meet them and spend an evening in their home. Father Diman is the Dean of St. Andrews Episcopal Seminary here in the city of Mañila.

So you see, things are beginning to move and I am pleased about that. At first it seemed that 3 weeks was going to be a long time but since arriving I have been concerned that the time would slip away and I wouldn't get some things done that should be accomplished while here.

They use a siren to sound the typhoon warnings - one blast is the first warning - two blasts signifies the typhoon is coming closer and three blasts means that it will hit here with some force. This afternoon the sirens sounded two blasts - Typhoon Dot is on her way. The paper this evening said winds up to 30 MPH and rain but the worst part of the storm will go north of us. we are very safe here - it is the people less fortunate with little protection from the elements who suffer.

I am well and continue to miss all of you very much.

Love  
Jim



## CONTACT POINTS

# Unable to invent, we just improvise

By JEREMIAS U. MONTEMAYOR

Although Filipinos cannot make a single piston ring, the Macao Grand Prix auto race has been won twice already by a Filipino!

Although we cannot make a single jet engine, our Blue Diamonds astound the bravest pilots of the jet-plane-manufacturing countries of the world with their daring aerobatics!

### **Why start from scratch?**

These facts reveal the Filipino atti-

tude towards progress. Considering that cars and planes have already been invented and manufactured by other peoples. why needlessly start from scratch and duplicate their efforts? Why not concentrate on new areas that lie ahead? Thus, inasmuch as the areas of invention and production have already been well explored, why not push on the frontiers of progress in the areas of demons-

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that the circular is being such a circular.

# Unable to invest, we just...

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tration, use, and consumption?

Of course, we need not limit ourselves to the areas of demonstration, use and consumption. In fact, we more often specialize in the science and art of modification.

Take the American-made army jeep. Until now we have not cared to learn to manufacture jeeps. But we do something more progressive and economical for the world: we prolong the life of the jeep, enliven its appearance and extend its age and utility to the marvel of its original creators.

## Mark of ingenuity

So successful have we been in this regard that returning American ex-servicemen who were last here during the Liberation are rendered speechless to see the jeeps they landed and used almost to scrap 20 years ago not only still running but also more colorful and nimble. A few sheets welded here and there, a little polishing and painting, a number of additional chrome-plated projections and bars, a holy picture in front of the driver, a string of **sampaguita** around the picture, let the passengers face each other, **KISS ME NOT** on the back fender — and lo!—The jeep has become a **jeepney**, a mark of ingenuity worthy of exhibition at the New York World's Fair!

Nor is the Filipino's progressive bent manifested only in foreign-made jeeps, cars and planes. Take the movies! In Filipino hands, Ian Fleming's masterpiece, *From Russia With Love*, has undergone lightning-like improvement and is now: *From Tokyo With Love*. Who

says James Bond is the ultimate in exciting characterization? Why, he has already been promoted by Filipino artists to James Ban-dung!

## Nothing new

For why should we waste precious energy by creating entirely new ideas, plots and characters, when many masterpieces have already been created, merely waiting for further improvement? Thus, upon Boccaccio '70 we put on a few syllabic modifications and it is now—Bukayo '70!

The Americans have the famous FBI. With very little effort we manage to change F to N—and presto! we have the NBI. Tennessee Valley Authority there—Mindanao Valley Authority here. MVA is impressive—for it sounds like TVA.

We can proceed to more serious matters. For example, we have improved on the literary development of other nations by skipping the pastoral stage of Philippine literature, while our national life is very much in it. In economic development, other nations have had only one "take-off stage." We shall surely have not one but several.

We have to admit, though, that due to grave financial limitations, in this fast-moving space age we have been able to construct only *Feldas Rocket* at *Ysmael Steel*. *Felda's Rocket*, as we know, cannot fly to outer space. Outer space must come down to it. But give us a better rocket ship, and Filipino astronauts will probably outlay and outmaneuver *Gagarin*, *Glenn* and all the rest of them!

NIP leaders call meet