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Dear Mr. Minister:

The Fourth Asian Table Tennis Championship games which started last week will end on February 2. The Korean girls caught second place while the boys were pitifully poor in their play.

Five Korean girl scouts with two leaders, whose travelling expenses to Manila are sponsored by the Asia Foundation Office in Seoul, attend the Regional Centenary World Camp now being held in Manila from January 21 to February 2. Although the Korean Girl Scout organization is not a member of the World Girl Scout Federation, the Korean girl scouts have been invited to participate in the regional centenary program because of their honest efforts to improve girl scout activities in Korea.

Transocean Airlines leased a DC-4 airplane to Japan Airlines for two flights this month of January carrying Japanese immigrants from Japan to San Francisco or Los Angeles. Until now, no contract Filipino laborers have left for the West Coast where they would work for the fruit and vegetable growers.

The treaty of friendship between the Philippines and Switzerland which was formalized in Manila on August 30, 1956, has been approved by the Swiss Federal Assembly (Parliament) last December and awaits the ratification of the Philippines Senate. The Swiss consulate general will be elevated to the status of a legation according to the treaty.

The Department of Foreign Affairs announced that the Philippines has reached agreement with Egypt and Israel for the exchange of diplomatic representatives. The Philippine consulate in Cairo will be elevated into a legation while Egypt will establish its own legation in Manila. The Philippine legation will also be established in Tel-Aviv and an Israel legation in Manila. Dr. Roberto Rogala, Philippine ambassador to Italy will be concurrently accredited as minister to Israel while Israel ambassador to Burma, Yaacov Shimon, has been mentioned as concurrently minister to the Philippines.

The Department of Commerce and Industry reported that for the first ten months of 1956, the Philippines imported from France \$5,271,000 worth of goods and exported only \$1,430,000 worth of goods to France.

When Mr. William A. Glenn was here last September to attend the Asian Peoples Anti-communist League, I told him that I was looking for a Korean girl who could be typist-secretary for the



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Korean Legation in Manila. Several days ago, I received a letter from Glenn recommending a certain Miss Chung Lia Pak for the position of receptionist-secretary. Enclosed herewith is a copy of Mr. Glenn's recommendation.

As recommended by Bill Glenn, if Miss Pak has a good command of English and is capable of meeting the public, she can assist in the chancery work. She can relieve Vice Consul Chung of trivial errands for Korean businessmen who cannot speak English and expect the legation staff to act as interpreter. Miss Pak will be hired as a local employee and her transportation expenses has to be provided by the legation. I would appreciate it very much if Miss Pak's plane fare be paid by the Home Office.

The President's congratulatory message was delivered to Mr. Duk Choon Yern who won the eighth prize at the Fourth Far East Professional Golf Tournament held here two weeks ago. He would have caught second place if his score on the first day had been par with the last two days.

Yours truly,

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Copy sent to His Excellency, President Syngman Rhee.