

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 53, August 10, 1954]

**SUSPENDING FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICER AND CONSUL
JUSTINIANO D. QUIRINO.**

This is an administrative case against Mr. Justiniano D. Quirino, foreign affairs officer and consul in the Philippine Embassy at Washington, D. C., for improper conduct in connection with the unsuccessful attempt of the Aircraft Engine and Parts Corporation of New York City to sell airplane spare parts to the Philippine Air Force. The specific charges against him are:

"1. That Mr. Justiniano D. Quirino, for the personal gain and benefit of his uncle, Judge Antonio Quirino, and in consideration of past favors and free transportation tickets to Manila and back to Washington, received by him from Judge Quirino, hand-carried a letter-proposal of the Aircraft Engine and Parts Corporation in the United States to his said uncle, Judge Quirino, in Manila for the latter (in his capacity both as counsel of the Aircraft Engine and Parts Corporation and as the business associate of General James A. Mollison, Retired, who was promoting the transaction in question for and in behalf of the Aircraft Engine and Parts Corporation) to submit to the Commanding General, Armed Forces of the Philippines, with the end in view of negotiating the sale to the Philippine Air Force of airplane engine spare parts valued at P3,000,000;

"2. That Mr. Justiniano D. Quirino, without knowledge and consent of, or authority from, his superiors so to do, displayed more than ordinary interest in the promotion of the transaction in connection with the sale of airplane engine spare parts to the Philippine Air Force and helped to induce the Army authorities to accept the offer of the Aircraft Engine and Parts Corporation; and

"3. That Mr. Justiniano D. Quirino, without the knowledge or consent of, nor the authority from, his superiors, performed functions relating to the procurement of military equipment which were not within the province of his office or position in the Embassy."

The case, original inquiry into which was started in 1949, was formally investigated by the Board of Foreign Service, which found the following facts duly established:

Sometime in February 1949 the respondent telephoned former Judge Antonio Quirino in Manila to help him go home to settle a mortgage on his property. At the time Judge Quirino was counsel in the Philippines of the Aircraft Engine and Parts Corporation. Towards the end of March 1949 Judge Quirino had another overseas telephone conversation with him in which the latter was informed that arrangements had been completed by the former for the respondent to go home, and was asked to carry some business literature, brochures and a letter from Judge Quirino's