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Tuberculosis is still the number one disease in the Philippines when it comes to the record of death tolls. Thanks to the efforts of the medical profession and the advancement in the field of medical science, the threats of the deadly disease has been minimalized thru scientific research and development.

But in our country where there is a growing concentration of the disease in the underdeveloped rural areas, we cannot depend solely upon the new and far advanced medical care, for such a stand would entail huge expenses on the part of those concerned. There should be a proper coordination of aid and preventive measures to minimize the danger of the disease. For this principal reason, we have the Philippine Tuberculosis Society charged with the function of coordinating all efforts to combat the number one killer.

To help the Philippine Tuberculosis Society carry out its noble work, Republic Act No. 1635 was passed requiring that all mail matter should bear a T. B. Semi-Postal Stamp in order to be accepted in the mails during the period from August 19 to September 30 of each year.

The stamp depicts the building of the Quezon Institute and an inset picture of the late President Manuel L. Quezon himself a victim of this dreadful disease. On the upper right side is the universal T.B. emblem printed in red. The stamp was designed by Nemesio Dimanlig, Jr., philatelic designer.

