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**U. S. PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER'S VISIT
TO THE PHILIPPINES ON JUNE 14-16, 1960**

The Philippines was lucky to be included in the itinerary of Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower when he travelled around the world this year to spread the American message of "peace with justice". He came upon the invitation of President Carlos P. Garcia.

In his travel to other parts of the world like Rome, Karachi, Casablanca, Pakistan, Africa, he easily won the affection and confidence of these different creeds and races. In the Philippines, however, he did not come as a stranger. He came as an old friend.

As early as 1935 till early 1940, he and Mrs. Eisenhower were in the Philippines. As Major Dwight D. Eisenhower, he occupied a key position on the staff of the then American military adviser to the Philippines, Gen. Douglas MacArthur. He won many friends and endeared himself to the then President Manuel L. Quezon. When he left the Islands in 1940, he brought back with him the Distinguished Service Star, awarded to him for extraordinary services in developing an adequate security forces for the Philippines.

Admst an unprecedented welcome, he arrived in Manila on June 14, 1960. For three days he sampled again the traditional Filipino hospitality that he knew so well and renewed acquaintances among old friends. On June 16th, before he departed, he was bestowed the highest civilian award, the Order of Sikatuna, an award named after a historic Filipino chieftain, Rajah Sikatuna, from the island of Bohol, who pledged amity with the Spa-nish conquistador Miguel Lopez de Legazpi in a memorable blood compact in the 16th century. The presentation of the Order of Sikatuna to Pres. Eisenhower is a fitting symbol of the close ties that bind the Filipino and American peoples; ties that are based on common aspirations for peace and freedom.

To mark this significant visit, a new set of stamps is issued today, December 30, 1960, by the Bureau of Posts. The design shows Pres. Carlos P. Garcia and Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower in a warm handclasp with the seals of their respective countries as background of the picture. The stamp design was executed by Philatelic Artist Nemesio Dimanlig, Jr., of the Bureau of Posts, comes in denominations of 6c and 20c and printed in 4 colors.

