

## COMMISSION FOR THE EXPLORATION OF THE UPPER AIR

For the last 30 years the International Commission for the exploration of the Upper Air has held several meetings in various cities of the world for the purpose of extending and developing the international cooperation in the study of the upper air over both land and sea. In the period of rehabilitation that followed the World War, the meetings became more frequent, on account of the numerous problems requiring international agreement, inasmuch as it became evident in later years that the upper air or free atmosphere was destined to become one of the principal highways of the nations. The Commission for the exploration of the upper air, which formerly was called Scientific Aeronautics, was appointed in 1896. The places and dates of the successive meetings were: Strasbourg 1898, Paris 1900, Berlin 1902, St. Petersburg 1904, Milan 1906, Monaco 1909, Vienna 1912, Bergen 1921, Utrecht 1923, London 1925, Leipzig 1927.

Although in the preparation of annual budgets, the Philippine Weather Bureau has more than once put forward a request for proper equipment and personnel, yet up to the present the Government has not deemed fit to establish systematically aerological work in the Philippines. The forecasting and climatological aspects of our Meteorology appeal more to our people, inasmuch as the forecast protects our shipping and agriculture against the ravages of typhoons. With schools, health and public highways claiming most of the income of the country, there is hardly any revenue