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Planning to return to the Philippines after the war to teach is Mrs. Soledad Payawal

Patricia O'Connell reports on the work of the foreign home economics students at Iowa State

PLANS for better post-war conditions in their respective countries are being formulated by foreign home economics students at Iowa State. Because they have been sent by their governments or have come on their own initiative, they are anxious to learn those things which will help their fellow countrymen.

Maria La Got and Carmen Pilar Gracia of Puerto Rico came to Iowa State last summer. After graduating from the University of Puerto Rico, Miss La Got was acting supervising teacher in home economics and Miss Gracia was the supervising teacher in the elementary grades of Puerto Rico.

Miss La Got is working toward her master's degree in home economics education. Because of the climatic conditions in Puerto Rico, women with home economics training are in demand as nutritionists in the Department of Health, and as workers in the School of Tropical Medicine. Miss La Got will complete her studies next July and will return to Puerto Rico as a fully qualified supervising teacher of home economics. Because of the present shortage of capable supervisors Miss La Got was asked to fill her first position with the stipulation that she would obtain the required master's degree in the United States before two years had expired. Miss Gracia, who comes from San Juan, also plans to return to her home in July as a supervisor.

Thelma Estevez is obtaining her first college training at Iowa State. After receiving her high school diploma from Crandon University, an American school in Montevideo, Uruguay, she came to Iowa State because the home economics supervisor at Crandon recommended it highly. She was given a $250 scholarship toward one year's study.

Miss Estevez plans to take subjects relating to every branch of home economics so that she may return to Uruguay as a fully qualified teacher and help in Crandon's social nutritional program. Crandon, a coeducational school, has a school cafeteria which serves 300 to 400 students each noon, under the management of the home economics teachers.

Miss Maria Caminong came here from the Philippines to work toward her master's and doctor's degrees in science. After teaching home economics at the Philippine Women's University, Miss Caminong took a leave of absence to continue her nutritional studies at Iowa State. She chose this school because the daughter of their president, in an extensive survey, named Iowa State an outstanding home economics school in the United States.

Miss Caminong plans to teach more of the common people by doing extension work for the Philippine government. Because only the upper class goes to the 14 colleges, she believes that teaching in one of these schools would benefit only a select few. She wants to help acquaint the majority of Philippine women with the most recent findings in home economics. Miss Caminong wants to educate adults along with younger students because parents refuse to accept an entirely new diet. All of the people of her country are undernourished, but over-fed, she says. White rice is becoming their chief food and although they grow the same fruits and vegetables this nation grows, they prepare them in a different manner.

Miss Beatriz Castro came to Iowa State from Costa Rica, where she was studying in the School of Pharmacy at the University. She is attending Iowa State on a scholarship offered by the American Women's Club. Miss Castro plans to obtain her master's degree in foods and nutrition and return to Costa Rica.

Mrs. Soledad Payawal is one of the few foreign students on the campus completing work toward a doctor's degree. She attended the Philippine Women's College where she received her bachelor of science degree with a major in chemistry. After graduation, she decided to continue her studies in home economics at Iowa State. Mrs. Payawal is now doing experimental work on eggs and is working on the experiment station staff. After completing her degree, she plans to become a foods teacher in the university at Manila, when the war is over in her country.