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MEMORANDUM
No. 140, s. 1985

1985-1986 REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCES

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Chief of Service and Heads of Units/Centers
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. The Regional Secondary Schools Press Conference, which is usually held preparatory to the National Secondary Schools Press Conference (NSSPC) which is tentatively scheduled on February 3-7, 1986 at Barotac Nuevo Comprehensive High School, Iloilo, should be managed and conducted in every region not later than the first week of November.
2. The theme of the regional conferences shall be "Promoting Self-Reliance, Efficiency and Productivity in the School and the Community Through the School Paper."
3. These regional conferences may be held for three to five days, depending upon local needs and resources, and may consist of lecture-discussions, workshop sessions on the various aspects of newspaper work, and individual writing contests, in both English and Pilipino, in news writing, feature writing, editorial writing, copyreading and headline writing, and sports reporting.
4. Under the direction of the regional director, the schools superintendent of the host division may issue specific rules and regulations relative to the conduct of the regional conference. As much as possible, disruption of classes due to the conference should be minimized if not prevented.
5. The writers of the best ten (10) entries in each contest shall be declared regional winners. Only these winners and their teacher-advisers will be authorized to attend the NSSPC. At the NSSPC, the regional winners shall participate in the same contests in which they won at the regional press conference, and in no other.
6. The administration officials of the regional press conferences may decide on the amount of registration fee to be charged each delegate and adviser to defray the expenses for the conduct of the conference. It is understood that all expenses incident to the attendance of delegates and officials to the conference will come from local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing regulations. The private schools may have their own arrangements regarding the expenses of their delegates.

7. Inclosed are the rules of the contests. The schedule of activities may be patterned after that of last year's regional conferences.

8. Immediately after the conference, the regional coordinator should submit the names of the regional winners, together with the names of their schools and divisions, to this office, attention: Chief, Information Division, IPS, 5th Floor, Palacio del Gobernador, Intramuros, Manila. Failure to comply with this may prejudice the region's participation in the NSSPC.

9. In view of Ministry policy to keep expenses at a minimum, only one teacher-adviser from the school of a regional winner or winners will be allowed to attend the NSSPC this year.

10. It is desired that this Memorandum be given wide publicity in all secondary schools, public and private, to enable as many high school student writers and editors as possible to participate in the regional conferences.

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Minister

Incl.:

As stated

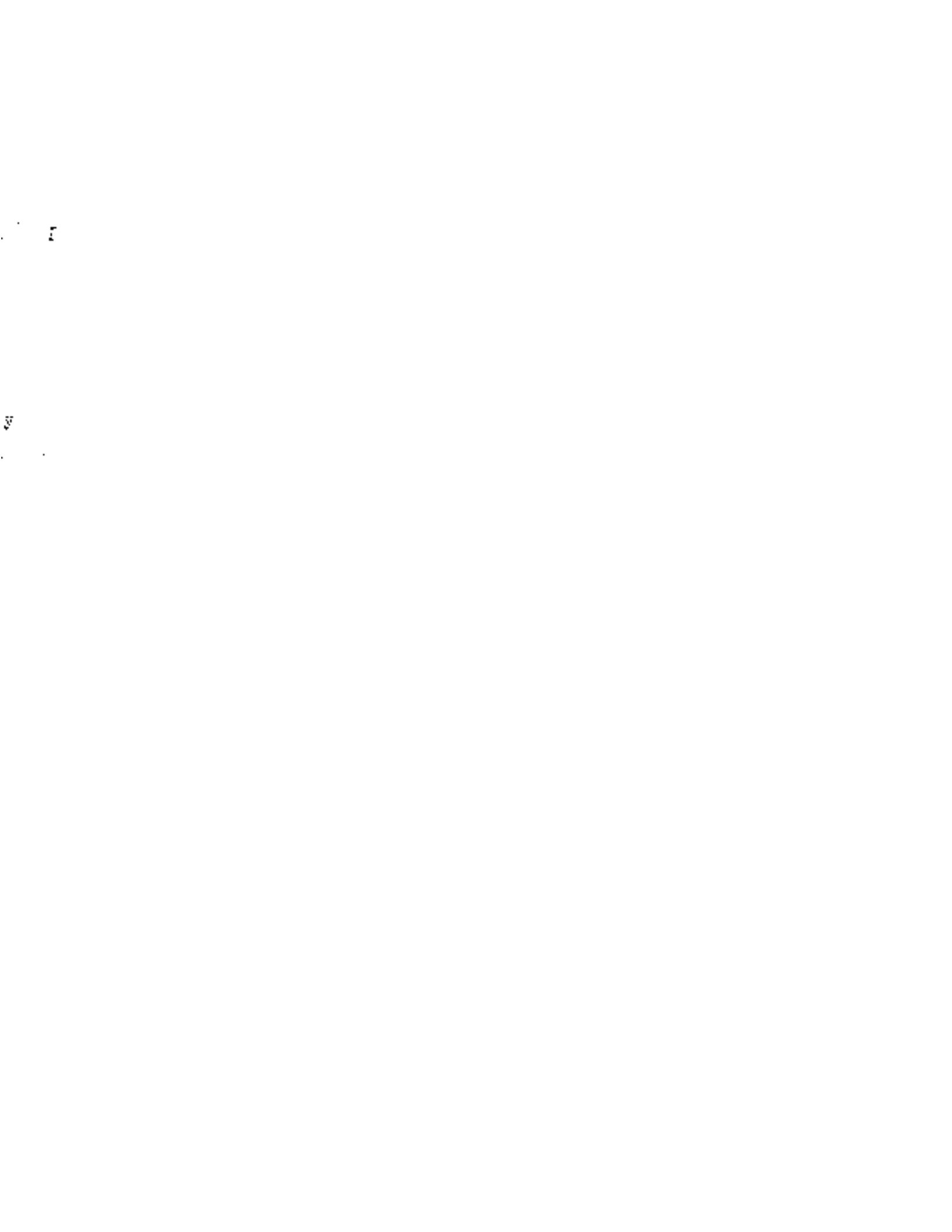
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(Inclosure to MECS Memorandum No. 140, s. 1985)

RULES ON INDIVIDUAL WRITING CONTESTS

1. Participation in the individual writing contests shall be limited to students enrolled in the four-year secondary course, both private and public.
2. A student may participate in not more than three contests.
3. A school newspaper is allowed to enter only one participant in each contest.
4. The names of the ten (10) winners in each contest, both in English and in Filipino, shall be sent directly and immediately to the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, Palacio del Gobernador, Intramuros, Manila, attention: The Chief, Information Division, Information and Publication Service.
5. Failure to comply strictly with these rules shall disqualify the participants in the National Secondary Schools Press conference (NSSPC) contests.

