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INTRODUCTION

WHEN the Editors of the *Far Eastern Quarterly* requested the East Indies Institute to organize this issue, the Institute's Publication Committee decided to devote the whole issue to the Philippine Islands. In view of the virtual liberation of the Philippines, it was felt that a discussion of the area and some of its problems would be specially welcomed at the present time. By necessity, however, the contributions could not follow a systematic plan designed to cover in logical sequence all of the major subjects relating to the area.

The Institute acknowledges with gratitude the cooperation of all those who found it possible to write articles in this issue, fully realizing that each contribution has meant a sacrifice in time and energy on the part of the authors, all of whom are burdened with other heavy commitments. We regret that because of such commitments, other outstanding authorities on Philippine affairs whom we approached were unable to take part in this symposium.

Together with the Editors of the *Far Eastern Quarterly*, the East Indies Institute, by token of this issue, extends to the people and government of the Philippines best of wishes for a new life in welfare and peace.

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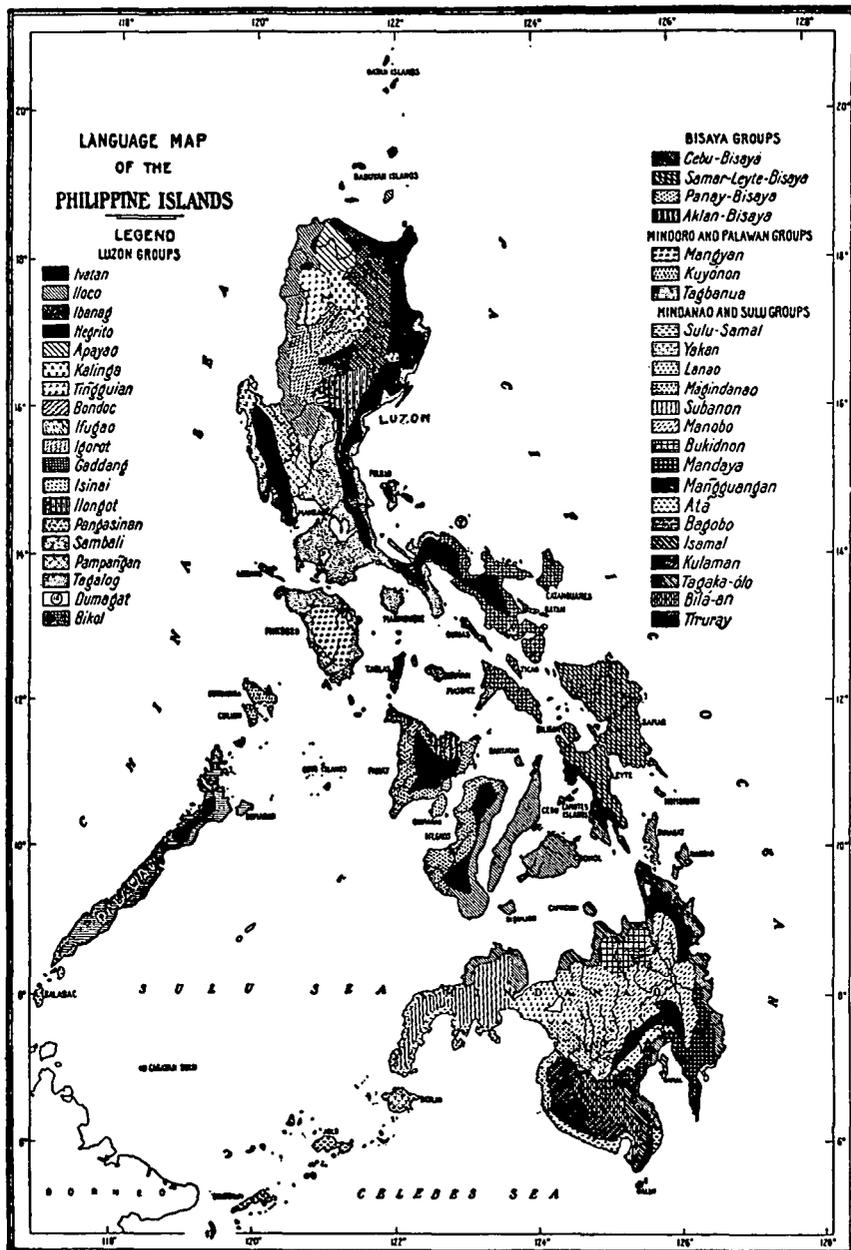
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Linguistic areas of the Philippine Islands. The areas of diffusion of the various speech groups or dialects coincide with the habitat areas of peoples of identical names but not with the boundaries of political provinces. (From Bull. 2, Philippine Bureau of Science.)