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A SIX WEEKS STAY WITH STUDENTS, EX-STUDENTS IN PIPR.

PIPR has never before had such a well planned educational, spiritual and emotional "Orders' Day CELEBRATION, Feb. 29 thru March 4 1956... days in which rejoicing hearts beat as one. The awakened conviction of all was that PIPR, under God and directed by present leadership, is headed for the realization of the original IDEALS in the development of the HEAD, HEART and HAND of every student. Confident in that assurance the ex-students, friends and parents came in car loads to Poly Hills—the dearest spot on earth for those who had lived and studied in the stored up knowledge of books, had learned to pray and sing hymns, and believe it or not, by laboring with their hands had prepared the way for the coming TRANSFORMATION OF PUERTO RICO as you see it today under the leadership of Gov. and Mrs Luis Muñoz Marín supported by many of Poly's graduates.

Hearts overflowed during those days of celebration. The climax of the pent up feelings reached to the very throne of God in the inaugural of Dr Ronald C. Bauer as President. The world renown Don Pablo Casals (who honored us by accepting an honorary degree) with his ~~fl~~ vial rendered two selections of sweet entrancing music as only a master can. Doña Ines, wife of the Governor don Luis Muñoz Marín, is a natural gifted of high attainment and winsome personality prefaced the reading of the Governor's message with an appropriate tribute of praise of PIPR. Yes, Casals accustomed to regal society kissed her hand. I Texan-like embraced her and kissed her cheek, with but one regret, the Governor was not present for an embrace with my ~~fl~~ other arm in recognition of what he has done and is doing for the welfare of man in my Puerto Rico. I say HI for I am an adopted son of Puerto Rico. The Governor was once the leader of Puerto Rico. He is now leading the ~~fl~~ world in the progress of man. You have read, I hope, Dr. Bauer's Inaugural Address. It was the modern oriented address for a college like PIPR. Maria Kether Robles, PIPR ex '42 sang two selections from Haydn and Schubert.

For two hours the 4000 and more ex-students and friends from far and near with faculty, students and the Masa Coral and honored Academic delegates from 127 colleges and universities, were held breathless in contemplation of PIPR's future.

This same high love and consideration of PIPR and confidence in our President Dr Bauer with his intercontinental training was manifest all over Puerto Rico. I attended a session of the Senate of Puerto Rico and took a seat in the balcony. President Samuel Quiñones, son of a Presbyterian Minister and ex student and member of our first Freshman Class in PIPR had the sergeant-at-arms bring me down to a seat on the main ~~fl~~ Senate floor. The love of old students like that of old soldiers never dies. Equals that

There is no other private evangelical college in America that of PIPR. Within a radius of 1000 miles the circle touches South American Republics, Mexico, U.S.A. and includes all the West Indies. It is the only EVANGELICAL College within the 1000 mile circle. There are Christian Universities in that circle, U.P. Roman Cath U. of Ponce, Habana Univ. But they are not Evangelical in the Standard Dictionary definition of Evangelical.

President Bauer's Inaugural Address opened the door of opportunity for PIPR still wider not only for Puerto Rico but also to the West Indies. Evangelical churches are now sending students to PIPR from other Islands in the West Indies. El Dia of Ponce printed the Address in English. Every Daily and weekly ran articles on the inauguration and 44th Anniversary of Poly. Two full ~~fl~~ illustrated pages on Ploy appeared in one paper. The Press, the Radio, and Television went flashing thru the entire program, it was heard over the Radio and seen in Television for days after the Celebration. Trustee Plana had us to appear on Television in San Juan on THIS IS YOUR LINE.

The Mission of PIPR is now known, understood and accepted as the institution to educate to develop all its students into well rounded character, resourceful, independent and of a sturdy Christian faith. This is the kind of Leaders our Western Hemisphere will in singly demand.

PIPR must accelerate its speed in the improvement of our physical plant of Camp