



Antonio de las Alas



Antonio de las Alas (1898-1983)



Studied Law at the University of Indiana and Master of Law at Yale University, finishing with highest honors

Representative, 9th Philippine Legislature, Batangas (1st District) from 1931 to 1933; 8th Philippine Legislature, Batangas (1st District) from 1928 to 1930; 7th Philippine Legislature, Batangas (1st District) from 1925 to 1927; 6th Philippine Legislature, Batangas (1st District) from 1922 to 1925

Speaker pro Tempore, House of Representatives from 1923 to 1929 and from 1931 to 1933

Secretary of Finance and Secretary of Public Works and Communications, Manuel L. Quezon's Cabinet

Commissioner of Finance, Philippine Executive Commission

Minister of Finance in the Jose P. Laurel's Cabinet

Senator from 1941 to 1946

Delegate to the 1934 and 1971 Constitutional Conventions

Three-term president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce

President, Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation and National Olympic Committee of the Philippines from 1956 to 1968

Four-term president of the Philippine Columbian Association

President, Great Pacific Life Assurance Corp. from 1956 to 1969

Chairman, House of Investments from 1959 to 1983

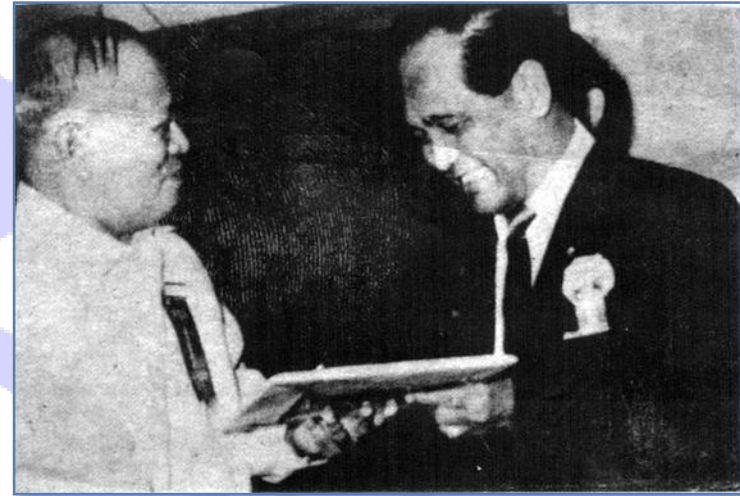
Chairman, Rizal Development Bank from 1960 to 1963

Chairman, Great Pacific Life Assurance Corp. from 1969 to 1983



In 1934, Antonio de las Alas (SEATED, FAR LEFT) was a member of the Philippine Independence Mission to the United States, which was headed by Sen. Manuel L. Quezon. The mission would later secure the Tydings-McDuffie Act which established the Philippine Commonwealth—political designation of the country from 1935 to 1946 before the granting of independence on July 4, 1946.

Photo of gathering of the Tydings-McDuffie law team in the 1950s from *BizNews Asia*, March 31, 2010



During the Carlos P. Garcia administration (1957-1961), Antonio de las Alas was appointed Chairman of the Presidential Incentives Commission (PIC). Chairman de las Alas' recommendation to create the Balara water system was approved by President Garcia.

Photo of PIC Chairman Antonio de las Alas with President Carlos P. Garcia from *BizNews Asia*, March 31, 2010



Antonio de las Alas (SEATED, FOURTH FROM RIGHT) with incorporators and officers of Great Pacific Life Assurance Corp. (1956)



Great Pacific Life Assurance Corp. (GPLAC) President Antonio de las Alas (SEATED, SECOND FROM RIGHT) signs a collective bargaining agreement between GPLAC and the employees' union (GPLEU). (1957)

Also shown in the photo are (SEATED FROM LEFT), GPLAC Executive Vice President Alfonso T. Yuchengco, GPLEU President Benjamin Lara, and Federation of Free Workers Executive Vice President Edmundo Nolasco.



Great Pacific Life Assurance Corp. (Grepalife) President Antonio de las Alas (AT THE PODIUM) leads the 10th anniversary celebration of the company in March 1964.

He talks about the company's several "firsts" in the Philippine insurance history—introduction of credit life insurance, introduction of industrial life concept (instalment life), participation in the formulation of the first variable insurance concept (GEM Trust Plans), liberal underwriting of medically sub-standard cases, and introduction of the first life insurance program.



Antonio de las Alas (SECOND FROM RIGHT) was President of Rizal Development Bank from 1960 to 1963. When the bank became a commercial bank, thus renamed Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. (RCBC), Mr. de las Antonio became one of its directors. He is shown here at the inauguration of the first RCBC branch in Binondo, Manila in 1964.

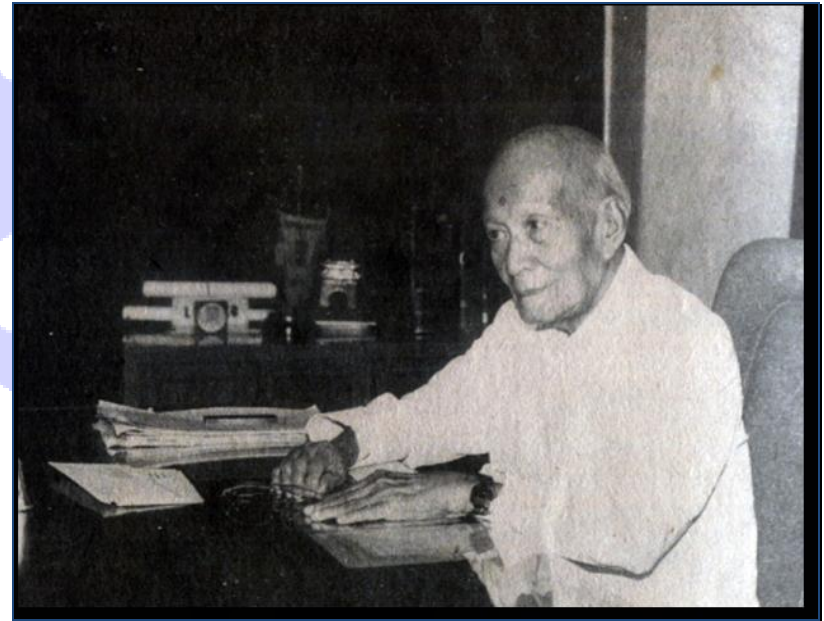
Also shown in the photo are RCBC Vice Chairman Alfonso T. Yuchengco (FAR RIGHT) and RCBC President Fernando E. V. Sison (MIDDLE).



In 1971, Antonio de las Alas was chairman of Bankers & Manufacturers Assurance Corp. (BMAC), a subsidiary of the Malayan Insurance Co. He is shown here congratulating Foreign Affairs Secretary Carlos P. Romulo after being elected President of the Malayan Insurance Co.



Antonio de las Alas chairs the board meeting of Malayan Zurich Insurance Co., Inc. (MZIC), another subsidiary of the Malayan Insurance Co. (1981)



Grepalife Chairperson Antonio de las Alas during an interview—his last—with the staff of *Dakila*, official magazine of the company (1982)